

YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS WITH US

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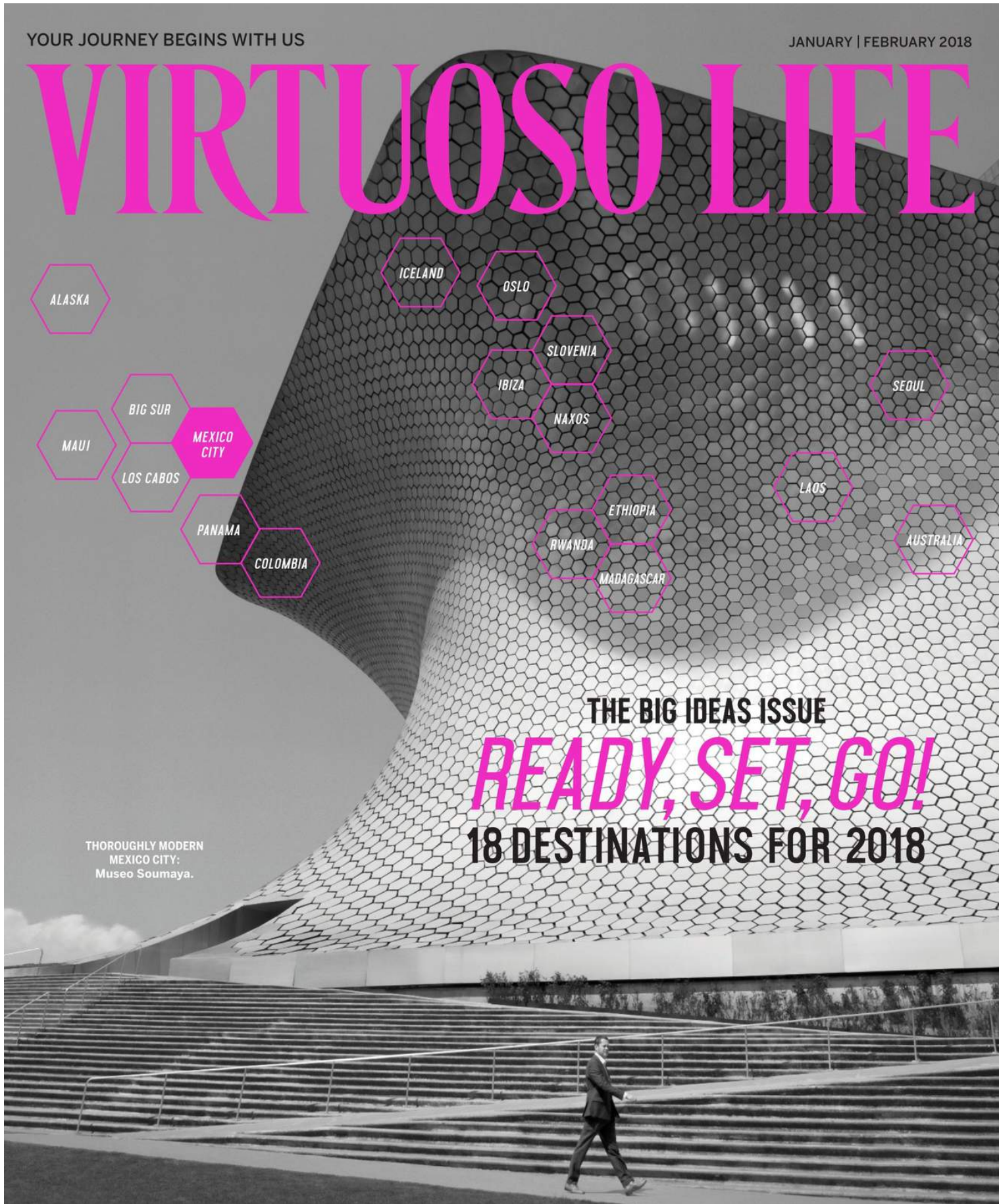
AUSTRALIA

THE BIG IDEAS ISSUE

READY, SET, GO!

18 DESTINATIONS FOR 2018

THOROUGHLY MODERN
MEXICO CITY:
Museo Soumaya.



Dossier

Wander Woman

Undraa Buyannemekh is all for going off the grid in 2018.

► **My job:** President, Nomadic Expeditions – a tour operator specializing in adventure travel to Mongolia (1), Nepal, and other destinations in Asia.

► **Why should Mongolia be on every traveler's list?** It's a place of remarkable beauty, where horses still outnumber people and wide swaths of pristine landscapes are home to one of the world's last remaining truly nomadic cultures.

► **Where else do you see travelers wanting to explore?** Beyond Mongolia, guests are asking us about Sri Lanka – a destination we've just added – as well as Siberia and Bhutan (2).

► **And what about you – where to next?** Tibet (3), to hike to the Everest Base Camp.

► **How does Nomadic support local communities?** We train and hire locals, create scholarships, and support schools and nonprofits working in conservation and cultural preservation. Travelers tell us that some of their favorite memories are of visits to our community greenhouse projects and other initiatives we back.

► **Advice for first-timers to remote destinations?** Don't be afraid to break up with your iPhone for a bit! Many areas in Mongolia don't have cell-phone reception; nothing resets the soul quite like disconnecting every now and then.

► **You travel often between the U.S. and Mongolia. Any long-haul pro tips?** Pack patience, since flights get delayed and seat-mates are unpredictable. As soon as I board, I change my watch to my destination's time zone and try not to focus on the sleep I may lose.

► **Three items always in your suitcase?** A book, headphones for podcasts, and a Mongolian cashmere shawl (4) for warmth. I buy mine from Gobi Mongolian Cashmere – they make the best ones. VI.



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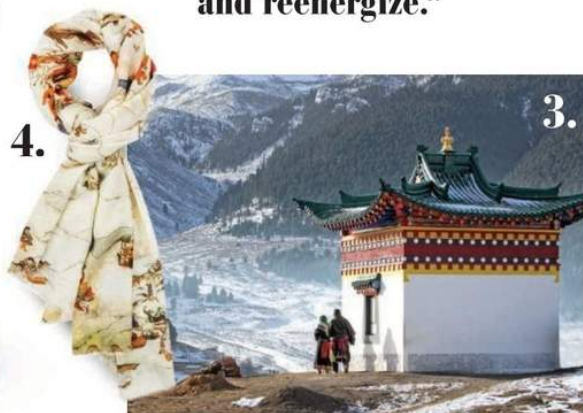


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“There’s no place like home, and for me that’s my parents’ house in Mongolia where I grew up. I love going back to the Gobi to unplug and reenergize.”

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