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ALASKA

Focus on Adventure

Capture the last frontier's natural beauty with these new photography-based excursions.

As the official photographer of the Iditarod, Alaska's famed long-distance sled-dog race, Jeff Schultz is often asked the best way to shoot the teams of dogs as they traverse the glistening ice from Anchorage to Nome. Too busy to share tips during the competition, Schultz instead created the four-day, three-night "Northern Lights 300 Sled Dog Race" tour and workshop. In

late January 2015, he'll instruct 10 intermediate and pro shutterbugs in how to turn their lenses on everything from the aurora borealis to a lesser-known dog race, while traveling by snowshoe, snowmobile, dogsled and plane.

It's just one of the latest offerings from **Alaska Photo Treks**, which Schultz and two other professional photographers launched in Anchorage this year. Also on the company's roster: the weekend "Denali

Winter Trek," which includes a train ride from Anchorage to a small town outside Denali National Park, an afternoon with sled dogs, a late-night photo workshop and a prop-plane flight over Denali. On the daily "Sunset Photo Safari," guests can photograph Anchorage's skyline as well as the occasional moose, should one wander into view. And during the full moon (November 6 and December 6, 2014), the sunset safari switches gears so guests can "Shoot the Moon" as it rises dramatically above the snowcapped Chugach Mountains. *alaskaphototreks.com*; daily tours, from \$249 a person; Denali Winter Trek, \$1,475; Northern Lights 300 Sled Dog Race, from \$2,795

—MARIBETH MELLIN

SNAP HAPPY An Iditarod team near Alaska's Finger Lake. Insets, from right: A Cessna 185 bush plane in the Chugach Mountains, not far from Anchorage; the northern lights streak across the Alaskan sky.



CARIBBEAN

St. Kitts' New Star

Organically grown banana, guava and mango trees dot the grounds of **Kittitian Hill**, a new, eco-minded resort on 400 acres of farmland between Mount Liamuiga and the Caribbean Sea. On your daily agenda: practicing yoga in a spa tree house, visiting the on-site coffee roaster or kicking back with local rum cocktails at the rain-forest-shrouded restaurant. The 84 Bill Bensley-designed guest houses have outdoor rainwater showers, fridges stocked with sommelier-selected wines and infinity pools that look across to St. Bart's. Each room also comes with a basket, in case you feel like plucking a passion fruit or avocado off a tree for an impromptu picnic. kittitianhill.com; from \$800* a night

—KATHRYN O'SHEA-EVANS

*Prices have been converted to U.S. dollars.



A guest house at Kittitian Hill, on St. Kitts.



A room at Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, which has partnered with Simmons Bedding Company.

HOTELS

Suite Dreams

More hotels are tapping experts to ensure that guests get high-quality shut-eye. The new "Power of Sleep" program at London's **Corinthia Hotel** (corinthia.com) offers a soporific spa ritual and a consultation with Dr. Guy Meadows (who founded the city's Sleep School). At **Lonhea** (lonhea.com), the wellness resort in Switzerland's Villars-sur-Ollon, guests wear heart-rate monitors to bed; to improve rest, the resident doctor prescribes personal daily routines (Alpine hikes, massages). **WestHouse New York** (westhousehotelnewyork.com) had NYC's Sleep Studio outfit its three new Terrace Suites with high-tech beds. **Four Seasons** (fourseasons.com) is partnering with Simmons Bedding Company to develop its own mattress with three firmness levels and temperature-regulating technology. And **Six Senses** (sixsenses.com) is set to unveil a Yogic Sleep program at all its resorts. Expect relaxing *yoga nidra* sessions, slumber-promoting smoothies and special in-room lighting thought to help reset your body clock.

—VÉRONIQUE JUDE

COLORADO

Aspen Art Addition

This tiny mountain city has more than 20 art galleries downtown. Now it's also home to the 33,000-square-foot **Aspen Art Museum**, set in a four-level building designed by Pritzker-winning architect Shigeru Ban. The museum is meant to be navigated like a ski mountain: Visitors are encouraged to start on the roof, where the views of the mountains are incredible, and then work their way down. aspenartmuseum.org; admission, free

—SARAH GOLD

