

ANYONE FOR TENNIS? THE GRAND SLAM RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA

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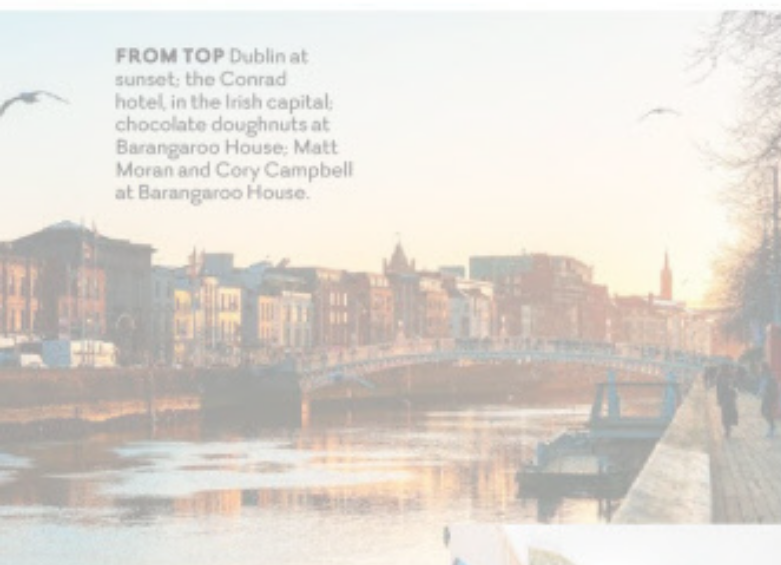
## TAKE OFF

# the WISH LIST

Of all the New Year resolutions you'll have ditched come 7 January, don't let go of that hazy promise to travel more. With the world more accessible and affordable than ever before, let us inspire you with our pick of the destinations set to hit their straps this year.

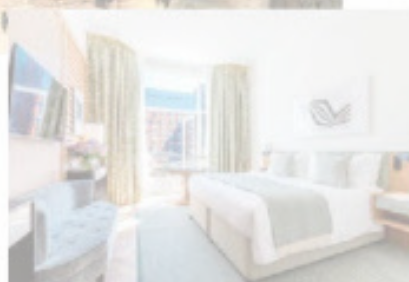
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**FROM TOP** Dublin at sunset; the Conrad hotel, in the Irish capital; chocolate doughnuts at Barangaroo House; Matt Moran and Cory Campbell at Barangaroo House.



### DUBLIN'S BACK, TO BE SURE

The fabled tale of how, almost overnight, the Celtic Tiger morphed into a Toothless Moggie casts a long shadow over Dublin. However, it seems the fun times are being (cautiously) re-embraced. Brexit has seen a boom in commercial office construction and an influx of new workers. Bono's back to partying in town until 6am, and there are several new attractions that mean entertainment now, thankfully, extends beyond a Corrs concert. The impressive new wings of the National Gallery of Ireland provide a solid distraction, as does the recently opened Tenement



Museum. Lavish updates have also been made to top hotels such as the Conrad and Shelbourne — and, well, any Dublin sojourn comes served with a personal vat of the world's tastiest Guinness, should that be your thing (trust us, it should be).

### BOOMING BARANGAROO

Sydney's Barangaroo will continue to attract attention and a wealth of visitors this year — and

rightly so. After setting a strong food agenda last year (with Banksii, Belles Hot Chicken, Cirrus, Ume Burger and Muum Maam all playing crucial roles), Barangaroo House elevates things — and then some. The recently opened Matt Moran venture is a three-storey behemoth, with its menus crossing from casual to contemporary alongside a rooftop bar that's bound to be a harbourside must. The area's appeal is further enhanced by Waterman's Cove amphitheatre and boardwalk — a great place to stretch the legs and perhaps even dangle the toes after a long lunch.

### COPENHAGEN COOL

With an ingenious new name, Noma 2.0, the second coming of Scando

food god and famous forager René Redzepi rides into 2018 as the world's most anticipated culinary event — and it's reason enough to visit the Danish capital, Copenhagen. Redzepi's February return means a new restaurant informed by a purpose-built urban farm (that is, you eat what they raise and grow), a focus on seasonality, and, most likely, further frustration on trying to secure a table. Elsewhere, Refshaleøen remains a cool, emerging district; so, too, the new creative quarter of Musicon — Hotel Sanders is the place to stay.

### TASMANIA'S NEW SPIRIT

Devonport was once little more than a town tourists saw through a rearview mirror — after disembarking the *Spirit* ▶▶

