



Last weekend, Italians emerging from a strict two-month-long lockdown enjoyed warm spring weather in Piazza Santa Croce, in the historic center of Florence.

PHOTOGRAPH BY FRANCESCO LASTRUCCI

7 MINUTE READ

BY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC STAFF

NEWS FROM THE world of travel, and the world in general, shifts at hyper-speed these days. Locals in previously locked-down destinations, including Italy, are tiptoeing back outside in spite of the coronavirus, while much of the rest of the globe remains in quarantine. It's a spring like no other, where caution mingles with fear, hope with realism.

For now, most of us are satisfying our wanderlust by plotting future trips and setting out on virtual visits. Here are tips for touring a World War II museum from your sofa, insights on what's happening at Europe's UNESCO World Heritage sites, and hints at how the U.S. travel industry might move forward during <u>the pandemic</u>. The spirit of exploration is alive—and our feet will soon follow!

Help Uganda's rhinos

Dog and cat adoptions have skyrocketed in the U.S., in part because many people are working from home. If you love animals, but don't want the hassle of daily walks or litter-box duty, you can "adopt" a southern white rhino, or at least contribute to its care and protection, at the <u>Ziwa Rhino & Wildlife Ranch</u> in Uganda. The sanctuary's goal is to reintroduce the rhinos to Murchison Falls National Park and Kidepo Valley National Park, where they once roamed.



A young rhino emerges from the mud at the Ziwa Rhino & Wildlife Ranch in Uganda. An adopt-a-rhino program helps fund the preservation center, which is closed to tourists due to the pandemic.

PHOTOGRAPH BY AMANDA VOISARD, THE WASHINGTON POST/GETTY IMAGES

Contribute to the Rhino Fund Uganda, and it'll help support 30 endangered animals living at the sanctuary, the only ones in the country. "We're struggling to get funding, and game poaching is on the rise," says the Rhino Fund's executive director Angie Genade. For an adoption fee of \$500, you'll get a letter and periodic status updates on your horned friend, whether it's feisty three-year-old Ajabu or Nakitoma, a mischievous one-year-old. Funds also go toward salaries for field and anti-poaching staff at the refuge, which Genade says has seen its income completely evaporate since temporarily closing March 24.