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Traveling can give you the relaxing vacation you have been wanting or refresh your mind and give you a new perspective on life. So why not try a new-to-you destination this year? Travel expert, Staci Lichterman, founder of <a href="Pop Culture Travel">Pop Culture Travel</a>, a full-service travel agency located in Downtown Phoenix, has the top five travel destinations of 2017.



# Washington D.C

Washington D.C has many museums to offer the public and all for a great value. It's a great family vacation destination, not only to enjoy one another's company, but it is also a great chance to take advantage and learn about our nation's history— after all our taxes pay for the museums.



## Prague, Czech Republic

Prague, the capital of Czech Republic and what is said to be the heart of Europe, allows you to immerse yourself in its culture but also offers its unique beauty. Prague offers its diversity of historical European architecture and since 1992 has been protected by UNESCO as a world heritage site.



#### Vienna, Austria

Vienna, Austria's imperial capital offers a diversity of the city's tradition and breathtaking modern architecture. The Austrian capital offers a

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Viennese cultural pastime of drinking some of the finest espresso, and taking a tour of the Imperial Palace, State Opera House or the Kunsthistorisches Museum. The largest city in Austria it's the cultural, economic, and political Centre.



## Hong Kong, China

"Hong Kong, is basically New York on steroids," Lichterman says. If you have ever been to New York, you know that it's a city with culture coming at you from every angle. The city has many diverse influences from different cultures around the world because of that Hong Kong has gained the name of Asia's world city. Visit Nan Lian Garden or the Chi Lin Nunnery, a Buddhist complex. Hong Kong is the city that never sleeps and never stops building and growing, all while keeping its tradition alive.



### **Antarctica**

Antarctica is the fifth largest and coldest continent in the world and although there are no cities in this continent, it is a destination you will want to visit soon before it's too late. Antarctica has scarcely been touched by humans other than scientists, which means there is beautiful wildlife and scenery.