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TRAVEL

Tour the real 'Game of Thrones' in Dorne, Spain

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The Royal Alcazar in Seville will portray the Water Palace at Sunspear, the retreat for the princes of Dorne, in Season 5 of "Game of Thrones," the focus of a new Zicasso tour.

New tour

Spain: Explore the castles and countryside of Dorne — or rather, the locations for much of Season 5 of "Game of Thrones," which debuts Sunday — on Zicasso's new eight-day customized tour, including sites in Granada, Seville and Osuna. From \$1,899.

www.zicasso.com.

Hiking

New Zealand: Two jewels in the crown of Tongariro National Park are Emerald Lake and Blue Lake (pictured), reached via the 12-mile Tongariro Alpine Crossing. Considered the country's top single-day hike, the trail is open year-round — except when closed due to the area's active volcano vents.

www.tongarirocrossing.org.nz

Festival

Wisconsin: Forget Milwaukee: Madison loves specialty beer so much, its Craft Beer Week is actually 10 days long. The fifth annual event, May 1-10, includes beer history walks, special dinner with pairings, classes and brewery parties. www.madbeerweek.com.

Birdwatching

Trinidad and Tobago: More than 200 species of birds, including the purple honey creeper (pictured), can be spotted on the 116-square-mile island of Tobago, one of the highest densities in the world. Key preserves include Grafton Caledonia Wildlife Sanctuary, the Main Ridge Forest Reserve and Little Tobago Island. www.gotrinidadandtobago.com.

New hotel

Dubai: Featuring “Arabesque” design with modern amenities, the 197-room Manzil Downtown Dubai reflects the blend of sensibilities just outside its doors. The boutique hotel is within walking distance of the traditional Souk Al Bahar and the modern Dubai Mall and Burj Khalifa skyscraper. From \$326. www.vida-hotels.com/en/index.aspx.

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"Game of Thrones" character Ellaria Sand will have an important confrontation in the baths at the Royal Alcazar in Seville, one of the sites on a new Zicasso tour of Spain inspired by the series.



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The Alhambra in the Andalusian city of Granada is one stop on Zicasso's new tour of Spain, inspired by Season 5 of "Game of Thrones."