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Q&A

## The World's a Market

Inspired by journalist Nellie Bly's 1889 round-the-world trip, Indian-born artist Rena Thiagarajan embarked on a globetrotting project of her own: **Bly** (projectbly.com), a new e-tailer of items handpicked from the world's farthest-flung bazaars. We caught up with her to talk shop—and travel. —C.A.

**What sparked your idea for Bly?** I never bought much on my backpacking trips in my 20s. Later, when I started to furnish my first apartment, I didn't want the same rug a thousand other people had. I found a hand-woven Khotan from a vendor in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

**What do you hope the company becomes?** I see Bly growing into a full lifestyle store for people on the hunt for something unique, whether it's a travel experience or a rug. We'll be introducing videos of the markets we source from and tips on bargaining.

**What's your personal travel ethos?** Our family trips always involved museums and monuments. As I started traveling by myself, I realized I learned so much more from the streets. I still go to museums, but I like to spend time in one city, with no agenda. And I always make my way to the markets.

**Your favorite market?** Chor Bazaar, in Mumbai. It takes you back in time. I've had great experiences with the vendors—from Shahid, who sold me vintage Bollywood posters, to the gentleman who sent a biryani dinner to my hotel room to thank me for buying antique plates for our collection.

**What's next on your go-to list?** For Bly, it's Vietnam, Morocco and Kashgar, China. For vacation? Bhutan, Mongolia and South Africa.



EUROPE

## To Scandinavia With Love

Since its inaugural voyage from Paris to Constantinople in 1883, the **Venice Simplon Orient-Express** has been the setting for more than a few illustrious occasions (the signing of the Armistice in 1918, the film *From Russia With Love*). Now, with its 17 art deco carriages, the storied train is going where it's never gone before: north. Earlier this year, VSOE added Stockholm and Copenhagen as destinations, reached by three- and five-night voyages from Venice. You'll have plenty of time on board to read that Stieg Larsson novel while sipping the train's signature Agatha Christie cocktail. *orient-express.com*; *three-night trip from \$4,400 per person* —C.A.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

## Stay Classy, D.C.

Starting November 14, visitors to the **Newseum** will get a chance at Ron Burgundy's seat. The state-of-the-art news museum has partnered with Paramount Pictures to present "Anchorman: The Exhibit," timed with the release of the movie sequel *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues*. Props from the original film and those '70s-style news-team outfits will be on display, and visitors can try their hands at reporting news in front of a TV camera. Kind of a big deal. *newseum.org* —TUCKER BOWE



NASHVILLE

## Backstage Pass

Nashville's new **Johnny Cash Museum** displays some 500 mementos from the artist's life, including marbles he played with as a boy and the certificate of his 1968 marriage to June Carter. Owner and curator Bill Miller began his collection when, as a child, he caught Cash's harmonica as the singer tossed it into the audience at a concert. The two later became friends and exchanged collectibles for years (look for the letter Cash wrote to Miller's son when he was born). *johnnycashmuseum.com* —B.S.



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