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THE TREND

Going With the Flow

BILLOWING ASH FROM Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano dashed travel plans in 2010, but travel to the icebound peak has been booming since that eruption grounded millions across Europe. **Volcano tourism** is flaring up globally, and Iceland isn't the only hot spot. ¶ New Zealand's Mount Tongariro rumbled back to life last August, spurring an uptick in visitors to the long-dormant volcano. On Hawaii's Big Island, Kilauea volcano recently marked 30 years of nonstop eruption (the longest in recorded history), but after lava again began cascading all the way into the Pacific this winter, visitors began flocking with renewed vigor. Located in a national park that's open 24 hours a day, Kilauea offers surreal twilight views, with the renovated Volcano House—the only U.S. hotel on an active volcano—newly reopened. “Seeing the caldera lit up at daybreak reminds us that we’re standing on a celestial body and puts our human dramas in perspective,” says Kathleen Hackett, a traveler from California. Tip: Active volcanoes change constantly. Learn Kilauea's current top vantages from local park rangers, who get morning briefings, and monitor Tongariro flow updates at doc.govt.nz. —ILIMA LOOMIS



*Walking across
Hawaii's glowing
Kilauea volcano.*