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The Cultivist's Top 12 International Hidden Art Gems

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The women at the helm of the [Cultivist](#), a members'-club-cum-concierge-service for art enthusiasts, are just the kind of people you would want to e-mail before taking a trip. They're well traveled, well connected and able to suggest places to visit that won't be glutted with tourists — as well as the secret spots tucked away in even the world's best-known museums. The club was formed to share that expertise; its founders, Marlies Verhoeven and Daisy Peat, previously launched Sotheby's Preferred program, and created the Cultivist to provide a similar service to a wider array of members: anyone who can spare \$2,500 and whose answers to the club's application questionnaire pass muster. (Admittedly, already a rather self-selecting pool.) Membership in the first year of the Cultivist's existence is limited to 1,000, and perks of membership include free, skip-the-line access to 70 museums — with three guests each — and over 30 art fairs, as well as a number of member events, worldwide. With the explicitly international scope of the project in mind, we asked Verhoeven and Peat, along with three of their colleagues in the Cultivist's programming and membership departments, to share a dozen favorite, far-flung art destinations — that *haven't* yet been Instagrammed to death.

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An installation view of Gianni Motti's "Success Failure (Blue)," 2014, at the Domaine du Muy. J.C. Lett

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Villa Paloma, Fondation Maeght and Domaine du Muy

"I was just in the South of France and visited the beautifully restored Villa Paloma (which has one of the best views of the Mediterranean) and the Fondation Maeght (whose courtyard contains both walking man and standing man Giacometti sculptures, amongst others). In Var, a contemporary sculpture park, Domaine du Muy, opened on July 13; up for six months, it's definitely worth a visit." —Marlies Verhoeven, founder

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