IN BRIEF

‘Second city’ travellers ease over-tourism woes

Driven by the ill-effects of over-tourism, which is straining infrastructure in European cities and causing structural damage in places like Machu Picchu, this year’s biggest trend will be the rise of the “second city” traveller, a report suggests. It means exploring a country’s lesser lités to ease crowding and help protect the environment, the study by Booking.com stated. Millennials seeking “authentic” travel experiences will be at the vanguard of the trend, said Tim Fryer, of STA Travel, which specializes in youth and student travel. Among the suggestions: forget Toronto and book a flight to Halifax, where the “charming red brick buildings,” fresh fish and craft brews of Nova Scotia await.

Slate mine in running for next UNESCO spot

A landscape forged by the workings of a Welsh slate mine that “roofed the 19th-century world” is seeking a place alongside the Grand Canyon and the Great Wall of China as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The landscape near Llyn Padarn, in northwest Wales, which produced 450,000 tonnes of slate each year at its height, is being nominated for the honour by the U.K. government. If the bid is successful, it will become the U.K.’s 33rd UN-designated site — joining Stonehenge and the Tower of London — and will be listed with 1,121 others around the world.

Thousands bid for jobs on rustic Irish island

With no electricity or hot water, there are few creature comforts on Great Blasket Island. But that hasn’t curbed 23,000 applicants seeking to manage three guest cottages and a coffee shop on the island, located two kilometres off the Kerry coast in Ireland. Would-be wardens from as far as Australia and the U.S. have put their names forward for the jobs, which run during the island’s tourist season from April 1 to October, the Irish Independent reported. The positions will demand an adventurous and independent streak.

— Andre Ramshaw

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