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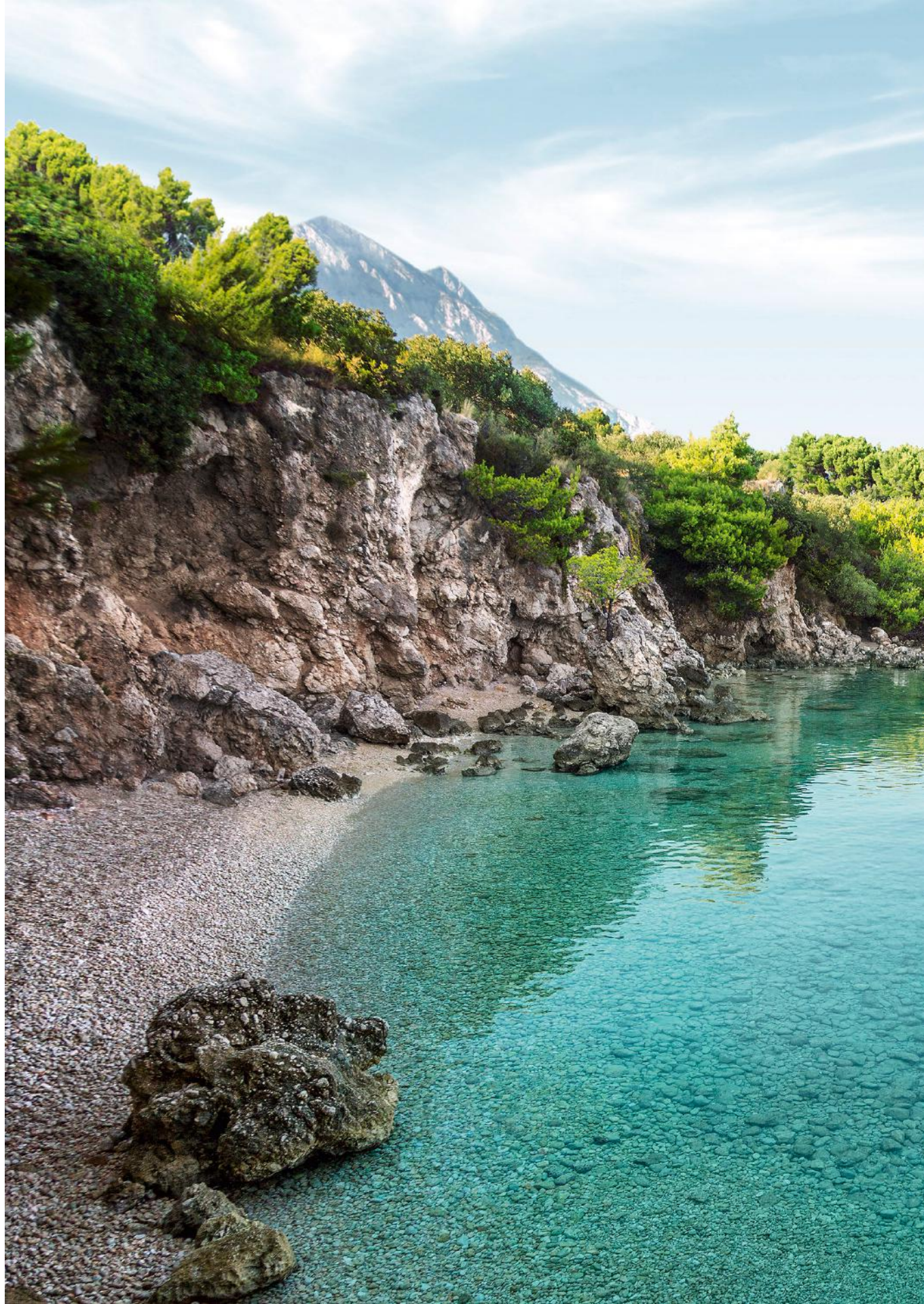
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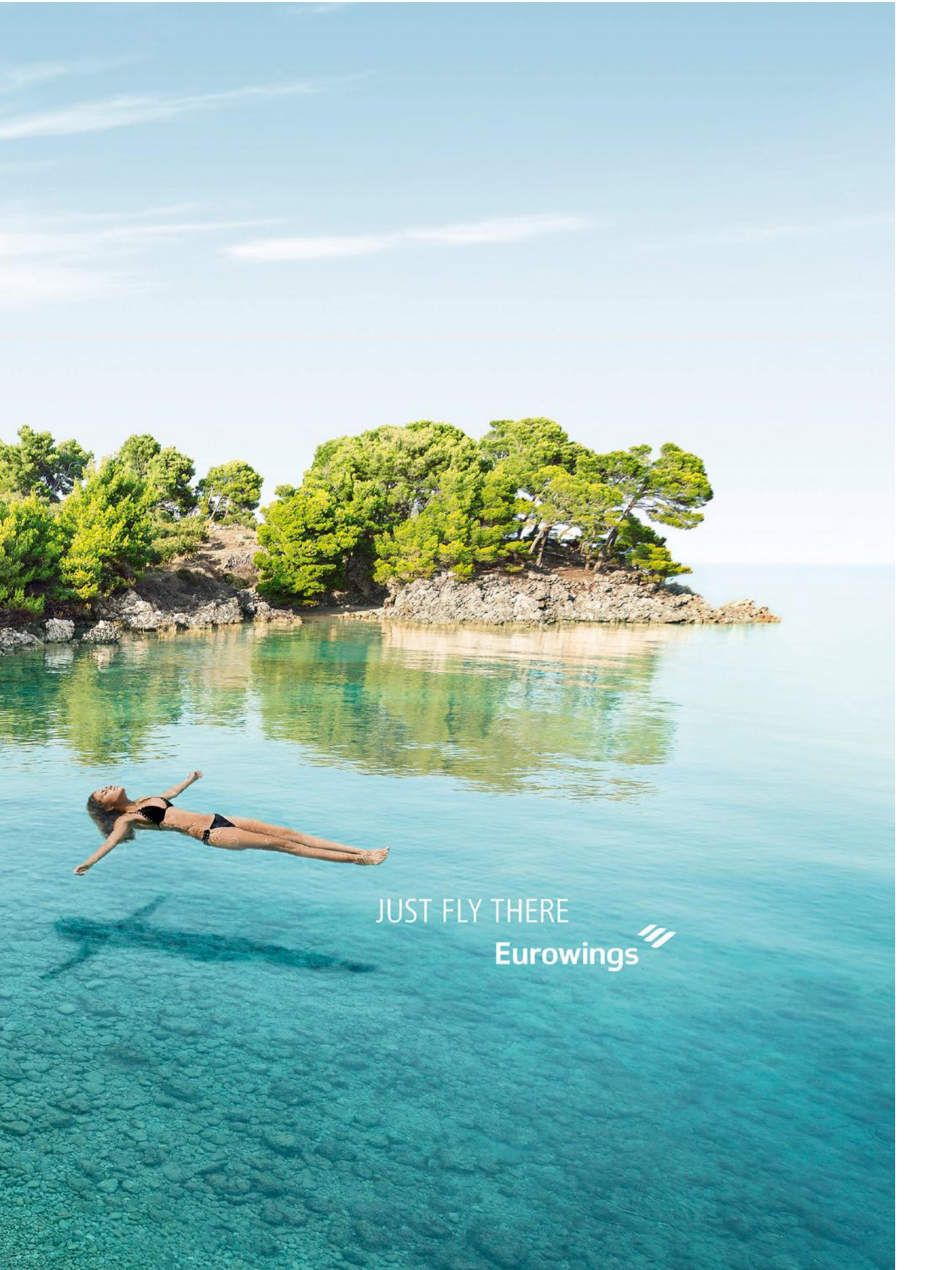
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consists not in seeking
new landscapes
but having new eyes.

Marcel Proust

OUR GOAL
IS TO GIVE YOU
EVEN MORE CHOICE



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EMBARK ON A JOURNEY



BEST TRAVEL MAGAZINE

2023 - A NEW LOOK

The Art of pleasing you.

To please you, that is the ambition of this new 'Collector' edition. You will discover a collection of tailor-made events that will certainly enrich your activities and getaways in the new year 2023. From culture to gastronomy, from well-being to architecture, from design to the latest trends. We take you on a journey around the world, to new places where it's good to reinvent yourself, to recharge your batteries... to be reborn perhaps ?

Where will your preferences take you this year?

Throughout these carefully prepared pages, you will also find our gourmet restaurants and irresistible addresses, already revealed in our previous issues. You liked them. Among the new features, discover the best that Asia and Africa have to offer. Looking for a peaceful moment at the end of the day ? In Lisbon or Los Angeles, escape the time of a cocktail and live a magical moment in one of these beautiful places with memorable sunsets.

Not forgetting these luxury places in Japan, India, Bhutan or French Polynesia that are reinventing themselves with audacity and delight, to better meet our needs.

Further highlights include features on wellness resorts, safaris and much more. All selections tailored to what we know you'll absolutely love !

Because we advocate open-mindedness and curiosity, we are always receptive and sensitive to your preferences. To satisfy you, your magazine always cultivates exclusivity in the art of living and in artistic photography. We have always had a great admiration for interior designers and artists. We love to share their work and present their sublime creations to you.

For us, travel is the alchemy that brings together nature, culture and people.

Now sit back and enjoy reading this issue as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

Sincerely yours,

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THE LAND OF THE THUNDER DRAGON

The award-winning luxury boutique hotel brand, COMO Hotels and Resorts has rolled out a collection of meaningful and restorative experiences across its portfolio of 15 hotels and resorts worldwide

Bhutan

A LODGE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Whether seeking new local experiences or booking their first post-lockdown escape, COMO Hotels and Resorts have revealed what travellers can look forward to in 2023; the group celebrates years of passion, creativity and style. In this luxury lodge, you can visit spectacular sights, including the cliffside Tiger's Nest Monastery.

UMA PARO

An intimate resort featuring the most exclusive private villas in Bhutan with an enviable location in the Paro Valley



COMO Villa



COMO Villa terrace



Bathroom One Bedroom Villa



COMO Villa (300sq m/ 3,229sq ft): The stately COMO Villa features one king-sized bed and one twin bedroom (which can be made into a king), a living area with panoramic views of the Paro Valley, an outdoor hot-stone bathtub, a private spa treatment area and an open-air courtyard with a fire pit. The villa offers a personal butler service.



HIMALAYAN DISCOVERY *Bhutan*

Immerse yourself in Bhutan's cultural heritage and extraordinary landscape with 'Himalayan Discovery' package, which focuses on Paro Valley. Based at COMO Uma Paro, which is close to the international airport, you will see the country's main cultural highlights, including the remarkable Taksang 'Tiger's Nest' Monastery. There is guided hiking and a chance to get into the wilds while moving at a pace that allows for acclimation.



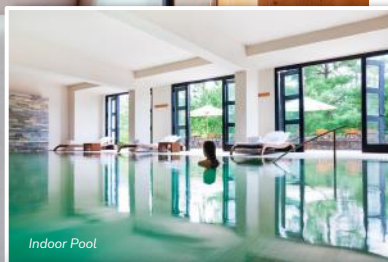
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AT A GLANCE

Bhutan, officially known as the **Kingdom of Bhutan** is a landlocked country in the Eastern Himalayas. It is bordered by China to the north and India to the south. Nepal and Bangladesh are located in proximity to Bhutan but do not share a land border. The country has a population of over 754,000 and a territory of 38,394 square kilometers (14,824 sq mi). Bhutan is a constitutional monarchy with Vajrayana Buddhism as the state religion. The subalpine Himalayan mountains in the north rise from the country's lush subtropical plains in the south. In the Bhutanese Himalayas, there are peaks higher than 7,000 meters (23,000 ft) above sea level. Gangkhar Puensum is Bhutan's highest peak and may also be the highest unclimbed mountain in the world. The wildlife of Bhutan is notable for its diversity, including the Himalayan takin. The largest city in Bhutan is the capital Thimphu. Bhutan and neighboring Tibet experienced the spread of Buddhism.



Location: The airport at Paro is a 10-minute drive from COMO Uma Paro and around five hours by car from COMO Uma Punakha. Transport between the resorts is by car, and arranged by COMO Uma Bhutan staff. It is not possible to hire cars for private use in Bhutan.



Indoor Pool



Traditional White Scarf Welcome

This tiny country located in the Himalaya mountains, has just recently opened its doors to tourism. As of 1974 Bhutan began to allow tourists to enter. It wasn't until more recently when tourism really began to boom here, and tourism has now become a leading source of revenue for this beautiful country.

beautiful Island

Set on one of the largest private islands in the Maldives, surrounded by crystal blue waters lapping against pure white sandy beaches, One&Only Reethi Rah is happy to announce the launch of an exclusive capsule collection with the Russian fashion house Yana. Inspired by the tropical and signature Indian Ocean experiences, the collection ranges from a special jewellery range to beachwear and accessories, exclusively available at One&Only Reethi Rah.

Yana Raskovalova, the Russian fashion house's Creative Director, has developed a unique line of jewellery for the collaboration, that includes pieces inspired by the relaxing landscapes, flora and fauna of the islands and the iconic Resort. Guests of One&Only Reethi Rah will be able to purchase magnificent earrings and necklaces including a bespoke piece that resembles the fruit bats that are found at the Resort. In addition, a refreshed design of the brand's iconic brush ring features turquoise gems, that pay homage to the crystalline colours of the surrounding waters.

The main minerals used for the Yana Jewellery's limited capsule were turquoise, Paraiba and coral. The bright and rich colors of these stones, reminiscent of summer, sun and sea, blend perfectly with the white sandy beaches of the resort, turquoise waters and the world-famous Maldivian sunsets. These shades have become the main palate for the clothing and accessories.

'As a pinnacle of new and exciting experiences and a trend-setter in the Maldives, we are delighted to offer this new exclusive collection' says Jan Tibaldi, General Manager of One&Only Reethi Rah. 'I am certain that our guests will revel in the beauty of this brand and enjoy taking home iconic pieces that encapsulate their memories of One&Only and of course the Maldives!'

A new hotspot is emerging on the Maldives fashion map at One&Only Reethi Rah, with guests being able to acquire a unique piece from the exclusive collection, that provides a nod to the unforgettable memories of One&Only Reethi Rah.

This exclusive partnership will be permanently available at the Resort's Neo Boutiques, allowing visitors to the Resort to browse the collection while relaxing in paradises.



Yana Raskovalova and Iconic One&Only Reethi Rah Launch an Exclusive Capsule Collection

Maldives

ONE & ONLY REETHI RAH AN EXCLUSIVE OASIS OF SERENITY AND BEAUTY

Southwest of Sri Lanka, in the Indian Ocean, is a place awash in shades of teal and indigo with sunlit sky. Formerly known as 'King's Island', these are the Maldives, land of blue lagoons and soft white sands, where coral islands form ring-like atolls. It is here, stretching across six kilometres of secluded coastline, that you will find the all-villa destination, One&Only Reethi Rah.

Surrounded by the crystal blue waters of the Indian Ocean, nestled within lush tropical gardens and fringed with pure white sand beaches, One&Only Reethi Rah in the Maldives is an ultra-luxury, all-villa resort offering an unrivalled level of seclusion, choice and personalised exploration. Situated on one of the largest private islands in North Malé Atoll, there is an abundance of space, freedom and activities to discover. Reethi Rah, which means "beautiful island" in Dhivehi, has 12 pristine white sand beaches and six kilometres of shoreline to explore, as well as energising water sports, experiences and excursions - one of the most extensive offerings in the Maldives. Conveniently reached by a 45-minute luxury yacht journey from Malé International airport, or 15 minutes via private seaplane, from the moment guests set foot on the island, they are transported to an unforgettable, idyllic Maldivian paradise.



Beach Villa Hammock



Tapasake Overwater Pavilion



One&Only Reethi Rah Pool



Water Villas with Pool Aerial



Traditional Sunset Cruise

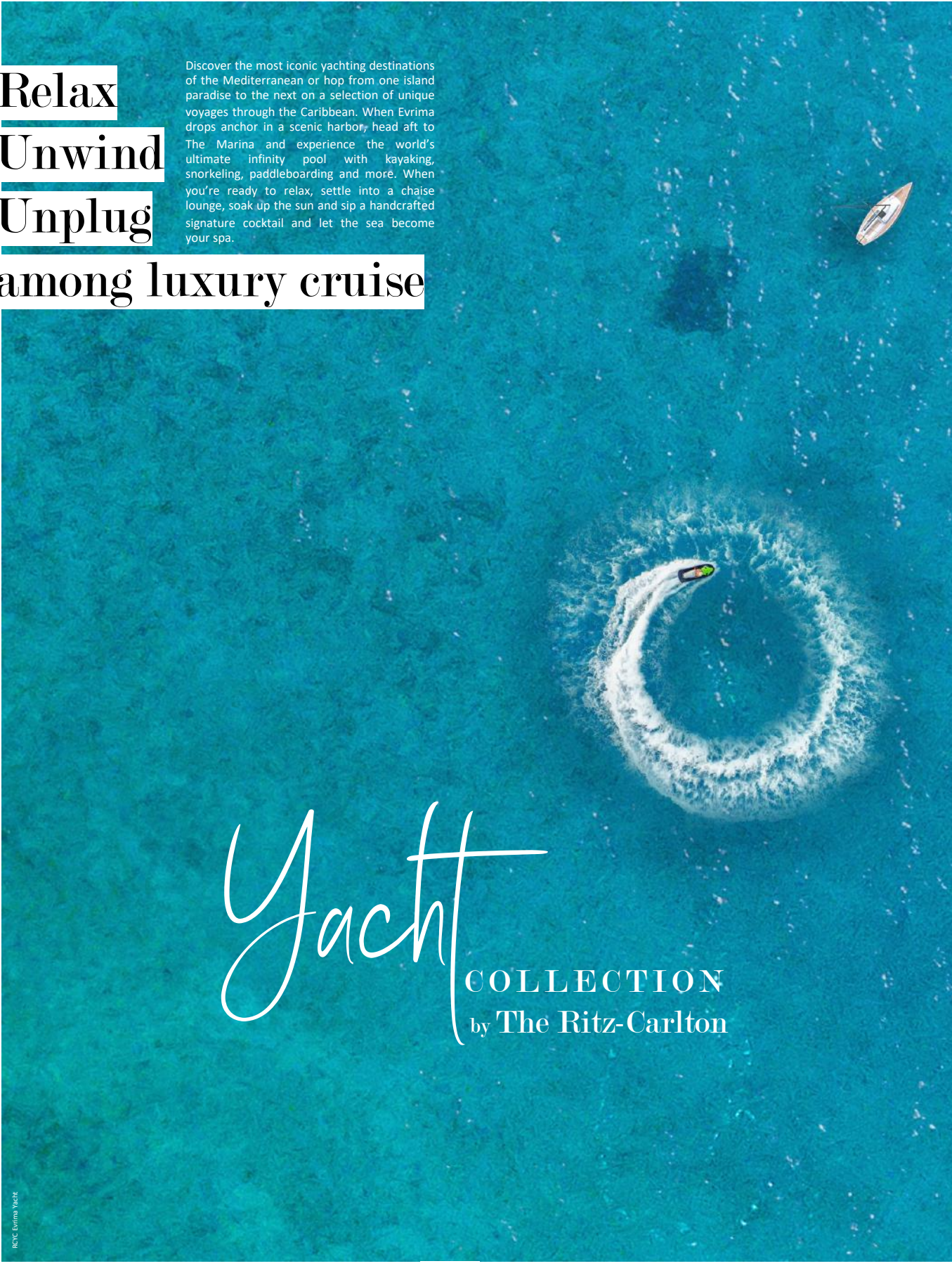
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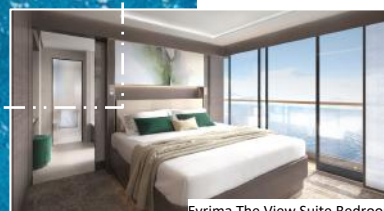
Discover the most iconic yachting destinations of the Mediterranean or hop from one island paradise to the next on a selection of unique voyages through the Caribbean. When Evrima drops anchor in a scenic harbor, head aft to The Marina and experience the world's ultimate infinity pool with kayaking, snorkeling, paddleboarding and more. When you're ready to relax, settle into a chaise lounge, soak up the sun and sip a handcrafted signature cocktail and let the sea become your spa.



Yacht

COLLECTION
by The Ritz-Carlton

Experience the ultimate infinity pool



Evrima The View Suite Bedroom

The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection onboard features have been expertly designed to enlighten, enliven, and excite. Like the slower pace lifestyle of a superyacht, life on board is laid back and casual, with a sense of freedom and flexibility. Spaces are designed to embrace the natural surroundings, with walls of glass that flow seamlessly toward the sea and elegant yet comfortable décor. And thanks to a spectacular space ratio of more than 89 square feet per guest, there's room to accommodate the luxuries of a boutique resort, including a full-service spa and a generous collection of aquatic recreational activities. Evenings can be enjoyed with cocktails and live music in the Living Room or late-night dancing in the Observation Lounge. A local celebrity may be on board for a specially curated performance. Or some may prefer to head for a club in town to take in the local scene.



Evrima exterior / pool

India

Masque

restaurant

Head Chef Varun Totlani



Masque Restaurant - Mumbai, India

Housed in a former textile factory in Mumbai, Masque restaurant is run by young chef Varun Totlani. Having explored different Indian terroirs and immersed himself in the contrasts between local tastes and traditions, he has unearthed a treasure trove of indigenous cuisine. The richness and diversity of ancestral cooking styles, combined with contemporary culinary techniques, has helped shape his modern interpretation of Indian gastronomy – an approach that saw Masque named Best Restaurant in India in Asia's 50 Best Restaurants guide for 2022. As part of a profound dedication to sustainability, the restaurant is supplied only by local farmers and producers. This blend of old and new can also be experienced through the property's approach to drinks as well as food: start with a cocktail inspired by Ayurvedic philosophy in the Living Room, the restaurant's cozy bar. The Masque Lab is also available for private events.

New property
Relais&Châteaux Collection

LIVE THE FRENCH WAY AND EXPERIENCE CHIC LUXURY WITH AUTHENTIC SOUTH PACIFIC CHARM



From the first night in Tahiti, the dream begins in Moorea and its first underwater splendors. Then it begins in Bora Bora, in the heart of its multicolored lagoon, where the depths may lead you to the manta rays. This paradise island promises unforgettable encounters with sharks and other dolphins that you will be lucky enough to encounter in its crystal clear waters.



MOOREA FRENCH POLYNESIA

Kia Ora Moorea by Sofitel sits on the edge of the crystal clear lagoon framed by jagged green mountains. Accessible via a short ferry ride from Papeete, positioned on the eastern side of Moorea, makes it the most convenient and one of the best off-Tahiti island experiences. The resort enjoys a secluded location on the picturesque white sand beach of Temae, the longest of the island, within a protected marine area. Featuring 113 luxurious bungalows built over the water, on the beachfront or surrounded by landscaped gardens. Boasting French style infused with Tahitian hospitality, the hotel's two acclaimed restaurants provide an intimate and romantic setting with incredible panoramic views and live entertainment.

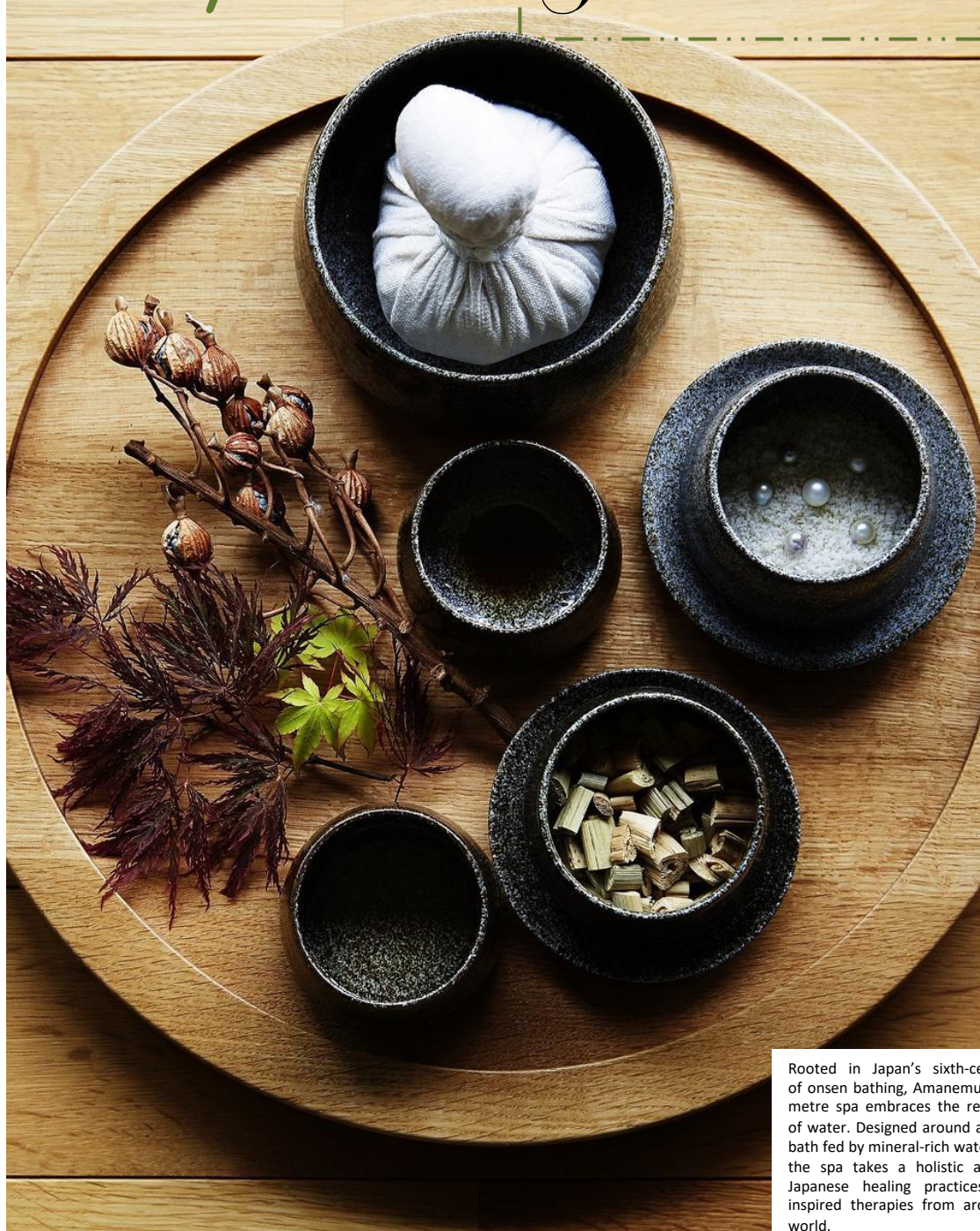


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Japan

Ultimate journey



Rooted in Japan's sixth-century tradition of onsen bathing, Amanemu's 2,000-square-metre spa embraces the restorative power of water. Designed around a vast hot-spring bath fed by mineral-rich waters of Ise-Shima, the spa takes a holistic approach, fusing Japanese healing practices with nature-inspired therapies from around the Aman world.

AFTER MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF BORDER RESTRICTIONS, JAPAN REOPENED ON OCTOBER 2022 TO EMBRACE INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS ONCE MORE. EXPLORE A COUNTRY OF SUBLIME NATURAL BEAUTY, WHERE HOSPITALITY IS GRACIOUS AND DINING RITUALS ARE ELEVATED TO ART FORMS.

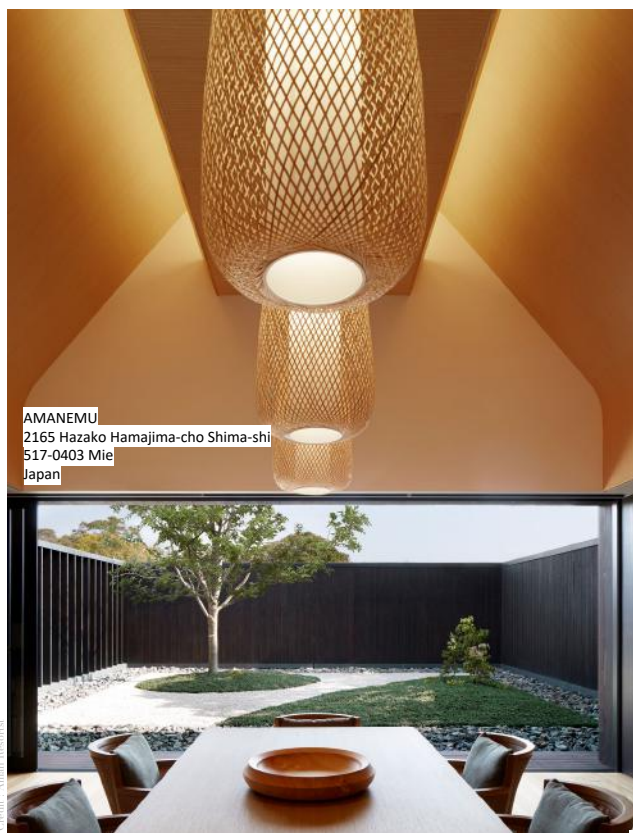


Of all the nations of the world, there are few countries in which the art of welcoming guests is so deeply woven into the fabric of local culture. In Japan, hospitality – or *omotenashi* – is as much as an art form as the musicianship of the geisha or the way of the samurai. It is a system of generosity rooted in ritual and performed with focus and flair. With Aman's trio of Japanese retreats open again to international guests, travellers are now invited to discover the world's most generous of welcomes once more.

Japan



Beside Ago Bay, amid the forested hills of Ise-Shima, the ryokan-inspired onsen resort of Amanemu invites guests into a sanctuary of restorative peace. Bask in mineral-rich hot springs, walk ancient pilgrim trails and explore a sublime coastline.



AMANEMU
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Japan



Nestled within the landscape with scenic views out to the bay or gardens, the Suites are abound in elegant simplicity. Each of the 24 Suites measure 99 square metres (1,065 square feet) and feature a private onsen. Generous terraces provide maximum enjoyment of the natural surroundings in all seasons

Amanemu Suites by AMAN

Guy SAVOY

FRENCH CHEF OF THE BEST RESTAURANT IN THE WORLD

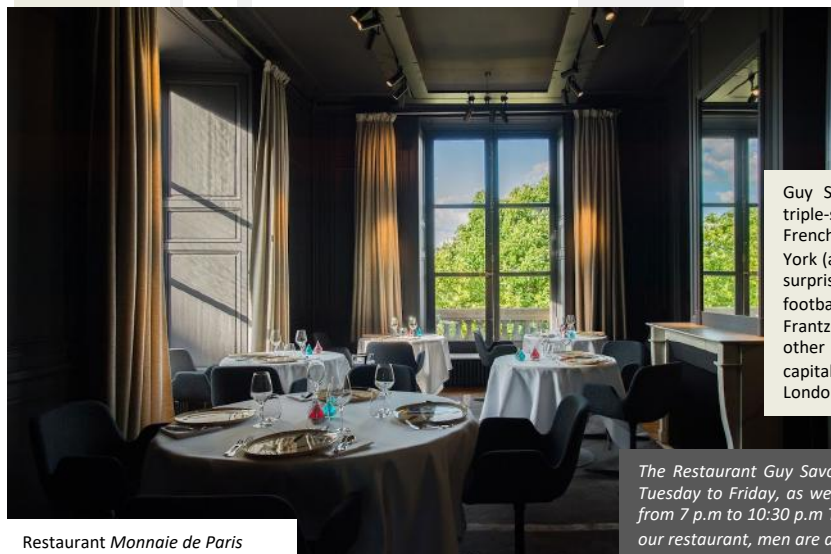
Guy Savoy – Monnaie de Paris - crowned best restaurant in the world for the 6th year in a row, and he is not about to give up his first place.

Guy Savoy is once again at the top of 'La Liste', the famous ranking that distinguishes, with a score out of 100, the best restaurants in the world. Famous for his pan-fried mussels and mousserons or his black truffle soup, Guy Savoy offers a modern and artistic cuisine at the Monnaie de Paris that has earned him a score of 99.50 out of 100.

But this year, the 69-year-old Chef must share his first position with two other addresses: **the Bernardin**, in New York, run by the French Chef **Eric Ripert**, as well as **the Frantzén**, in Stockholm, run by the Swedish Chef, **Björn Frantzén**, who also obtained a score of 99.50.



Credit : Guy Savoy



Restaurant Monnaie de Paris

Guy Savoy with two other Michelin triple-starred Chefs: Eric Ripert, the Frenchman at Le Bernardin in New York (already 2nd last year), and, more surprisingly, Bjorn Frantzén, a former footballer turned chef who runs Frantzén in Stockholm, as well as eight other restaurants in the Swedish capital, Bangkok, Singapore, Dubai and London.



Credit : La Liste magazine - Restaurants



The Restaurant Guy Savoy is located 11 quai de Conti, 75006 Paris, France. It is open from Tuesday to Friday, as well as on Saturday evening. Lunch from 12 noon to 2 p.m and dinner from 7 p.m to 10:30 p.m To ensure perfect harmony with the elegant, aesthetic atmosphere of our restaurant, men are asked to wear a dinner jacket."

A bite of heaven

In the hands of these talented Chefs, French pastry is more creative than ever!



**CHRISTOPHE
MICHALAK**

PIONEER OF THE NOMADIC AND PLAYFUL PASTRY

Christophe Michalak is a star of the French pastry industry. Demanding, rigorous and inventive, he has worked in some of the most prestigious establishments: Le Negresco, Fauchon, Ladurée and since 2000 Le Plaza Athénée. From London to Tokyo, via New York, Brussels or Nice, Christophe Michalak has shaped his experience, immersed himself in cultures, and retained flavors, working tirelessly until he won the title of World Pastry Champion in 2005. A star of the kitchen, Christophe Michalak is also known to the general public as he has hosted several television shows. In 2013, he opened his school, the Michalak Master Class, a place of meeting and exchange where the chef passes on some of his knowledge to pastry enthusiasts, whether professionals or amateurs. The school is attached to a sales area where the chef offers small jewels of pastries.



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The culinary world never ceases to evolve, to create, to innovate: master chefs interpret pastry with ingredients from all over the world.

gourmet

A MUST-HAVE PASTRY CHEF'S



**CLAIRE
HEITZLER**



Racine - Chocolat Vanille

Claire Heitzler has worked with the best, notably at Lasserre and Ladurée. After a successful career, the pastry chef opened her first online store, where customers can buy cakes and frozen treats.

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AN ONLINE BAKERY

Dubai

ELEVATED FRENCH CUISINE

Gastronomy

Gastronomy Designed by
Three Michelin-star

Yannick Alléno

UNDER THE EXPERT EYE OF ACCLAIMED FRENCH CHEF
YANNICK ALLÉNO, THE GASTRONOMIC VISIONARY BEHIND
ALL THE RESTAURANTS, THE RESORT'S CUISINE DRAWS
INSPIRATION FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE.

ZEST LIVE KITCHEN CHEF YANNICK ALLÉNO



Located on the furthest tip of The Palm's West Crescent, One&Only The Palm offers guests the chance to leave the bustling city behind and enter an exclusive island enclave. Complete with its own private marina and accessible by boat or via a winding driveway, this elegant retreat might be minutes from the heart of Dubai, but it feels like a million miles away. Inspired by the architecture of Andalusia's Moorish palaces, One&Only The Palm's modern Arabesque design curates a feeling of calm sanctuary that celebrates the destination. Providing the perfect accompaniment to One&Only The Palm's ultra-luxury surroundings, three Michelin-star chef Yannick Alléno is the chef charged with curating the resort's three captivating restaurants and catalogue of playful dining experiences. Nicknamed 'Prince of the Palaces' in reference to his position within the elite circle of the world's greatest chefs, Alléno is known for his passion to create, innovate, taste and play with ingredients in order to elevate them to something extraordinary. Using reinvention as his canvas, he creates culinary artworks that derive from tradition but journey to a place of discovery and wonder. From creative fine dining, Middle Eastern cuisine made with local ingredients, to laid-back but lavish afternoon teas with a touch of Arabian flair and jetty-side sunset dining, One&Only The Palm offers a diverse array of dining experiences for every mood. The voyage begins at ZEST, where dining artfully blends flavours from the Middle East, Asia and the West. Locally inspired mezze is created from prime ingredients alongside fresh seafood and the finest cuts of beef from two theatrical show kitchens. The extensive menu features everything from light bites to share and freshly prepared sushi, to farm-fresh salads and desserts handmade by artisans. Buzzing from sunrise to sunset, guests can linger over a long lunch on its sweeping outdoor terrace or enjoy breakfast gazing at the resort's iconic pool from its floor-to-ceiling windows. Housed in the Manor House, with its glass leaf Arabesque motifs and cut quartz crystal chandeliers, guests will first get the hint that dining at One&Only The Palm is an experience like no other. On weekends, ZEST's lavish brunch draws an urbane crowd of local residents and guests who come for a fusion of flavours served in a refined setting.

Building on techniques honed in the kitchens of France that won him the highest honours in the cooking world, STAY by Yannick Alléno is fine dining at its most playful. Traditional cooking methods are married with modern culinary advancements to create a seasonally evolving menu of signature dishes and tasting menus. From creative starters such as 'Langoustine flirting with a crystallised rose', to the finest milk-fed lamb matured for 12 days in a salt moss cave, the dining experience at STAY exceeds expectations. The dramatic monochrome dining room sticks to a palette of black, bronze and silver – with splashes of rich burgundy and high timbre walls for a touch of theatre. Baroque black crystal chandeliers suspended from vaulted ceilings cast a gentle spotlight on Yannick's witty dishes and highlight the intentional lack of stuffiness in service. Interactive culinary experiences encourage guests to immerse themselves further into the STAY by Yannick Alléno way, be it at the Pastry Library, where guests assist the Chef De Pâtisserie in creating their own desserts, or the private dining area complete with signature dishes, pastries and exclusive wine list. Perched above the Arabian Gulf, 101 Dining Lounge and Marina is one of Dubai's most loved alfresco dining destinations. Serving a refined seafood menu, the concept takes inspiration from the renowned artist Damien Hirst's exhibition, Treasures from the Wreck of the Unbelievable. Every aspect – from the intricately designed 'fish scale' tableware to an elevated menu of the finest seafood – celebrates the restaurants ocean-side location. Fusing age-old cooking techniques such as smoking, salting and fermentation, fresh sustainably sourced seafood is presented in a modern artistic style. Designed to deliver more than what it first appears, dishes are not what they seem, revealing hidden depths of flavour or inspired bursts of texture inviting diners to dive into the deep. Adjacent to the resorts private marina, the overwater terrace boasts glittering views over the city skyline. Accessible by yacht or jetty from One&Only The Palm, the chic lounge opens out to sprawling overwater seating. At night and on weekends, the resident DJ and live entertainment brings a vibrant life and energy as the tempo shifts from day to night. The Lounge provides a comforting sanctuary for Afternoon Tea, light snacks and refreshments in the Manor House, while 24-hour in-room dining provides guests with the perfect reason to linger a little longer within the comfortable privacy of their guest room or suite. For those wanting to stretch their palates further, a quick boat transfer from the resort's private jetty takes diners to sister property One&Only Royal Mirage where eight exceptional restaurants await.

ONE&ONLY
THE PALM DUBAI - UAE

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Once upon a time...

There was the future Orient Express Train

140 years ago, Georges Nagelmackers turned his dream into reality by launching the first luxury Orient Express trains. Today, the legend continues with the unveiling of the future Orient Express train. Completely re-imagined, the old historic carriages, disappeared, forgotten, and then found again, are back in service. Prior to its launch in 2025, Orient Express reveals its never-before-seen décors revealed in Paris in an immersive exhibition.



A myth for over 130 years, Orient Express remains the symbol of luxury travel and timeless refinement. The multicultural heritage of the legendary train will soon be transported to a collection of Orient Express hotels, taking travelers on a captivating journey to elsewhere.



It will be back on the European rails at the beginning of 2025, at the initiative of the French group Accor. The third generation of the rolling palace will resume the historic route between Paris and Istanbul, the former Constantinople. The first cars will be unveiled in 2024, during the Paris Olympic Games. The fabulous decor is signed by the talented architect Maxime D'Angeac.



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THE MYTHICAL ORIENT EXPRESS IS BACK !

Fascinated by the great revolutionary artistic movements and a lover of travel novels, architect Maxime d'Angeac has been carrying out prestigious restoration and decoration projects for luxury houses such as Daum, Hermès, and Guerlain for the past 20 years. With this project, he writes the new destiny of a myth. An idea born of a dream, he explains: *"this is the reinterpretation of a legendary train, conceived as a new embassy of French luxury; sublimated by the know-how and talents of the best French craftsmen"*.



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WILD WHALES

Whale Watching

If you're keener on boats with motors and have a love for majestic animals, whale watching is the adventure for you. From March to October each year, thousands of whales migrate through the waters near Vancouver, making it one of the world's best locations for whale watching. When it comes to spotting whales in Vancouver, Orcas are often the most sought after. The water around Vancouver Island and on the coast of Vancouver proper host large resident pods of nearly 100 orca whales, as well as small pods of transient orcas that travel across wide ranges of coastline. Vancouver is home to several acclaimed whale watching companies including Wild Whales Vancouver, Prince of Whales, Steveston Seabreeze Adventures and Vancouver WhaleWatch. Although not solely dedicated to whale watching, sailors have been known to spot orcas and other sea life with Sewell's Marina. Try their zodiac Sea Safari and explore Horseshoe Bay and Howe Sound.

From mountain biking to hiking and whale watching to paddle-boarding, Vancouver has it all. The coastal landscape and balance of city and nature make Vancouver the perfect playground for all types of adventure seekers. Here is a list of just some of the many ways you can experience the city and all its natural glory this Spring.

Capilano Suspension Bridge Park

Located in North Vancouver and built in 1889, Capilano Suspension Bridge is Vancouver's longest-running attraction. Recommended for those in favor of heights, the bridge hangs 230 feet above the Capilano River and runs 450 feet long. The bridge is very sturdy and only softly sways, making it perfect for those seeking only a little bit of a thrill. In addition to the bridge, the park includes the Treetops Adventure (a series of seven suspension bridges built high in the trees) and Cliffwalk, a cliff-side journey that takes visitors on a connected series of suspended walkways jutting out from a granite cliff face high above the Capilano River.

Grouse Mountain

Continue your adventure about 5 minutes up the road from the Suspension Bridge and find yourself at the base of Grouse Mountain. Take the Skyride to the top of Grouse where you can enjoy optimal panoramic views of the Lower Mainland. Other activities include its Refuge for Endangered Wildlife, lumberjack shows, scenic hiking trails, ziplines, helicopter tours, and much more.

Kayaking & Stand Up Paddle Boarding

For those activated by water, exploring the city by kayak or paddle board is the perfect option. Vancouver has several paddling points: English Bay, Granville Island, and Deep Cove. The season usually begins as early as April and can last as late as the end of October depending on the weather. Take a guided tour or simply splash your own way around with Vancouver Water Adventures and Deep Cove Kayak.

English Bay in Vancouver

Coast & Mountains

Canada

escape

Mountain Biking

The Greater Vancouver area is known as a world-class mountain biking destination and is home to some of the best trails in British Columbia. Trails range from beginner to advanced and can be found in Delta, North Vancouver, Whistler, and more. Some popular Vancouver trails include Mount Fromme, Grouse Mountain, Mount Seymour, Burnaby Mountain, Delta Watershed Park, and Burke Mountain. Head north to Squamish and Whistler to expand your mountain biking adventure even further. Companies like Endless Biking in North Vancouver provide riders with guided tours, lessons, and training for all skill levels.

Hiking the North Shore

The North Shore Mountains are only a 30-minute trip from downtown and are home to some of the best hiking trails in Metro Vancouver. Try your hand at the Baden Powell, which takes you from Deep Cove to Lynn Canyon, or make your way to West Vancouver and walk the trails of Lighthouse Park. For hikers looking for some friendly competition, head to Grouse Mountain and hike the (in)famous Grouse Grind. This trail is 2.9 kilometers of stairs leading to the top of Grouse Mountain – it may be painful, but the views from the top and free ticket into the park make it worth the trek.



Explore Cypress Mountain and is hiking the terrain. They are standing from a viewpoint that overlooks downtown Vancouver.

Destination Vancouver/Kindred & Soul



Candace Campo from Talaysay Walking Indigenous Tours is conducting a presentation and speaking to a group while on a walking experience in Stanley Park in Vancouver.

A CITY IN OSMOSIS WITH NATURE

The gateway to Western Canada and one of the most livable cities in the world: cosmopolitan, modern and wild !

Located between the Pacific Ocean and the coastal mountain range, Vancouver enjoys a mild climate all year round.



Capilano Suspension Bridge, Cliffwalk

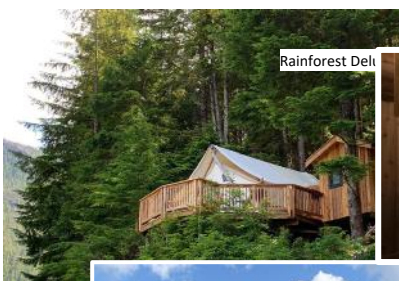
Vancouver

ULTIMATE
WILDERNESS
ESCAPE

CLAYOQUOT WILDERNESS LODGE

It is all about connection with the landscape, its culture and wildlife, a celebration of superb regional cuisine and luxurious lodgings. It offers a genuine sense of place, a union of sights, scents and tastes that immerses guests in their surrounds. Guest itineraries are tailor-made, creating a personal, lasting connection with the destination. A stay with Baillie Lodges offers time to reconnect with the people and places that matter most.

Canada

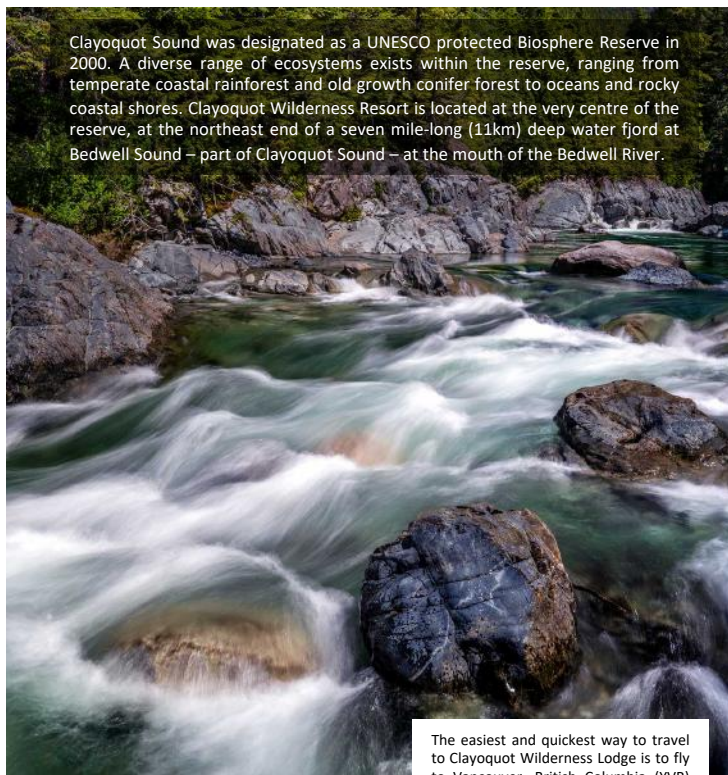


Rainforest Deluxe

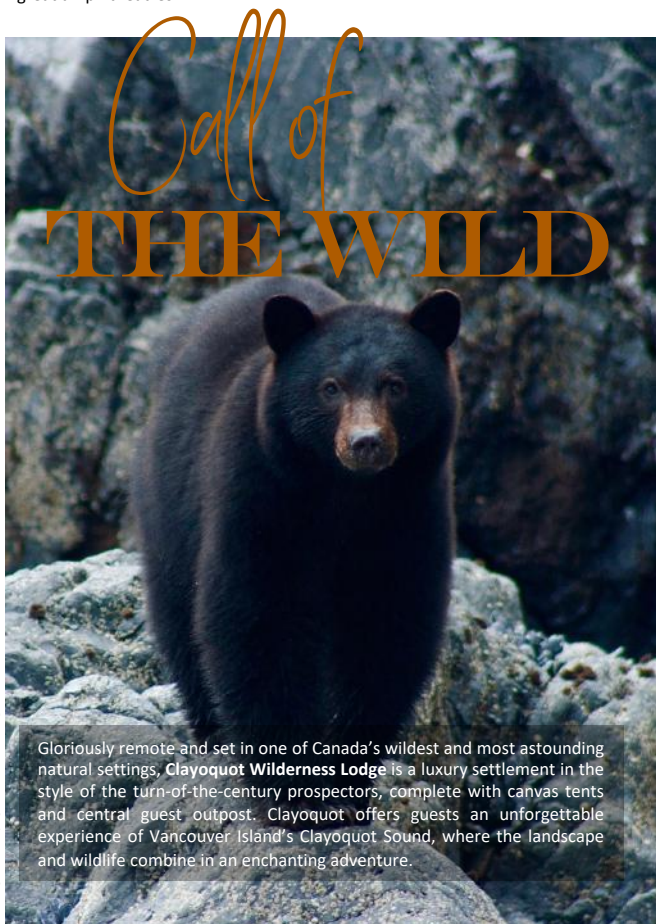


Waterfront Deluxe

This place is named for Clayoquot Sound, a vast, 62-mile (100km) wide inlet of the Pacific Ocean on which it is located. The sound is made up of a series of remote inlets, private bays and small islands surrounded by pristine, old-growth conifer forest. An ancient landscape carved by the ocean, the west coast of British Columbia's Vancouver Island is richly biodiverse. Untouched by time, the coastal ecosystem has evolved freely and now plays host to thousands of species of flora and fauna. Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge, one of the preferred resorts in British Columbia, is a Vancouver Island adventure, set at the doorstep of this precious wilderness, and is rewarded with direct and exclusive access to one of nature's great amphitheatres.



The easiest and quickest way to travel to Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge is to fly to Vancouver, British Columbia (YVR) and connecting with a scenic 45-minute seaplane flight directly to the resort dock on Clayoquot Sound.



Gloriously remote and set in one of Canada's wildest and most astounding natural settings, **Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge** is a luxury settlement in the style of the turn-of-the-century prospectors, complete with canvas tents and central guest outpost. Clayoquot offers guests an unforgettable experience of Vancouver Island's Clayoquot Sound, where the landscape and wildlife combine in an enchanting adventure.



clayoquotwildernesslodge.com

LA

beach *life*

See a movie star. Sip a cocktail on a rooftop bar at sunset. Slip on designer shoes in a Beverly Hills boutique. Play at Universal Studios Hollywood theme park, explore world-class museums or see your favorite band in West Hollywood. Welcome to California's liveliest city. The entertainment capital of America and one of the best beaches of the world.
Welcome to Los Angeles !

Bright lights, Luxury, Comfort & Horizon

Located on the sand, Casa Malibu is the only hotel on this stretch that has its own beach for exclusive use of guests. Malibu Country Mart is within a mile, and Malibu Pier is right next door, where fabulous breaks provide some of the best longboard surfing in Southern California. The inn offers a couple of room types, all of which come with a private balcony and face the water in some fashion. It's not cheap, but that's the price for your own slice of paradise on one of LA's most coveted stretches of beach.



« SPECTACULAR
AND PEACEFUL

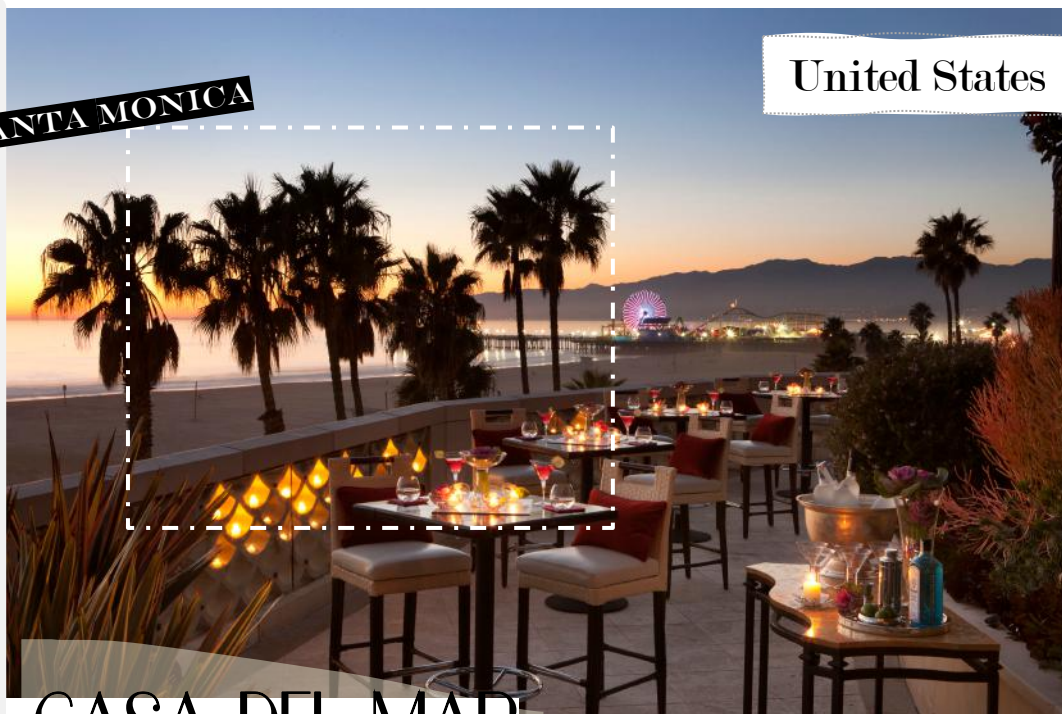


MALIBU BEACH INN



SANTA MONICA

United States

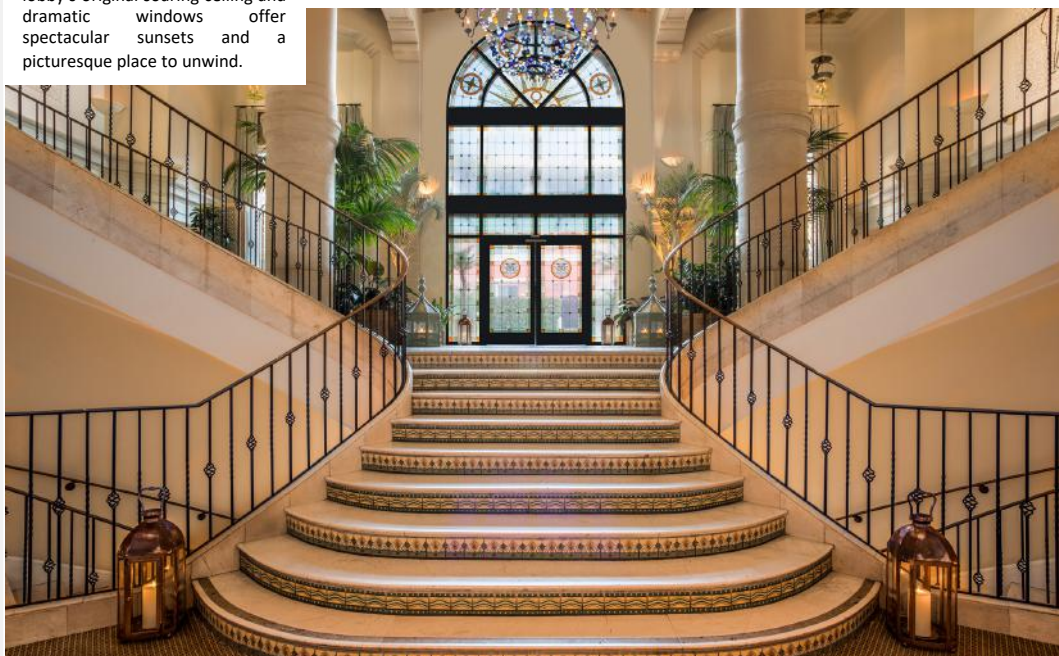
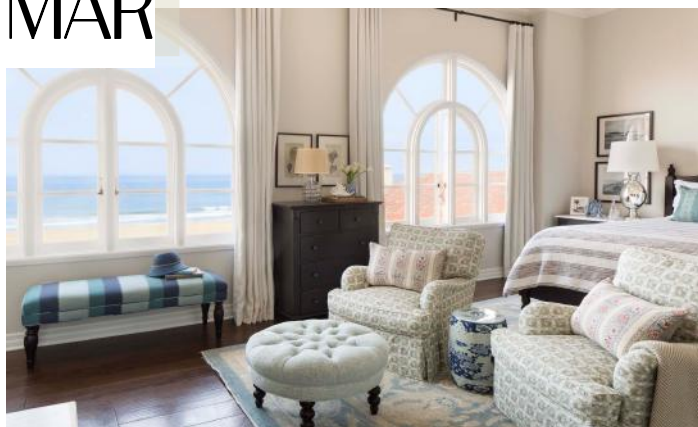


CASA DEL MAR

MEDITERRANEAN LUXURY

INSPIRED

Offering breathtaking views of the Pacific, Hotel Casa del Mar brings the luxury, romance and relaxing feel of a Mediterranean resort to the Southern California coast. Once an exclusive beach club in the 1920s, the hotel's timeless charm and elegance remain. The lobby's original soaring ceiling and dramatic windows offer spectacular sunsets and a picturesque place to unwind.





EAT & DRINK IN LA



Bavel, in Downtown Los Angeles' Arts District, is a Middle Eastern restaurant from Chefs Ori Menashe and Genevieve Gergis. With family roots in Israel, Morocco, Turkey, and Egypt, Ori and Genevieve have always wanted to open a restaurant that showcases the cuisines of their family lineages, bringing together the flavors and dishes they grew up with.

BAVEL

DOUWNTOWN



HIGH ABOVE THE HEART OF HOLLYWOOD SITS BAR LIS, ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED OPENINGS OF 2021. THE CROWN JEWEL OF THE NEW THOMPSON HOLLYWOOD, THIS CHIC ROOFTOP LOUNGE CAPTURES THE ICONIC SPIRIT AND STYLE OF THE FRENCH RIVIERA AND IMMERSSES PATRONS IN A SOPHISTICATED MIX OF CLASSIC SOUTH OF FRANCE CULTURE AND MODERN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EASE.



BAR LIS

HOLLYWOOD



This French Riviera-themed cocktail and live music venue in Hollywood is another place with stellar views and lots of champagne to choose from. The drinks are mostly vodka- and gin-based and easy to sip while watching the snazzy musical acts.

Lounge of Bar Lis in Hollywood. Michael Mundy



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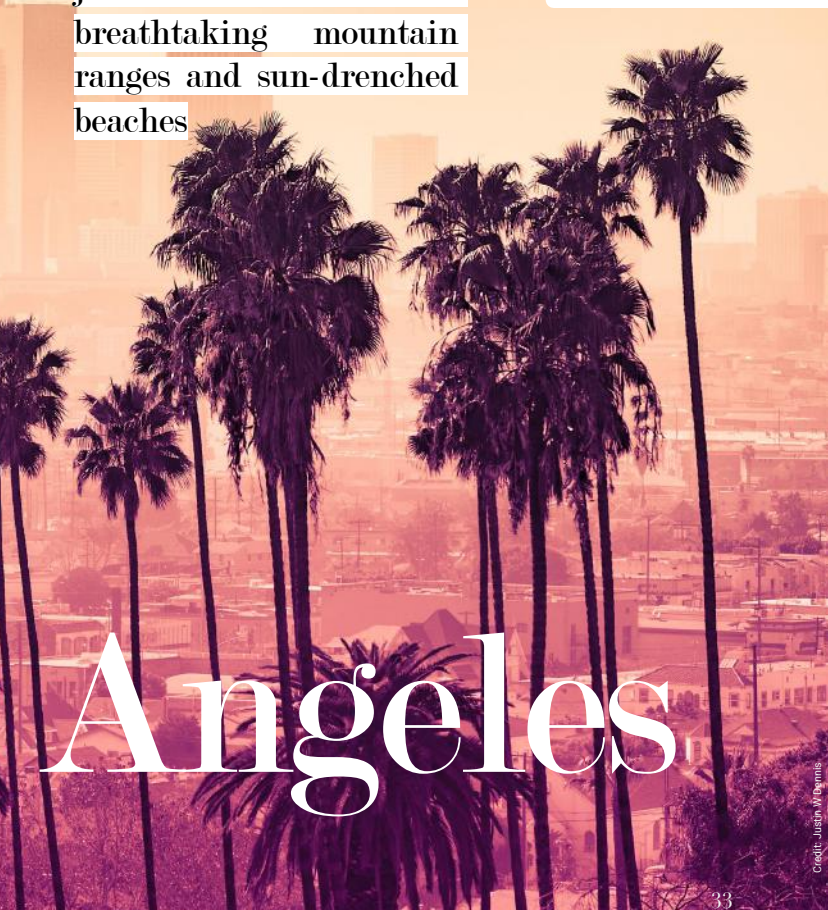
VENICE

ALTA CALIFORNIA-STYLE MODERN MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND MEZCAL / TEQUILA BAR IN THE HEART OF VENICE, BRINGING BOTANAS Y MEZCALES, OR MEXICAN DRINKING FOOD, TO ROSE AVENUE

Although the color-happy Californian-meets-Oaxacan décor is very easy on the eyes. Nor is it the Mexico City-style tacos done on hand-pressed purple corn tortillas. Though those are pretty epic, too. It's the fact that it's one of the few places tucked away on Rose Avenue—and in the greater Venice area, for that matter—where you can walk in, grab a couple stools at the bar, and order from an extensive list of top-shelf, artisanal tequilas. It's a taco spot that moonlights as a damn good mezcal bar.



Eclectic, dynamic and theatrical, Los Angeles is a sprawling sunbelt city just a short distance from breathtaking mountain ranges and sun-drenched beaches



Angeles

Credit: Justin Wiggins

HILLTOP COFFEE + KITCHEN

LA'S SPECIALTY COFFEE SHOPS ARE MUCH MORE THAN JUST PLACES TO GET YOUR CAFFEINE FIX - THEY REFLECT THE CITY'S DIVERSITY AND ARE OFTEN CULTURAL HUBS THAT ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

INGLEWOOD



Photo: Esquidolph

WHERE TO BOOST YOUR WELLBEING

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inside

AMANYARA

On a windswept coastline at the
Northwest Point, Providenciales,
the farthest secluded tip on the island
of Turks and Caicos, sits the enshrined
Amanyara, which means
“peaceful place”



Turks & Caicos

There are some places that steal the breath right out of your lungs the moment you arrive. Amanyara, stretched along the famously pristine sands of Turks and Caicos, is one such place. The resort is fashioned after the original Amanpuri in Thailand, and each serene villa—huddled around a cluster of pavilions tucked within the trees—is a study in seclusion. And with over 18,000 acres of lush nature reserve edging up to that screen-saver-turquoise water, this sanctuary does, in fact, live up to the Aman hype. First thing you'll notice is the lack of buzzing lobbies and dingy elevators. Instead, it's a quiet concerto of chirping birds echoing all around you. You're officially on island time.



Escape.

Credit: Aman Resorts



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SERENITY STARTS WITH THE SOOTHING POWER OF THE SEA...

MANDARIN ORIENTAL, CANOUAN

Nestled along a white powder stretch of Godahl Beach, Mandarin Oriental - Canouan promises impeccable attention to detail. The resort is home to a collection of atmospheric restaurants offering a variety of culinary delights accompanied by stunning ocean views and great Spa treatments. Offering just 26 suites and 13 villas, this place is an all-ocean view luxury hideaway. In a picturesque, utterly peaceful location, the spa at Mandarin Oriental - Canouan is a retreat for body and soul – as you approach along the wooden walkway on the beach, you already feel calmer. A wide choice of treatments and therapies, in suites that are looking the sea, are adapted for each individual guest.

Spa & Sea !

St Vincent
& the Grenadines

 mandarinoriental.com

Caribbean Paradise

Boasting a dreamy Caribbean setting of glass-clear seas, powdery sand beaches and vibrant greenery, Mandarin Oriental, Canouan is surrounded by the Caribbean's largest living coral reef. This secluded island hideaway offers plenty of activities including golf, water sports and the finest spa in the Grenadines archipelago.



**FOR AN
UNFORGETTABLE
LIFETIME
EXPERIENCE**

Abu Dhabi

Located in a dazzling natural bay, Emirates Palace is the perfect destination offering a pristine private beach and marina. The resort's luxurious rooms and suites offer an exceptional comforting experience, with beautiful ocean and landscaped garden views. Indulge in the award-winning thirteen restaurants and lounges, relax at the impeccable spa or beachfront cabanas.

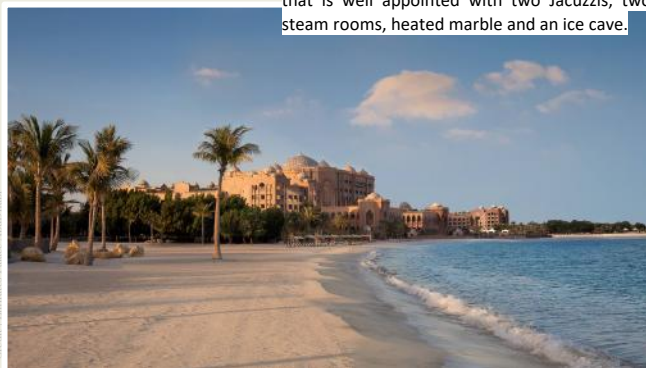
Oriental Paradise



A spa experience
where every sense is indulged

Hammam

The 1,500 sqm award-winning Emirates Palace Spa features a traditional Moroccan Hammam that is well appointed with two Jacuzzis, two steam rooms, heated marble and an ice cave.



Credit : Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi

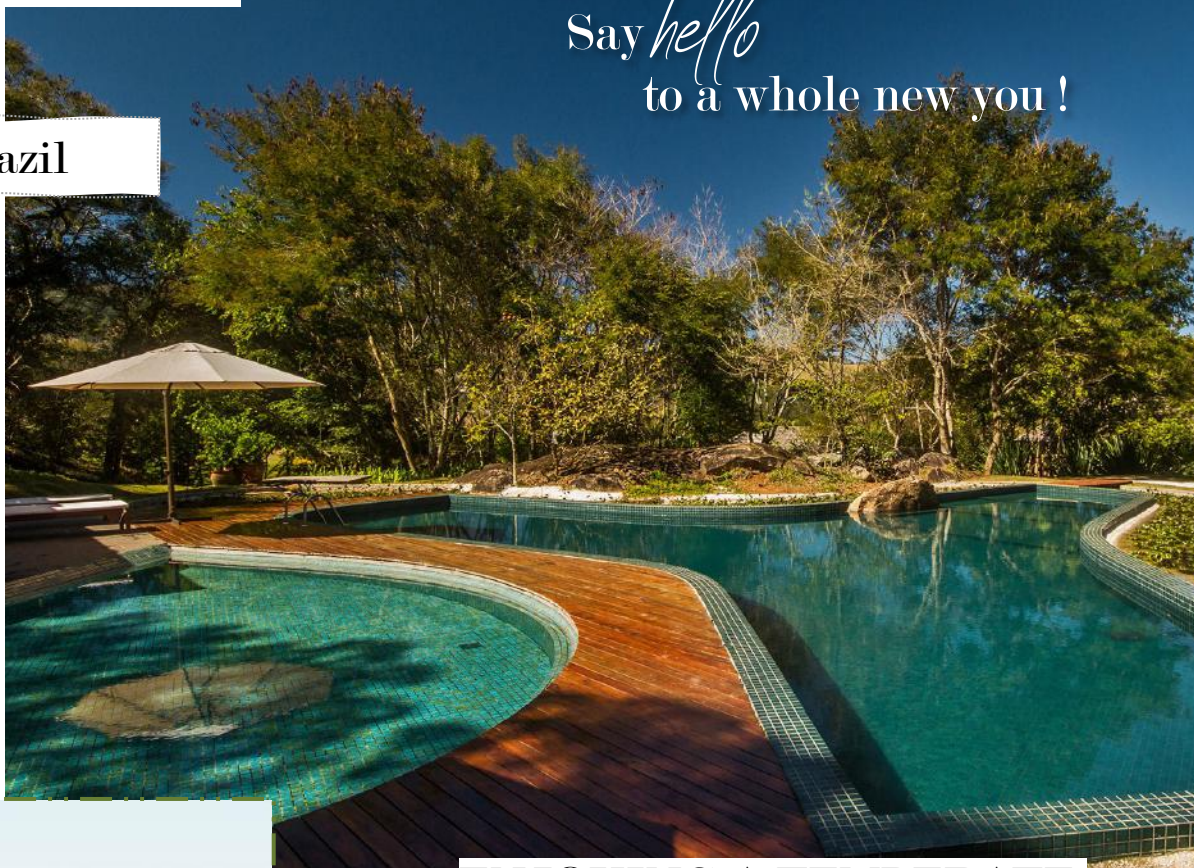
Your wellness begins here !

Located on a pristine private beach, **Emirates Palace** is the epitome of luxury in **Abu Dhabi**, showcasing Arabian hospitality at its finest.

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Brazil

Say *hello*
to a whole new you !



**ENJOYING A TEMPERATE
CLIMATE WITH ENDLESS SUNNY
DAYS, THIS SERENE MOUNTAIN
SETTING MAKES THE PERFECT
CONNECTION WITH NATURE
AND THE WORLD AROUND**



 sixsenses.com

SIX SENSES BOTANIQUE

In the Brazilian mountains of the Serra de Mantiqueira, in Campos de Jordao, **Six Senses** takes up the botanical hotel resort, to offer the experience of an immersion in a preserved nature.



Greece

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

The Rooster is the embodiment of what attention to detail, local intel, and personal flair can bring to a property. Athenian Athanasia Comminos started vacationing on this rocky, refreshingly rustic island—Paros's low-key little sibling—ten years ago, and her hotel is a testament to her sharp design eye and earthy-meets-five-star aesthetic. That the seventeen villas and main lodge perch on the rocky western shore of Antiparos (hello, flamingo-pink sunsets) helps. The villas—most with one bedroom, some with two—come with private pools, sprawling outdoor dining areas, cavernous bathrooms, dreamy outdoor showers, and wine fridges stocked with outstanding Greek rosé (generously replenished daily). Livadia Beach is as close as it gets. Still, the option of sashaying from a four-poster bed directly into a pool, with a pit stop at the dining table for room service omelets and the best gluten-free bread ever, wins every time.



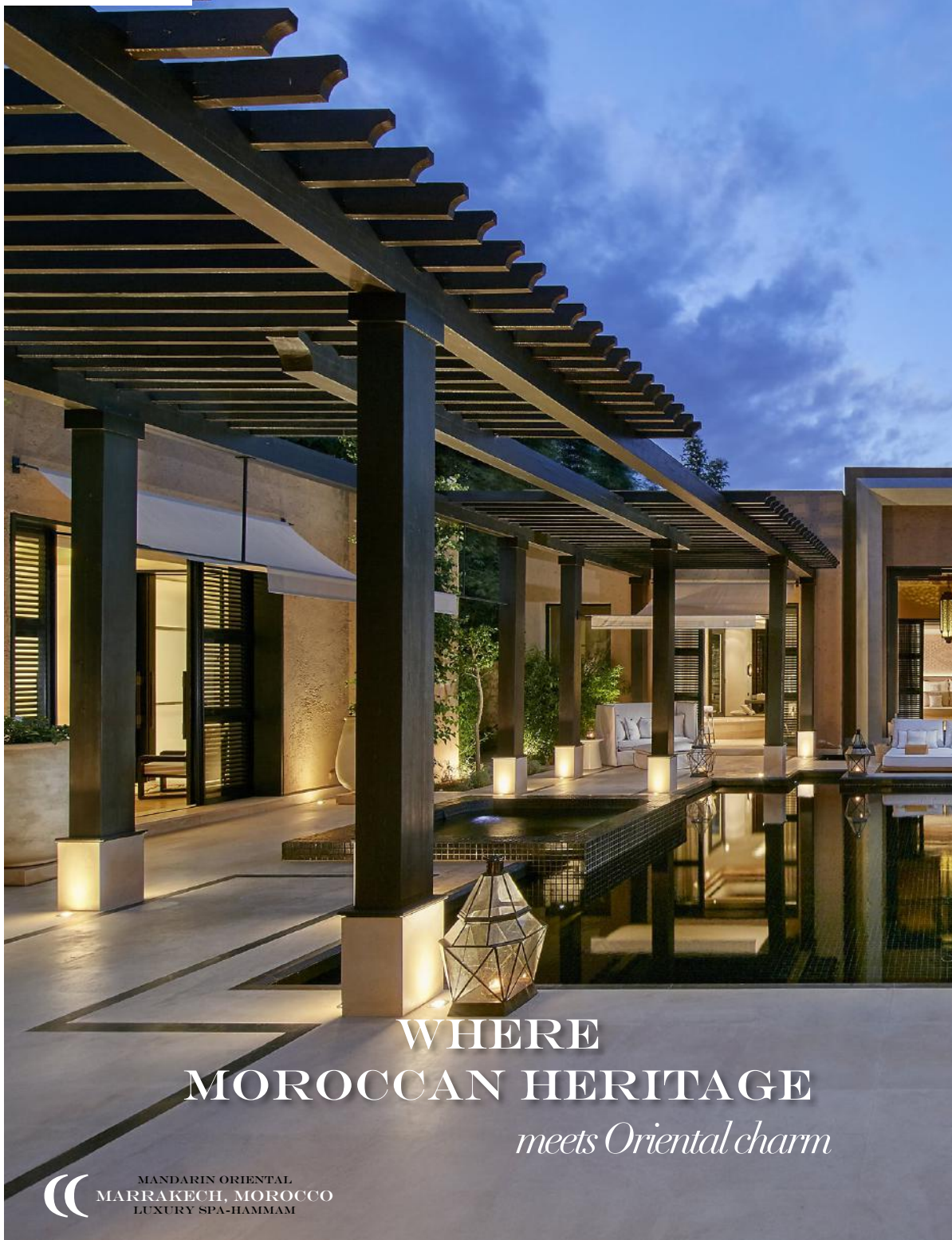
theroosterantiparos.com

Heartfelt Hospitality

THERE IS A PLACE HIDDEN
AS A GEM ON A TINY
GREEK ISLAND

Credit: The Rooster Antiparos

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WHERE
MOROCCAN HERITAGE
meets Oriental charm



MANDARIN ORIENTAL
MARRAKECH, MOROCCO
LUXURY SPA-HAMMAM

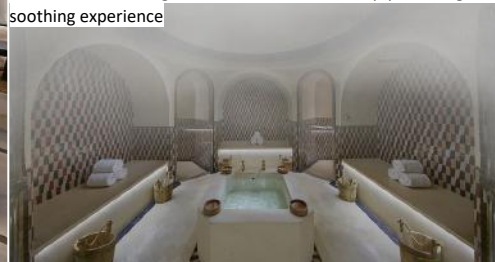
Morocco

Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech is set among 20 hectares of landscaped gardens filled with the scent of 100,000 roses, with the snow-capped Atlas Mountains providing a stunning backdrop. Located just 10 minutes' drive from the heart of the city and the historic Medina, the hotel offers 54 private villas inspired by Berber and Andalusian-Arabic influences, all with secluded walled gardens, swimming pools and hot tubs, extensive areas for sunbathing and shaded alfresco dining. A further nine spectacular suites, seven with their own rooftop plunge pool, feature panoramic vistas of the gardens and the surrounding countryside. There are a variety of exceptional restaurants and bars, and a world-class spa offering the Group's renowned signature treatments as well as treatments inspired by Moroccan traditions. The luxury experience is completed by the Group's unparalleled service, allied to the best traditions and hospitality of the Kingdom of Morocco.



Credit: Mandarin Oriental

The hammam has been at the heart of Moroccan culture for centuries. More than just a place of physical cleansing, it combines socialising with friends with a deeply relaxing and soothing experience



Hammam is used by Moroccans at least once a week for a ritual-based body treatment involving steaming, scrubbing, hair washing and the massaging of skin until it glows. Our hammam is a modern homage to the sensual, centuries-old practice of purification. A study in heat and renewal, it combines body detoxification and steam treatments, all conducted within an atmosphere of deep, grounding warmth. After the body is exfoliated, the skin feels wonderfully soft, while the mind and spirit enjoys an enhanced sense of deep relaxation and rejuvenation, with stress and anxiety just slipping away. Following the Hammam ritual, guests are invited to restore and balance their fluid levels with traditional Moroccan refreshments including Moroccan green tea, milk with orange blossom and dates, served in our relaxing lounge area.

With the Atlas Mountains as a backdrop, lying in 20 hectares of fragrant gardens and olive groves, Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech is a five-star luxury resort only minutes from the medina. This address is known for its excellent facilities and world-class dining.

Two-bed villas with walled courtyard, pool, two bathrooms and dining area
Oriental Pool Villa
423 SQM / 4553 SQFT PRIVATE COURTYARD VIEW



Credit: Anantara

HOTELS, RESORTS & SPAS CELEBRATE SUCCESS AT 2022 WORLD SPA AWARDS

ANANTARA DESARU COAST RESORT & VILLAS, VOTED ASIA'S BEST RESORT SPA 2022

Anantara Spas worldwide has received 13 top accolades in the World Spa Awards 2022, a tourism industry awards programme that recognises leading spas from across the globe. The World Spa Awards serve to celebrate and reward excellence in spa tourism.

In Oman, Anantara Spa at Al Baleed Resort Salalah by Anantara was ranked as Oman's Best Resort Spa and Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort took home the prize for Oman's Best Wellness Retreat. Anantara Spa at Banana Island Resort Doha was named Qatar's Best Spa Day 2022. In the UAE, the Anantara Spa at Anantara Eastern Mangroves Hotel was awarded Abu Dhabi's Best Day Spa 2022 and Anantara The Palm Dubai Resort's Balance Wellness by Anantara is privileged to receive Dubai's Best Wellness Retreat 2022 award.

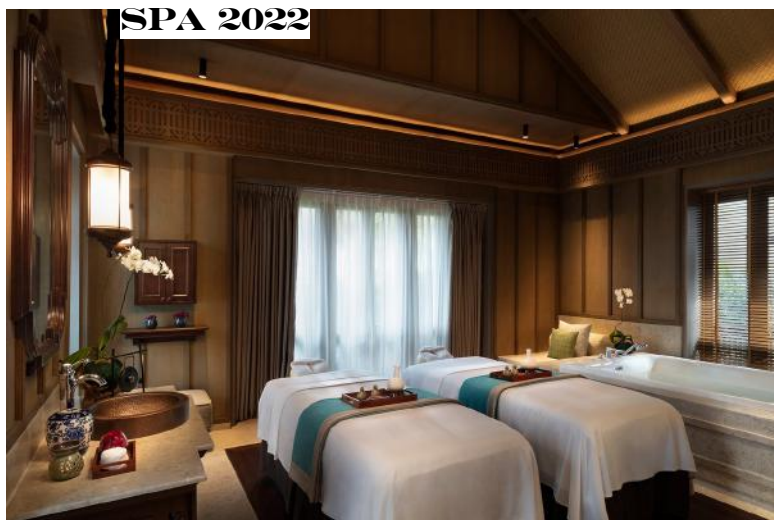
Anantara Spa at Anantara Desaru Coast Resort & Villas has retained its title as Malaysia's Best Resort Spa for the second year in a row and has also been crowned Asia's Best Resort Spa 2022. Anantara Spa at Anantara Kalutara Resort and Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort were awarded Sri Lanka's Best Resort Spa 2022 and Sri Lanka's Best Wellness Retreat 2022 respectively.

Moreover, in Africa, Anantara Spa at Anantara Medjumbe Island Resort was recognised as Mozambique's Best Resort Spa and Anantara Spa at The Royal Livingstone Victoria Falls Zambia Hotel by Anantara won Zambia's Best Safari Spa. In addition, Anantara Spa at Anantara Tozeur Resort took home the prize for Tunisia's Best Hotel Spa 2022.

Anantara Spa at Anantara Maia Seychelles Villas, with its three luxurious open-air treatment rooms and dedication to rejuvenation and restoration also won the award for Seychelles' Best Resort Spa 2022.

Chunxia Gao, Group Director of Spa & Wellness, MSpa Asia, the corporate division of Spa and Wellness for Minor Hotels, said: "We are thrilled to have received 13 awards and that Anantara Spas have been recognised by voters of the World Spa Awards. At Anantara, we draw on the healing wisdoms from the East and West, bringing indigenous therapies from each destination to our guests, as well as the latest in science and technology with leading experts. It is true now more than ever before that health is true wealth, and we are touched that so many voters agree that Anantara Spa optimises health and wellbeing. We look forward to developing our health and wellness offerings in 2023 as we continue to expand in Europe and the UAE."

Drawing upon Thailand's wellness traditions, cultural inspirations and service philosophy, Anantara Spa offers unique signature journeys deeply rooted in authentic luxury and indigenous experiences. Centred on movement, nutrition, mindfulness and innovative technology, Anantara Spa takes a holistic approach, providing personalised solutions to optimise the health and wellbeing of guests.



ANANTARA AL JABAL AL AKHDAR RESORT, VOTED OMAN'S BEST WELLNESS RETREAT 2022



Zanzibar

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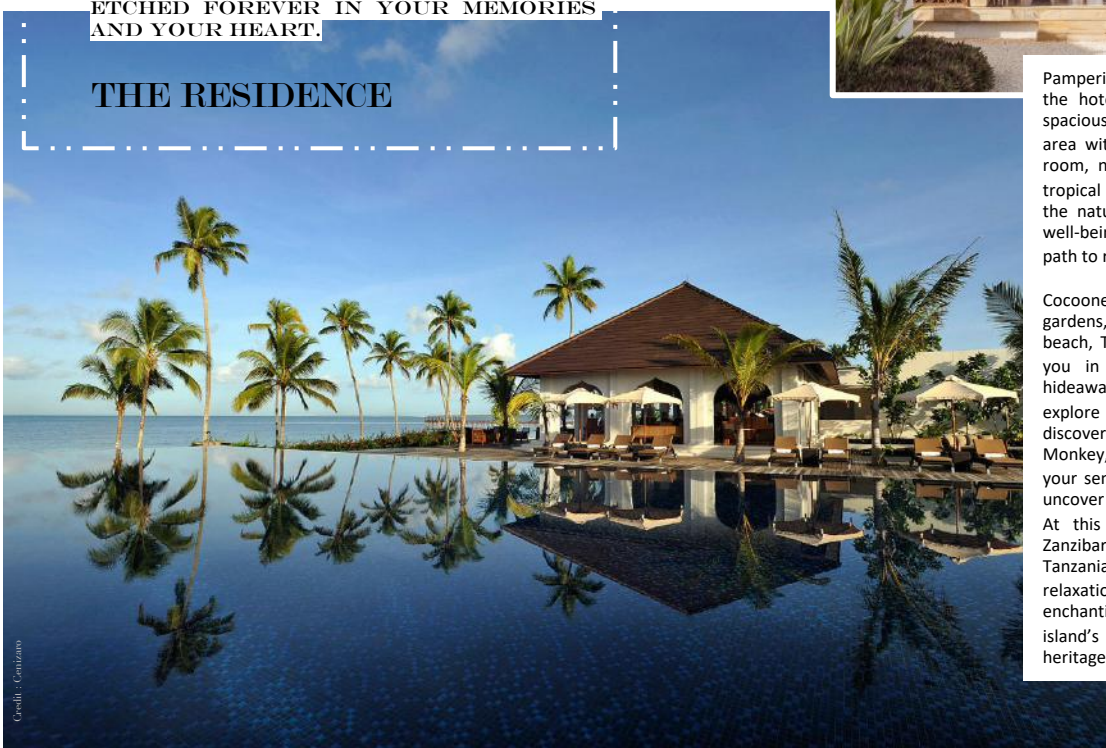
LAIDBACK BEACHES, CORAL REEFS AND THE CLEAR, WARM WATERS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN ARE ONLY PART OF ZANZIBAR'S LEGENDARY ALLURE. EXPERIENCE THE ISLAND'S UNIQUE CULTURAL MIX THAT REFLECTS A MELTING POT OF AFRICAN, INDIAN AND ARABIAN INFLUENCES, AND A STRONG CULTURE OF HOSPITALITY AMONG ITS PEOPLE THAT WILL LEAVE ZANZIBAR ETCHED FOREVER IN YOUR MEMORIES AND YOUR HEART.

THE RESIDENCE

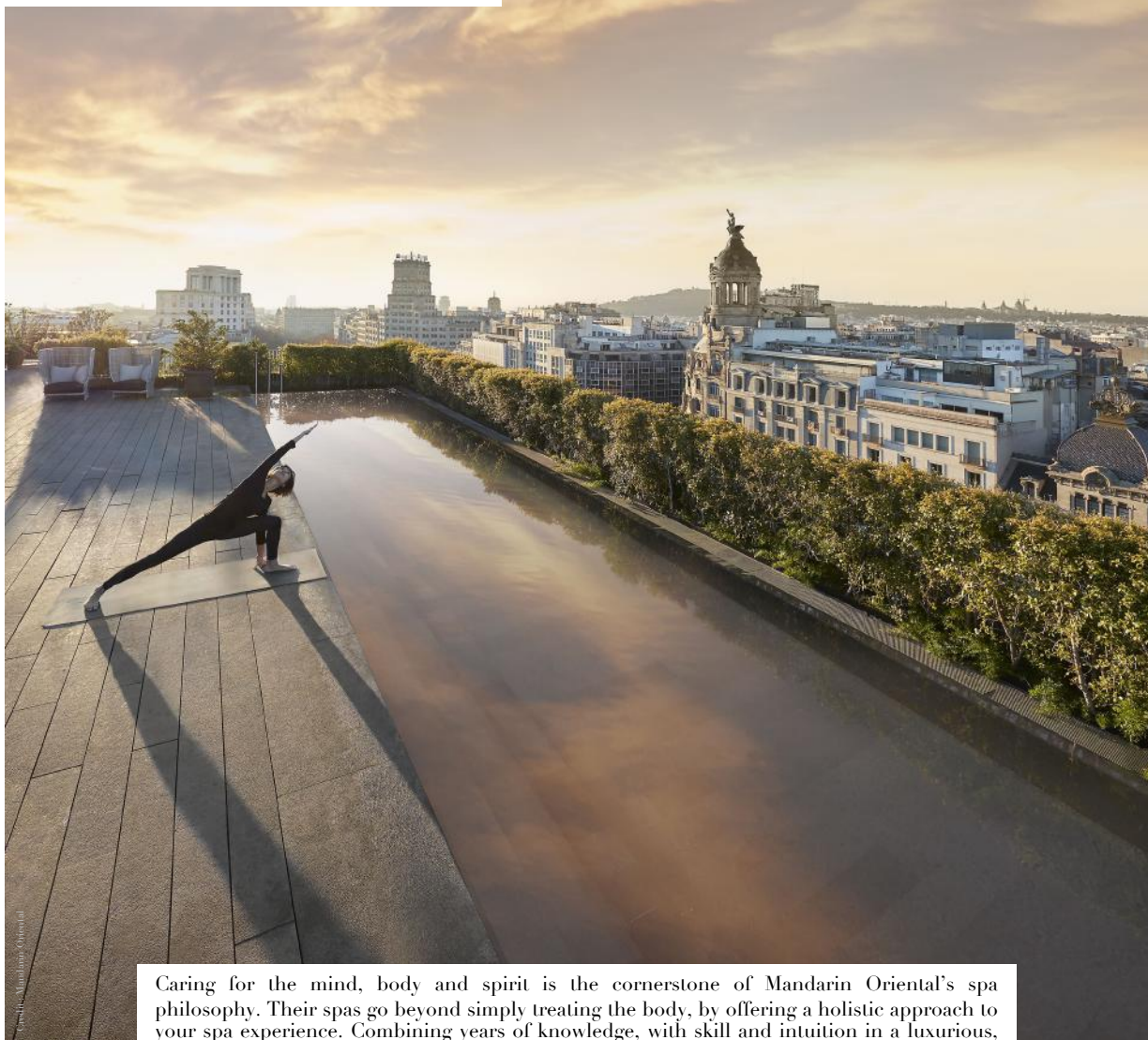


Pampering pleasures abound in The Spa, the hotel's star attraction featuring six spacious treatment pavilions, a relaxation area with a whirlpool, sauna and steam room, nestled amongst two hectares of tropical gardens. Woven seamlessly into the natural landscape, this sanctuary of well-being leads you blissfully along the path to rejuvenating mind, body and soul.

Cocooned among 32 hectares of tropical gardens, fringed by a pristine mile-long beach, The Residence Zanzibar immerses you in the splendour of a secluded hideaway. Teeming with natural beauty, explore the treasures of the wild on discovery of the rare Red Colobus Monkey, indigenous to Zanzibar or indulge your senses on a spice plantation visit to uncover the secrets of Zanzibar's spices. At this luxurious villa only resort on Zanzibar Island, just off the coast of Tanzania, retreat to a world of divine relaxation, bespoke hospitality and enchanting elegance inspired by the island's African, Omani and European heritage.



RECONNECT WITH YOURSELF



Caring for the mind, body and spirit is the cornerstone of Mandarin Oriental's spa philosophy. Their spas go beyond simply treating the body, by offering a holistic approach to your spa experience. Combining years of knowledge, with skill and intuition in a luxurious, healing environment has made the MO spas some of the best in the world.

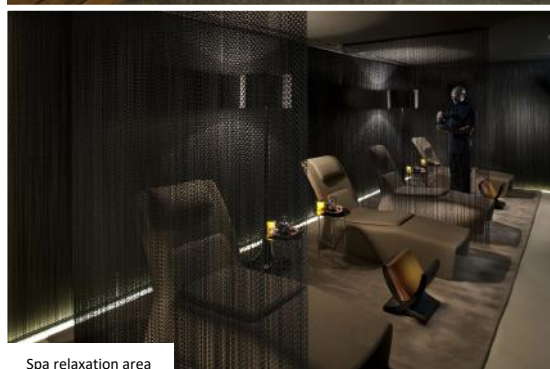
Spain

Spa indoor pool



*A place which gives time to
Enjoy, Relax and Reflect*

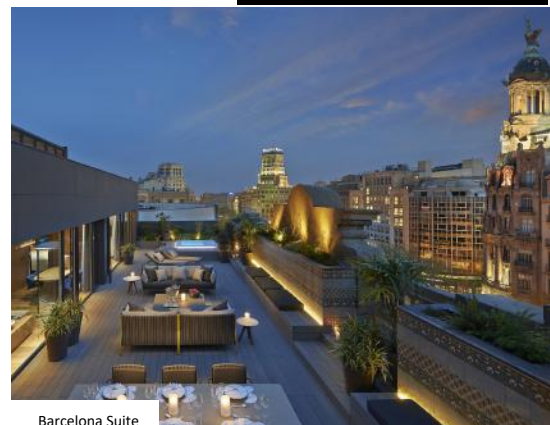
Created as an oasis of calm in the midst of the city, the spa is arguably the most serene space in the centre of Barcelona. Enjoying a peaceful location at the base of the hotel, the spa is a place in which you can rebalance the needs of your body, mind and soul.



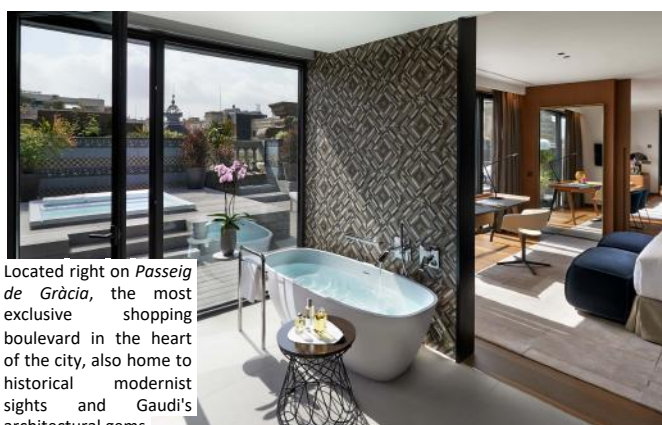
Spa relaxation area

Escape the buzz of modern living and experience a wellness retreat in a urban hideaway. Everything has been designed to cater to guests' specific needs and include accommodation, a variety of wellness classes and a selection of signature spa treatments. A three-night itinerary is available for one or two persons with treatments devised and led by knowledgeable Spa and Wellness Specialists. The Spa is located in a former Renaissance chapel dating back to the 16th Century. The better you are, the better you feel, the better decisions you will make, and the easier it will be to conquer the obstacles of life.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL BARCELONA



Barcelona Suite

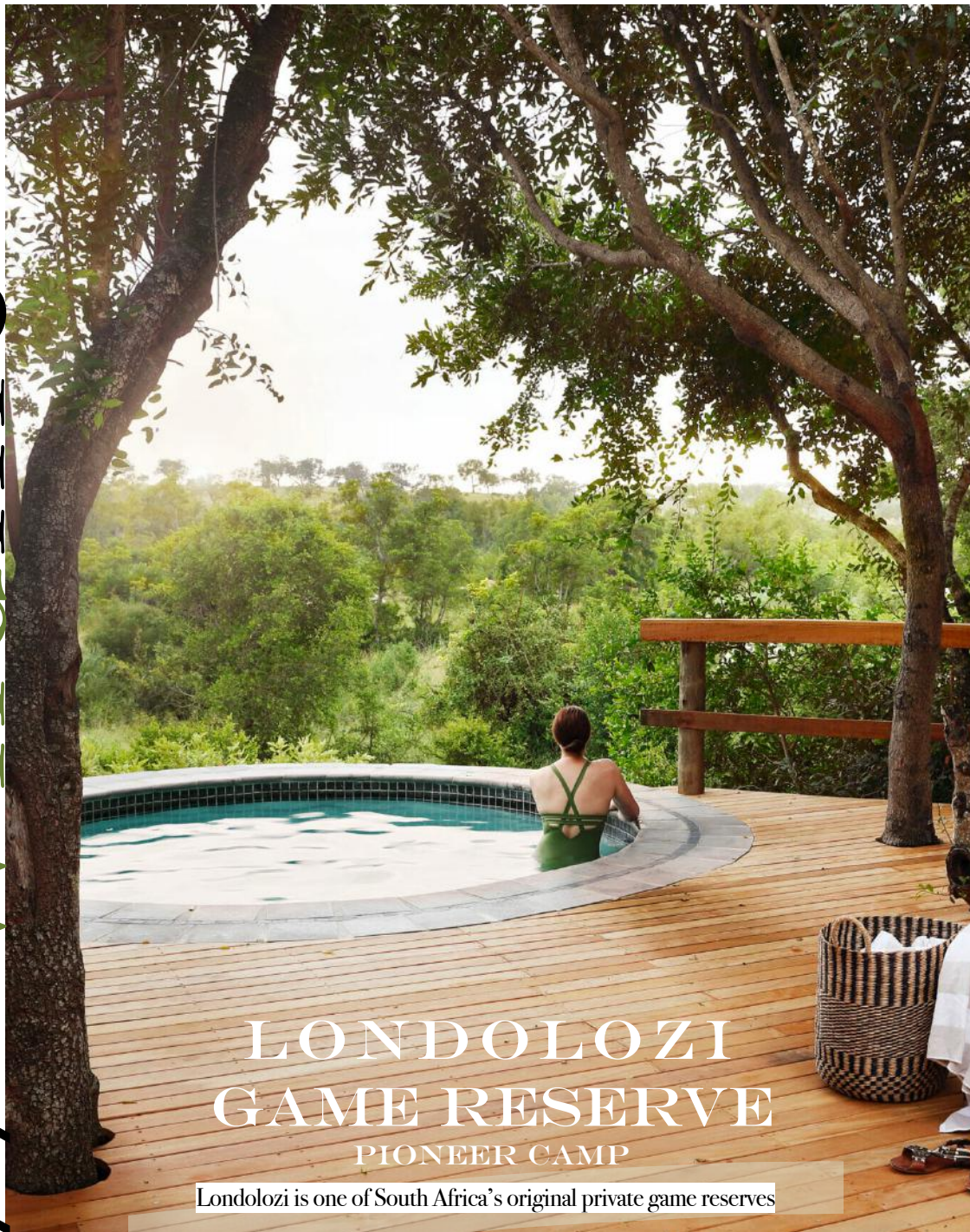


Located right on *Passeig de Gràcia*, the most exclusive shopping boulevard in the heart of the city, also home to historical modernist sights and Gaudi's architectural gems.

There is a great range of activities and territories to explore for those who know how to appreciate their diversity and beauty. For safari holidays or for a real adventure travel, you will be able to live the wildlife experience in a wilderness resort. We have selected three exceptional properties, far from the bustle of modern life, where wide open spaces become a source of contemplation and meditation.

Credit : Londolozi

Wildlife



LONDOLOZI GAME RESERVE PIONEER CAMP

Londolozi is one of South Africa's original private game reserves

« FEEL AT HOME WITHIN THIS WILDERNESS



Pioneer Camp's three interconnected luxury suites and generous bush homestead makes this the most secluded and flexible of the Londolozi Camps. The private suites have superb river views and are perfect for honeymoons and secluded getaways. The Camp can easily be converted into a bush homestead for private multi-generational family groups of between 6 and 12 people. The inspiration for the refreshed look was to weave the Ralph Lauren style into the original safari homestead resulting in the classic layering of signature textures and iconic features which reflect an African heart. Londolozi re-uses, re-engineers and restores the original *feeling* of an African Safari Camp. Pioneer Camp carries all the elements of authentic bushveld living, clean lines, simple timeless and classic elegance with a touch of crystal. A sense of history pervades the camp through faithfully restored memorabilia, photographs, leather and a bespoke one-of-a-kind wallpaper that lines the Pioneer Camp bar and tells a story of the lives of safari pioneers from just under a century ago.

Member of Relais Châteaux

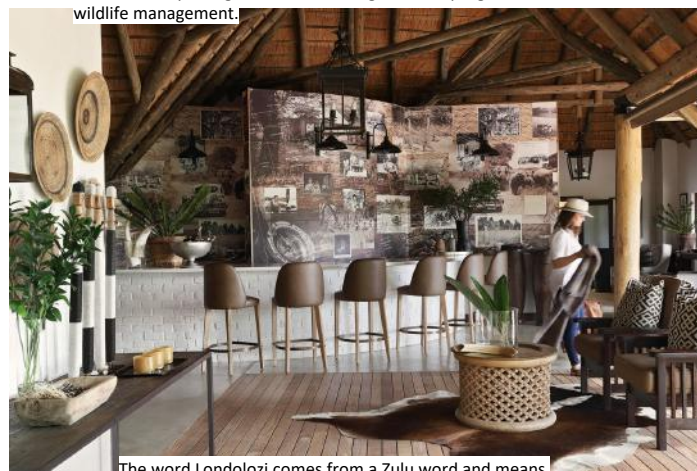
South Africa



Londolozi is situated on the banks of the Sand River, in the heart of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve within the Greater Kruger National Park. Going on safari at Londolozi allows you to have an exclusive and luxurious experience of the area.



The Londolozi Reserve, a pioneer in ecotourism in South Africa, is internationally recognized for its far-sighted and progressive land and wildlife management.



The word Londolozi comes from a Zulu word and means 'Protector Of All Living Things'



Experience an unforgettable night in nature in a luxurious Jungle Bubble in the lush jungles of northern Thailand. Enjoy authentic Anantara luxury as you spend an evening and a night just metres from wandering herds of elephants. Arrive at sunset for romantic dining on your deck as you watch these majestic creatures settle in for the night. Then retreat to air-conditioned comfort for exquisite views of the night sky, and awaken with the elephants at the first break of dawn.

Credit : Anantara

GOLDEN TRIANGLE ELEPHANT

CAMP & RESORT

NEW 'JUNGLE BUBBLES'
INVITE TRAVELERS TO SLEEP
NEXT TO ELEPHANTS



From tranquil mountain jungle to sun-kissed tropical islands, let Anantara lead you on a journey through one of Southeast Asia's most captivating destinations. Explore the ancient northern kingdoms of Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai. Venture south to white-sand beaches and turquoise waters. Or immerse yourself in the energy of Bangkok from a luxurious urban base or a lavish riverside suite.

JUNGLE ADVENTURES AWAIT

Thailand



‘sleep among elephants !

THE ENCHANTING WORLD OF ELEPHANTS LOCATED IN THE LUSH JUNGLE OF NORTHERN THAILAND WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF MYANMAR AND LAOS, THIS HOTEL OFFERS AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE WITH EXCITING ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY.



Perched on a ridge in northern Thailand overlooking the border with Myanmar and Laos, among the finest Chiang Rai hotels, Anantara Golden Triangle immerses you in once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Bond with elephants at our mahout camp. Spa in the jungle. Cruise down the Mekong River, exploring the unique cultures of three countries.



A BREATHTAKING EXPERIENCE

A MAGNIFICENT
PROPERTY IN A
BEAUTIFUL PART
OF THE USA



in the nature
THE RANCH AT ROCK CREEK



Credit : Ranch Rock Creek



Montana is home to vast, unspoiled nature, charming small towns, and breathtaking experiences by day and relaxing hospitality at night. Live a Montana moment - this is your launching pad to unforgettable memories.

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United States

"Experience an immense natural wilderness in Big Sky Country"

Jim Manley, owner



**DIVE INTO THE PAST
AND LIVE THE LIFE OF
THE COWBOYS**



**A MAGNIFICENT PROPERTY IN A
BEAUTIFUL PART OF THE USA**



Philipsburg, Montana

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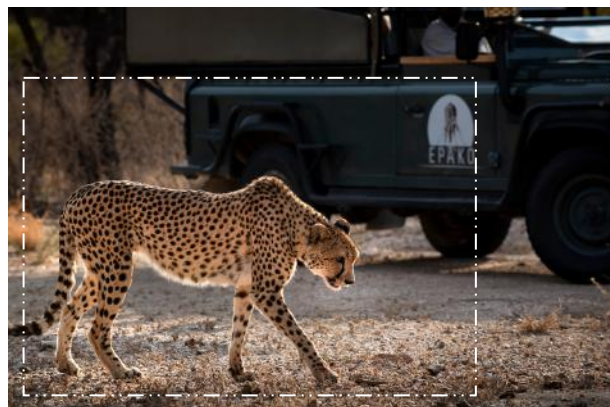
SAFARI SAVANNAH

At the foot of the fiery red cliffs of the Erongo Mountains in Namibia, Epako Safari Lodge & Spa stands in the middle of an 11,000-hectare private reserve where over 2,000 animals and birds live. An exclusive lodge surrounded by beautifully manicured lawns — precursors to the sophisticated comfort that awaits inside — Epako includes watering holes where rhinos, giraffes, oryx, kudus, elands and sometime even cheetahs and leopards come to quench their thirst. Relish the chance to take in this moving sight from the terrace, as you enjoy a refined dinner and for those seeking a more active adventure, the certified guides will gladly take you with them on an unforgettable sundowner aperitif overlooking the Epako mountain range.

EPAKO SAFARI LODGE & SPA



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EPAKO Restaurant

Kenya

for a Wildlife EXPERIENCE

Wake up to the magic of natural Africa at Mahali Mzuri, a tented safari camp in the northern region of Kenya's famous Maasai Mara ecosystem. Mahali Mzuri sits within the Olare Motorogi Conservancy which covers an area of 13,500 hectares - There are endless opportunities for game viewing, so all you need to do is sit back and let the wildlife come to you. The camp is open year-round and is perfectly positioned for the world-famous Great Migration. Due to Mahali Mzuri's excellent location on the Kenyan plains, you'll have a front row seat, not just to the annual great migration, but also to the abundant game you can see all year round. During twice daily game drives, you will have the opportunity to see lions, wildebeest, elephants, giraffes and cheetahs, but that's just for starters!



MAHALI MZURI



« When you think of going on safari in Kenya, one of the first things that comes to mind is the Great Migration. Words just can't do justice to the majesty of this awe-inspiring spectacle. I hope you enjoy your Kenyan adventure as much as I always do »

Sir Richard Branson



Mahali Mzuri is Sir Richard Branson's new Kenyan property. Twelve-tented luxury safari camp in the Kenyan Bush. At Mahali Mzuri you'll have a front row seat, not just to the migration, but also to the abundant game you can see all year round. The camp is situated in the private Olare Motorogi Conservancy in the wider Maasai Mara ecosystem.



Credit photos : Mahali Mzuri

// sunsets

Cocktail with a view !



Sud Lisboa Lisbon

SUD Lisboa Terrazza is a fine definition of combining the stunning spectacle with the food of the highest order. Equipped with the stunning panoramic views and supporting the presence of the enterprising Executive Chef Patrick Lefeuve, the menu offers the world-famous Mediterranean cuisine with the Italian flavors and an attractive entertainment during the evenings.

One of Europe's
most enchanting hotspot

www.sudlisboa.com

Credit photos Sud Lisboa



The A'YA Lounge Rooftop by *Four Seasons* in Istanbul offers a stunning view of the Aya Sofia Mosque, one of the most beautiful monuments in the city.



A'YA Lounge Istanbul

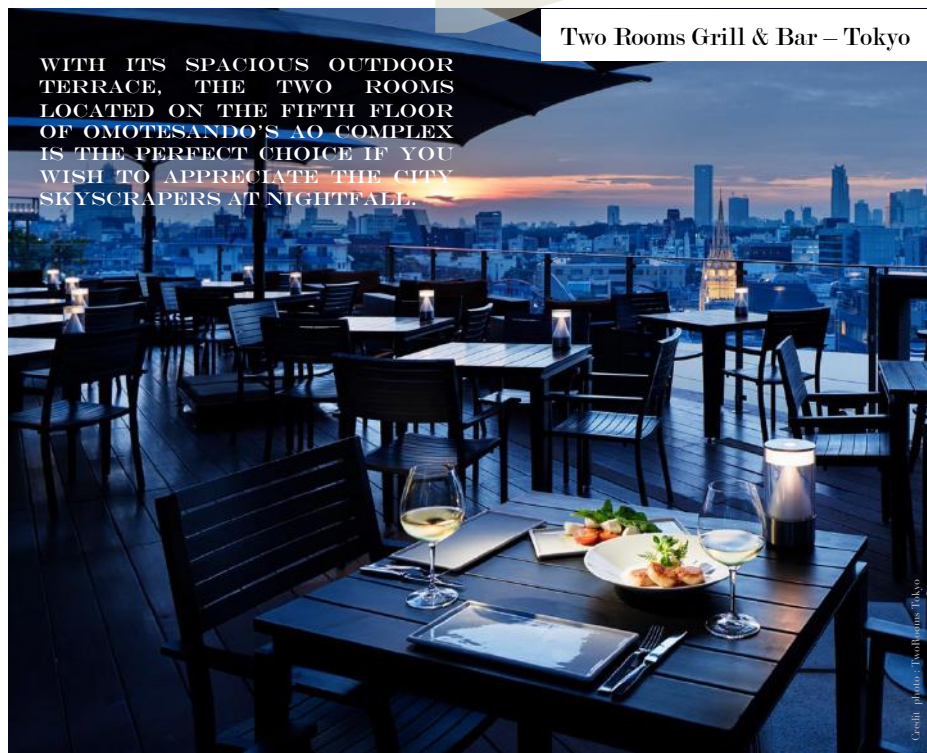
A'YA Lounge, Istanbul – Credit to Four Seasons

Credit photos Aya

Sani Marina Resort – Greece



The place to be when the sun sets, you'll find the friendly crowd at this chic bar very welcoming and every evening is one you'll remember. Take your time ordering from our fabulous drinks list and simply relax and enjoy the great company and ambience.



Two Rooms Grill & Bar – Tokyo

WITH ITS SPACIOUS OUTDOOR TERRACE, THE TWO ROOMS LOCATED ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF OMOTESANDO'S AO COMPLEX IS THE PERFECT CHOICE IF YOU WISH TO APPRECIATE THE CITY SKYSCRAPERS AT NIGHTFALL.

A FULL VIEW OF THE SAGRADA FAMILIA AND THE CASA BATLLO, THE TERRAT BREATH QUALITY AND RELAXATION ALL DAY LONG.

Terrat at the Mandarin Oriental – Barcelona



THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HOTEL'S VIEW

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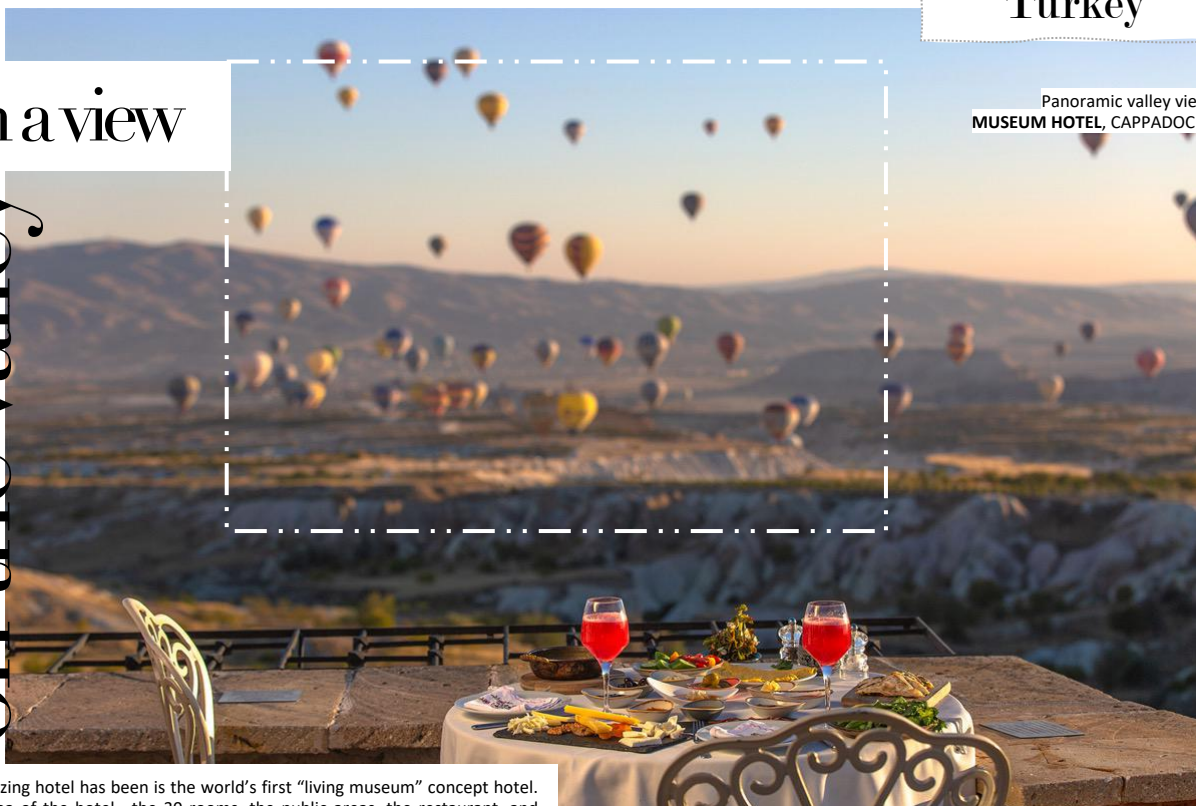
MUSEUM HOTEL, CAPPADOCIA,
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Turkey

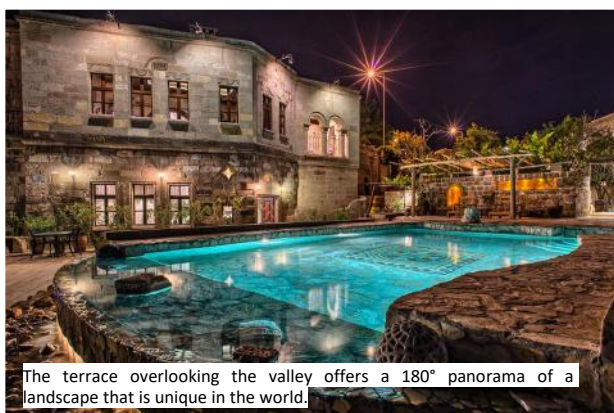
Panoramic valley view
MUSEUM HOTEL, CAPPADOCIA

with a view

on the valley



This amazing hotel has been the world's first "living museum" concept hotel. Every area of the hotel—the 30 rooms, the public areas, the restaurant, and even the cave tunnels—displays examples of priceless historical monuments from the Hittite, Roman, Seljuk, and Ottoman periods, all registered with Nevşehir Museum. Experience a mix of Cappadocian culture—its architecture, traditions, lifestyle, ancient cuisine, and even early regional clothing styles—in its unique "living museum" concept. The concept of the "living museum" is a truly meaningful one: the hotel was built through a project of restoring caves and stone houses thousands of years old, as well as buildings that are the most magnificent examples of craftsmanship in the region. A must-see address



The terrace overlooking the valley offers a 180° panorama of a landscape that is unique in the world.



Where Museum Hotel is now located, it is known that the last inhabitants of the area were from the Tekeli clan, after which the district is named. The Tekeli clan was a famous nomadic Turkmen clan who brought to the region the renowned horse breed known as Akhal-Teke. It would seem certain that that Cappadocia, known in those times as the "Land of Beautiful Horses", must have been extremely welcoming for the members of the Tekeli clan.

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an unforgettable stay

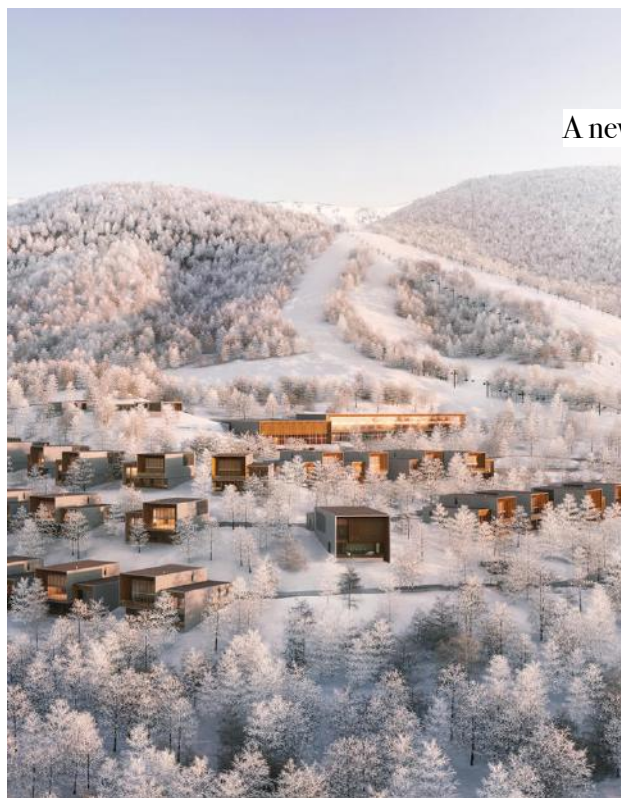
Mandarin Oriental, Costa Navarino - Greece

Mandarin Oriental drops anchor at Costa Navarino. The first property of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group in Greece is located on the historic Bay of Navarino, known for its spectacular views and award-winning golf course, The Bay Course. Here, the finest in hospitality blends harmoniously with the core values of respect, quality and authenticity espoused by Costa Navarino. The unique contemporary architectural design is aligned with Costa Navarino's sustainable principles, featuring planted roofs blending into the natural topography of the land and the use of local materials. Seamless transitions between inside and outside spaces, combined with eye-catching décor and traditional materials, allow eco-conscious guests to connect with the surrounding nature and enjoy the many benefits of green living. The new hotel comprises 48 spacious earth-sheltered pool villas and 51 guestrooms featuring exquisitely contemporary design, tasteful elegance and complete privacy, coupled with majestic views across the bay.

2023



A new destination in Japan



AMAN Niseko On nature's doorstep, this new Aman destination will provide unrivalled access to seasonal outdoor pursuits, from skiing and snowboarding in winter, to hiking, mountain biking and river rafting the rest of the year. Befitting the onsen capital of the world, both indoor and outdoor onsen – Japanese hot spring bathing pools – will be a feature of the Aman Spa and every Residence. Designed by the late Kerry Hill to complement its pristine natural setting, the property epitomises Aman's devotion to detail while embodying the renowned thoughtfulness of Japanese hospitality. The architectural concept was deliberately contemporary, with subtle references to traditional design motifs of Hokkaido's indigenous people, the Ainu.



THE MOST ANTICIPATED LUXURY HOTEL OPENINGS

Kempinski Floating Hotel - Dubai

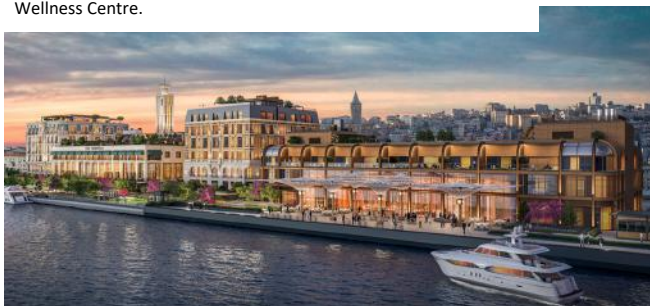
In the land of unlimited possibilities, the United Arab Emirates, and more precisely in Dubai, nothing seems to be impossible: For the first time, a luxury hotel, **Kempinski Floating Palace**, is opening as a floating building around which 12 likewise floating luxury villas are grouped with the possibility to sail to other anchorages at times. The high-tech metropolis and emirate of superlatives is always up for surprises, and with the new extraordinary Kempinski Floating Palace, discerning guests are awaited by a jewel of a very special kind. Anchored next to one of the most exclusive beach stretches in Dubai on Jumeirah Beach Road, highly sought after by luxury travellers and locals alike for its vibrant hotels and F&B scene, guests are brought to the 156-room and suite hotel or their villas by speed boat or arrive directly with their own boats. Moreover, a connected floating helipad next to an impressive yacht parking deck for up to 16 yachts, allows discerning guests to arrive in style. Kempinski Floating Palace is envisioned to be positioned as one of its kind – a novelty which guarantees unforgettable moments and an outstanding experience to all guests.



Peninsula, Istanbul - Set along the banks of the stunning Bosphorus – the meeting point of East and West in this beautiful historic city – The Peninsula Istanbul will soon welcome its first guests. The hotel, located in Istanbul's Karaköy district, will anchor a new waterfront revitalization project called Galataport, to include a promenade, museums and art galleries, restaurants, boutiques, and a cruise ship port. The heritage property is also within walking distance of many of Istanbul's most dazzling landmarks, such as Galata Tower, Galata Bridge and the famous Sultanahmet District. Featuring classical-inspired architecture, The Peninsula Istanbul offers lush, landscaped gardens and swimming pools, one of which overlooks the Bosphorus. Many of its 177 opulent rooms and suites also have sweeping water views. Guests can savour sublime local and international cuisine at a choice of sophisticated restaurants, before indulging in the ancient Turkish tradition of hammam steam baths at The Peninsula Spa & Wellness Centre.



Bhutan recently reopened its borders to visitors and launched the 250-mile Trans-Bhutan Trail, so next year might just be the perfect time to visit. In September 2023, *andBeyond* will make its first foray into Asia with the opening of **Punakha River Lodge**. This resort built with traditional Bhutanese architectural style and the surrounding landscape in mind, is located deep in the Punakha Valley on the banks of the Mo Chhu River. It will feature six luxury tents, one honeymoon villa, and a family villa.





The journey
of a thousand miles
begins beneath one's feet.

Ohara Koson

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INTRODUCING
THREE
VERY TALENTED
PHOTOGRAPHERS



Blue eyes, Sadhu (Holy man), Varanasi, India

Photographer: Joel Santos

Nomad Hunters



Agalai Nurgaiv and his daughter Aishol Pan Eagle
Hunter and Hun, Mongolia
JOEL SANTOS Photographer

and migration



INTO THE EYES of
JOEL SANTOS
PHOTOGRAPHER

Joel Santos is a Travel Photographer, Documentary Filmmaker, Speaker and Writer, born in 1978, Lisbon, Portugal. He's former a economist which became a journalist, focusing on fading traditions and remote locations, embracing his work with true passion for visual and written storytelling. Winner of national and international photography awards, namely the prestigious Travel Photographer Of The Year, in 2016, and VISÃO/BES (WPP standards and jury), in 2005. Won 1st ("Dream Places") and 2nd (Nature and wildlife) place awards at the ART & Tour — International Tourism Film Festival (2019) with the short film "Identidade de um Território", shot for Geopark Estrela (UNESCO).

joelsantos.net

Eagle Hunters — Only around 400 traditional eagle hunters are left in the world. The tradition is precious and unless your father was an eagle hunter, you cannot become one. Joel has been documenting Eagle Hunters since 2015. Tsaatan (Reindeer people) — 1000 km into the depths of Northern Mongolia to visit the Ganbaa family, near Khovsgol Lake, led by matriarch Purev, a widowed reindeer herder. Joel has been documenting the Tsaatan since 2016. Nomad Kazakh Migration — Largely based in Western Mongolia, Kazakhs are a nomadic people who brave blizzards, extreme hot and cold weather and rocky mountain paths several times a year. Joel has been documenting migrations since 2015.



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Cormorant Fisherman, Li River, Guangxi, China



INTO THE EYES of
ISA EBRAHIM
PHOTOGRAPHER

Isa Ebrahim, born in 1979 Bahrain, is a photographer who worked as a photojournalist for several Arab and foreign newspapers and magazines from 1999 to 2016. He has received prestigious international titles in photography; most importantly, the Master FIAP (MFIAP) title from the International Federation of Photographic Art; he is the first Arab photographer to receive this title. He has also received the Golden Excellence title (EFIAP/g) and the Title of Excellence (EPSA) from the Photographic Society of America, in addition to the following titles from the Global Photographic Union: (GPU CR4), (GPU Zeus) and (GPU VIP4). Isa is one of the most awarded Arab photographers in international photography competitions, winning 658 international awards, including 18 in the Middle East and 10 local awards. These awards and titles have enabled him to run several competitions, the most important being the 'Bahrain Salon', one of the major Middle East Photography Competitions in 2015. Isa has also participated as jury member in several local and international photography competitions. He also provided courses, training workshops and lectures in photography.



Stepwells (Kalyani or Kannada) spread across the city of Jaipur. These are wells which are reached by descending a set of steps and can be multi-storied. Due to its construction, these wells act as examples of storage tanks developed to cope with seasonal fluctuations in water availability.

Credit photo: Kalyanika



Credit photo: USA, EDA/AMM



INDIA- A Bishnoi family in their house outside Jodhpur city. Bishnoi is a religious sect lives in the Western Desert in Rajasthan, and follows a set of 29 principles set by Guru Jambheshwar (1451 – 1536), who founded the sect in 1485. According to Jambheshwar's principles, all forms of life must be protected. Ten of their 29 principles are directed towards personal hygiene and maintaining good basic health, seven for healthy social behaviour and four tenets are directed towards the worship to God.



“*God created the desert,
then in anger he threw
stones at it.*” ARAB PROVERB

Sahara

**JOURNEY THROUGH THE SANDS OF TIME
TRAVEL FORWARD IN TIME AND VISIT
SOUTH OF ALGERIA**

INTO THE EYES of
PATRICK CHATELIER
PHOTOGRAPHER



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"I travel to check my dreams"

TADRART

THE ALGERIAN SAHARA

Born in 1955, Patrick Chatelier took his first photographs at the age of twelve. He has been living for a few years in the south of France. He began to travel the world as a teenager, thirsty for discovery and the unknown. Today, he has traveled through more than forty countries, but with a predilection for arid zones, where nature is still intact and original. No less than twenty trips to the Sahara to make his dream of wild landscapes come true. Today peacefully retired, he continues to travel and photograph with the same passion.

"It is not the world that is too big, it is life that is too short!"

In addition to his many awards and exhibitions, he is the author of several books of photographs. Two collections have been published on the theme of the Sahara, one in color, the other in black & white. He participated in a collective work on the city of Wuxi - China - as part of the Shanghai World Expo 2010. His latest publication released in 2016 features images of Iceland, where he has visited many times.

Learn more about PATRICK CHATELIER work : patrick-chatelier.com

WHENEVER WE TRAVEL, WE TAKE NOTE OF HOW HOTELS DECORATE WITH FLOWERS

JAMES LEATHAM The Lifestyle Icon



style

Jeff Leatham, the hotel's renowned Artistic Director has been sharing his passion for flowers with the **Four Seasons George V Paris** for 16 years. With his team of 7 assistants, Jeff Leatham creates a new theme each month, refreshing and embellishing his floral arrangements every day and sometimes every hour. Each month, approximately 12,000 stems are delivered. With these, Jeff Leatham creates 10 main arrangements for the lobby and public areas and 150 smaller bouquets for tables and consoles throughout the hotel. Impressive and ubiquitous, Jeff Leatham's "works" are unparalleled... "My goal is to offer guests the opportunity to have a new and unforgettable experience every time they come to the Four Seasons Hotel George V Paris. It should be a renewed sense of wonder at every turn.

A native of Utah, Jeff Leatham credits his father, a landscape artist, with inspiring him. With no formal education, he began his professional life as a model before following the path of his heart: flowers. There is no doubt that the world of fashion has greatly influenced his style and his current creations. Recognized throughout the world, Jeff has truly revolutionized the art of floral design. His talent has even extended beyond our borders and he is regularly called upon to stage the most prestigious events. He has contributed to the reopening of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, collaborated with Kylie Minogue, Madonna, Celine Dion, The Kardashians, created the floral decoration for the wedding of Eva Longoria, Avril Lavigne, Chelsea Clinton. Oprah Winfrey herself is a fan. His works, often compared to contemporary art, are the delight of the great luxury houses: Alexander Wang, Alexander McQueen, Balenciaga, Bulgari, Philip Treacy, Swarovski Crystal, Givenchy, Ellie Saab, Burberry, Tiffany & Co, Waterford Crystal, Dom Perignon. "My greatest reward is to see our guests literally flabbergasted, and to hear them say that they had never seen anything like it. These are magical moments that really give meaning to what I do. I wouldn't trade my life as an artist for anything in the world just for these moments.



"The greatest florist of all times"
OPRAH WINFREY

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Artistic director of The Four Seasons Hotel George V in Paris, James Leatham is now bringing his artistic design to the lobby of the Four Seasons in Los Angeles.



Four Seasons George V Paris

Life



SERGE MARZETTA
The Floral Artist
who brings emotions

Grand floral arrangements
Serge Marzetta has been filling the hotel's public spaces
with spectacular floral displays since the opening of the
historic property along Lake Geneva

**SEASONAL COLOURS
AND SCENTS**



Of the manifold talents behind **Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues Geneva**, none put on a production quite like Serge Marzetta. Yet, he acknowledges, he is hardly the star of his show. "Ah – that would be the flowers," says the Florist, who with his team of five has been filling public spaces with spectacular floral displays since the opening of the historic property along Lake Geneva in 2005. "Our clientele is very sensitive to the flowers and the scents they emit," he continues, counting guests among myriad inspirations and adding proudly, "We are very often congratulated for our creations."

Flowers are "a source of emotions and good feelings in Switzerland," notes Marzetta, a true floral designer who taps cultivators from near and far for the elements of his art. He prefers small local floral producers, especially from around Geneva, for rare plants, the better to maintain costs and freshness and flexibility. Given the impossibility of keeping refrigerated inventory at the Hotel, he has built solid local relationships enabling him to be reactive, to personalise requests, and to know the origin of the flowers he employs. "I try not to waste a petal."



"As in culinary, the rhythm of the seasons plays a huge role for me in selecting the character of the flowers and combinations of textures."

Bring the outdoors inside with the latest spring home goods from Hermès' Passifolia collection. Blossoming in leafy greens and tropical florals, the pieces will make any tablescape feel whimsical.

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EAT



LET'S CONNECT
WITH EXCELLENCE



Large porcelain bowl for salad

A true ode to the beauty of flora, Passifolia is the fruit of an artisanal adventure and an exploration of innovative know-how. The service offers an immersion in a universe that is both dreamlike and incredibly real, with floral and other more foliage-based compositions. Plates, platters and cups spread out across the table and form landscapes that invite contemplation.

by Hermès

The Art of Tableware



Pinto Paris Sagano Dinner Plate



Pinto Paris Bahia Charger



Inseparable from the exceptional art of living, tableware is an essential component to the tradition of hospitality that enlivens its properties. Indeed, the beauty of a table, its elements, and its decoration all join with the dish to participate in enriching the setting. A work in its own right based on the works of art created by great houses of craftsmen, it is decidedly a signature of prestige in keeping with the times.



Pinto Paris
Histoires D' Orchidees
Tea Cup and Saucer

THE ELEGANCE OF ENTERTAINING



Christofle
Silver-Plated Champagne Bucket

Christofle - The Anémone-Belle Epoque collection was initially created in 1902 by the master silversmiths of Christofle for the Champagne House, Perrier-Jouët. It is inspired by the famous motif of anemones drawn by the master Art Nouveau glassmaker, Emile Gallé. The motif adorns the bottle of the "Belle Epoque" cuvée. The Anémone-Belle Epoque collection is fashioned from silver and highlights the artistic talent of the Maison's Master silversmiths.

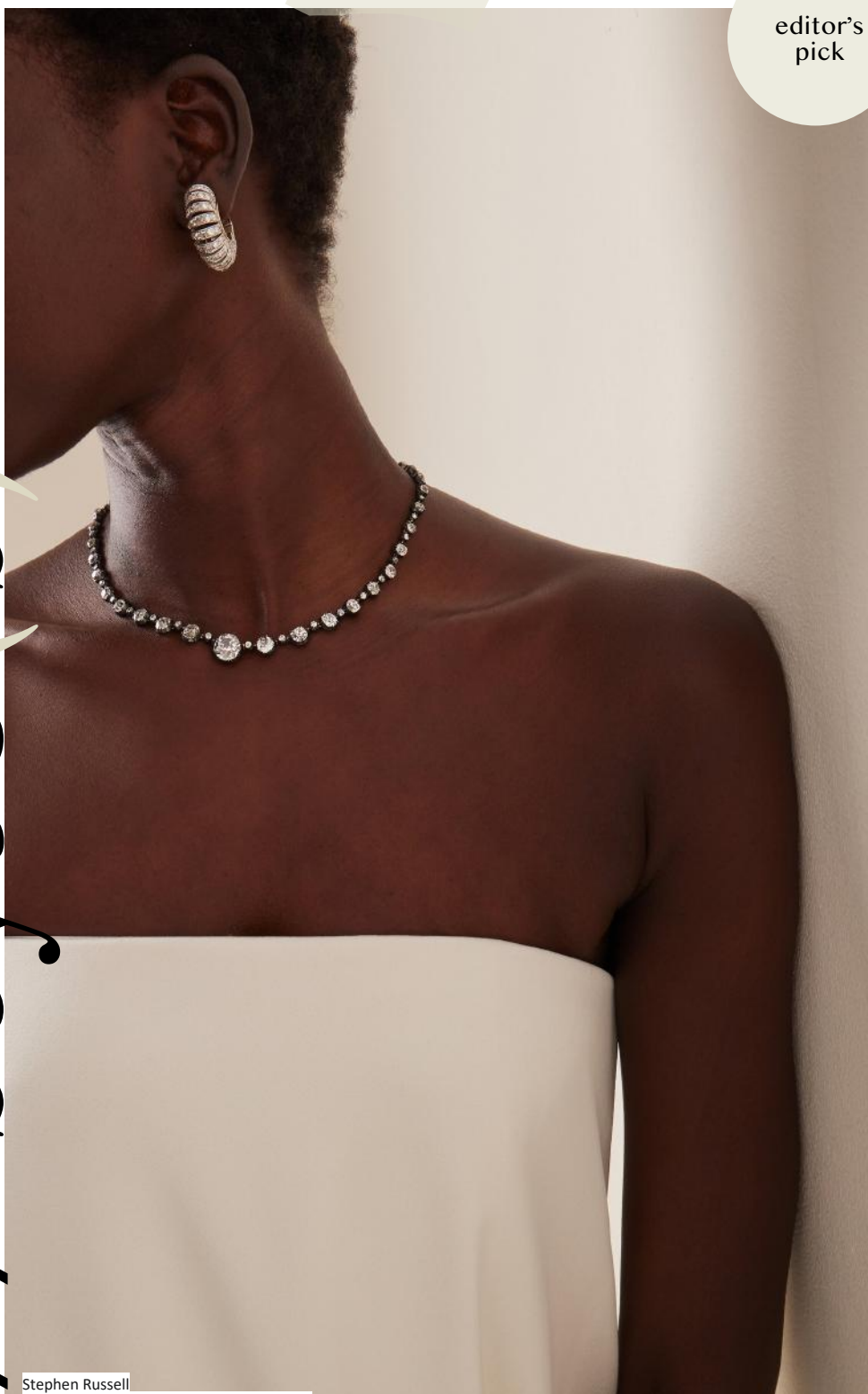


SIDE PLATE
Green Cannage Provence Porcelain

by DIOR

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editor's
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Stephen Russell
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Ursula Crystal Mesh Shoulder Bag



Saint Laurent
Rive Gauche maxi tote bag

Paco Rabanne
Sparkle Bob Polyester Hat



Royal Mansour Marrakech proudly unveils its new partnership with **Christian Louboutin**, coming together around their shared passions for travel, architecture, and craftsmanship to create a new babouche slippers exclusively for the hotel. Produced in women's style, the shoes were inspired by hotel details such as its intricate wooden lattice, silvery floral motifs, chiseled bronze, and horseshoe arches. The Lady Mansour, is a pointed-toe flat mule on a 10 mm heel inspired by Royal Mansour's ornamental moucharabiehs. The shoes feature an abstract mosaic pattern in a mix of gold, white, and taupe tones, with each pair being perfectly symmetrical. A tribute to Christian Louboutin's traditional atelier and the ancestral Moroccan savoir-faire, The Lady Mansour is finished with delicate laser-cut detailing on specchio leather. The babouche slippers are available solely through the Royal Mansour boutique.



This remote country has so much more to offer than what we see on the news. Thanks to the Musée Guimet in Paris, we discover its diverse and interesting past: from Paganism, Zoroastrianism, to Buddhism, eventually also mixed with a dash of Hinduism and finally, adopting Islam as its major religion. French and Afghan archeologists have been working hand in hand, excavating, and restoring ancient monuments and objects. They are displayed in several rooms in the basement of this great museum. The exhibition relays the history of this mountainous country, from its early days until today. Photographs and objects by the hundreds are on display, showing the vast panorama of an ever-evolving culture. Afghanistan constitutes an agglomeration of tribes, each one having their specific traditions and past histories. Going from archeology to fashion may seem like a large step. However, on the upper floor, Zarif design shows but a different side of this creative and gifted people. Zarif is a Persian word meaning "delicate or fine" but it can also be extended to mean a person with a subtle and ethical mind. Sur le Fil exhibits colorful caftans and jackets, embroidered in the fashion of the most intricate Arabic calligraphy, flowers or simpler, but just as elegant, motives. To write on textiles is an ancient tradition in the region. The famous poet and artist, Rumi, was born in Afghanistan in the 13th century. Poems were already then found interwoven in carpets and textiles, so Zarif Design is merely picking up on an ancient tradition and modernizing it. After years of war and invasions, the 2001 Western intervention brought back some of the Afghan

exiles, among whom, Zolaykha Sherzad. She started a local project in Kabul, having a specific vision in mind. Through her company, she works with Afghan women and men. The seamstresses and embroiders work alongside each other in the Zarif workshop. The railings are full of jackets and coats for men and women: from the most intricate and delicately embroidered silk coats to simpler jackets. Zolaykha has integrated the chapman – men's coat – with, among others, its typical green and purple stripes. President Hamid Karzai used to wear one on public occasions. Zarif design has reinvented this garment to include it in the women's wardrobe, shortening it, taking it in at the waist and adding embroidery as well. Some of the most stunning examples of her design are exhibited at Musée Guimet. Photographs from the workshops are displayed and Zolaykha herself explained how this all came to be. It's like a fairy tale come true. Until this day, her company still exists, although it's getting difficult to export the products to the West due to all the restrictions. Zarif design is a fabulous example of how to help women become more independent in an otherwise very patriarchal society. It's also a great discovery of the beautiful fabrics and skills of this proud people. Fashion for a Western public using ethnic textiles and embroideries is very actual. I therefore encourage anyone interested in fashion and in helping those women, to have a look – and why not to order – something from www.zarifdesign.com

Anne Edelstam, Paris
Musée Guimet, Paris, France
Sur le Fil

26 October 2022 – 06 February 2023



Calligraphy coat and silk. © Zarif Design / Roya Heydari



Carré calligraphié Zarif, Paris, MNAAG (acquisition en cours) © RMN-Grand Palais (MNAAG, Paris) / Michel Urtado



Zarif pour Zarif Design
Héritage Zarif, Kandahar, Kaboul, janvier 2022

FASHION DESIGN FROM AFGHANISTAN



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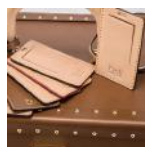


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AIRTAG TRAVEL WALLET - PREMIUM LEATHER

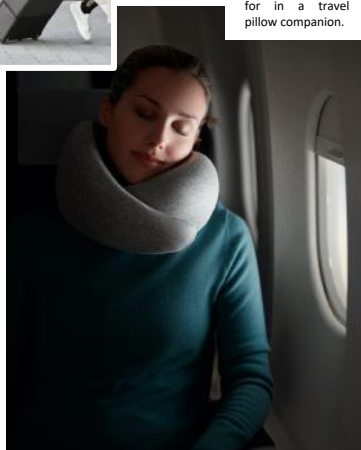
Premium Normest leather travel wallet has been designed to fully support Apple AirTag. It is the solution for those who tend to lose their important belongings more than others. Just use your phone to ring your stuff, or see where you last had it on a map.



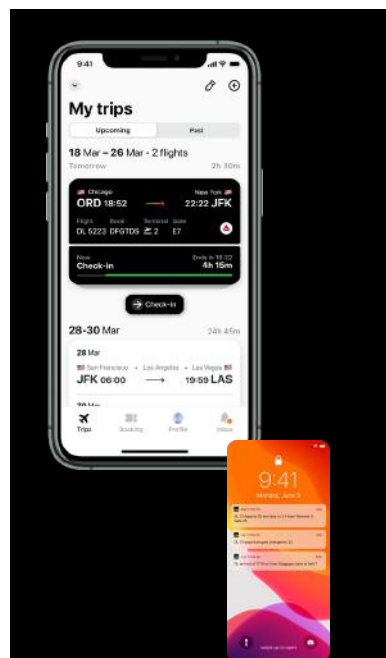
PAOLI
GLAM CHIC VANITY-CASE
Its square shape is inspired by the old traveling trunks.



The Ostrichpillow
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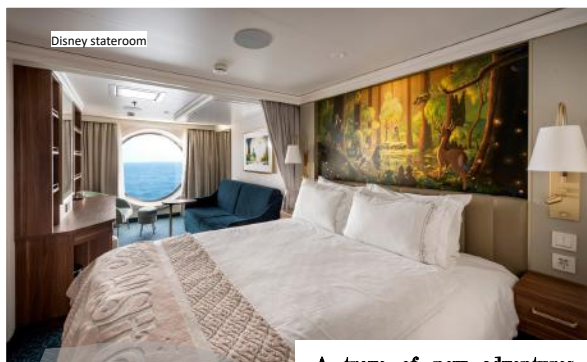


As an ode to timeless design, Meomari's Ferri carrier bag for dogs appears here in a feminine and elegant colour mauve. Inspired by Prima ballerina assoluta Alessandra Ferri, this dog carrier bag is as exceptional in its appearance as Alessandra Ferri's dancing forte. Made from buttery soft full-grain blemish free leather, and completed with gold tone hardware. This timeless piece comes with a detachable pouch and detachable shoulder strap. All Meomari bags are handmade to perfection in Italy



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Disney stateroom

A trove of new adventures awaits aboard the Disney Treasure, the sixth ship in the Disney Cruise Line fleet, which will set sail in 2024.

Uniquely Disney

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The awe-inspiring beauty of Greece will shine on Disney Cruise Line Mediterranean sailings with stunning landscapes and archeological wonders, like Santorini with its iconic whitewashed cliffside dwellings and Mykonos with beautiful beaches along the azure Aegean Sea.

Matt Strohman, photographer



In the fall of 2023, the Disney Wish and Disney Fantasy will continue sailing from Port Canaveral to tropical destinations in the Bahamas and Caribbean, including a stop at Disney Cruise Line's private oasis, Castaway Cay.

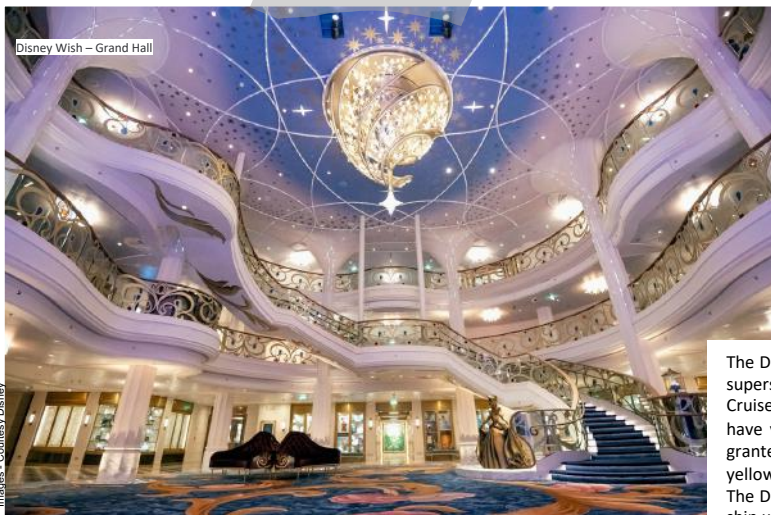
FALL 2023 ITINERARIES

The Disney Cruise Line fleet is decked from bow-to-stern with holiday cheer and entertainment during Very Merrytime Cruises. Holiday magic is unwrapped for the whole family with festive holiday decor, favorite characters in their finest holiday attire and a special visit from none other than Santa Claus.

Halloween on the High Seas will return to Disney Cruise Line with more sailings than ever before and new one-of-a-kind experiences for families in September and October 2023.

Kent Phillips, photographer





Disney Wish – Grand Hall



Captain Minnie Mouse

Images - Courtesy Disney

The Disney ships are painted in Mickey Mouse-inspired colors – black hull, white superstructure, yellow trim and two giant red funnels, each with the Disney Cruise Line Mickey Mouse logo. Disney Cruise Line was the first cruise line to have yellow lifeboats, instead of the traditional regulation orange. Disney was granted special permission from the U.S. Coast Guard to paint the lifeboats yellow, to keep with the special color theming of the ship.

The Disney Magic was built in two halves... one hundred miles apart! Part of the ship was constructed in Ancona, Italy then towed 100 miles to meet the stern in Marghera (just outside Venice) to be perfectly joined and welded together. Disney Cruise Line ships use the iconic first seven notes of the “When You Wish Upon a Star” song melody as their horn signals. Disney ships are the only cruise ships to have five captains – the ship’s captain, Captain Mickey, Captain Minnie, Captain Hook and Captain Jack Sparrow. Measuring 964 feet in length, the Disney Magic and Disney Wonder are each longer than Main Street U.S.A at the Magic Kingdom in Walt Disney World. At 1,115 feet, the Disney Fantasy and Disney Dream are longer than the height of the Eiffel Tower in Paris and longer than the height of New York City’s famous Chrysler Building. The anchor on the Disney Magic weighs 28,200 pounds – about the same as three full-grown elephants. On a special night aboard most Disney cruises, the “Pirates IN the Caribbean” deck party features a spectacular pyrotechnics performance – fireworks at sea like only Disney can do!

Guest Experience

Eighty-eight percent of the staterooms on the Disney Fantasy and Disney Dream and more than 70 percent of staterooms on the Disney Magic and Disney Wonder have ocean views. Of those, nearly 90 percent and 60 percent, respectively, have private verandahs.

In a cruise industry first, most staterooms on Disney ships feature a split “bath-and-a-half” design, providing families the added convenience of a sink and tub/shower in one room and a sink and toilet in a separate room. Onboard both the Disney Magic and Disney Wonder, there are about 950 crew members representing more than 86 different nationalities. That is approximately one crew member for every three guests.

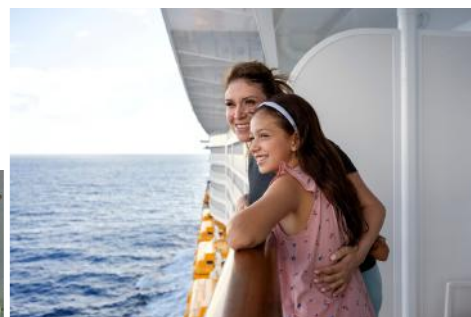
WELCOME ABOARD !



MAGIC AT SEA

Enchanté

Enchanté offers the most luxurious dining experience on board, featuring a gourmet menu crafted by three Michelin-starred Chef Arnaud Lallement. This romantic and intimate venue plays off the candelabra maitre d', Lumiere, from Walt Disney Animation Studios’ “Beauty and the Beast” with shimmering light fixtures and illuminations that give life to the two intimate dining areas and private 10-seat dining room. Guests will be swept up in a sumptuous journey marked by consummate cuisine, superlative wines, first-class service and stunning ocean views.



Images - Courtesy Disney

Guests enjoy a spectacular ocean view from their spacious stateroom verandah aboard the Disney Wish. Most of the ship’s 1,254 staterooms offer ocean views, including 877 (70%) with a verandah.

Mark Ashman, photographer

watches

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Glashütte Original SeaQ Panorama Date Bicolor

SEAQ PANORAMA DATE BICOLOR

For the past few years, two-tone (or steel-and-gold) watches are back in the limelight. Admittedly, when well executed, the combination of cold steel and warm gold can result in some pretty cool watches. Glashütte Original uses this trend to create the Bicolor edition of the SeaQ Panorama Date. While the central part of the case remains in brushed stainless steel, it is now equipped with an 18k red gold bezel with a black ceramic insert and a red gold crown. This version is available either with a black rubber strap or a synthetic grey strap. Customers will have the choice between a steel pin buckle or a steel folding clasp.

LIMITED EDITION

TAG HEUER FORMULA 1 X MARIO KART
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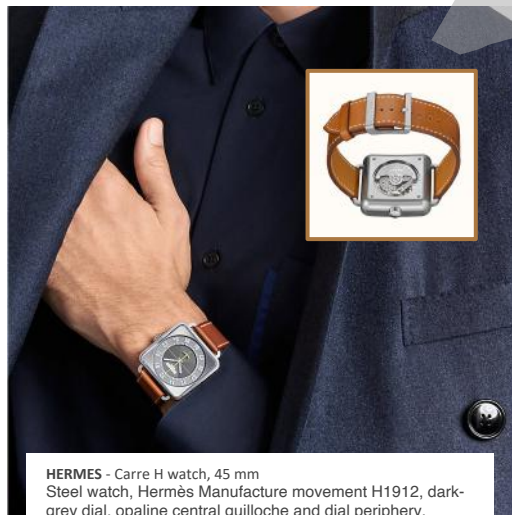


**FEEL THE RUSH
WITH MARIO KART**

TAG Heuer and Mario Kart take to the track in the high-speed chronograph tourbillon TAG Heuer Formula 1 x Mario Kart Limited Edition. A watch made of high-performance grade 5 titanium, projecting a sporty yet refined look, which mixes fine brushed and polished finishings.



Touch



HERMÈS - Carre H watch, 45 mm
Steel watch, Hermès Manufacture movement H1912, dark-grey dial, opaline central guilloché and dial periphery, grained chapter ring, short strap in natural Barenia calfskin
Made in Switzerland

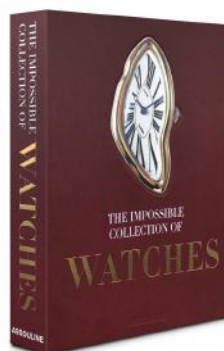


The **CHOPARD** L.U.C. QF Revolution and its Luminous Sector Dial - limited edition of 25 pieces

PATEK PHILIPPE When launched in 1997, the Aquanaut created a sensation. It was young, modern and unexpected. Its case was a rounded octagon, inspired by that of the Nautilus. And it sported a "tropical" strap, made of a new composite material ultra-resistant to wear, salt water and uv radiation.

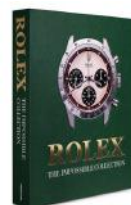


AQUANAUT
Self-winding mechanical movement.
Caliber 26-330 S.C. Date.
Sweep seconds. Rose gold.
Screw down crown.
Sapphire crystal case back.
Water-resistant to 120 m.
Case diameter (10-4 o'clock): 40.8 mm. Height: 8.1 mm.



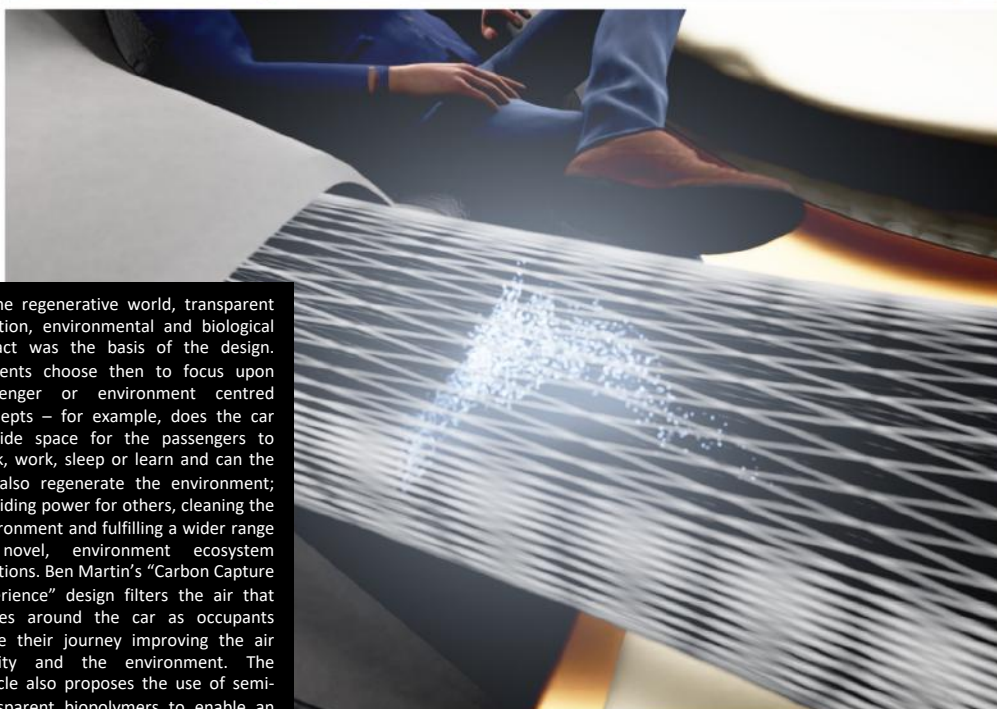
The Impossible Collection
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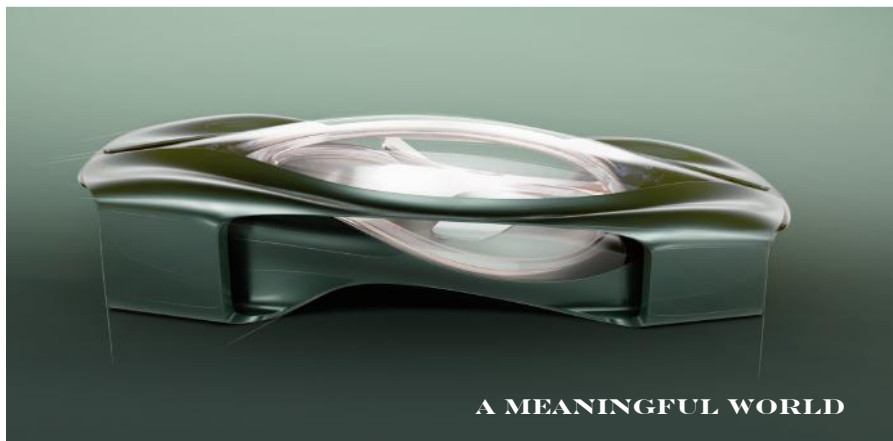
A GROUNDBREAKING COLLABORATION EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE LUXURY



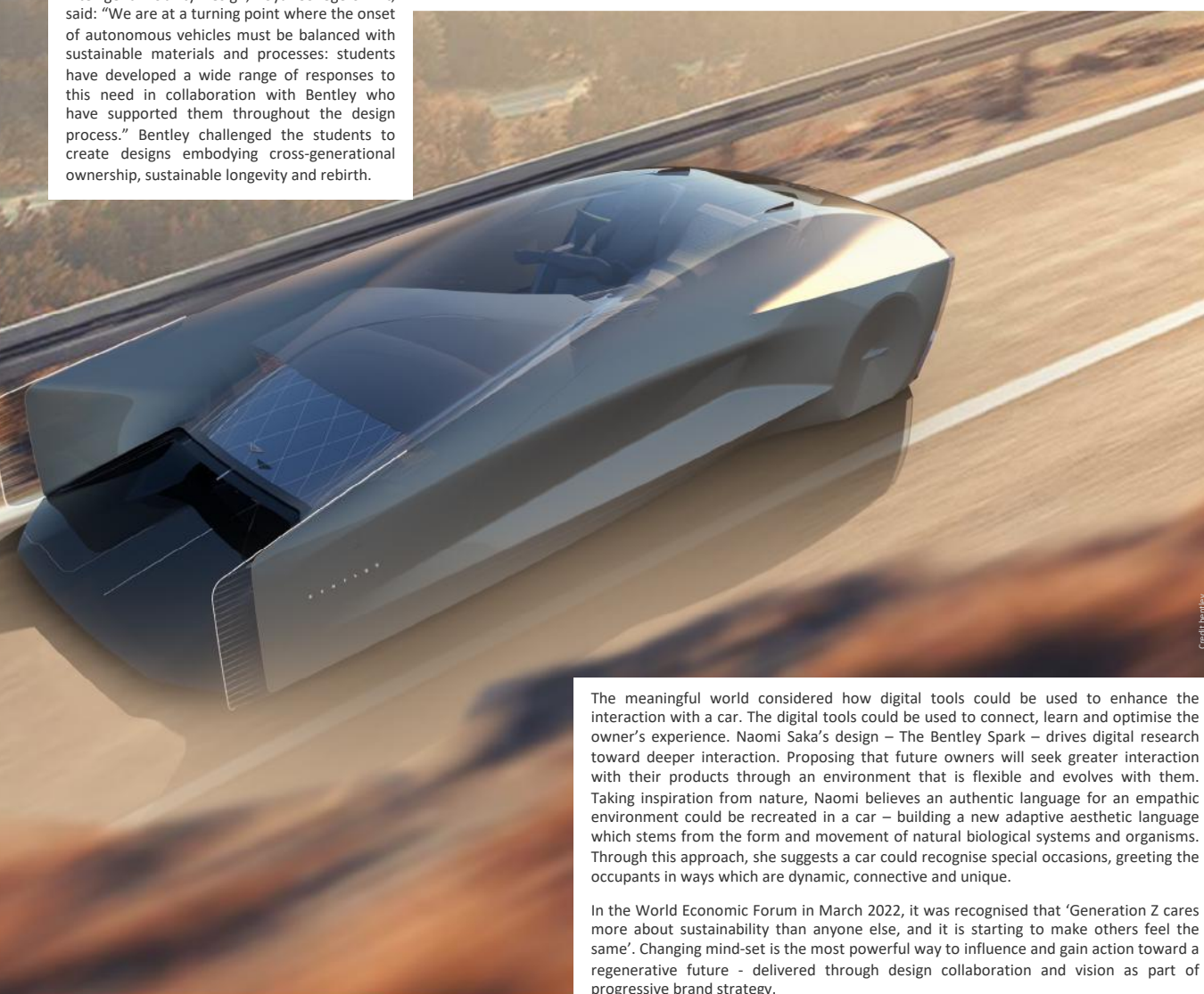
In the regenerative world, transparent function, environmental and biological impact was the basis of the design. Students choose then to focus upon passenger or environment centred concepts – for example, does the car provide space for the passengers to think, work, sleep or learn and can the car also regenerate the environment; providing power for others, cleaning the environment and fulfilling a wider range of novel, environment ecosystem functions. Ben Martin's "Carbon Capture Experience" design filters the air that moves around the car as occupants make their journey improving the air quality and the environment. The vehicle also proposes the use of semi-transparent biopolymers to enable an accessible visual experience of this new form of functionality.



Bentley has worked with students on the Intelligent Mobility MA course at London's Royal College of Art to create a collection of visionary design concepts for display in Germany and in Europe in early 2023. The students' designs were first shown as Bentley Projects at The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in September, as part of Motion, Autos, Art, Architecture – an exhibition exploring the intersection of automobile design and art, curated by the Norman Foster Studio. The designers of the future were invited to explore sustainable luxury and how future vehicles can be designed to adapt and evolve during their lifecycle to provide more sustainable, efficient and meaningful ways of co-existing with people. The objective was driven by Bentley's 'Beyond100' strategy – a holistic future vision to transition the Bentley brand. Chairman and Chief Executive, Adrian Hallmark, embodied the vision of this strategy in his ambitious claim: "Within a decade, Bentley will transform from a 100-year-old luxury car company to a new, sustainable, wholly ethical role model for luxury." Professor Dale Harrow, Chair of the Intelligent Mobility Design Centre and Head of Intelligent Mobility Design, Royal College of Art, said: "We are at a turning point where the onset of autonomous vehicles must be balanced with sustainable materials and processes: students have developed a wide range of responses to this need in collaboration with Bentley who have supported them throughout the design process." Bentley challenged the students to create designs embodying cross-generational ownership, sustainable longevity and rebirth.



A MEANINGFUL WORLD



The meaningful world considered how digital tools could be used to enhance the interaction with a car. The digital tools could be used to connect, learn and optimise the owner's experience. Naomi Saka's design – The Bentley Spark – drives digital research toward deeper interaction. Proposing that future owners will seek greater interaction with their products through an environment that is flexible and evolves with them. Taking inspiration from nature, Naomi believes an authentic language for an empathic environment could be recreated in a car – building a new adaptive aesthetic language which stems from the form and movement of natural biological systems and organisms. Through this approach, she suggests a car could recognise special occasions, greeting the occupants in ways which are dynamic, connective and unique.

In the World Economic Forum in March 2022, it was recognised that 'Generation Z cares more about sustainability than anyone else, and it is starting to make others feel the same'. Changing mind-set is the most powerful way to influence and gain action toward a regenerative future - delivered through design collaboration and vision as part of progressive brand strategy.

life interior

NEW IN & OUT CONTEMPORARY HOTEL LOBBY IN SICILY

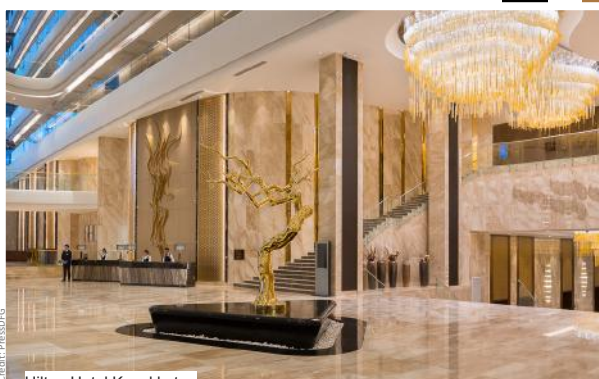
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CONTEMPORARY HOTELS LOBBY



Salò du Parc Hotel Italy - Studio Simonetti



Hilton Hotel Kazakhstan

Style rebirth

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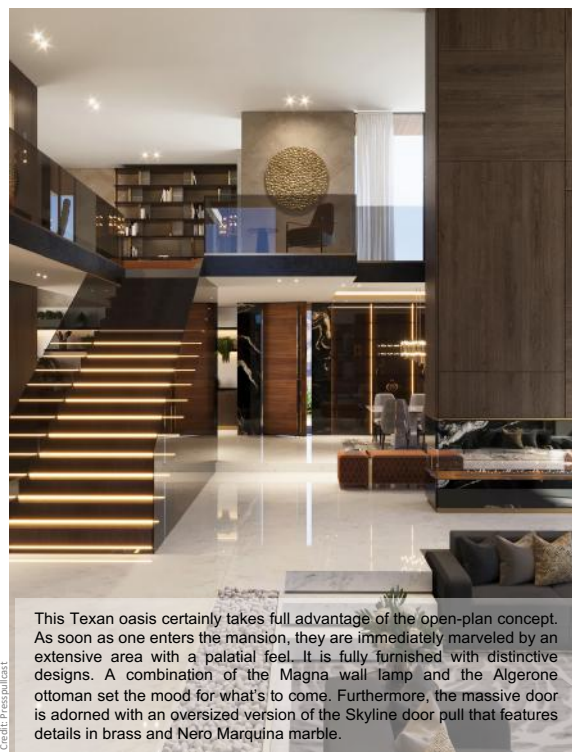
La Mirage Mansion

A Luxurious Oasis in Texas, USA



**MAJESTIC
ENTRANCE**

LUXU has long wanted to envision a mansion in an oasis scenery, replete with luxurious elements and plenty of greenery. Texas emerged as the most evident location to do so, mainly due to its stunning landscape. La Mirage Mansion is the most recent project by LUXU, epitomizing the concept of modern luxury and taking it to a whole new level. This new project is well-appointed with a wide range of one-of-a-kind designs and a plethora of generous and airy spaces that will make you want to move in right away!



This Texan oasis certainly takes full advantage of the open-plan concept. As soon as one enters the mansion, they are immediately marveled by an extensive area with a palatial feel. It is fully furnished with distinctive designs. A combination of the Magna wall lamp and the Algerone ottoman set the mood for what's to come. Furthermore, the massive door is adorned with an oversized version of the Skyline door pull that features details in brass and Nero Marquina marble.



AMAL QAMBER – Architect
ATRIA DESIGN

TIMELESS moments

in **SAUDI ARABIA**



CONTEMPORARY CLASSIC MANSION IN SAUDI ARABIA

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ATRIA DESIGN



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Amal Qamber is an architectural designer with over 20 years of experience in the world of architectural design, working in architectural firms abroad in Bahrain doing designs for numerous residential and commercial projects. *"My primary passion has always been interior design and so shortly after focusing on interior design in the USA, the Atria Design firm was born."* - Amal Qamber. This creative designer full of out of the box and modern ideas likes to design elegant and functional spaces, always trying in all her projects, to exceed the expectations of her clients. When conceptualizing a design, she imagines herself living inside the space, to help her create beautiful yet practical interiors. The basis of her designs is functionality, aesthetics and creativity, with influence from the European and Mediterranean color palette, she is not limited to her own style and taste and keeps her eye open for new and exciting ideas. For this particular project, she started by devising unique concepts, drawing inspiration from her extensive travel experience and his admiration for cultural architecture and design. From there, she refined his ideas into a simpler visual format until he arrived at the final look, a Mediterranean house with a fusion of modern and Andalusian architecture. *"I wanted to connect the past with the present by reviving an older aesthetic and infusing it with modern touches. I looked for a balance between cultural influence and customer needs. As with many of my spaces, I also designed the interior with enhanced lifestyle productivity and client well-being in mind. I hoped to both represent Atria Design's creativity while providing the client a positive connection with the design. I was inspired by the world around me, by exploring a universe of authentic places, by listening, and by researching. All of this helped shape the unique style of my designs."* - Amal Qamber.

The dining room is on the right side of the entrance, a room that despite its neutral colors on the walls and floor is contrasting with the bold dark red and gold of Essential Home's Kerr and Patterson dining chairs. Kerr was inspired by six-time Oscar nominee Deborah Kerr, this unique dining chair in partnership with Masquespacio embraces the lead role in this fun and modern product selection due to its innovative shapes and multiple customization options.



The softer and calmer feeling evoked throughout the master bedroom set it apart from the rest of the home. The green décor gives you the sense of connection and a closer proximity to nature, leaving you with a profound peaceful sentiment. Composed by Essential Home's furniture pieces such as the Zelda Daybed and Armchair, from the partnership with Studiopepe, their green tone and rounded shapes play beautifully with the prestigious side of this earthy palette space. Enhancing the luxury strand of the bedroom, the Perry Dining Chair and Kahn Nightstand with their somber and cooler tones are a premier addition to an already extremely marvelous division.



Master Bedroom

Incomparable bathtub tight in the middle of the space, made by our incredible craftsmen, you can't help but to get mesmerized by the stunning aura of this room.



As soon as you enter the heart of the foyer, natural lights come through the front door and the latticed wooden windows (Mashrabiya) creating an inviting and bright entrance during the day. The Hera Round Suspension is the crown jewel of this entrance that will catch the eye of any visitor at first sight. Inspired by the Queen of the Greek Gods, Mother of Nature and embodiment of Honor and Motherhood, Hera represents the blossoming of a new golden age full of life and inspiring beauty.



LEFT PAGE - This incredible mansion designed by Amal Qamber, founder of Atria Design studio, is located in Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia. Riyadh is a city known for its huge skyscrapers, strong sandstorms and high temperatures, due to the fact that it is located very close to the desert. When Amal designed this house, she took all these aspects into consideration, so that comfort was a detail that never failed, for this reason this house is built in stone and decorated with beautiful marbles, materials that are more resistant to high temperatures. In Saudi Arabia, the upper class community greatly values its culture and expresses it in luxury, eccentricity and gilding. As this house could be no exception, its grandeur is seen not only in its size, but also in its high ceilings, majestic entrance, the gold finishes, the patterns on the walls, and the luxury furniture that has been used. With this project, Amal intends to pass the message that *"in design world we often get faced with seemingly impossible challenged but you always try and find a way to make it work and it is an endless learning process that never stops"*.



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NIGHT FEVER BY DRAGA & AUREL

VIBRANT & IRRESISTIBLE- Draga & Aurel have created a mix of patterns, materials, colors, shapes, and textures that express the desire to somehow break free from the superstructures, process the sentiments of a past time, and bring back something beautiful to behold and contemplate. *"People embrace what is created with love, energy, and passion; we, as individuals, need to create as much as possible, sharing the meaning of our creations with the community and nurturing beauty together."*- Draga & Aurel



MASQUESPACIO

ELLE DECOR'S 'YOUNG TALENT OF THE YEAR 2020' & AD TOP 100 "Hollywood Glamour" is a unique mid-century modern collection inspired by three of the most popular movie styles in that era, from passionate love affairs to fun burlesque environments. The idea is to connect the past and the present by reviving the bright side of old Hollywood glam. Our new collection is full of emotions, organic forms, and contrast of materials, revealing some new types of textures. Three sets of products will take you to your favorite movie set through excellence in design that is adaptable for every type of project, from the modern residential idea to the shabby chic restaurant design. "Hollywood Glamour" by Masquespacio is a collection that redefines the limits of the products and shows its versatility in unique and unexpected spaces.



MCCAREY BAR CHAIR

Considered as one of the most iconic film directors in the Hollywood industry, Thomas Leo McCarey was the inspiration for the McCarey unique bar chair design.



XENON MODULAR SOFA

Xenon was also a late 70s nightclub in Times Square popular among NYC's famous 'fashion crowd' and celebrities such as Andy Warhol, Mick Jagger, Freddie Mercury, and Elton John. Here style met creativity, just like the Xenon low modular sofa, a live changing piece that provides individual comfort like no other. With its various elements, multiple compositions can be created for a very relaxing living area.

KASUAL COLLECTION: SOFT & ELEGANT - Considered as one of the most iconic design legends of our time, the visionary Karim has been revolutionizing the design industry with his unique (almost futuristic) vision and ideas. The famous New York-based designer has created a unique collection for DelightFULL and Essential Home inspired by the casual lifestyle concept, something that became an important part of our daily lives. At the epitome of design, the Kasual collection is the best of both worlds: casual and luxurious, all wrapped up in a selection of incredibly designed furniture and lighting pieces that will bring timeless and precious value to any project. *"I would refer to the Kasual collection as casual luxury with fabrics and details that are rich, yet with a minimal simple softness and ease where new comforts prevail. Our home furnishings must take on greater importance to support our life with comfort, ergonomics, and contemporary inspiration!"* (Karim Rashid)



KAY SOFA One of Karim's wishes is to be sent to an island where he can create his own beautiful 'newtopia'. He always imagined it being populated with soft, elegant forms like the Kay sofa. With this design, Karim Rashid wanted to create a place where everyone can relax, ideate, connect and dream. This uniquely designed sofa was handcrafted with the best high-quality materials, making it both comfortable, and timeless for any interior.

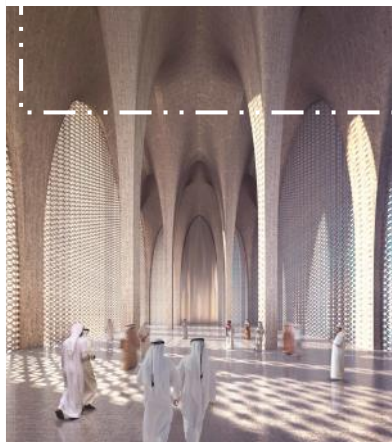


stunning *buildings*

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**ABRAHAMIC
FAMILY HOUSE
ABU DHABI, UAE**

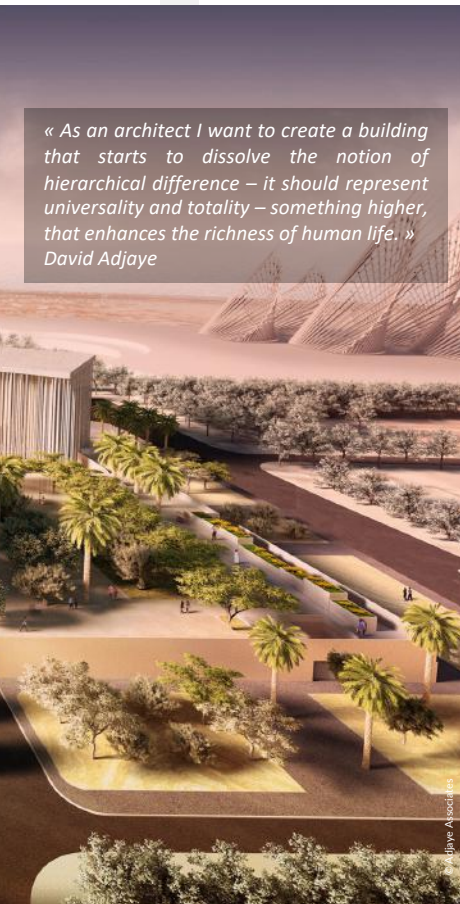


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After signing the Document on Human Brotherhood for World Peace and Common Coexistence in Abu Dhabi in February 2019, Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of al-Azhar, Ahmed el-Tayeb, invited other world religious leaders to join their humanitarian mission for interfaith tolerance and understanding. The event also prompted the sheikh to fund the construction of an interfaith complex on Saadiyat Island that would include places of worship for the three major monotheistic religions: Islam, Catholicism and Judaism. In an international competition, Adjaye Associates was chosen for the project and soon after unveiled a concept for the complex consisting of four buildings including a synagogue, a church, a mosque and a secular space, all connected by a shared garden. Designed with similar volumes but different facades, the various buildings are also distinguished by varied colonnades that inspire their interiors: a curtain-like wraparound facade surrounds the church, slender arches open onto the loggia and support the interior spaces for the mosque, and sloping beams on the exterior lead to a similarly patterned ceiling for the synagogue.

OCMA ORANGE COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, USA

« As an architect I want to create a building that starts to dissolve the notion of hierarchical difference – it should represent universality and totality – something higher, that enhances the richness of human life. »
David Adjaye



© Morphosis



Pritzker Prize-winner Thom Mayne's firm Morphosis will open a permanent home for OCMA at Segerstrom Center for the Arts which is set to open to the public on 8 October 2022. Led by Thom Mayne and Brandon Welling, the state-of-the-art 53,000 square foot (4,924-square-metre) building makes double the size of the museum's former location. The building, made of folded, rotated and angular volumes, will be complemented with the gallery spaces are mezzanine and street-front galleries that will house temporary and permanent collection exhibitions. While it offers a spacious roof terrace, equivalent in size to 70 percent of the building's footprint, can be configured for installations, programs and events. Hovering over the soaring lobby atrium is a dynamic architectural space for performance and education. In front of the building, a grand public stairs curve toward the entrance, linking the museum to Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Morphosis a light-coloured façade with undulating bands of glazed terracotta paneling, creating a distinctive character for the new building.

MASS Design Group is partnering with the Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture (RICA) to design and build their new campus in Bugesera, Rwanda. MASS led the master planning, architecture, landscape, engineering, and construction for the new campus. The project was conceived and funded by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation and supported by the Government of Rwanda. The campus design includes landscape, housing, academic space, barn storage, and processing space for the institute. Each academic building across the campus is dedicated to one of the six different agricultural enterprises, both plant- and animal-based, that students will study and engage with throughout their three years at the institute. More mechanized practices are situated on the West end of the campus, and smallholder first-year student farms are placed on the East end. The campus uses pivot irrigation and will be energy independent, with its own solar farm and water treatment plant.

RWANDA INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE GASHORA, BUGESERA, RWANDA



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Contemporary

MUSEUMS

KNOWN FOR THEIR SPECTACULAR ARCHITECTURE

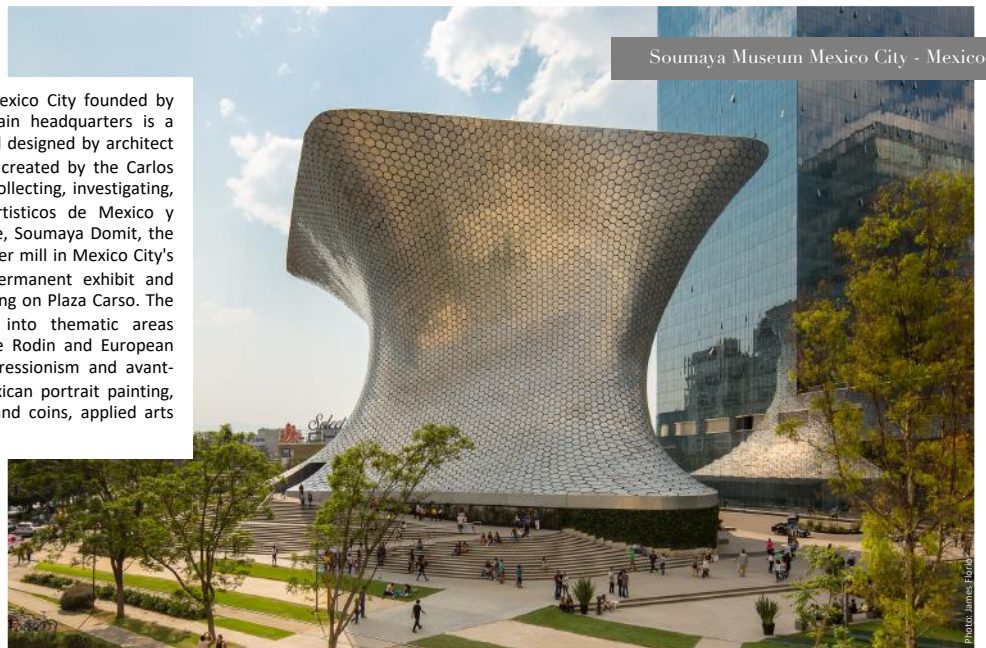
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Photo: He Chen

Xing Kilm Museum, Xingtai - China

The Soumaya Museum is an art museum in Mexico City founded by Mexican business magnate Carlos Slim. Its main headquarters is a futuristic building located in the Plaza Carso and designed by architect Fernando Romero. The Soumaya Museum was created by the Carlos Slim Foundation in 1994 with the purpose of "collecting, investigating, conserving, difundir y exponer testimonios artísticos de México y Europa principalmente". Named after Slim's wife, Soumaya Domit, the museum originally opened in a 16th-century water mill in Mexico City's Plaza Loreto. In 2011, the museum's main permanent exhibit and collection were moved to a new landmark building on Plaza Carso. The museum's 70,000-piece collection is divided into thematic areas devoted to the European Old Masters, Auguste Rodin and European sculpture of the 19th and 20th centuries, Impressionism and avant-garde art, Mesoamerican art, 19th-century Mexican portrait painting, 20th-century Mexican art, miniatures, jewelry and coins, applied arts and photography.



Soumaya Museum Mexico City - Mexico

The Xing Kiln Ruins is one of the top ten archaeological discoveries in China in 2012. At the excavation site, the archaeological team discovered 11 kiln remnants of the dynasty from the Northern Dynasties to the Tang Dynasty. More than 200,000 pieces of porcelain and kiln furniture shards, as well as more than 2,000 pieces of complete or recoverable objects including brick, tile, pottery, tri-color, porcelain and kiln furniture, were unearthed. The kiln found not only had a very long history but also was well preserved, and had a very rare layout pattern. After the archaeological excavation was completed, the Xing Kiln Ruins Museum designed by YCA Architects was built above the site and opened to the public

LOUVRE OF THE SANDS



Architect - Jean Nouvel

The Museum was inaugurated in 2017. The result of an unprecedented partnership between France and the United Arab Emirates, it is France's largest cultural project abroad. There are three cornerstones to its success: its spectacular architecture, the richness of its permanent collection, and the quality of its temporary exhibitions.



The Louvre Abu Dhabi, UAE

a museum-city in the sea

THE FIRST UNIVERSAL MUSEUM IN THE ARAB WORLD

A floating dome of light and shade

The centrepiece of Nouvel's vision is a huge silvery dome that appears to float above the museum-city. Despite its apparent weightlessness, the dome weighs around 7,500 tonnes (similar to the Eiffel Tower in Paris). Inspired by the cupola, a distinctive feature in Arabic architecture, Nouvel's dome is a complex, geometric structure of 7,850 stars. These stars are repeated at various sizes and angles in eight different layers. As the sun passes above, its light filters through the perforations in the dome to create an enchanting effect within the museum, known as the 'rain of light'. This tribute to nature is inspired by the palm trees of Abu Dhabi. Their leaves filter and soften the bright sunlight from above to project a dappled pattern on the ground.



The Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts is nearing completion ahead of a predicted April 2023 opening. Designed by Studio Gang and Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects following their selection for the commission in 2016, the project has seen the unification of several existing structures on the museum grounds under a "blossoming" central addition.



Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts United States

One of the most popular exhibition venues in
Paris in 2022-2023

EXHIBITION
FRIDA KAHLO
'BEYOND APPEARANCES'
PARIS



This autumn, the Palais Galliera celebrates Frida Kahlo (6 July 1907- 13 July 1954), one of the most widely recognised and influential artists of the 20th century. Getting away from the clichés attached to her personality, the exhibition Frida Kahlo, au-delà des apparences [Frida Kahlo, Beyond Appearances] invites visitors to explore the private side of the artist's life, and to understand how she constructed her identity through the way she presented and represented herself. For the first time in France and in close collaboration with the Museo Frida Kahlo, the exhibition features more than 200 objects from the Casa Azul, the house where Frida was born and brought up, including garments, accessories, correspondence, cosmetics, medicines and orthopaedic aids. When the artist died in 1954, these personal effects were placed under seal by her husband, the Mexican muralist Diego Rivera, and were not discovered until fifty years later, in 2004. This precious collection - which includes traditional Tehuana dresses, preColumbian necklaces that Frida used to collect, and hand-painted corsets and prosthetics - is presented, along with films and photographs of the artist, to form a visual narrative of her extraordinary life.

Frida Kahlo used her appearance as a means of expressing her doubts and feelings about herself and her politics: after a serious accident at the age of 18, Frida devoted herself to painting. She adopted traditional clothing, which was a statement of her Mexican identity, but also a way of coping more comfortably with her disability. The exhibition Frida Kahlo, au-delà des apparences traces how the artist cultivated her image. An image that amounted almost to a manifesto reflecting her cultural heritage, but also her experience of gender and of living with a disability. In an exhibition that is both biographical and thematic, the Palais Galliera looks at the artist's visit to Paris and her relationship with the Surrealist group. The visit continues with a capsule exhibition from 15 September to 31 December 2022, which considers Frida Kahlo's influence on contemporary fashion and how she has remained an icon and source of inspiration for designers such as Alexander McQueen, Jean Paul Gaultier, Karl Lagerfeld for CHANEL, Riccardo Tisci for Givenchy, Maria Grazia Chiuri for Dior or Rei Kawakubo for Comme des Garçons.



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FROM LEFT: HATTIE MCDANIEL, OSCAR POLK, AND BEN CARTER DURING THE FILMING OF *GONE WITH THE WIND* (1939), PRODUCTION STILL. COURTESY MARGARET HERRICK LIBRARY; HATTIE AND SAM MCDANIEL COLLECTION

ISAAC JULIEN BALTIMORE

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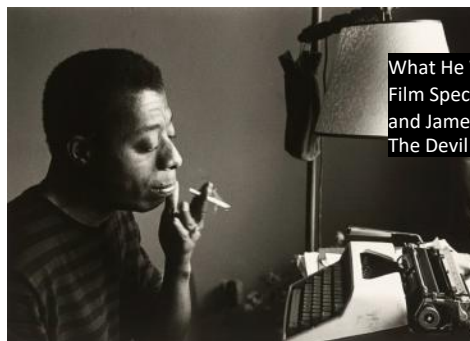
The exhibition explores the rich history of Black participation in US cinema from its beginnings to just beyond the civil rights movement. Inspired by and named after an independent all-Black-cast movie from 1923, *Regeneration* seeks to revive lost or forgotten films, filmmakers, and performers for a contemporary audience. Movie-making has always been instrumental in shaping culture more broadly, and Black artists and entrepreneurs have been involved from the start despite racism and prejudices that limited their opportunities. Black actors, at times, turned stereotypical roles that did not represent their full humanity into three-dimensional characters, while Black directors who were left out of the mainstream system created their own independent production companies. Later, particularly after World War II, opportunities for Black filmmakers in Hollywood expanded as segregation slowly unraveled. By examining Black participation in film over a 70-year period, *Regeneration* showcases the long-standing relationship between film and Black visual culture. It highlights the agency many artists asserted in their respective crafts despite challenges, revealing their tenacity, immense talent, and unwavering commitment to creative expression.

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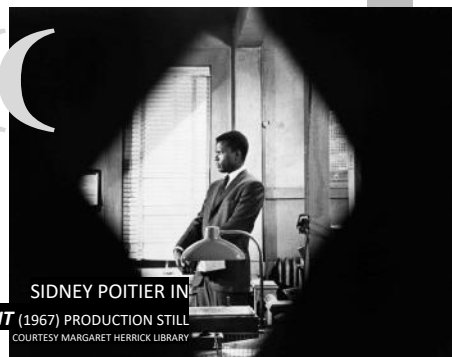


Melvin Van Peebles (1932- 2021) who ushered in the « blaxploitation » era, a genre of low-budget filmq created for African American audiences during the 1970s.

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What He Witnessed: Blackness Film Spectatorship and James Baldwin's *The Devil Finds Work*



SIDNEY POITIER IN *IN THE HEAT OF THE NIGHT* (1967) PRODUCTION STILL
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High Art Exhibitions

Here's our pick of this year's must-see shows and events for your diary. We trust you'll enjoy some of these outstanding exhibitions



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Germany
New images in the age of Augustus: power and media in Ancient Rome

Augustus, Rome's first emperor (r. 27 BC – AD 14), spread his image far and wide as a way to communicate his power. One example of the carefully cultivated imperial image is the head of Augustus of Prima Porta with civic crown (c.AD 40, shown above). Augustus used images to show the illustrious history of Rome, his role in transforming the city (by publicising important building projects like the Forum of Augustus), and the divine origins of his family. As this exhibition sets out to explore through coins, statues, frescoes, and ornate furniture, his reign saw a general boom in imagery. There were new marble quarries supplying copyists and new approaches to wall painting, architecture, and the decoration of everyday objects like tableware that reached a wide span of society.

Bucerius Kunst Forum, Hamburg
Until 15 January 2023



Van Gogh's Fishing in Spring, the Pont de Clichy (Asnières) (spring 1887)
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Van Gogh and the Avant-Garde : Along the Seine will open at the Art Institute of Chicago (14 May–4 September 2023) and then go to the Van Gogh Museum (13 October 2023–14 January 2024). It examines the impact of the Post-Impressionist artists who flocked in the 1880s to Asnières, in the northern suburbs of Paris, on the River Seine. Along with Van Gogh, they included Georges Seurat, Paul Signac and Emile Bernard, who experimented with colour and the application of paint. With around 20 Van Gogh paintings, the show is curated by Jacquelyn Coutré (Art Institute of Chicago) and Bregje Gerritse (Van Gogh Museum).



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France, Paris - From March 15 to July 16, 2023, the Musée du Luxembourg invites art fans to discover an exhibition focusing on Claude Monet's brother: "Léon Monet, Frère de l'artiste et du collectionneur" – Léon Monet, Brother to the artist and collector.

A never-before-seen dive into Léon Monet's universe aka Claude's brother. The Musée du Luxembourg devotes an exhibition to Rouen-based collector and industrial and especially brother to the famous painter called "Léon Monet, Frère de l'artiste et du collectionneur". This "chemist of color" yet had a major part in Claude Monet's work by actively supporting him and his impressionist friends in the creations thanks to the creation of the Société industrielle de Rouen or Rouen's Industrial Society. Support that will be the very debuts of the constitution of "a remarkable collection of impressionist paintings". Very involved in the cultural business, Léon Monet encouraged his brother Claude and impressionist artists to take part in the 23rd municipal exhibition where he will display four pieces from his very own private collection. An event that gathered "one of the most remarkable modern art collections in the Rouen area".

The Netherlands
Rijksmuseum van Oudheden
Until 12 March 2023

Located on the coast of what is today Lebanon, the city of Byblos has a long history as a prosperous seaport that attracted traders from across the ancient Mediterranean and the Middle East. It began as a fishing village around 6500 BC, but by around 3000 BC trade of the much-valued wood of the tall, straight cedar tree from the mountains near Byblos had helped it grow into an international port. Egypt and Byblos had particularly close ties. As well as cedar wood and oil, silver and wine were traded to Egypt, while Byblos obtained gold, precious stones, linen, and ivory from Egypt, which they then sold on to Mesopotamian cities. A goddess known as the 'Lady of Byblos' (Baalat Gebal in Phoenician) may have held some affinity with Egyptians too, as she has been equated with Hathor or Isis. (Isis, incidentally, brought Osiris back to life at Byblos.)



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Silver and gold mirror from the tomb of Ipu-Shemu-Abi, king of Byblos, 1800-1700 BC

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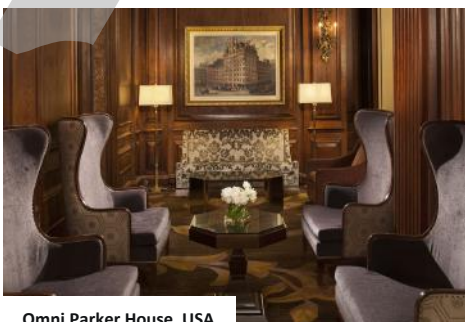
Parador Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Built in 1499 as a hospital for pilgrims finishing the Camino de Santiago, this cloistered, heavyset building still welcomes weary walkers into the Galician capital; the first 10 to arrive every day are given a free meal in the staff dining room. Other guests can dine in the cavernous Restaurante dos Reis – where a sea of white tablecloths spreads out below a vaulted stone-and-beamed ceiling.



Nishiyama Onsen Keiunkan, Japan

Operating on the site of a natural hot spring, this mountain retreat has been certified by the *Guinness World Records* as the World's Oldest Inn. A half-hour drive north of Hayakawa, the inexhaustible water supply now feeds six external and internal baths, all of which have views over the lush valley. The four-storey hotel comprises 35 rooms with spring-supplied baths and a restaurant in which regional delicacies are seasoned with eight different types of salt.



Omni Parker House, USA

The birthplace of Boston cream pie, a classic American dessert, the Omni Parker House welcomed its first guests in 1855, making it the oldest continually operating hotel in the USA. Try a slice of the most celebrated sweet in Boston in the chandelier-lit, wood-panelled dining room once frequented by Charles Dickens, or head to the leather-and-mahogany Last Hurrah for a Bostonian whisky or signature martini. Rooms feature cherry wood furniture, gold and red fabrics and reproductions of 19th-century artwork.

the Oldest Hotels in the World



Jing's Residence, China

Boasting carved wood window frames, bamboo floors and rice-paper ceilings, this 260-year-old merchant's residence offers 14 rooms clustered around three courtyards. It lies in the Unesco-protected city of Ping Yao – the ancient rooftops of which you can see from the free-standing bathtub in the second-floor master suite.



The Angel and Royal, UK
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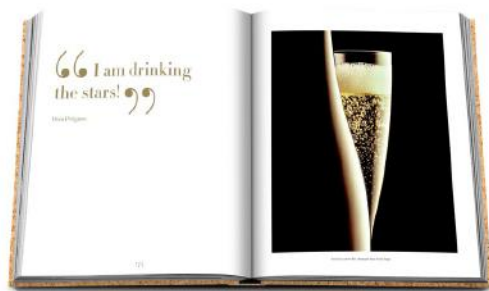
A watering hole for travellers on the Great North Road since the early 13th century, the Old Angel Inn received the second part of its name in 1866 – after a visit from Edward VII, the future king. Original features such as carved wood fittings, vaulted stone ceilings and blackened fireplaces are on display in the bar and restaurant, the latter of which has hosted English royalty on many occasions.



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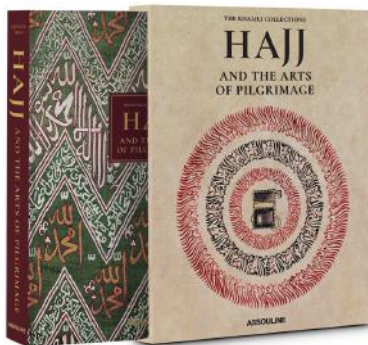
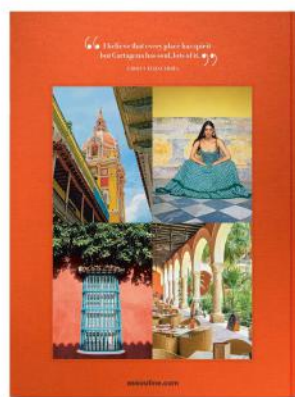
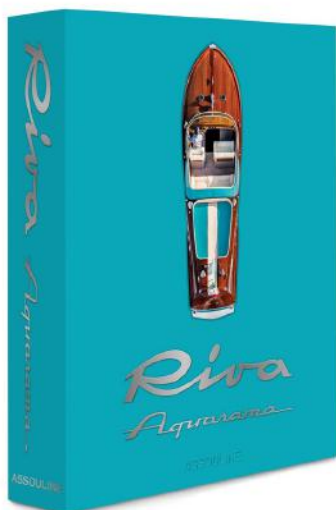
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