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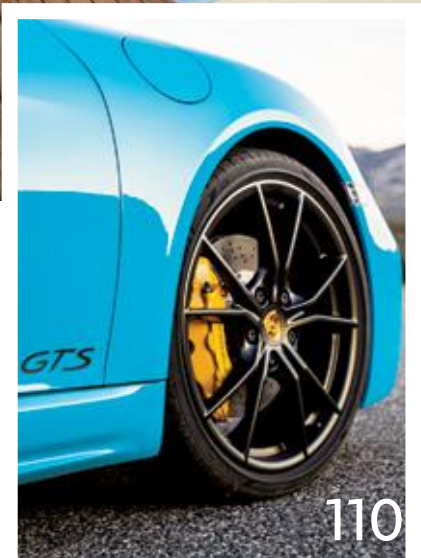
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A SUITE FIT FOR A KING (OR A SHEIKH)

THERE ARE PLENTY OF EXCELLENT REASONS TO VISIT ZÜRICH: it's Switzerland's banking and financial centre, a hub for medical tourism and the gateway to some of the finest ski resorts in Europe, to name a few, so it's no wonder it attracts some seriously high-profile guests. For fans of the superlative, there's now one more reason to visit: Zürich's Atlantis by Giardino hotel has just launched the largest private suite in Europe: the 1,975 sqm Royal Residence.

The eight-bedroom suite occupies the entire top floor of the hotel, with three distinct wings that can be separated to use independently. A private entrance from the hotel's underground car park guarantees privacy, and the suite has its own vault and security room for VVIP guests in need of extra safekeeping. A fully-equipped medical suite means the Royal Residence is perfectly suited for convalescence when travelling to Switzerland for medical

treatments, and private staff or hotel chefs can prepare tailor made meals in a private kitchen. After dinner in the elegant dining room, guests might want to relax in the opulent shisha lounge, and if important business needs to be discussed, Red and Blue majilis-style salons beckon for private meetings.

Vast outdoor terraces provide panoramic views of the city and tempting glimpses of the surrounding mountains and forest; and inside, a specially curated art collection complements the Arabesque design and colour schemes.

If eight rooms seems a bit too much, you might prefer the hotel's Hublot 107 suite, a refined abode dedicated to the Swiss watchmaker. At 68 square metres, the one-bed suite will feel familiar to anyone who frequents Hublot boutiques, with grey and black tones offset by polished aluminium and black smoked mirror panels, and a 1.2-metre chronograph chandelier forming the dazzling centrepiece.

SAVOUR A BLACK FOREST FEAST

From gateaux to fairy tales, Germany's Black Forest has always been a source of inspiration for creative minds. Now, the region is playing muse for a new restaurant at one of the region's top luxury escapes, Oetker Collection's Brenner's Park Hotel. Helmed by Swiss wunderkind chef Nenad Mlinarevic, the restaurant promises seasonal small-plate specialties inspired by the region, sharing dishes and signature dishes from a central cooking grille, which will add drama to the glamorous interiors. The latter evoke the spirit of the 1920s, when the hotel was a hub for automobile groups and society soirees. Designed by Robert Angell, the man behind the Blue Bar at the Berkeley and the American Bar at the Savoy, interiors draw on this era, with vintage details, red leather panels and velvet banquettes, creating a bygone, clubby atmosphere for the hotel's discerning clientele.

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30 AVENUE GEORGE V: THAT'S THE PARIS ADDRESS OF BVLGARI HOTELS' LATEST VENTURE, A 76-ROOM GEM DESIGNED BY ITALIAN ARCHITECTS ANTONIO CITTERIO PATRICIA VIEL.

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LUXURY LIVING ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER



FROM THE MIGHTY VICTORIA FALLS TO THE ABUNDANT WILDLIFE of Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe offers a rich bounty for intrepid travellers who dare to make the trip to one of Africa's forgotten highlights. A raft of new luxury safari camps and outfits have opened in the past year, following the completion of a new Victoria Falls Airport in 2016, which has improved access to 'The Smoke that Thunders' as the 108-metre high waterfall is known by locals.

A duo of luxurious camps from Great Plains Conservation, which supports sustainable initiatives and conservation programmes in northern Zimbabwe, have added some much needed gleam to the region's accommodation offering.

The four luxurious canvas tents of Mpala Jena Camp sit upstream from Victoria Falls on a private concession on the banks of the Zambezi, 16 kilometres from the falls. Between looking out for the legendary white impala (Mpala Jena, locally) and great herds of buffalo and elephant, guests will bask in private plunge pools and copper bathtubs, and embark on private game

drives or boat trips on the Zambezi. Set slightly apart from the rest of the camp, the two-bedroom Mpala Jena Suite offers generous space for families or two couples travelling together.

Further north in Sapi Reserve, Greater Mana Expedition camp offers a more intrepid safari experience, with accommodation during the six-night tour spread out over three different locations. Daily tours take place on foot or by canoe across the UNESCO World Heritage Site, which spans the reserve and nearby Mana Pools National Park.

Global Plains isn't the only company bringing five-star hospitality to Zimbabwe. Further upriver, between Victoria Falls and Hwange, Matetsi River Lodge opened last year with 18 river-facing suites on a broad stretch of the Zambezi, with safari options powered by 4x4, boat or foot; and May sees the reopening of Singita Pamushana in Malilangwe Reserve, a 130,000-acre wilderness that's teeming with wildlife.

DID YOU HEAR?

VISITORS AT LOUVRE ABU DHABI HAVE A NEW PLACE TO REPLENISH THEIR ENERGY FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE MUSEUM'S NEW ART LOUNGE; A CONTEMPORARY OUTDOOR SPACE OFFERING TAPAS-STYLE DISHES AND GLUTEN-FREE OPTIONS ACCOMPANIED BY PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE ABU DHABI SKYLINE.

BE YOUR BEST SELF IN KENYA

THERE'S A REASON THE SAMBURU ARE RENOWNED FOR THEIR IMPRESSIVE physical strength and athletic endurance: training. And if you've ever dreamed of stretching your legs with these svelte sportsmen, this one's for you. The Safari Collection's Sasaab Lodge has put together a four-day 'Wilderness Wellness Retreat', which includes pilates classes in the dry riverbed with personal trainer and pilates instructor Karina Walsh, strength training in a swimming pool with a herd of elephants as your audience, and a run through the landscape with a band of Samburu warriors. Therapeutic chef Heather Cuthbert will host a cooking class focusing on organic, gluten-free recipes, and provide all meals throughout the retreat, and treatments in the SpaSaab provide a nice way to wind down before watching the day come to an end on Sundowner Rock. Combine all of that with game drives in the spectacular Samburu National Reserve and the chance to spend quality time of the local Samburu community and this is a full-on transformative travel experience. Places on a group retreat are available from May 17-20, but the programme can be planned all year round for exclusive groups.



MOUNTAIN HIGH IN ANCIENT JAPAN

COME RAIN OR SHINE, THE COUNTRYSIDE around Japan's Mount Fuji is a glorious sight to behold, and the abundance of hot spring resorts in Fuji Hakone Izu National Park have made it a popular retreat among wealthy Japanese travellers since time immemorial.

International jet-setters will also be able to bask in the wonders of the region with the opening of Kawaguchiko Fufu in October; a ryokan style

guesthouse with 32 rooms looking out towards Mount Fuji, set in some of the most picturesque countryside in Japan. Situated on the shore of Lake Kawaguchi, the hotel promises guests an immersive natural experience that will change with the seasons, with a cosy, warming atmosphere in winter and cool breezes and outdoor pursuits in the summer.

Nearby attractions sound like the stuff of ancient legend: Fugaku Wind Cave (a cave created by an

exploding volcano some 1,150 years ago) and the Narusawa Ice Cave (a 153-metre long lava tunnel) are close to the hotel, and in spring, the Fuji Shibazakura Festival at nearby Lake Motosu rewards visitors with a carpet of pink moss that covers the landscape. Cap off your visit with a trip to one of the numerous onsen nearby and you have a unique outdoor experience that captures the essence of ancient Japan.

TRAINING DAY IN THE MALDIVES



THINK YOU CAN USE YOUR TRIP TO the Maldives as an excuse to skip the exercise routine for a few days? Think again. Maldivian Warrior Workout founder Ali Shareef has partnered with the gorgeous new Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi to provide guests with a fitness experience that blends Maldivian culture with high intensity training. Using the natural bounty of the island – think coconut shells, wooden logs and heavy

stones – the Warrior Workout includes weight-lifting and resistance exercises on the beach, swimming sessions in the waters of the Indian Ocean and runs on the beach. Working out doesn't get much more picturesque. The 120-villa resort, whose name means Secret Water Island in Maldivian, also features an underwater art gallery created by artist Jason Decaires Taylor, a 2,000-sqm spa, cooking classes and an island art studio.

GREEN FINGERED LUXURY

LUXURY RESORTS ARE OFTEN BETTER POSITIONED to invest in new technology than their less extravagant brethren, allowing them to adopt sustainable practices that cut down waste and do good for the environment. It's certainly true at Dusit Thani Maldives, where a new composting machine created by Compostech and certified by the Green Building Index is helping to turn food waste into fertiliser for the resort's kitchen garden. Following an 85 per cent reduction in food waste and a ready supply of nourishing fertilizer, the resort now plans to grow fresh fruit and veg in its gardens, helping in its mission to introduce sustainable farming initiatives across the island.



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ALL EYES ON PANAMA

GUARDING THE WESTERN ENTRANCE TO ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST important waterways, Panama City is a vital outpost for international trade and commerce. As gateway to Central America, it's also garnering more and more attention as a destination in its own right, with a vibrant nightlife, historic old city and an increasing number of luxury hotels serving to lure in well-heeled visitors with a penchant for Latin lifestyle.

This year has already seen the opening of two pivotal hotels for the burgeoning tourism industry: W Panama and The Santa Maria, A Luxury Collection Hotel & Golf Resort. Situated in the ultra-modern Evolution Tower in the trendy Zona Rosa, W Panama blends industrial elements that pay homage to the Panama Canal with traditional touches that remain faithful to the textile traditions of

Panama's indigenous communities: the Gunana d Embera.

Shipping containers covered with graffiti by local artist Oscar Melgar create colourful focal points in the hotel's lobby lounge and pool deck (Living Room and WET Deck, respectively) and the 203 rooms and suites, some with private terraces, look out over the ever-expanding city.

On the outskirts of the Panamanian capital, The Santa Maria presents a more laid-back way to experience Panama, with a Nicklaus Design 18-hole championship golf course, a spa with Turkish bath and five treatment cabins, and a library filled with tomes on local culture. The latter is reflected in the design of the 182 guestrooms and suites, via handmade baskets, traditional Mola blankets and locally sourced materials throughout.



BATHING IN BLUE AT ATLANTIS PARADISE ISLAND

THE ULTRA-LUXURIOUS ENCLAVE OF THE COVE AT ATLANTIS PARADISE Island in the Bahamas is sporting a bright new look this season, following a revamp led by New York designer studio Lulu DK. Drawing on memories of family holidays in the Bahamas, Lulu DeKwiatkowski has captured the spirit of the Caribbean island around the 9,000 square foot swimming pool, reimagining the space in a vision of blue hues. Daybeds, towels, umbrellas and loungers come in shades of navy, royal blue and turquoise, and poolside concierges sport coral orange pouches to add a bright splash to their impeccable white uniforms.

Beachfront cabanas at The Cove Pool & Beach have been individually created in different colour combinations based on Lulu's artwork. Each of the 20 cabanas comes with a unique Nusa Indah surfboard embellished with a custom-made design, the colours of which inform the palette décor of the cabana. Matching waterproof pouches filled with skincare products are provided for all cabana guests, and dedicated butlers are on hand to arrange spa treatments and refreshments. The colourful pool area also welcomes a new outpost of the popular Bahamian restaurant Sip Sip, which has been serving up seasonal dishes on Harbour Island for almost 20 years.

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KEMPINSKI HOTEL MUSCAT Muscat, Oman

The Sultanate of Oman welcomes another five-star resort with the opening of Kempinski Hotel Muscat – a city hotel that boasts over 6km of coastline within the Al Mouj community. Local Omani influences are blended with Kempinski's timeless European-style across all 310 rooms and suites, state-of-the-art meeting facilities, 10 restaurants and bars, a health club and spa. Designed by Woods Bagot, the hotel has standout elements that are truly Omani in nature, including façades inspired by the landscape of Old Muscat – such as the Muttrah Corniche. The lobby is designed to evoke lilies in a pond and is inspired by Al Alam Palace, the ceremonial home of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. The surrounding Al Mouj waterfront community grants guests access to retail and dining facilities at Boulevard, with a 400-dock marina as well as a signature PGA-standard 18-hole links-style course at Al Mouj Golf, all just minutes away from Muscat International Airport.

www.kempinski.com

FAIRMONT MALDIVES SIRRU FEN FUSHI Shaviyani Atoll, Maldives

Following a soft launch back in February, Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi made its grand opening on April 1, set on an exceptionally spacious and pristine stretch of white-sand beach, peppered with opulent water villas overlooking an endless turquoise sea. Sirru Fen Fushi, which means 'secret water island' is located in the Shaviyani Atoll, offers 120 luxury villas on one of the largest resort lagoons in the Maldives, also featuring a luxury tented villa accommodation in a lush, star-lit grove. In addition, it will also include the Maldives' first underwater sculpture museum, created by British artist, Jason deCaires Taylor, one of the world's most celebrated 'underwater naturalists'. The centrepiece will be the Coral Cube, the world's first semi submerged art space, a portal to the underwater realm offering visitors ephemeral encounters with the natural beauty beneath the water's surface.

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SAADIYAT ROTANA RESORT & VILLAS Abu Dhabi, UAE

A one-of-a-kind, five-star property with modern Arabic architecture and a regal presence, Saadiyat Rotana Resort & Villas has opened its doors, welcoming guests with a vast choice of 327 rooms and four diverse dining options; the signature Turtle Bay Bar & Grill restaurant, Sim Sim all-day dining, Sama Lobby Lounge with stunning sea views, and the refreshing Swim Up Pool Bar. In the heart of Saadiyat Island, the resort's location boasts a haven of abundant natural beachfront beauty and wildlife, only a convenient 15-minute drive from the city. Guests will be in good company with regular visitors including Hawksbill Turtles, seahorses, dolphins, dugong and even oryx. You might also see some culture vultures, as the island is also a haven for cultural and heritage experiences, home to world-class museums including the Louvre Abu Dhabi.

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MELIÁ SERENGETI LODGE, TANZANIA
 Serengeti National Park, Tanzania

Located in the world-famous Serengeti National Park, Meliá's latest opening is the Spanish brand's first state-of-the-art, sustainability-focused property. Meliá Serengeti Lodge is positioned on the natural terraces of the southern slopes of Nyamuma, offering spectacular views of the Mbalageti River valley and is designed with the protection and preservation of the surrounding environment in mind. Around 45% of the energy used to power the lodge is generated via solar panels, which function alongside some special energy-saving design features – the Meliá hotel has taken further steps to cut energy usage on the property through its expert design, which allows the easterly breeze to flow through the rooms, cooling them naturally and negating the need for air conditioning units. In addition, the culinary options have been designed to support local communities and farms, as well as reducing the carbon footprint of the property, with produce sourced from the nearby Arusha and Manyara regions, supplemented by stock from the rest of Tanzania.

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LUXE LONDON



There's nowhere in the world quite like London in the summertime. Hundreds of thousands of discerning travellers flock to the centre of the UK capital each and every year in search of rich culture, high-end retail, balmy weather and incredible restaurants – so here are our highlights for where to stay when you're in "The Smoke" this summer

BEST FOR ELEGANT MOVIE NIGHTS



THE JEWEL IN THE CROWN

It was summer 2012 when the UK was dishing out gold medals to the world's most impressive Olympic athletes, but a very different kind of jewellery had already made waves in the capital just a few months earlier in the shape of Bulgari Hotel and Residences. The iconic luxury house opened a Knightsbridge hotel that pays tribute to its silversmith origins and Britain's noble manufacturing traditions with an understated, elegant aesthetic.

The 85 rooms and suites feature exquisite detailing throughout, such as custom made silk curtains with patterns inspired by some of the classic Bulgari jewellery designs, and bed side table lamps by Bulgari's silver candlesticks. The silver theme continues right through the hotel into the restaurant and bar with hand crafted Italian detailing such as two stunning handcrafted solid silver Bulgari chandeliers in the Ballroom, creating a dramatic centrepiece.

Open exclusively to day spa guests, members and guests of the hotel, the 2,000sqm spa spread over two floors of the Bulgari Hotel has been crafted from onyx, oak and Vicenza stone. Highlights of the spa include 11 private treatment rooms and one double spa suite, complete with its own steam room, Jacuzzi and private treatment room; a 25m swimming pool, created from Vicenza stone and featuring a shimmering green and gold mosaic; and a 150sqm fitness area with a fully-equipped, state of the art, Technogym gymnasium.

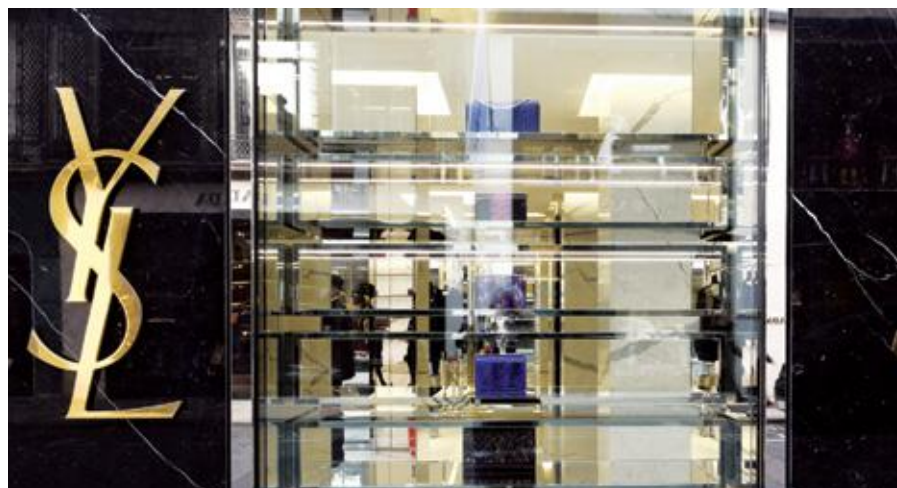
And, if the weather doesn't hold up (it's London, after all), the hotel celebrates its silver screen heritage with the luxurious 47-seat Richard Attenborough screening room, with cinema-quality sound and vision and an exclusively- curated library of more than 200 new and classic films available to guests. The screening room is also capable of hosting press events, advanced screenings, film premieres and is of course available to hire for private events.



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Top row, left to right: YSL and Gucci are famous worldwide but Liberty London holds a truly British charm. Above: Burberry fragrances line the shelf. Right: garments on display at Turnbull & Asser. Middle: fine goods from Floris London. Far right: Amanda Wakely bags entice customers into the store.





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An aerial photograph of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, taken at sunset. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. Below the horizon, a thick layer of white clouds covers the ground, creating a sea of clouds. Several tall skyscrapers, including the Burj Khalifa, rise above the clouds. Some buildings are illuminated with lights, and construction cranes are visible on some of the structures. The overall scene is dramatic and captures the city's iconic skyline.

DUBAI ON A MISSION

We all have our own idea of a perfect day in Dubai – the city of fun where the sun shines 360+ days a year – but how would a suave secret agent spend his precious free time in the sandpit? It would definitely involve an Aston Martin DB11 V8 Coupe and some spectacular hotels. Here's our take on a Bond-style getaway in the emirate







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LIVING DAYLIGHT

Before we explore the city, let’s explore the motor. It’s an all-alloy, 32-valve, four-litre bi-turbo V8, sheathed in a pristine ‘Morning Frost White’ body – but sadly we couldn’t get the pop-up missile launcher through customs. It’s hard to be a super spy when you draw this much attention to yourself, especially with an engine that growls like a panther when you push the pedal and work through all eight gears, all the way to a respectable 120kph – a cool 181kph less than the DB11’s top speed.

Despite the way some people drive in Dubai, Sheikh Zayed Road is no drag strip, but the ability to leap from 0 to 100kph within four second is useful to blow off some cobwebs on your daily commute, or your weekend road trip. The scintillating British supercar was announced at last years Goodwood Festival of Speed, following the huge success of the DB11 V12 coupe. The two cars are both alike in dignity – and almost all respects – since the V8 is twin turbocharged with an output of 503 bhp, and incredibly nimble handing given that it weights 115 kg less.

In a city of superhighways, you can drape yourself in the finest suits and tailored shirts but it’s not what’s in your wardrobe that’s going to turn heads – it’s what you park in your garage. Whatever your agenda, an Aston Martin DB11 transforms any journey into a destination all of its own, as you feel the plush Indigo Blue leather beneath your derriere and push the pedal of the V8 Coupe.





MAJESTIC TURKS CAICOS

The Turks and Caicos islands have all of the enchantment of island life with all the comfort of a modern, barefoot luxe destination. Adrienne Jordan sets her sights on the archipelago's finest five-star stays, abundant seafood and the magnificent Grace Bay, voted "Best Beach in the World"



Clockwise from above: textbook blue hues lap onto powder white sand; one of myriad pleasure vessels bobbing around the coral archipelago; a view over the verdant Ocean Club West





Getting ever so close to touching down at Providenciales International Airport, the first thing that strikes me is the mesmerising landscape of Turks & Caicos: a mixture of emeralds, aquamarine, and deep blue waters protecting the reefs surrounding the island. It also happens to be the most beautiful day. The Caribbean Ocean is resplendent and clear, and the white sand dotted with palm trees looks inviting—even from my airplane window seat. Perhaps more impressive than the postcard-perfect view in front of me might be reflecting on the resiliency of the island and the people – Turks and Caicos bounced back very quickly following two consecutive category five hurricanes that hit the island in the autumn of 2017. Compared to other Caribbean islands like Puerto Rico and British Virgin Islands, where power may not be restored until late 2018 into 2019, Turks and Caicos fared well.

The archipelago, made up of Turks islands and Caicos islands, are separated by in total by 20 miles

and in some places 1,828-metre-deep water. As I land on the most populous island, Providenciales (or “Provo” to locals), I make my way through the small airport and hop in the back of a taxi. I take in the lush scenery as we zoom on our way. Although the island is flat, it does not take away from the beauty of the trees that shade the different bays and beaches as we round corners and halt at traffic lights. We pass Turtle Cove, a landlocked and shallow pond lined with villas, yachts, and restaurants with names like Mango Reef and Magnolia Wine Bar, and I make a mental note to return there.

Grace Bay has been named “Best Beach in the World” by TripAdvisor twice and I can barely contain my excitement as I pull up to my accommodations that I will be staying at for four nights; Ocean Club Resorts West. Planted right on Grace Bay Beach on the Western side of the island, Ocean Club Resorts West is comprised of all-suite units, from one to three bedrooms’ with full kitchens, and washer-dryers – a very ideal setting for families. Stepping out onto the inviting balcony, I see it is equipped with wooden racks for drying clothes under the light

island breeze, as well as cleverly placed screens to protect from bugs. The furniture instantly makes you feel like you are in a cosy seaside cottage: elegant wicker chairs; white painted wooden beds; tropical paintings; and crisp white linens and drapes seduce you into an afternoon nap.

After settling into my luxe accommodations, I decide to embrace my adventurous side and get certified to scuba dive through the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI). Located conveniently next door to my accommodations at Ocean Club Resorts, the Club Med Turquoise resort’s on-site dive shop assigns me an upbeat diving instructor, Victoria Roberts, who offers a private diving course that requires a couple hours of instruction in the morning for three days. My first day, I got comfortable with my dive equipment alongside Victoria in the four-metre deep Club Med pool. The next day, I am ready to complete the ocean dive requirements portion of my PADI certification in the deep blue sea. The warm, 22C degree waters of the lapping waves envelop me like my favourite blanket as I descend with my dive

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LIVE FOR FAMILY IN MAURITIUS

Angsana Balaclava claims to be the ultimate playground for family fun, and their Live for Family Offer will certainly help you and your loved ones make the most of your stay in Mauritius. You can engage in exhilarating land or water sports activities and kids get to eat for free while mum and dad recharge with a refreshing massage treatment. The package allows for two adults on a Half Board basis, with one child under 12 allowed to stay for free – with a complimentary three-hour baby-sitting service available. The Spa Experience lasts 60 minutes and comprises a 30-minute massage and a 30-minute relaxation, which can be enjoyed before your after the available selection of non-motorised water sports.

WHERE: Angsana Balaclava, Mauritius

PRICE: Via website

AVAILABLE: Until January 5, 2019

www.angsana.com

INTERNATIONAL

ESCAPES

From a resort relaunch in Bali to getting sky-high in a chopper above Amsterdam and a digital detox in Hong Kong – these incredible escapes for April are as diverse as they are luxurious

Words: Steven Bond



SKY HIGH IN AMSTERDAM

The tulips are in bloom across the Netherlands and there's no better view than from the air. The Conservatorium hotel in Amsterdam is not only dressing itself with over 1,000 of its home-grown bespoke flowers in celebration of the annual Tulip Festival, it has also launched its seasonal 'Tulips in Bloom' package. The two-night stay offer includes a Saturday helicopter flight with extensive views over the vast multi-coloured tulip fields, flower parks and Dutch coast within an EC 120 helicopter that can accommodate one pilot and four passengers. On land, hotel guests have access to a private driver for an exclusive journey across the grounds of a tulip farm for a unique introduction to art tulip cultivation where they can learn the fascinating history of the craft and even pick their very own tulips to take home.

WHERE: Conservatorium, Amsterdam

PRICE: From €1,695 per night inclusive of VAT, exclusive of 6% city tax

AVAILABLE: Until April 28

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WHEN: NOW

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www.palazzoversace.ae

Arabian Journeys

It's getting hot in here, but not too hot for some al fresco fun at these fab UAE hotels – so why not sample these perfect stays for the balmy April weather



SUITELY SENSATIONAL

WHERE: KEMPINSKI HOTEL MALL

OF THE EMIRATES

WHEN: NOW

Escape the dust and embrace the snow at Kempinski Hotel Mall of the Emirates, where you can stay in a coveted and cosy Aspen Chalet or Suite and enjoy 25% off the best available rate. The Suitely Sensational offer includes daily buffet breakfast in Olea, 30% discount at other restaurants, 30% discount on laundry services, two tickets to access the Snow Park of Ski Dubai and kids can also enjoy complimentary access to Magic Planet within Mall of the Emirates.

www.kempinski.com



NO ADULTS ALLOWED

Our pick of the best-of-the-best treats for junior travellers this month, from kids' clubs that inspire and delight, to incredibly fantastical playhouses



GROW WITH SIX SENSES

Six Senses Hotels Resorts Spas has long had a focus on wellness and the environment, and now it's time for your little ones to grow their sustainable smarts thanks to the brand's new kids programs. Grow With Six Senses incorporates six 'dimensions of wellness' into a range of dynamic activities for younger guests, who each get a new stamp for their personal Six Senses passport for every new activity and adventure.

Programs vary between resorts and include physical activities such as yoga and mindfulness, with an introduction to local cultures, sustainability and social experiences. There's also the chance for a bit of pampering with tailor-made kids' spa treatments, and things get very creative with the chance to make their own toothpaste, facial mask, body scrub and after-sun lotion. Then things will get active with cookery classes, treasure hunts, ball games and fitness challenges.

Highlights at Six Senses Yao Noi include roselle harvesting and flying yoga, while at Six Senses Fiji, opening this month, kids can make their own snacks using a solar oven. Six Senses Laamu has a beautiful garden for salad foraging and offers junior Zumba and healthy cookie making. For more peaceful

activities, there are simple meditations at Six Senses Samui and Vietnamese origami and painting at Evason Ana Mandara and Six Senses Ninh Van Bay. Six Senses Douro Valley offers tile painting and Six Senses Kaplankaya ceramic decorating. At Six Senses Zighy Bay, kids can get to grips with Arabic lessons.

Grow With Six Senses continues through family activities such as coastal walks, movie evenings, sandcastle building, storytelling, mastermind puzzle challenges, and at Six Senses Zil Pasyon there's also Big Cook-Little Cook, which pairs junior master chefs with adults. Each resort has its own comprehensive program, with a full list of Grow With Six Senses activities that can be viewed on the web page of each resort under the EXPERIENCES tab.

"Grow With Six Senses incorporates the six dimensions of wellness (social, environmental, physical, spiritual, emotional and intellectual) and brings kids 'back to basics' in order to reconnect with nature and others around them," said vice president of spa and wellness Anna Bjurstam. "This framework ensures a holistic offering for the minds of our little guests. We're really proud of what each resort has created and we know families are going to love the experience too."



ONCE UPON A PLAYTIME

It was just a few years ago when a Canadian father had the simple idea of building a lavish, over-the-top playhouses and tree houses. Tyson Leavitt now has a growing team of more than 15 people and continues to build fantastical play areas with his company 'Charmed Playhouses' with VIP clients including NBA superstar Stephen Curry.

All the playhouses are made in Leavitt's workshop in Alberta, and then delivered to the families for final assembly, ranging in size, theme and price. Charmed Playhouses offer designs for as little as \$7,000 but the team has completed bespoke projects for up to \$100,000. Designs include fairytale castles, modern kids' duplexes and even pirate ships.

www.charmedplayhouses.ca



LITTLE GEMS IN DUBAI

Whether they spend time splashing around in the pool, gardening, getting arty, or dressing up in costume, your VIP kids are guaranteed a memorable stay at The Bvlgari Resort Dubai. The hotel's Little Gem's Club is Bulgari's first ever kid's club and offers each little guest their own trademark activity passport, which they keep as a memento of their stay. The Little Gems make their own name bracelet on arrival (with a little help from the team), allowing them access to the restaurants and doubling as a pass for complimentary treats, juices and pastries. At check-in, kids can pick something from the toy chest to keep during their stay and are given a personalised welcome card with the Little Gems activity calendar, colouring pencils, color sheet and a collage book of the activities and photos obtained throughout the stay.



ARCHAEOLOGY ADVENTURES IN PORTUGAL

Now your little Indiana Jones can explore a historic farmstead hotel in Portugal, thanks to some fascinating experiences design by a renowned local archaeologist. The new family offering was launched last month at São Lourenço do Barrocal, a recently restored 19th century farmstead hotel, winery and spa hidden away in Portugal's wild and unspoiled Alentejo region. The hotel has partnered with archaeologist Manuel Calado for the series of new family experiences, inspired by the estate's natural surroundings and fascinating megalithic heritage.

Children can explore their creativity through the natural world in a 'wild art class', exploring the estate to collect natural objects, such as sticks, stones and feathers alongside mineral and vegetable dyes, and using their findings to create their very own masterpieces. Sculptors-in-waiting will join Calado in digging for clay soils and pigments, which will be used to create replicas of simple prehistoric pottery offerings. Competitive kids can enjoy sporting challenges in the wild, crafting their own prehistoric bow and arrow, propellant and assegai (spear) before competing in a tournament to prove their sporting prowess. The new activities complement the opening of the hotel's brand new children's swimming pool, which was unveiled last month

www.barrocal.pt



APRIL Essentials

We keep time with Chanel's remarkable Monsieur and reveal a range of other exquisite timepieces, along with a tiara and some incredible jewels. These are the most coveted items available in April.

Compiled by: Anna Zhukov



OUI, MONSIEUR

You may have trouble calculating the intricate movements of Chanel's latest timepiece for men, but you won't have any trouble counting to five: the luxury house has released a mere quintet of the achingly beautiful new edition of "MONSIEUR". The spherical contraption has clear mechanical movements with manual winding functionality to power its two rotating disks, corresponding to hours and minutes, on a black-matte bronze mount. Developed and manufactured by L'Épée, the 2018 Lion edition arrives in two versions; a one-of-a-kind pocket watch fitted with a new version of the Calibre 2 – the Calibre 2.2; and the limited edition five-piece clock series, pictured.

www.chanel.com

UP, UP AND AWAY

The dream of flight is as old as humanity itself. That dream became a reality in the 18th century when mankind defied gravity and began to conquer the kingdom of the skies. The Métiers d'Art Les Aérostiers collection by Vacheron Constantin pays tribute to this formative and thrilling chapter in history. On the scale of a watch dial, the master engravers of the Maison have done something remarkable, faithfully reproducing in miniature the historical depictions of five flights undertaken in France between 1783 and 1785. The hand-engraved and micro-sculpted gold hot-air balloons hover delicately against a translucent plique-à-jour enamel background, neatly complementing the 18-karat white gold case.

www.vacheron-constantin.com





A SYMPHONY OF BLUE

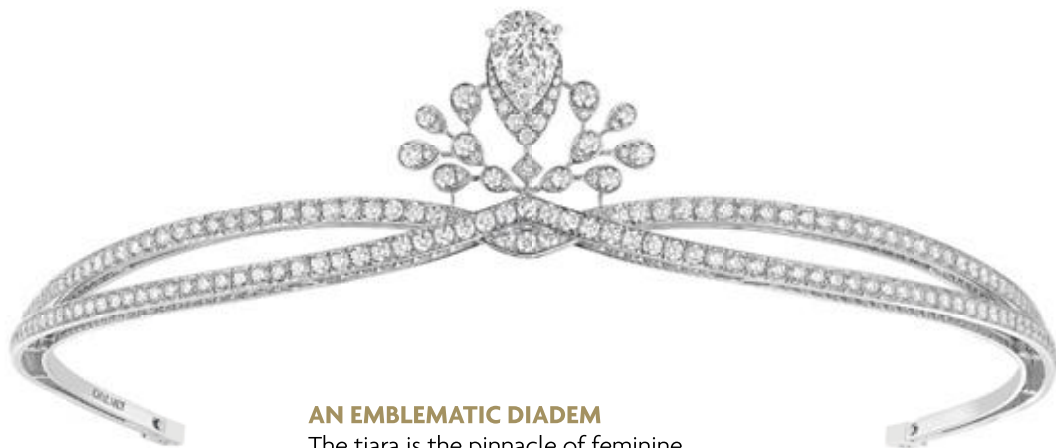
Blue is an integral part of BOVET's culture and watchmaking spirit. The colour has played a crucial role in the history and creation of its timepieces, and blue's strength lies both in the breadth of its palette – and in BOVET's ability to give it meaning. With its own Manufacture de Haute Horlogerie Artisanale and Atelier de Cadran (or dial crafting workshop) the House can work with as many shades and tones as it sees fit, which it has done for eight new editions; four varieties of the Récital 11 "Miss Alexandra" for women and the Récital 17 for men – all closely linked by blue hues. The Récital 11 "Miss Alexandra" timepieces (right) with the aventurine dial and diamond bezel in 18-karat white gold are priced at \$47,600. The Récital 17 models (left) – also in white gold – are priced from \$67,774.

www.bovet.com

BEYOND PRECIOUS

The latest spectacular pieces from the Precious Chopard collection are designed with exquisite metal and gemstone lacework. The flamboyant collection was imagined by Caroline Scheufele as a perfect alliance between Haute Couture and High Jewellery and, for this season, Chopard turns the spotlight on emeralds with a slender necklace and a majestic pair of chandelier earrings composed of gracefully flowing cascades of precious stones, featuring pear and heart shapes. The chandelier earrings arrive in an 18-karat white gold set with pear-shaped emeralds (20.3 carats) and brilliant-cut diamonds: POR. The necklace consists of 18-karat white gold with pear- and heart-shaped emeralds for a total of 37.5 carats and brilliant-cut 8.3-carat diamonds: POR.

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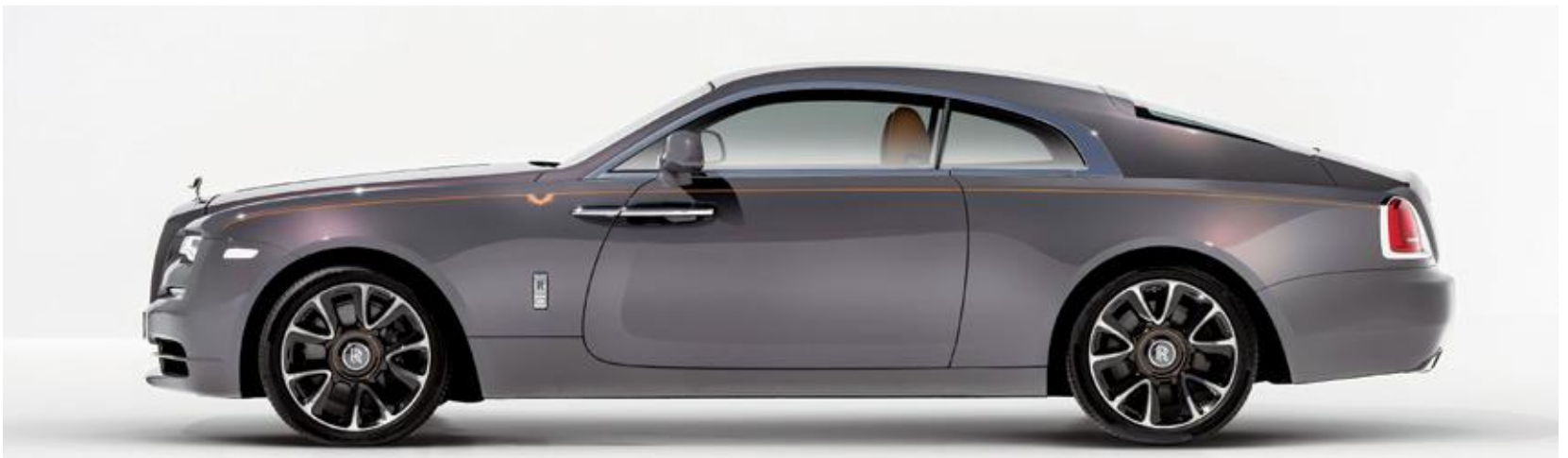
AN EMBLEMATIC DIADEM

The tiara is the pinnacle of feminine power and privilege. The latest addition to Chaumet's Joséphine collection draws on belle époque designs and the sophisticated minimalism of the new millennium. The spectacular contemporary interpretation of a tradition rooted in antiquity, this new tiara is prized as an object d'art, underpinned with meaning, and the ultimate symbol of heritage, continuity, and ancestry. A silent indicator, yet an instantly recognisable sign of wealth and privilege, this tiara can be worn alone with no other jewels, save for this ring, which also pays homage to Joséphine, the House's original muse. Arms, necklines, and ears could still be bare and the rest of the dazzling ensemble complemented by a supple necklace and a pair of chandelier earrings can be stowed away. The platinum tiara is set with brilliant-cut diamonds of 13.48 carats and a pear-shaped diamond of 3.36 carats: POR.

www.chaumet.com



ROLLS-ROYCE REDEFINES BESPOKE



Rolls-Royce has recently unveiled the Wraith Luminary Collection, an ultra exclusive range of 55 unique motor cars from the British carmaker. As with every model, Rolls-Royce pours an incredible amount of detail in to their work and the Luminary collection is no exception, especially when you consider prized Rolls-Royce starlight headliner – a hand-woven configuration of 1,340 fibre optic lights.

The collection's defining feature, however, is its Tudor Oak wood. Selected for its depth of colour and the density of the grain structure it is, for the first time, illuminated with 176 LEDs, permeating through an intricately perforated design.

“Wraith Luminary is a stunning Collection Car,” said Rolls-Royce CEO Torsten Müller-Ötvös. “It speaks directly of our contemporary Rolls-Royce brand – progressive and trailblazing; the pinnacle in hand-crafted luxury. This is a motor car that celebrates visionaries who achieve eminence in their respective fields. Indeed, this collection is for the world's luminaries.”



MAYBACH'S EXTENDED LUXURY

MERCEDES-MAYBACH HAS REFRESHED THEIR TOP OF THE line model, the Pullman. The longest model of the S-Class family boasts an impressive 6.5 metres, which exemplifies the larger than life character of the updated model. It provides space for a generously sized and tastefully appointed club lounge in the rear, with a range of comforts fitted as standard, ensuring the chauffeur-driven limousine lives up to today's expectations of what constitutes maximum exclusivity and luxury.



BLACK BEAUTY

THE MASERATI QUATTROPORTE GRANSPORT GTS 'Nerissimo' Special Edition enhances the aesthetic and sportiness of the Quattroporte. The car can also be fitted with power-upgraded 3-litre V6 424hp engine, with the new, performance-enhancing Integrated Vehicle Control system (IVC), developed by Bosch in collaboration with Maserati.

The introduction of Electric Power Steering (EPS) by Maserati enables new Advanced Driving Assistance Systems (ADAS) with active functions. The EPS has replaced hydraulic power steering on the Quattroporte, providing better handling and comfort, while retaining razor-sharp steering. Just 50 'Nerissimo' special editions are now available in the Middle East and Japan with a starting price of AED 408,450.

DID YOU KNOW?

CADILLAC HAS UNVEILED THE XT4, A NEW COMPACT SUV TAILORED FOR LUXURY CUSTOMERS. "IT EXUDES CADILLAC'S DNA, BUT WITH A NEW BOLDNESS THAT SPEAKS TO THE YOUTHFULNESS OF ITS TEAM AND ITS CUSTOMERS," SAID THERESE PINAZZO, CADILLAC'S EXTERIOR DESIGN MANAGER

PORSCHE KEEPS IT ALL NATURAL

THE PORSCHE 911 GT3 WILL SOON HAVE an RS version available to buy. Following the launch of the 911 GT3 and the 911 GT2 RS, the latest release will see Porsche present its third GT road-approved sports car within a year. This naturally aspirated four-litre, six-cylinder engine delivers 520hp (20 hp more than the standard GT3), with a top speed of 312km/h. For true motorsport enthusiasts there will also be an optional Weissach package that will lower the overall weight of the car to 1,430kg. The 911 GT3 RS is now available to order.





PRESTIGE AND POWER

Since 1993 the “Boxster” badge has received a range of responses, but Kris Karacinski test drives the all-new 718 Boxster GTS with the hope turning his frown upside down



Sail away

FOILER /// THE FLYING YACHT

They said they wanted to raise the bar, but they ended up raising the whole boat. The Flying Yacht made its debut at the Dubai International Boat Show last month, revealing a sleek and stylish vessel to attendees from around the world. The retractable carbon fibre retractable hydrofoils allow the yacht to “fly” 1.5 metres above the water, delivering up to 20% increased fuel efficiency at top hydro-foiling speeds. Aside from being a visual spectacle, The Flying Yacht delivers a smooth and relatively quiet passenger experience that avoids the turbulence of a conventionally designed yacht, virtually eliminating seasickness in passengers while gliding over the water. The unique design of the Foiler also increases your speed while reducing the effects of drag on fuel consumption – you can move across waves of up to two metres with almost no disruption and up to three times less wake than a conventional yacht.

Enjoy smooth speeds of up to 40 knots, with hydro-foiling flight commencing from 18 knots with seven passengers and a driver, running on hybrid power delivered by twin 320hp BMW engines, two electric generators and two electric torpedoes. Cruising at 30 knots, the Foiler has a range of 130 nautical miles, drawing fuel from its 300-litre-capacity tank and when stealth is required, the hybrid propulsion system offers battery-powered silent cruising at 10 knots for up to 10 minutes.

Length: 9.45m

Beam with foils raised: 3.3m

Beam with foils deployed: 7.2m

Draft in non-foiling mode: 0.6m

Max. speed: 40 knots

Cruising speed: 30 knots

Fuel capacity: 300 litres



PHOTOS: Guillaume Plisson

ON THE WATER THIS MONTH

CROATIA BOAT SHOW

April 11-15, 2018
Split, Croatia
www.croatiaboatshow.com

SINGAPORE YACHT SHOW

April 12-15, 2018
ONE°15 Marina Club, Sentosa, Singapore
www.singaporeyachtshow.com

AUSTRALIAN SUPERYACHT RENDEZVOUS

April 20-21, 2018
Gold Coast City Marina, Queensland, Australia
www.australiansuperyachtrendezvous.com.au

CHINA INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW (CIBS)

April 26-29, 2018
Shanghai New International Expo Centre, China
www.boatshowchina.com



OCEANCO /// TUHURA

Oceanco's latest project born from a meeting of creative minds, conceived in collaboration with the Lobanov Design studio, BMT Nigel Gee and celebrated interior designer Achille Salvagni. Tuhura is designed to harken back to 'ancient times' with an exterior based on early canoes used by indigenous people all over the world. In fact, the name 'Tuhura' is derived from the Maori verb meaning: to discover, bring to light, unearth, open up, explore, and investigate. Innovation and cutting-edge technology is evident throughout the design, such as the multiple horizontal windows in the hull, allowing the view from within to be completely transparent, while from the exterior, the windows appear the same colour as the hull, disguising their appearance.

On the inside, the main inspiration comes by way East Asia and the Pacific islands, which designer Achille Salvagni refers to the interior as a "brushed teak habitat" – floors, walls, ceilings – including thin reveals in gunmetal and natural bronze with tatami floors. "Tuhura is a megayacht conceived for a dynamic owner, nevertheless the timeless sense of peace and calmness are the main characteristics," said Salvagni. "This softness and dynamicity are reflected in the humble elegance and sensuality of the primitive organic shapes echoed throughout."



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