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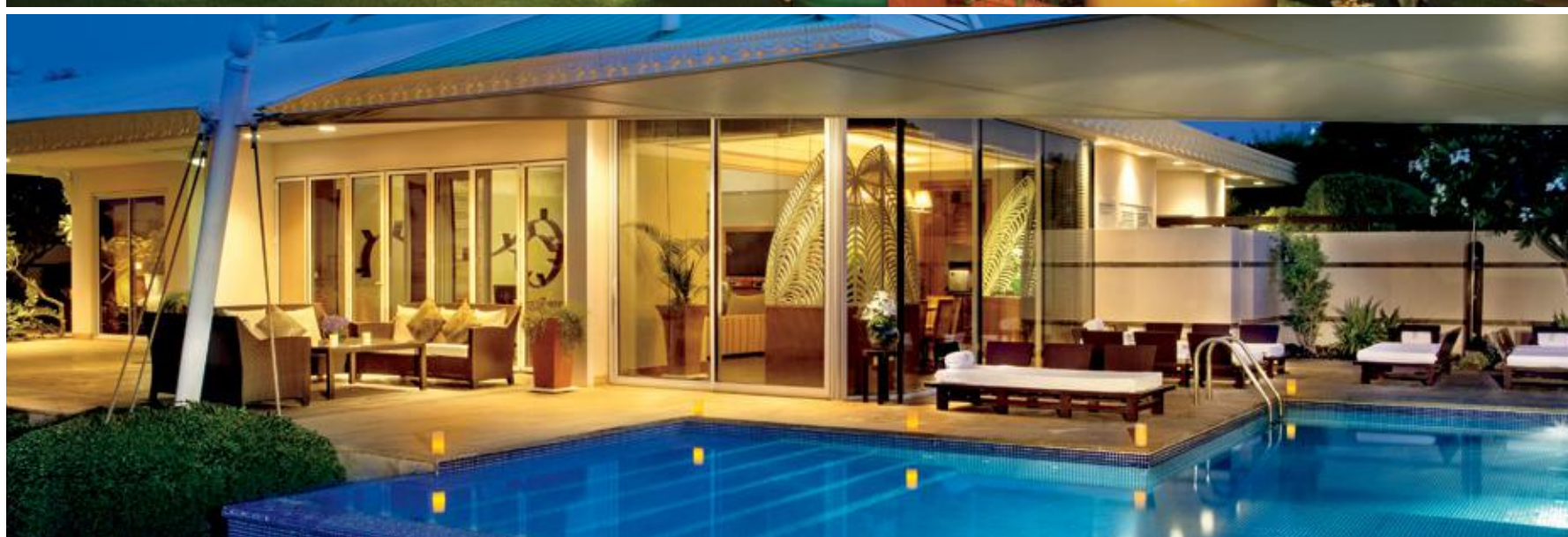
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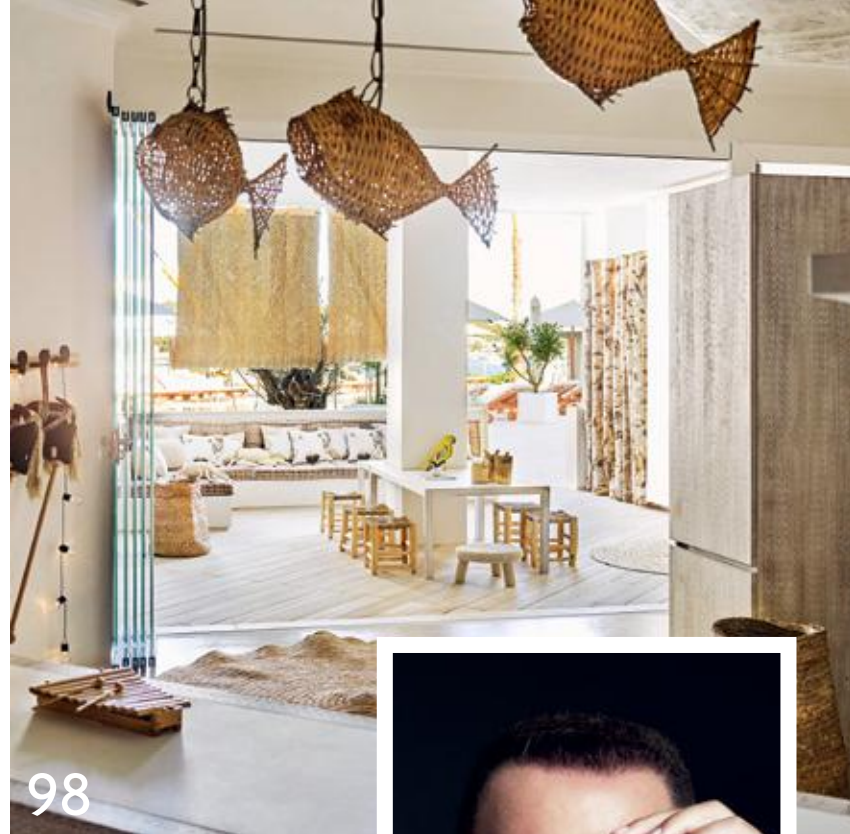
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## A ROYAL ESCAPE IN GENEVA

ROOFTOP SPACE COMES AT A PREMIUM in Geneva, as guests staying at Mandarin Oriental Geneva's new Royal Penthouse Suite will appreciate. From the 175-sqm outdoor terrace, guests can soak up panoramic views of the city from the 7th floor vantage point, or invite friends up for cocktails and canapés as the sun sets over the Rhone. Inside the palatial three-bedroom suite, interiors by BUZ Design reflect each of the seasons.

Spring colours dominate the master bedroom, while bright hues in the other bedrooms create a more summery vibe. Autumn prevails in the living room – an open-plan space with cosy fireside cubby next to the main living room and dining area – and the sound-proofed entertainment room with big-screen TV and audio equipment is finished in wintry hues. Perks include airport transfers and the choice of an in-suite mixology class or

a tasting of signature dishes from Peruvian restaurant Yakumanka and Rasoi by Vineet (Bhatia), plus packing and unpacking services. Combining the Royal Penthouse with the Royal Suite on the 6th floor below forms the Imperial Residence, a sprawling six-bedroom suite covering 577 square metres that's perfectly suited to generational family groups or VIP delegations. [www.mandarinoriental.com](http://www.mandarinoriental.com)

## TURKEY: A BLANK CANVAS FOR ARTISTIC TRAVELLERS

TURKEY'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE ART WORLD CONTINUES with the opening of two new contemporary art museums: Kengo Kuma's striking Odunpazari Modern Museum (OMM) and modern art space Arter. A gleaming new building in Istanbul's Dolapdere district is the new home of the latter, a dynamic venue created for the celebration and production of art by the philanthropic Vehbi Koç Foundation. Designed by London's Grimshaw Architects, the gallery's six floors are home to exhibitions showcasing works from the foundation's private collection, as well as showcases and retrospectives dedicated to the country's leading talent. Two dynamic performance halls provide space for film screenings, chamber concerts, performance art and large-scale digital installations; and there's a library, sculpture terrace, bookshop and café on site. [www.arter.org.tr](http://www.arter.org.tr)

MEANWHILE IN ANATOLIA, superstar architect Kengo Kuma has put the finishing touches to OMM, home to a 1,000-piece collection of modern and contemporary art in the university town of Eskisehir. Fresh from his work on the V&A Dundee, Kuma has created a modern building of stacked timber, with asymmetrical modules designed to reflect the character of the traditional Odunpazari neighbourhood. Inaugural exhibitions include the largest-ever work by Japanese master bamboo artist Tanabe Chikuunsai IV and two environmentally-minded installations by British digital art collective Marshmallow Laser Feast. There's no need to worry about missing the train back to Istanbul: the adjacent OMM INN has 12 boutique rooms fitted out in a modern, minimalist style, with dining options including a vegetarian restaurant and modern street food stalls. [www.omm.art](http://www.omm.art)







## FIND YOUR OWN PRIVATE WILDERNESS IN LAPLAND

WHAT DO LUXURY TRAVEL COMPANIES do when they can't find suitable lodgings for their discerning customers to enjoy while exploring the world's most remote landscapes? If they're like Janne Honkanen, CEO of Arctic tour operator Luxury Action, they build one themselves. Situated in 300 hectares of untouched landscape in Finnish Lapland, Octola Private Wilderness is a 10-suite log cabin with dedicated staff including chef, butler and wilderness guide, plus a wood-burning sauna, gym and fitness centre, and a fleet of snowmobiles ready to take guests on adventures deep within the Arctic Circle.

You can set off on snowshoe expeditions in search of the Northern Lights during never-ending winter nights, or spend the long summer days cross-country skiing or tobogganing, exploring the landscape on a husky sled expedition or challenging their driving skills on the ice. Seasonal menus feature dishes made from locally sourced ingredients: think game, wild plants and berries, foraged mushrooms and fish, as well as a cellar packed with premium labels. If the idea of private luxury lodgings in a remote corner of the Arctic appeals, don't waste any time booking: there's currently a two-year waiting list. [www.octola.com](http://www.octola.com)

DID YOU HEAR?

THE PALAIS GALLIERA WILL REOPEN ITS DOORS IN DECEMBER TO REVEAL THE NEW SALLES GABRIELLE CHANEL, A NEW EXHIBITION SPACE IN THE VAULTED CELLARS OF THE PALACE. FUNDED BY THE HOUSE OF CHANEL, THE NEW GALLERIES WILL DISPLAY ITEMS FROM THE CITY OF PARIS FASHION MUSEUM'S 200,000-PIECE COLLECTION AND HOST TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

## ART IN RESONANCE ARRIVES IN PARIS



HOTELS OFTEN DABBLE IN THE ARTS, WITH TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS and artist-in-residence programmes adding a splash of colour and contemporary culture to well-appointed lobbies and public spaces. But luxury hoteliers have upped the ante in recent years, with many of the world's top brands introducing full-time curators and art historians to their portfolios, who can guide guests around extensive art collections and advise them on the best places to view and buy art.

The latest brand to formalise its association with the art world is The Peninsula Hotels, which launched its new Art in Resonance programme during Art Basel Hong Kong in March. Specially-commissioned works by a handful of contemporary artists were unveiled and exhibited at The Peninsula Hong Kong ahead of the event, including a striking neon light installation by Chilean artist Iván Navarro.

Following the success of the programme, the second phase was launched at The Peninsula Paris last month during Paris Fashion Week. Curators Isolde Brielmaier and Bettina Prentice invited French artist Elise Morin and New York-based Saya Woolfalk to create new pieces that are exhibited alongside Navarro's neon sculpture HOME until November 15th. While each piece is striking in its own right, the works exhibited also address big-picture issues including climate change, race and immigration, with a view to creating meaningful conversations among guests and visitors. [www.peninsula.com](http://www.peninsula.com)

# Debut | October

HOT HOTELS, CHIC BOUTIQUES AND EXCLUSIVE NEW RESORTS  
HERE'S OUR PICK OF THE WORLD'S MOST LUXURIOUS NEW LAUNCHES



## INTERCONTINENTAL MALDIVES MAAMUNAGUA RESORT

RAA ATOLL, MALDIVES

Even by Maldivian standards, InterContinental Maldives Maamunagua Resort is a stunner. Surrounded by miles of clear blue Indian Ocean, this remote island retreat is home to 81 one- to three-bedroom villas and residences, including unique Lagoon Villas that combine beachfront and overwater experiences. Six restaurants and bars include The Lighthouse, where guests can enjoy an aperitif on the rooftop before dining on Spanish tapas; South East Asian sea-to-table fare at Fish Market; and The Retreat, an adults-only space with its own beachfront infinity pool and bar. Guests can unwind in one of six overwater treatment rooms at AVI Spa, or consult a traditional Chinese medicine practitioner, who offers specialist treatments including acupuncture and cupping. But for the best local experiences you have to leave the comfort of the resort: Hanifaru Bay in the nearby Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve is teeming with reef manta rays, and one of the best places in the world to spot whale sharks, sting rays and other marine life on a guided snorkelling trip.

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## CABRITS RESORT & SPA KEMPINSKI

DOMINICA, CARIBBEAN

The rainforest-covered slopes of Dominica are home to some of the most spectacular natural scenery in the Caribbean; a wild landscape of waterfalls, hot springs and postcard-perfect beaches. The newest addition to this magnificent landscape is Cabrits Resort & Spa Kempinski, a sprawling resort situated in the northwest corner of the island on picturesque Douglas Bay, flanked by Cabrits National Park to the west and the slopes of Devil's Peak to the east. The 151 guestrooms and suites offer an elegant base from which to explore the volcanic landscape. Cream of the crop is the mighty Presidential Villa, a two-bedroom abode with its own spa, private pool and spacious terrace. Fresh Creole cuisine is on the menu at Cabrits Market, while Rumfire Bar is the spot to bid farewell to the day as the sun goes down. Hiking opportunities abound in the island's three natural parks, including the UNESCO World Heritage Morne Trois Pitons National Park, which is teeming with rare birds and animals. [www.kempinski.com](http://www.kempinski.com)

**THE BILTMORE, MAYFAIR**

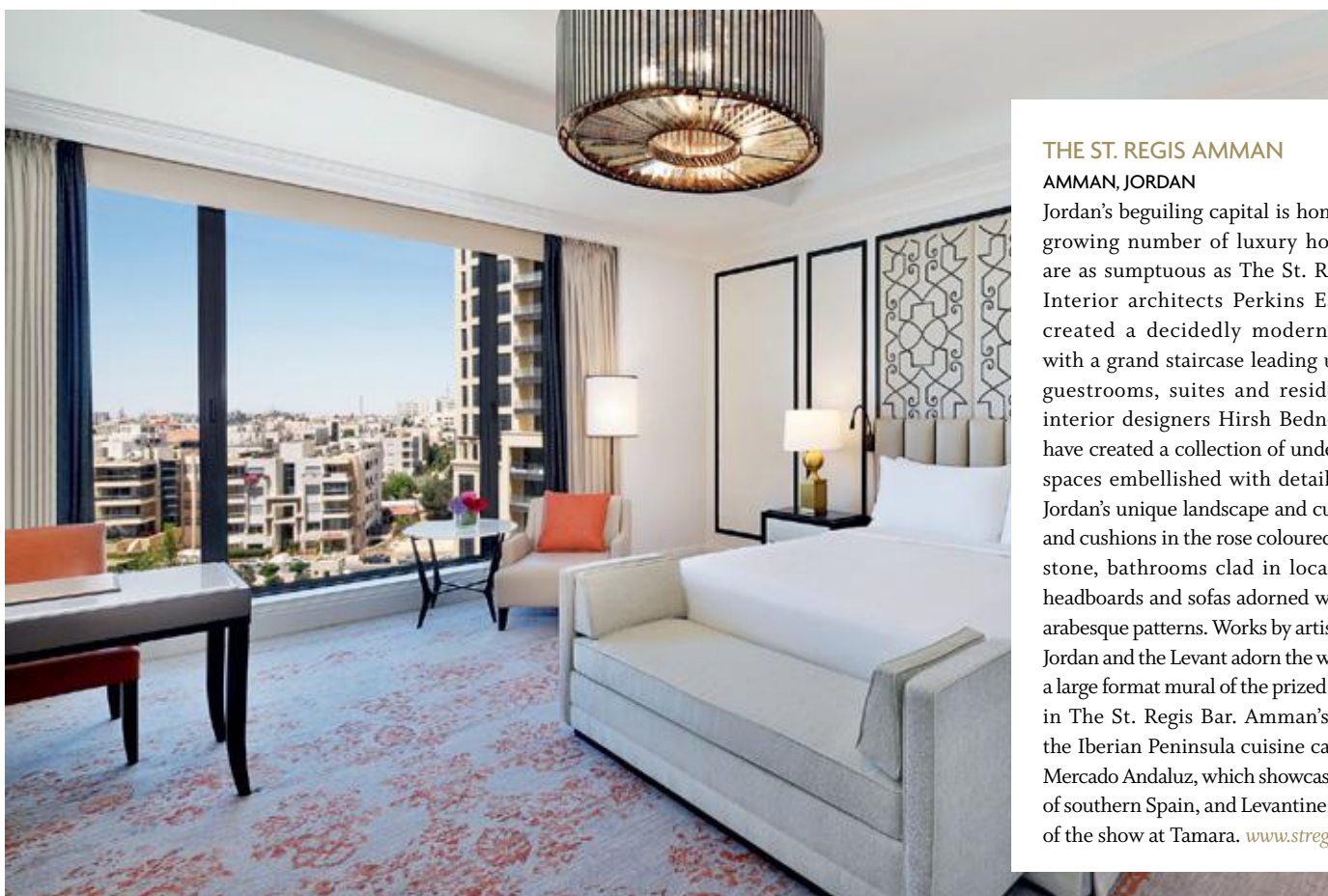
LONDON, UK

Adding a splash more glamour to Mayfair's effervescent luxury hotel scene, The Biltmore is the first European outpost of Hilton's new LXR Hotels & Resorts brand. Overlooking Mayfair's Grosvenor Square, this stately building once housed the private residences of London's elite: the aristocrats and business magnates who have called the area home since the early 18th century. The 307 rooms and suites are furnished in an unfussy, contemporary style, with neutral colours brightened by pops of jewel tones: ruby-coloured armchairs, amethyst fabric in the dining room and rich sapphire-coloured velvet sofas. Superstar chef Jason Atherton has designed all of the hotel's dining venues, including signature restaurant, The Betterment. [lxrhotels3.hilton.com](http://lxrhotels3.hilton.com)

**ROSEWOOD GUANGZHOU**

GUANGZHOU, CHINA

Towering above the streets of Guangzhou on the upper floors of the 530-metre CTF Finance Centre, the newest member of the Rosewood family is a showcase of understated urban elegance. Interiors by Yabu Pushelberg – the Toronto-based design firm with a collection of Four Seasons, EDITION, Park Hyatt and St Regis hotels in its portfolio – include 251 guestrooms and 355 private residences, plus seven dining venues with outdoor terraces, a two-storey spa and the 108th floor Manor Club. The hotel is imbued with traditional Chinese craftwork and motifs, from the red lacquered entrance doors to traditional silk screens and a collection of contemporary Chinese art, affirming Rosewood's promise to infuse each hotel with a distinct sense of place. [www.rosewood.com](http://www.rosewood.com)

**THE ST. REGIS AMMAN**

AMMAN, JORDAN

Jordan's beguiling capital is home to an ever-growing number of luxury hotels, but few are as sumptuous as The St. Regis Amman. Interior architects Perkins Eastman have created a decidedly modern lobby area, with a grand staircase leading up to the 260 guestrooms, suites and residences. Here, interior designers Hirsh Bedner Associates have created a collection of understated living spaces embellished with details that reflect Jordan's unique landscape and culture: carpets and cushions in the rose coloured hues of Petra stone, bathrooms clad in local marble and headboards and sofas adorned with geometric arabesque patterns. Works by artists from across Jordan and the Levant adorn the walls, including a large format mural of the prized Arabian horse in The St. Regis Bar. Amman's first taste of the Iberian Peninsula cuisine can be found at Mercado Andaluz, which showcases the flavours of southern Spain, and Levantine fare is the star of the show at Tamara. [www.stregisamman.com](http://www.stregisamman.com)



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**WHITE TRUFFLE FAIR**

Alba, Piedomont, Italy

While autumn in Italy is absolutely magical weather-wise, a variety of edible events will sate mind, body and soul. The annual White Truffle Fair in Alba is back for its 89th year, an event dedicated to the exquisite delicacy that is the Alba White Truffle. With wine tastings, cooking shows, beauty contests, music and theatre, the 19-day fair culminates with the world-famous Truffle Market – the perfect place to appreciate and buy some of the world's best truffles.

[www.fieradeltartufo.org](http://www.fieradeltartufo.org)



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**LAGERFELD, THE CHANEL SHOWS BY SIMON PROCTER**

Le Royal Monceau-Raffles, Paris

Fashion aficionados or French culture vultures should revel in the news that *Lagerfeld, The Chanel Shows by Simon Procter* exhibition is running until November 15 at Le Royal Monceau-Raffles, Paris.

Featuring unpublished photographs from British photographer Simon Procter, the collection of visuals is a tribute to the most respected and emblematic designer in the history of fashion, and the images capture and illustrate the energy and magic of Lagerfeld's iconic catwalk shows that have transformed the world of fashion. This really is a visual masterpiece for anyone interested in fashion, design and culture. The exclusive show is held at Le Royal Monceau-Raffles Paris' art gallery and there will be signed copies of Procter's book at the hotel's bookstore. [www.leroyalmonceau.com](http://www.leroyalmonceau.com)

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**OPERA DE MONTE CARLO**

Muscat, Oman

Something of a coup for this region, Opera de Monte Carlo is bringing the premiere of *La Boheme* to the Royal Opera House in Muscat. The show will also feature, for the first time, the Philharmonique de Monte Carlo and the choir of Opera de Monte Carlo, and its arrival in Muscat marks the first stop of the series of productions of *La Boheme*, which will be presented to the public in Monaco in January 2020. A true spectacle for all the senses. [www.rohmuscat.org.om](http://www.rohmuscat.org.om)

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**Diary**

As autumn draws in, the arts and culture scene around the world alights, quite literally, from festivals in Myanmar to opera in Muscat and Karl Lagerfeld at Le Royal Monceau-Raffles

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**FINE ART ASIA**

Hong Kong, China

If you're looking to upgrade your art collection, then Fine Art Asia should be on your radar. The most distinguished art fair in the region, Fine Art Asia attracts leading Hong Kong galleries and the elite of international dealers, and is an unrivalled platform for art and antiques in Asia. Showcasing museum-quality Asian and Western antiques, jewellery, silver and timepieces, alongside modern and contemporary art spanning 5,000 years, this year's highlights include a monumental 18th-century Chinese triple gourd vase formerly in the collection of John Pierpoint Morgan, contemporary Japanese Kintsukuroi by glass artist Yukiot Nishinaka, and a gold and enamel pocket watch by Anthony London in the early 18th century. Cheque books at the ready. [www.fineartasia.com](http://www.fineartasia.com)

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### MADE LONDON: THE DESIGN & CRAFT FAIR

Marylebone, London

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### WATCHTIME NEW YORK

New York, USA

An opportunity to browse the newest novelties alongside some of the most beautiful watch brands on the planet, Watchtime New York brings together founders, CEOs, watchmakers and, of course, incredible wristpieces. From Breguet and Mont Blanc to Glashütte and Zenith, and with seminars tackling topics such as 'The Golden Age of Watchmaking: Past or Present?' and 'What Makes Young Collector's Tick?', this five-day show is at the forefront of both industry trends and investible timepieces. [www.watchtimenewyork.com](http://www.watchtimenewyork.com)

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### MYANMAR FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Myanmar

Myanmar's 'Lighting Festival' coincides with the full moon, culminating with a three-day celebration to mark Buddha's descent from heaven. In layman's terms, what this means is a beautiful festival that celebrates the spirit of Burmese people, with streets, houses and buildings decorated with hundreds of coloured bulbs and candles. One of the best ways to experience the moment is with The Strand Cruise's Lighting Festival – a three-night cruise from Mandalay to Bagan. Stay in the Strand Suite, with its airy interiors and private balcony, and sit back and enjoy your five-star vantage point with a difference. [www.thestrandcruise.com](http://www.thestrandcruise.com)



# THE ART OF IMAGINATION

With a design-led ethos that harnesses both style and sustainability,  
JA Lake View Hotel is the new jewel in Arabia's crown, says Emily Baxter-Priest

PHOTOGRAPHY: Ruksana Hussain







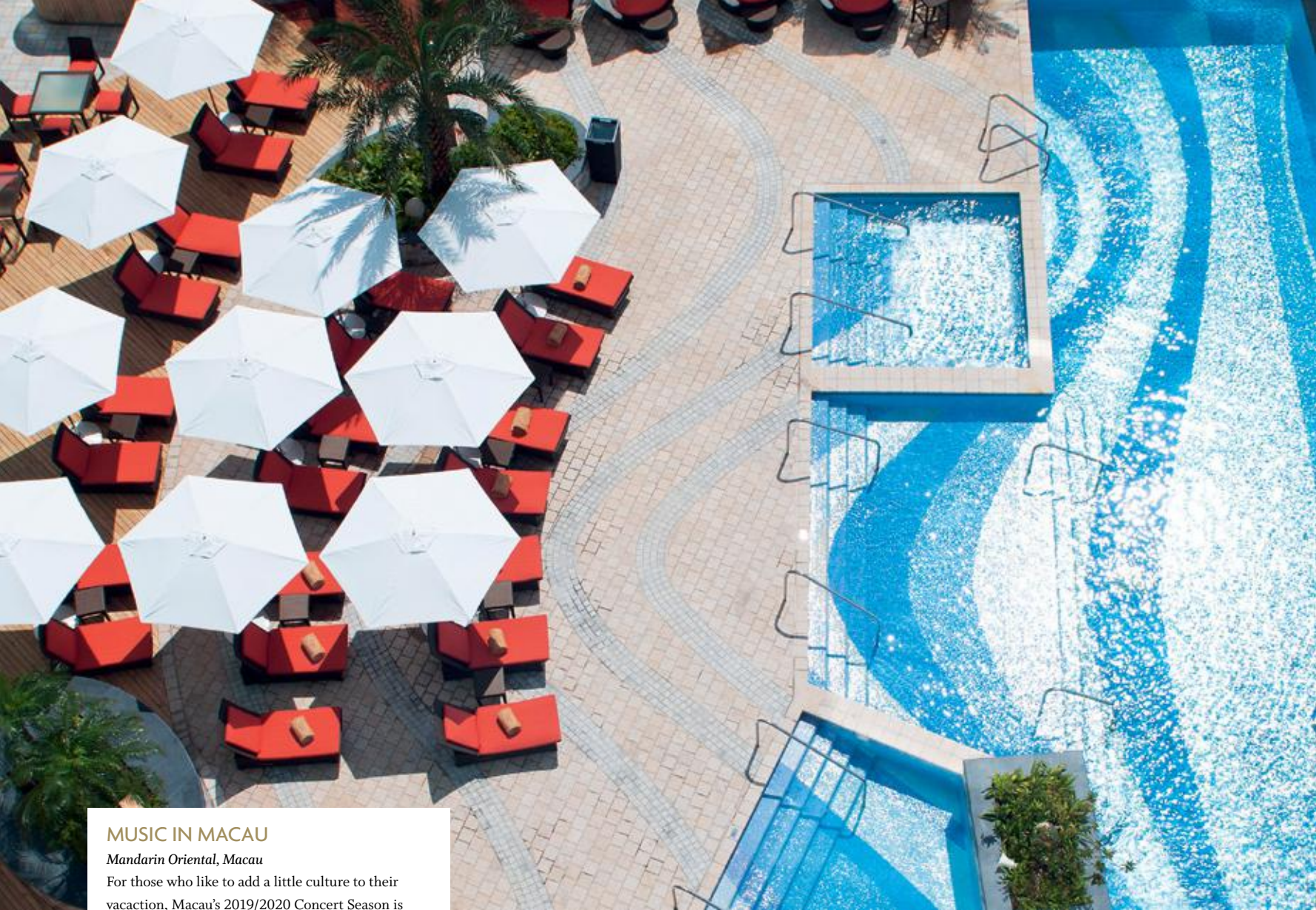
# RAISING THE BAR

Ground-breaking design is at the heart of **The Abu Dhabi EDITION**, where its avant-garde vision sets the tone for a new hospitality landscape that prides itself on luxury redefined

**WORDS:** Emily Baxter-Priest  
**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Ruksana Hussain







## MUSIC IN MACAU

*Mandarin Oriental, Macau*

For those who like to add a little culture to their vacation, Macau's 2019/2020 Concert Season is reason enough to head to the south coast of China. As is Mandarin Oriental Macau's 'Melodious Orchestra in Macau' package that includes two VIP concert tickets, a night in a luxurious Deluxe City View room, and a beautiful three-course set lunch at the five-star hotel's Vida Rica restaurant (Dhs1,220 a night, running over limited dates until July 2020). Guests can choose from an evening listening to Lu Shao-Chia on January 11 or the season's closing concert with world-renowned pianist, Rudolf Buchbinder, July 24-25. Music to your ears.

[www.mandarinoriental.com/macau](http://www.mandarinoriental.com/macau)

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# ESCAPES

From classical music in Macau to yoga jaunts in Cape Town and the ultimate switch-off retreat in Bali... These escapes will feed body, mind and soul. Indulge at leisure



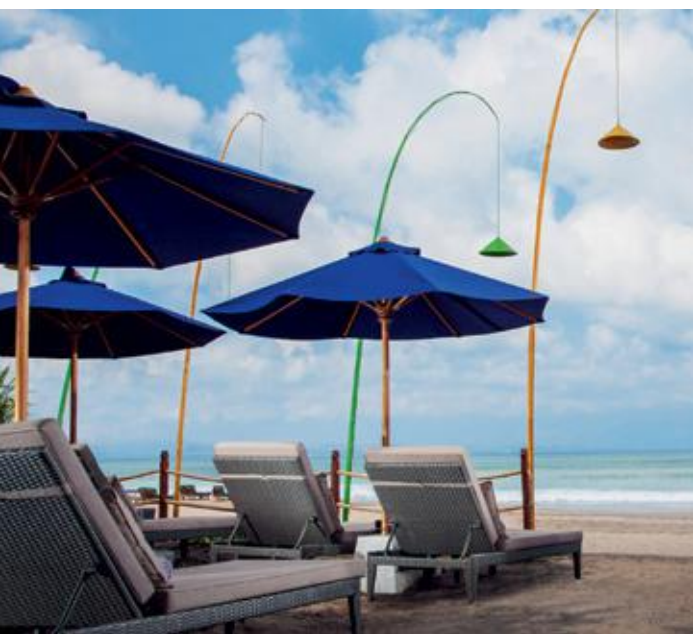


### THE ULTIMATE IN RELAXATION

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### CUISINE DREAMS

**WHERE:** Bvlgari Resort Dubai

**WHAT:** Grand Tour

The fabulous Grand Tour culinary project at Il Ristorante – Niko Romito starts on October 18th, with an exclusive tasting menu created by chef Niko Romito himself (Dhs550 per person). Inspired by the sabbatical trip taken by young European intellectuals in the seventeenth century to explore the wonders of Italian art, culture and gastronomy, the Grand Tour aims to take guests on a journey through different destinations, via their tastebuds. The antipasti tour passes through Naples, the mains meander through Venice, then via Florence for the sides, ending in Palermo for dessert. [www.bulgarihotels.com](http://www.bulgarihotels.com)

# Arabian Journeys

As the mercury finally drops, the UAE becomes a bountiful playground once more, both inside and out. Here, four of our favourite ways to spend a weekend...



### POOLSIDE PLEASURE

**WHERE:** Palazzo Versace, Dubai

**WHAT:** Swim, Dine & Party

To celebrate the launch of La Piscina by Palazzo Versace, Swim, Dine & Party will transport you to the Amalfi Coast with its swim-up bar, private cabanas perfect for idyllic al fresco dining, signature cocktails, and resident DJs to spin sundowner tunes. With daily shisha (from Dhs120), free entry for ladies between 1-4pm on Mondays with complimentary bubbles, unlimited sushi Wednesdays (Dhs199) and a Mediterranean Saturday brunch (Dhs250), La Piscina is the coolest place to be.

[www.palazzoversace.ae](http://www.palazzoversace.ae)



## AL FRESCO FUN

**WHERE:** Raffles Dubai

**WHAT:** Market Brunch

For those who like their little people in tow when they brunch, Raffles Dubai's family-friendly Market Brunch is back. The perfect setting in the Raffles Garden, the 1,500 sqm outdoor oasis features cooking stalls, market style, music and kids' entertainment every Friday. You'll be hard-pushed to choose from the British-French-Italian-Arabic-Asian selection, with the seafood and tandoori stations early favourites. The Market Brunch starts at Dhs249 for soft drinks and Dhs395 for beverages, while children up to 12 go free and kids 12-16 are half price. It's the perfect outdoor weekend spot for friends, families and foodies. [www.raffles.com](http://www.raffles.com)

## RELAX & UNWIND AT W

**WHERE:** W Dubai, The Palm

**WHAT:** Amplify Your Game

The perfect staycation is never complete without a little R'n'R to boot. W Dubai – The Palm is giving guests the chance to do just that with its fabulous Amplify Your Game offer, which includes a relaxing 60-minute massage (choose from Detox, De-Stress, Go Deep or Reset), a refuelling, nutritious lunch and vitamin-packed juice at AWAY Spa's Beauty Bar, access to WET (the so-called adults' playground and epicentre of Escape) and FIT gym, indoor squash courts, the beach and a complimentary sun lounger to really channel your lounge lizard vibes. All this for Dhs599 per person, and running until December 31, there has never been a better time to treat yourself. [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)





# NO ADULTS ALLOWED

Our pick of the best travel treats for junior explorers this month, with a round-up of our favourite kids' clubs designed to keep little ones inspired, fashion buys for your mini-me and edu-entertainment for the whole family.

## CLUBBING – BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT

As a spike in family travel is set to continue with a projected increase of 25 per cent by 2022 (according to analytic experts GlobalData), hotels and resorts are wising up to the demand for family-friendly offerings, with child-specific deliverables a key focus for determining destination for both parent and child. With kids clubs also having something of a renaissance, innovative concepts are brought to the fore, from adventure-fuelled and imagination-lead play to edu-tainment and eco-centric activities that put little people front and centre. Long gone are the simplicities of water sports or hobby crafts, kids clubs now delve so much deeper to take care of, entertain and educate their tiny travellers. Here, we round up a few of our new favourites, from the Maldives to Ibiza and the UAE, to allow you to make conscious decisions when deciding where to head on your next adventure en masse.



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1. One&Only Reethi Rah Maldives' new 'Kids Buddy' programme at its KidsOnly club gives children (from 6 months to 12 years) one-on-one supervision, allowing for truly tailor-made itineraries, from beach scavenger hunts to mini golf to arts and crafts. [www.oneandonlyresorts.com](http://www.oneandonlyresorts.com)

2. The all-new colourful Rixy Kids Club at Rixos The Palm has also just launched the UAE's first-ever amphitheatre for kids with musical and theatrical persuasions. Time to make some noise. [www.thepalmdubai.rixos.com](http://www.thepalmdubai.rixos.com)

3. Lha Velaa Kids Club at Velaa Private Island 'invites' children to enter its magical world, with each child (aged from 4-12 years) given a caregiver throughout, with the largest aqua park in the Maldives, a climbing wall, yoga, watersports and talent shows on offer. [www.velaaprivateisland.com](http://www.velaaprivateisland.com)

4. Tiny travellers are the focus at Es Saadi Marrakech Resort's newly-renovated Kids Club, where activities immerse them in the culture of Morocco, with Arabic writing, henna art and traditional cookery classes, both stimulating senses and fuelling cultural curiosity. [www.essaadi.com](http://www.essaadi.com)

5. The best eco-educational kids club comes courtesy of Nobu Hotel Ibiza Bay with its focus on sustainability, eco-centric adventures and environmentally-driven activities – perfect for little eco-warriors. [www.nobuhotelibizabay.com](http://www.nobuhotelibizabay.com)





**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

Let little imaginations run wild, and allow your kids to become a Zoo Keeper For A Day at The Green Planet. With over 3,000 exotic animals and planets, this tropical biodome is a living classroom, where children (aged 9-16) can now spend a day going behind the scenes to get firsthand experience of what it takes to be a biologist, for just Dhs950. From food preparation to mucking out and feeding the animals, it's all in a day's work! [www.thegreenplanetdubai.com](http://www.thegreenplanetdubai.com)

Families and little movie buffs will love 'Cinema in the Park' every weekend featuring back-to-back movie marathons, as well as activities such as face-painting and origami. The line-up features *Frozen*, *The Jungle Book* and *Toy Story 3*. [www.ummalemaratpark.ae](http://www.ummalemaratpark.ae)



**ME AND YOU, AND BABY TOO...**

The art of travelling in style is something gleaned from many years of practice... The right suitcase, the skill of packing succinctly, the best comfort-meets-chic travel ensemble, it really is something of an art form. Throw little people into the mix and it's a whole other minefield. Dolce & Gabbana Kids has made life that little bit easier, with its exceptionally chic and ergonomically-designed leopard-print baby carrier in collaboration with MiaMily. Anything that allows for hands-free child-carrying is a must in our books, when airports, security checks and transit are taken into consideration, and this fashion-meets-function support system is a saving grace. Designed for newborns to three-years-old, the carrier comes complete with changeable head coverings, teething pads and detachable pockets allowing for easy-access wherever you are. And the best bit? The pockets, pads and covers are customisable, so you can choose from tiger, panda, zebra, and koala prints to suit your little.

[www.dolcegabbana.com](http://www.dolcegabbana.com)

# CHROMATIC Fantasy

A new season welcomes a fresh kaleidoscope of colour. Let these pieces take you somewhere over the rainbow

Compiled by: Emily Baxter-Priest

## FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Le Paris Russe de Chanel Fine Jewellery collection is an ode to Gabrielle Chanel's enchantment with Russia – a country she never visited, but one she dreamed about often. Chanel's Blé Maria necklace in turn pays tribute to the Grand Duchess Maria Pavlovna (wife of Gabrielle's great friend, the Grand Duke Dmitri Pavlovich), who opened an embroidery workshop named *Kitmir* under Gabrielle's request, which guaranteed the designer exclusive production from 1921 onward. A draped necklace in yellow and white gold, with pink spinels, Mandarin garnets, and coloured tourmalines and diamonds, this beautiful piece is filled with the romance of Russia, as envisioned by one of the world's greatest creatives.



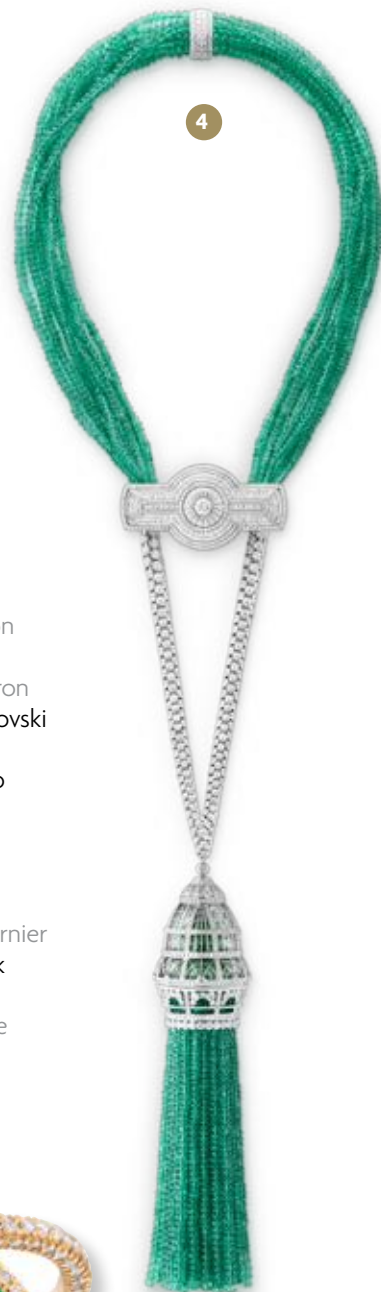
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- 1. Rainbow watch, Dolce & Gabbana
- 2. Perspective ring, Boucheron
- 3. Ring, Dior Haute Joaillerie
- 4. Verrière necklace, Boucheron
- 5. Tarot Magic earrings, Swarovski
- 6. Brooch, Gucci
- 7. Rainbow ring, deGrisogono
- 8. Emerald Flip ring, Nina Runsdorf
- 9. Lueurs d'Orange earrings, Chaumet
- 10. Palloncino brooches, Vhernier
- 11. Earrings, Tiffany Blue Book Collection 2019
- 12. Gorgon Claw ring, Versace



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# ● EYE ON THE Time

What you wear on your wrist speaks volumes about who you are, with a timepiece offering to the world insight into your lifestyle, mood and sense of occasion. Let these monochrome pieces be both a canvas and a conversation starter



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CAT OUT OF  
**HELL**

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