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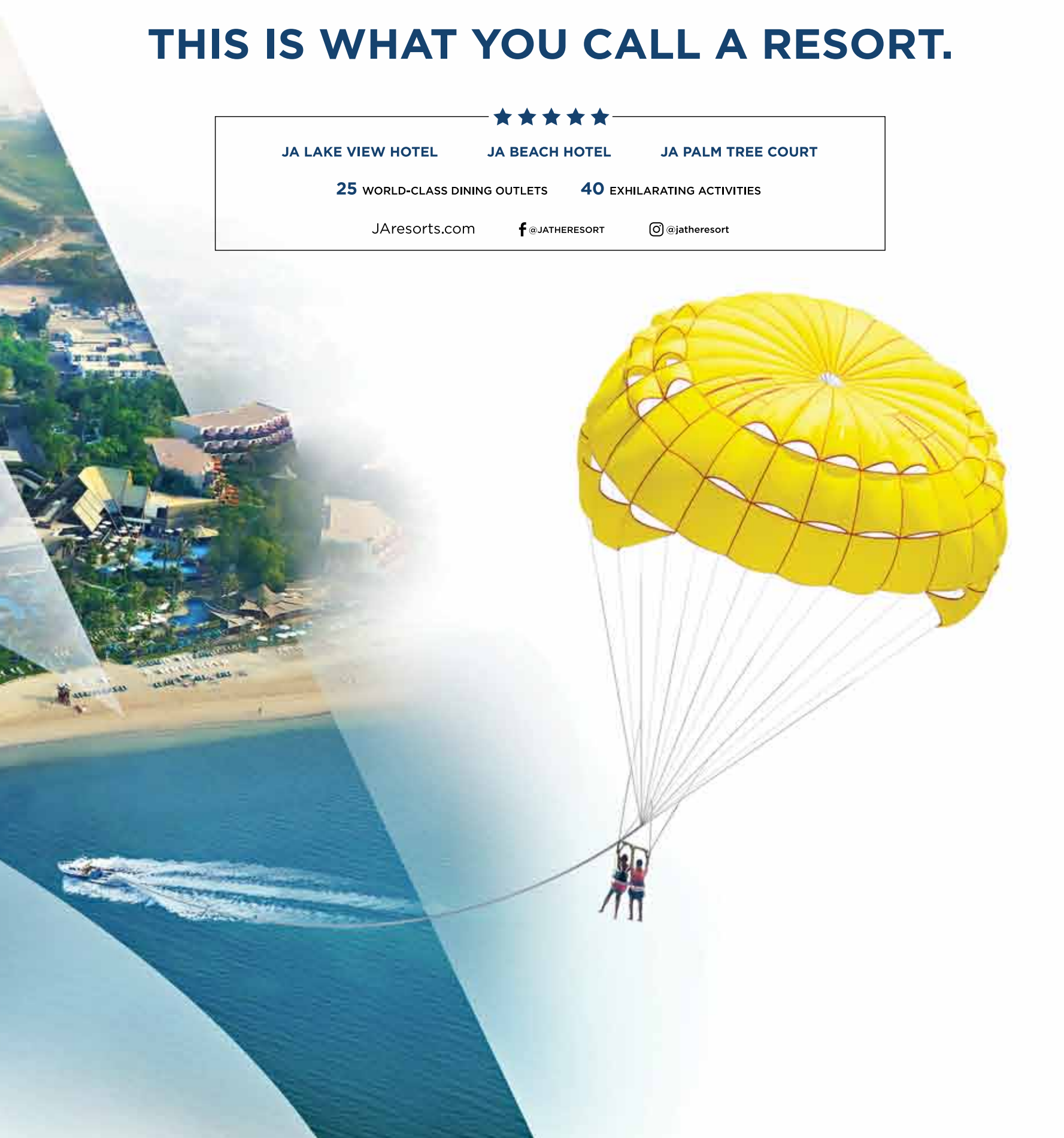
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An aerial photograph of a tropical resort in the Maldives. The image shows several overwater villas with brown roofs and white exteriors, connected by a wooden walkway. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. A white yacht is moving across the water in the lower half of the frame, leaving a white wake. The sky is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy clouds.

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SAMPLE A TASTE OF RURAL ITALY AT THIS ARISTOCRATIC UMBRIAN ESTATE

SPRINKLED OVER THE UMBRIAN HILLS like cocoa on a cappuccino, the elegant collection of recently restored farmhouses that make up Reschio Estate are a feast for the senses and an absolute treat for Italy-bound travellers with a taste for the finer things in life. The 3,700-acre estate was purchased in 1994 by Count and Countess Antonio Bolza, an aristocratic Austro-Hungarian family of Italian origin who saw the opportunity to breathe new life into the magnificent setting and leave a legacy for future generations.

For the last 20 years, Count Bolza's son, London-trained architect Count Benedikt, and his wife Donna Nencia Corsini, have painstakingly restored around half of the buildings on the estate, including farmhouses, an old tobacco

factory and a 1,000-year-old castle.

Ten of the beautifully decorated farmhouses are now available for well-heeled travellers to rent, and the 1940s tobacco factory has been converted into La Tabaccia, a creative centre, from which the Bolzas have reimagined every element of project. Count Benedikt has worked with carpenters, stonemasons, tile makers, blacksmiths, lighting masters and other artisans to create the collection of fabulously appointed farmhouses, all furnished with stylish modern décor, rich antiques and unique artwork, and each positioned on its own discrete plot of land far from the eyes and ears of neighbours.

In between the prized plots, the working estate is home to more than 5,000 olive trees, which

produce an annual crop of fragrant olive oil, as well as acres of vineyards, a vegetable garden and more than a million honey bees. This rich bounty provides ingredients and inspiration for the chefs at the estate's Ristorante Alle Scuderie, where Count Bolza himself can often be found enjoying an aperitif after riding across the estate to and from the Equestrian Theatre, where 40 Andalusian purebred horses are trained.

This summer, the family will put the finishing touches to the castle, a 10th Century edifice that is being converted to a boutique hotel with 36 gorgeous rooms and suites. Expect more of the modern rustic interiors showcased in the private residences and, of course, spectacular views of the surrounding Umbrian landscape. www.reschio.com

HEY BIG SPENDER: HNWIS FUEL THE LUXURY TRAVEL ECONOMY

FINDINGS FROM A REPORT INTO THE SPENDING HABITS of High Net Worth Individuals (HNWIs) suggest that this relatively small group of travellers are responsible for an incredible 37 per cent of the US \$347 billion spent globally on international travel each year. There are just under 23 million HNWIs in the world (with a net-worth of more than \$1 million) accounting for just 0.3 per cent of the global population. Yet this elite demographic spends around \$130 billion on travel experiences, including dining, events, cultural experiences and wellness activities: an experience economy labelled as the 'Global Luxury Travel Ecosystem'. HNWIs spend an additional \$116.6 billion on airfares and accommodation, according to the report, which was created by ILTM (International Luxury Travel Market) and luxury consultancy

Barton, in association with research firm Wealth-X. That means that in total, this minuscule niche spends an enormous \$246.6 billion on travel every year.

The good news is that HNWIs are increasingly conscious of the impact that their travel has on the environment and local communities, opting to spend their hard-earned money with companies that have strong sustainability initiatives and ethical offerings that minimise the impact of travel from an environmental and social point of view, according to the report.

The entire Global Luxury Travel Ecosystem including both domestic and international travel (excluding lodgings and transport) is estimated to be worth some \$1.54 trillion per year, which would place it among the world's top 15 economies if it were a country. www.iltm.com

SUN-SOAKED WELLNESS AT A CAPRI ICON

ELEVATED ABOVE THE ISLAND OF CAPRI ON THE SLOPES OF MOUNT SOLARO, the peaceful neighbourhood of Anacapri is worlds apart from the bustling streets of the island's principal city. Here, locals and visitors can soak in spectacular Mediterranean views and stroll among the lemon groves at a leisurely pace, enjoying cliff-top walks by day and local cuisine in unhurried restaurants at night.

At the peak of this exclusive enclave is Capri Palace, a beautiful retreat in the style of an 18th-century Palazzo that was built in the 1960s by the father of present owner, Tonino Carace. Today, the iconic address is home to some of the most elegant rooms and suites in Italy, finished in a striking white and blue palette that captures the colours of the Med.

Executive chef Andrea Migliaccio has earned two Michelin stars for his modern Italian cuisine at L'Olivio, and at the water's edge overlooking Capri's

famous Blue Grotto, Il Riccio and its new Sea Lounge holds one Michelin star for its extraordinary seafood dishes.

As well as culinary magic, Capri Palace, which is a member of The Leading Hotels of the World, is famed for its world class medical spa, Capri Beauty Farm, which offers specialised treatments under the direction of Professor Francesco Canonaco. Goal-based treatments are designed to achieve everything from weight-loss and detox to anti-ageing and stress management, as well as specialist treatments for varicose veins at the Leg School, spa and beauty treatments and access to a personal trainer. This April, the hotel reopens for the 2020 season as Capri Palace Jumeirah, becoming the sixth European hotel for the Dubai-based hotel company. General manager Ermanno Zanini will remain at the helm of the iconic property and assume the role of regional vice president for Italy and Spain for Jumeirah. www.jumeirah.com



SIR ROCCO FORTE BRINGS A SICILIAN LEGEND BACK TO LIFE

THE IDEA OF RESTORING A DILAPIDATED Art Nouveau villa on the Sicilian coast might sound like a lifelong legacy project for most readers, but for the ever-energetic Sir Rocco Forte, it's one of several new hotels in the pipeline and the second hotel bearing his family name on the Italian island.

Originally built as a residential villa by the Florio family in 1900, the property was soon turned into a luxurious Mediterranean retreat at which the family could welcome foreign dignitaries and visiting royalty, opening doors and smoothing the way for their successful trading empire; simultaneously positioning Villa Igia as one of the most idyllic retreats on the Gulf of Palermo.

After a mammoth renovation and redesign under the watchful eye of design director Olga Polizzi and Italian designer Paolo Moschino for Nicholas Haslam, the hotel will reopen in

June with 104 rooms and suites, each flaunting original historical features dressed up in a modern and elegant style.

A grand mirrored ballroom will capture the glamour of the original villa, where heads of state and visiting royalty once danced their way through long evenings before spilling out onto the garden terrace. The original frescoed bar and restaurant will celebrate the finest local ingredients, with decadent Sicilian aperitivi and simple local delicacies.

When it opens in June, guests will be able to take a hotel boat to the white sands of Mondello Beach or drive 10 minutes to the centre of Palermo and its baroque architecture, or combine a stay at Villa Igia with a couple of nights amid the spectacular Sicilian countryside at Verdura Resort, which reopens from its winter hibernation in March.

www.roccoforthotels.com

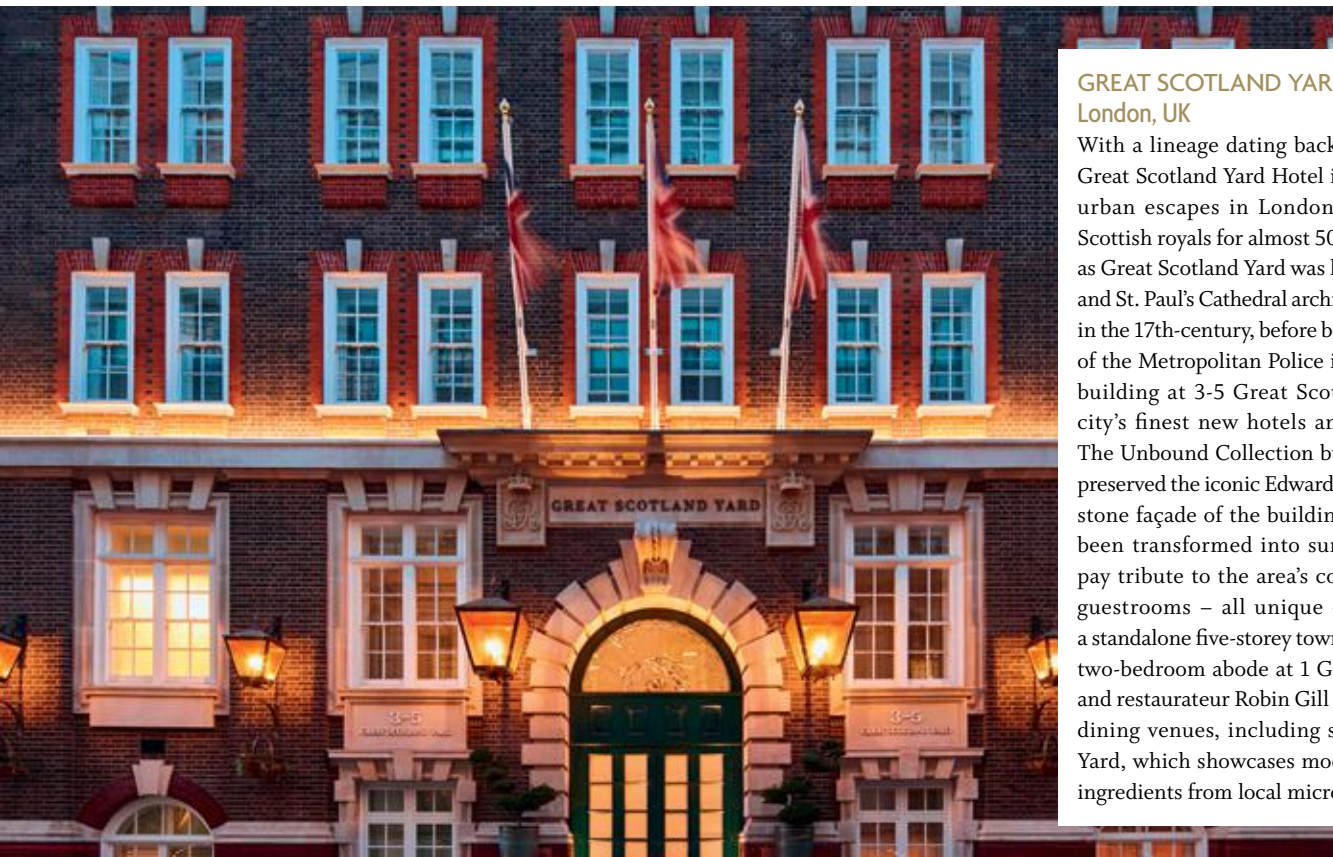


DID YOU HEAR?

THE LEGENDARY HÔTEL DU PALAIS IN BIARRITZ – FORMERLY THE IMPERIAL RESIDENCE OF NAPOLEON III AND EMPRESS EUGENIE DE MONTIJO – HAS CLOSED ITS DOORS FOR A MAJOR MAKEOVER. THE MAGNIFICENT HOTEL, NOW PART OF THE HYATT UNBOUND COLLECTION, WILL REOPEN ON JUNE 30 TO WELCOME A NEW WAVE OF REFINED VISITORS.

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

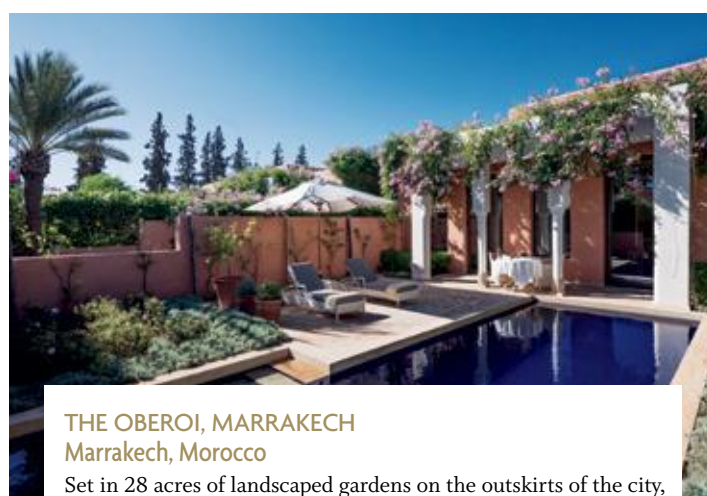


GREAT SCOTLAND YARD London, UK

With a lineage dating back more than 1,000 years, Great Scotland Yard Hotel is one of the most storied urban escapes in London. Home from home for Scottish royals for almost 500 years, the street known as Great Scotland Yard was home to poet John Milton and St. Paul's Cathedral architect Sir Christopher Wren in the 17th-century, before becoming the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police in 1874. Today, the iconic building at 3-5 Great Scotland Yard is one of the city's finest new hotels and the latest member of The Unbound Collection by Hyatt. Developers have preserved the iconic Edwardian red brick and Portland stone façade of the building, but the interiors have been transformed into sumptuous surrounds that pay tribute to the area's colourful history. The 152 guestrooms – all unique – include 15 suites and a standalone five-storey townhouse; an ultra-exclusive two-bedroom abode at 1 Great Scotland Yard. Chef and restaurateur Robin Gill is the man behind all four dining venues, including signature restaurant The Yard, which showcases modern British cuisine with ingredients from local micro-farmers. www.hyatt.com

ANANTARA TOZEUR RESORT Tozeur, Tunisia

Wake up at dawn in an eastward pool villa at Anantara Tozeur Resort and you'll feel like the first person in the world to welcome the sunrise. For beyond the rim of your private pool is the vast and uninterrupted expanse of the Sahara Desert and the Chott el Djerid salt lake, a wild and mesmerising landscape where adventure beckons. Guests at this Moorish-Berber inspired hideaway will spend their days traversing the dunes on camel back or exploring the rugged Atlas Mountains by 4x4, driving through hilltop oases, abandoned villages and towering canyons, before stopping off to visit the ancient medina in nearby Tozeur. Back at the resort, 50 desert-view rooms and 43 villas are infused with local flavour thanks to traditional textiles, Berber patterns and desert hues, and two enormous three-bedroom Royal Villas have sunken dining rooms, private majilis meeting areas and infinity pools looking out over the desert. When the sun descends, sate your appetite with a Dining by Design experience in a Berber tent under the stars, sample local delicacies at the open-air Arabian Nights Restaurant, or feast on Asian cuisine at Mekong. www.anantara.com

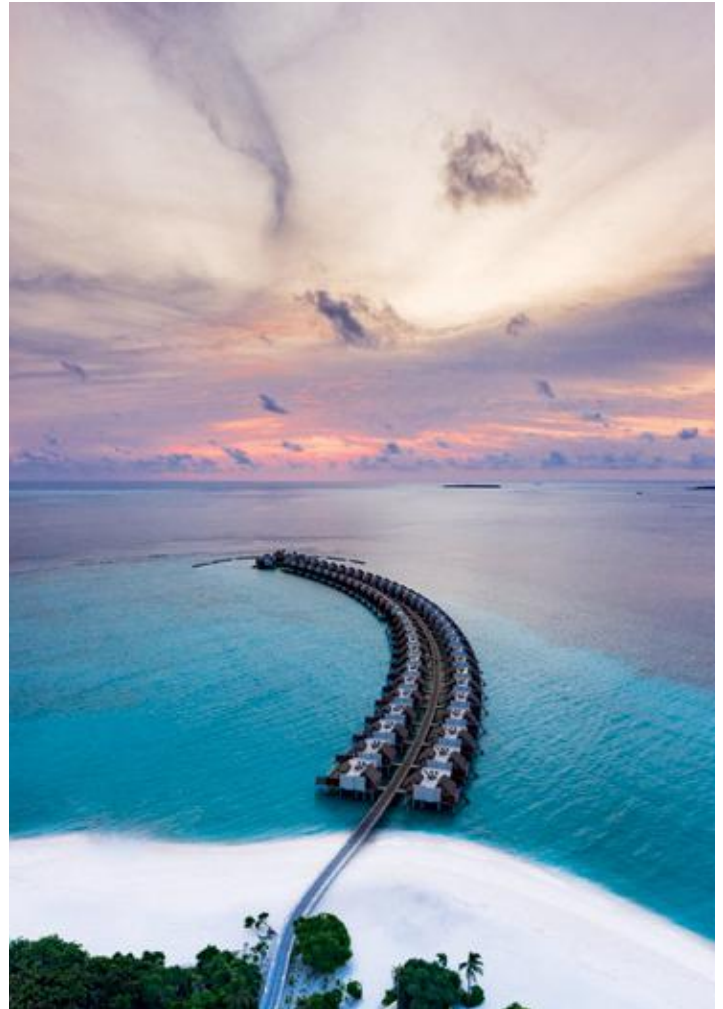


THE OBEROI, MARRAKECH Marrakech, Morocco

Set in 28 acres of landscaped gardens on the outskirts of the city, The Oberoi, Marrakech is one for your 2020 travel wish list. Inspired by traditional Moroccan and Andalusian architectural styles, the building is a work of art, lovingly created by architect Patrick Collier and interior designer Hayat Kabbaj. A central courtyard inspired by the Medersa Ben Youssef college in Marrakech with ornate mosaic walls leads to 84 spacious rooms, suites and villas, nearly all of which have private pools and gardens. Just as impressive as the hotel itself are the experiences offered beyond the palace gardens: sunrise hot air balloon rides, sunset desert or mountain dinners, vintage sidecar journeys through the medina or Moroccan cooking classes. www.oberoihotels.com

EMERALD MALDIVES RESORT & SPA Raa Atoll, Maldives

For an original take on the Indian Ocean experience, Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa is a fresh-faced, all-inclusive idyll surrounded by 1.5 kilometres of powder-soft white sand beach. Architect Edward David Pool has created a resort that breaks the mould, standing out in contrast to the other 100-plus luxury escapes that inhabit the Maldivian archipelago thanks to 120 villas that pop with bright, bold colours. Among the 60 beach villas, some feature vivid green-tiled swimming pools set within tropical gardens, while others boast private Jacuzzis on the beach; the show-stopping 900-sqm Royal Beach Villa has three bedrooms and a spectacular pool that flows into the living room, connecting inside and out. The 60 overwater villas have spectacular views of the Raa Atoll, all with oversized white marble bathrooms and colourful marine-inspired artwork. Villas are crowned with long-lasting langhi langhi leaf canopies and rooftop solar panels that generate hot water, and all feature plenty of bamboo and natural materials. The all-inclusive proposition means guests can dine at any of Emerald's four restaurants as frequently as they wish, and junior jetsetters are well looked after at the Dolphin Kids Club, one of the largest in the Maldives. www.emerald-maldives.com



PARAMOUNT HOTEL DUBAI Dubai, UAE

Six years in the making, Paramount Hotel Dubai has finally made its red carpet debut, bringing Hollywood glitz and glamour to the city by the sea. Guests can expect every moment of their stay to be infused with cinema magic, from the vintage stage lights, never-before seen movie posters and other film-set paraphernalia that adorn the 823 rooms and suites, to the theatrical productions, stand-up comedy and regional movie releases staged at The Paramount Screening Room. Infused with a California aesthetic, Pacific Groove is one of eight dining outlets at the Business Bay hotel, with a menu showcasing fresh seafood, salads and woodfired steaks. Classic movie posters adorn the walls of Flashback speakeasy bar, and poolside Malibu Deck captures the LA vibe with its own street food trailer. Signature Paramount Suites are inspired by box office greats like *The Great Gatsby* and *The Godfather*, and the 145-sqm Paramount Suite takes pride of place on the 65th floor, with spectacular views of the city. www.paramounthotelsdubai.com

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THEATRICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

London, UK

There's much to see and enjoy this month, show-wise, with Cirque du Soleil's *Luzia* at London's Royal Albert Hall from Jan 12-March 1, which is a visual extravaganza that takes you to an imaginary Mexico via a waking dream; at Dubai Opera, Kahlil Gibran's beautiful novel *Broken Wings* is a musical adaptation of the iconic poet's 1912 masterpiece, as seen through a West End musical on Jan 17 and 18; while *Le Petit Prince* is an extraordinary journey of music, dance and circus bringing to life the world-renowned book by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, Jan 23-25. www.royalalberthall.com / www.dubaiopera.com



JANUARY
22-26

ART FOR ART'S SAKE

London, UK

The London Art Fair brings together works from galleries and artists from around the world, celebrating exceptional modern and contemporary art. For the 32nd edition, taking place in Islington, North London, over 100 galleries will exhibit, alongside: Photo50, the fair's annual exhibition of contemporary photography; Dialogues, that invites pairs of galleries to display their artists in conversation with each other; the Arts Project Screening Room featuring collaborative film and new media initiatives; as well as a programme of insightful talks and tours. www.londonartfair.com

JANUARY Diary

It's an art-filled month, from fairs in London to artistic licence celebrated at myriad awards shows in film, TV and music. For some true art and soul, let Haute Couture Week take your breath away.



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1-6

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Wattens, Austria

The magical Light Festival has returned to Swarovski Crystal Worlds, and runs until January 6. Creating a beautiful winter fairy tale in the Garden of the Giant, which lights up after dark with fairy-tale figurines designed by Tord Boontje, as well as a sparkling harp, an interactive play of sounds under the Crystal Cloud, the famous carousel by Jamie Hayon, and this year's black light disco. www.kristallwelten.swarovski.com

London Art Fair: Kate Groobey; Wow, 2019. Acrylic on canvas. Courtesy of Sim Smith.jpg



**JANUARY
20-26**

RACE DAY
Principality of Monaco

The 88th Rallye Monte-Carlo has been made more compact and even more selective by the Organizing Committee at Automobile Club de Monaco (ACM), with 25 per cent of the route changed, with various novelties and difficulties included, gearing up to be a highly-charged six-day event. www.acm.mc



**JANUARY
5-26**

AND THE WINNER IS...

Across the US

January signals award season, with the best of the best honoured in the fields of music, TV and film. On January 5, the 77th Golden Globes Awards takes place, highlighting excellence on the silver screen; January 12th sees The Critic's Choice Awards celebrate cinematic merit; on January 19, the Screen Actor's Guild Awards nods to the best in both film and TV over the last year; and on January 26, the 62nd Grammy Awards plays host to the music industry's greatest talents, crowning Best New Artist, Album of the Year and Song of the Year. Phew!

www.goldenglobes.com / www.criticschoice.com / www.sagawards.org / www.grammy.com



**JANUARY
20-23**

THE BEAUTY OF FASHION

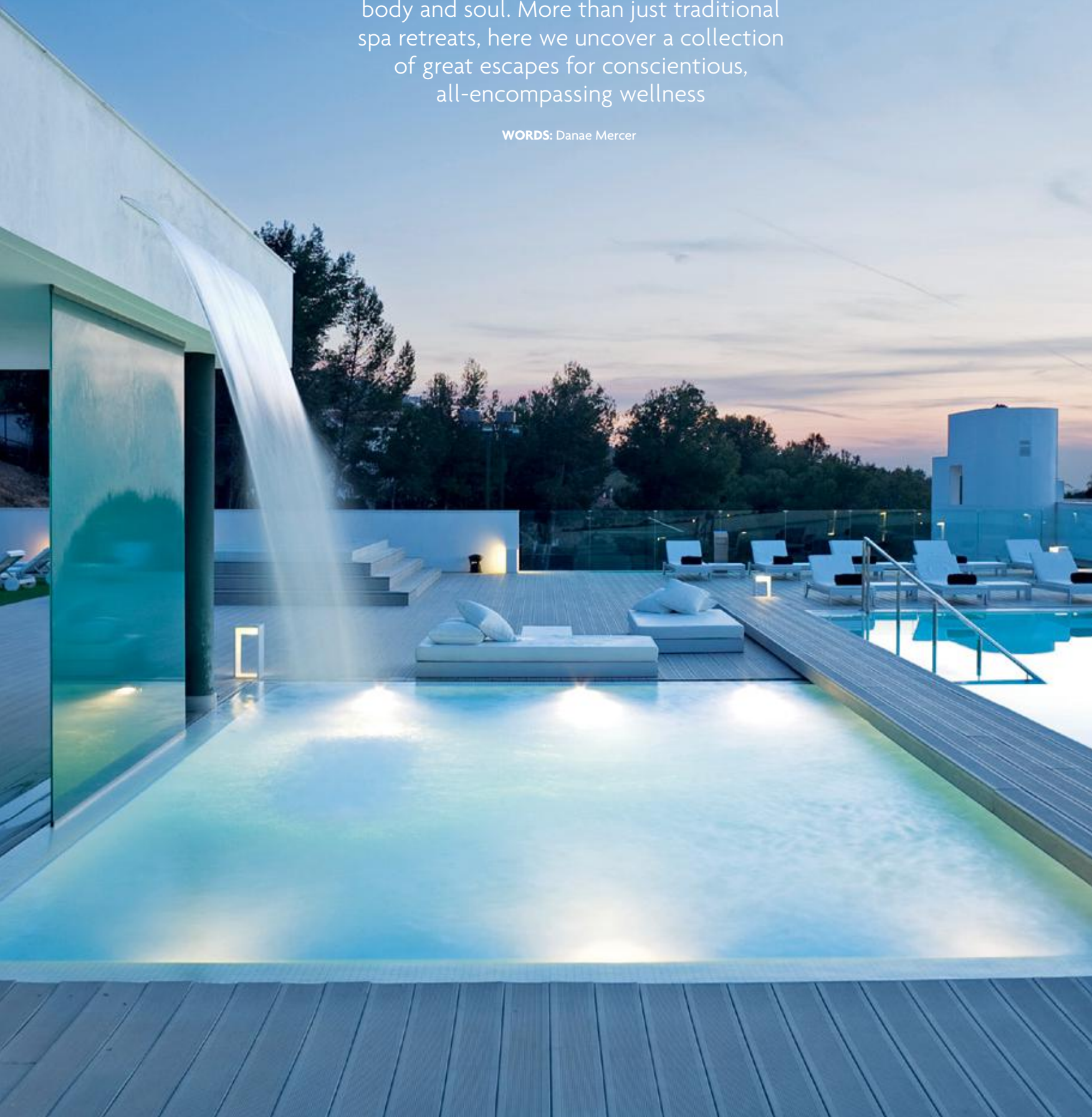
Paris, France

The most exclusive of all annual fashion events, Haute Couture Spring/Summer 2020 is four days of divine walking, talking masterpieces, where imaginations are brought to life. Amongst the big names that present each year in Paris are Dior (whose beautiful, poetic pieces from 2019 are pictured here), Chanel, Giambattista Valli, Givenchy, Valentino and Schiaparelli. The shows are as immersive and climactic as they come. www.fhcm.paris

NEW FRONTIERS OF WELLNESS

With a new year comes a desire to look inward for personal enrichment and a sense of healing that rehabilitates mind, body and soul. More than just traditional spa retreats, here we uncover a collection of great escapes for conscientious, all-encompassing wellness

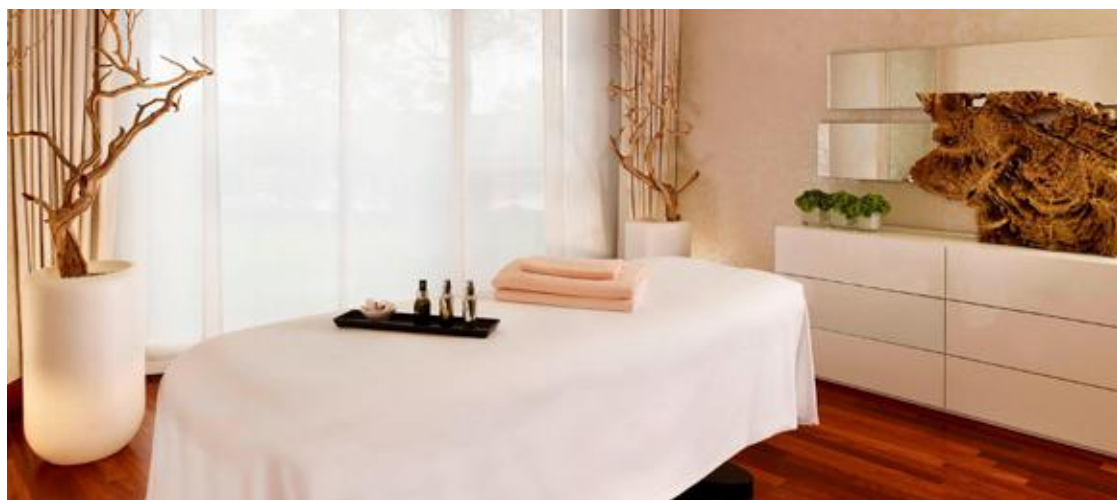
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TAJ EXOTICA RESORT AND SPA, ANDAMANS, INDIA

This newly-opened Taj Exotica property brings 54 villas to 46 acres of forests and mangroves, all nestled against a crescent curve of a beach. Serenity is a big theme here. At reception – which like most of the property is built on stilts using sustainable materials – you will be greeted with views of the ocean and a 50-metre swimming pool. At night, you can kayak through mangroves to look for bioluminescence plankton. For wellness, there's an infinity pool facing the ocean that is large enough for laps, in-house yoga instructors, and a resident environmentalist who can walk you around the organic garden. Jiva Spa provides a variety of Indian healing therapies, plus a signature sand bath treatment that involves tension-soothing ocean minerals. www.tajhotels.com



HOTEL PRESIDENT WILSON, GENEVA

Home to what was once the world's most expensive suite, Hotel President Wilson offers the only La Mer spa in Switzerland – making it one of eight in the world. There are all the usual offerings you'd expect at this airy, luxurious spa – a hammam, steam rooms, a Jacuzzi, relaxation rooms – plus more unique treatments like lymph drainage and jet-lag massages. Then there's the decadent 'The Ultimate Experience' signature treatment, where sea quartz and diamond dust are used, plus a hefty dose of the cult classic Crème de la Mer. Hotel President Wilson also has an outdoor pool and 24-hour fitness centre. www.spalamer.com

WESTIN RESORT AND SPA, MAURITIUS

Health and wellness is an integral part of Westin's brand, and this is something celebrated at the group's Mauritius resort. Although the entire 190 rooms-and-suites property sprawls along a private beachfront, guests can borrow bicycles and ride to several neighbouring bays. There's a running map with routes around the area, plus New Balance shoes available for those who leave their trainers at home. The gym is lush but the pools more so, with the main pool spanning 1,386sqm and looking out over Turtle Bay. At night, lavender spray and sleep-friendly essential oils are left on pillows instead of chocolate to induce good sleep. And for relaxing during the day, the resort's airy spa offers all the treatments you'd expect from a five-star resort. www.marriott.com



THE WELLNESS WANDERER

WHY DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DESERVES TO BE ON YOUR MAP
FOR MIND, BODY AND SOUL REJUVENATION THIS YEAR





Last year, 2019 was dubbed the year of ‘self-care’, and with it came a much-needed shift in priorities, giving people permission to put themselves first. The Global Wellness Institute also revealed that while wellness tourism was a \$639 billion market in 2017, it is “projected to reach \$919 billion by 2022”, further cementing the rallying call to look inwards, and making the wellbeing boom a more attractive and profitable prospect for both business and tourism.

And so, for the individual looking for that beneficial break away for mind, body and soul, where to travel for the purposes of promoting personal health, growth and wellbeing?

The Caribbean island of Dominican Republic is known for its sun, sea and sand allure, but scratch a little deeper under the surface and the island is also home to some of the world’s best wellness retreats. Thanks to its innate benefits, the Dominican Republic provides an ideal space to connect with natural sources that inspire wellness and welfare, courtesy of the island’s natural landscapes, with an additional evolving idea that puts into practice the notion of improvement of one’s being, through special gastronomy, spiritual healing, the art of meditation, natural remedies and the beauty of one’s surrounds. Here, one can rejuvenate and reconnect in some of Dominican Republic’s best-kept secret sanctuaries...

SPIRITUAL SEEKER

Spirituality can be found through myriad practices, for those seeking to centre themselves, whilst connecting and celebrating their ideologies through the promotion of well-being. Around the island, you’ll find centres that host and promote different practices, from Brahma Kumaris meditation and Ayurvedic treatments to holistic prosperity. As the Art of Living, a Dominican Republic-based centre, asks... We all want happiness, but how do we get there? In its introductory Happiness Program seminar, you can find how to tap into the infinite possibilities that lie within each of us, and unlock your true potential, through guided meditation, Sudarshan Kriya breathing and yoga. At Toque Holistico, you can fine tune your body with reflexology, acupuncture, applied Kinesiology and Auriculotherapy. For those looking for a simple approach to reconnecting with themselves through yoga, Hogar del Bienstar offers Hatha Vinyasa and Yin Yoga, alongside Pilates and meditation for adults and young ones.

CULINARY ALCHEMY

If your body is indeed a temple, it’s important we care about what we eat and put inside our bodies, which in turn allows us to both look good and feel good. With a fascinating culinary scene that combines cuisines with Spanish, indigenous Taino and African influences, amongst others, there are many ways to fuel yourself



ESCAPE TO THE MOUNTAINS

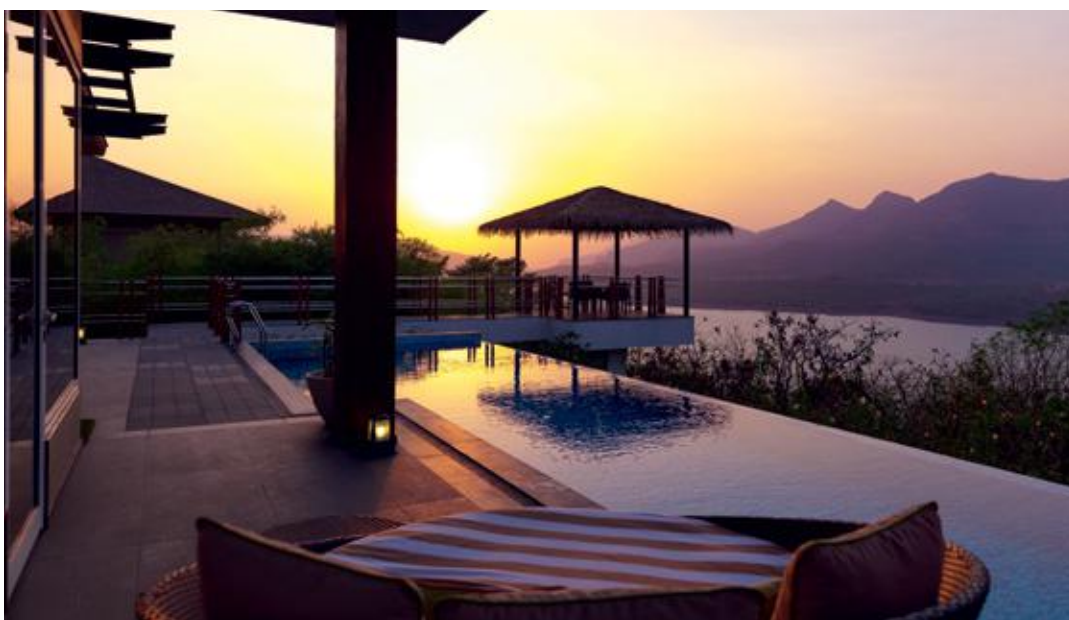
For a pristine rendezvous with nature to kickstart the year, explore the beautiful untouched and ambrosial Kingdom of Bhutan, an ancient empire secluded high in the Himalayas. Here you'll find Taj Tashi Thimpu nestled in the heart of the stunning picturesque Thimpu Valley – a destination suited to those seeking spectacular monasteries, centuries-old street festivals, scenic mountain passes and a bucolic wilderness. Book the hotel's Suite Surprises offer, and receive one-way airport transfers, daily breakfast, lounge access and butler service. Surely the most magical way to make the most of your mountain retreat?

www.tajhotels.com

JANUARY

ESCAPES

To ensure you weave your way into 2020 filled with health and wellness, we've rounded up some beautiful retreats in which to sooth mind, body and soul. And... Relax



INDIAN DREAMS

Atmantan Wellness Resort is an award-winning hotel in Mulshi, India, dedicated to helping guests to rebalance their mental and physical health. The five-star resort offers custom health and wellness programs, and throughout January the resort will be visited by Leela Lani, a certified holistic healer, who is an expert in stress management, lifestyle coaching and energy work. Leela will be doing special readings of the body through Self-healing Ritual, Atmantan Bliss – Couples' Ritual, and The Power of Midlife treatments, guiding you towards self-healing of mind, body and soul in the tranquil, verdant surrounds of the lake-side resort.

www.atmantan.com



CHINESE CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate Chinese New Year on January 25th in style at Mandarin Oriental Boston, where you can throw a room upgrade, daily breakfast, dining or spa credit and late check-out into the festivities. With its prime Back Bay location, the hotel is also perfectly situated for all of the city's best attractions, from the Skywalk Observatory to Boston Public Garden and the start of the city's famous Freedom Trail walk. Boasting the third largest Chinese community in the US, the city is also home to an incredible Boston Chinese New Year parade, which shouldn't be missed. For after-dark activities, book a table at Bar Boulud, the hotel's French-inspired bistro, with its seasonal New England inspired dishes and signature charcuterie. Divine. www.mandarinoriental.com



WINTER SUN ESCAPE

Those needing some winter sun should book in for a blissful stay at Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi with its Celebrate Every Stay offer. Book two nights, and they'll gift you a bottle of champagne and late check-out, giving you all the more time to relax amid the resort's astonishing natural beauty. Just a quick 40-minute yacht journey from Velana International Airport, you can choose from 119 beach, reef and overwater

villas with private pool (how good does the Grand Overwater Villa above look?), or opt for the ultimate VIP experience at Ithaafushi Private Island, a 32,000 sqm sanctuary with nine private villas, five villas and private entertainment clubhouse. Throw in the resort's world-class lifestyle spa and wellness sanctuary, with its customised treatments and personalised approach, and rediscover your equilibrium to ensure you start 2020 as you mean to go on. www.waldorfastoriamaldives.com



SEVEN-STAR EXPERIENCE

Burj Al Arab, arguably the world's most luxurious hotel, is welcoming visitors with a new 'A Date At The Terrace' pool day, allowing guests to immerse themselves in relaxed refinery at the property's beautiful The Terrace. World-renowned for its exceptional luxury and service, and with access to the hotel's pristine private beach and two stunning pools that overlook the Arabian Gulf, guests will also be able to enjoy a three-course lunch at Scape, the hotel's chic and vibrant Mediterranean restaurant. For those looking to elevate your daycation, you can also upgrade to a cabana to experience even greater levels of elegance and privacy.

www.jumeirah.com

Arabian Journeys

From the most luxurious spa treatments to Chinese New Year celebrations with an Italian twist, indulge as you mean to go on for the best 2020

DESERT DETOX

Bask in the captivating beauty of Al Maha's palm groves and undulating golden dunes for an ultimate daycation in the heart of the Dubai Conservation Reserve. Here you can languish in the hotel's 'Wellness in the Dunes' package, which offers guests a 60-minute massage in the breathtaking Wellness Tent of the Dunes, as well as day-long access to the infinity pool and a three-course wellbeing set menu at Al Diwaan restaurant, devised by its Timeless Spa wellness experts. The perfect excuse to escape to another world in wellbeing bliss.

www.marriott.com





AN EASY, BREEZY ESCAPE

Few things beat the UAE's winter weather, so it makes sense to take advantage while we can. Stay close to home, whilst exploring new pastures with a holiday at Ajman Hotel, the ultimate resort playground. Nestled in lush palm gardens and plumped pretty on 400 metres of pristine white beach, the serenity of the hotel's surrounds affords guests respite from frenetic city living. With an opulent approach to its interior design, with modern Arabic décor that channels the essence of the Orient, the rooms and suites are equally extravagant and glamorous. The Royal Suite, on the 8th floor, radiates exemplary comfort, and also offers unrivalled views of the Arabian Gulf. With its swimming pools, beach access and Kids club, it's also the perfect destination for a family staycation. In fact, the hotel's Family Time Package encompasses all you need to ensure the little people are looked after, with breakfast at Cafe Naseem, a complimentary children's bed, 50 per cent discount when booking an additional room, and access to the Kids Club, beach, pool and gym. Oh, and they'll throw in 25 per cent discount at The Spa too, but save that one for yourself.

www.hotelajman.com





NO ADULTS ALLOWED

Our pick of the best child-friendly things to do, try and buy this month, with silver-screen adventures and the best new kids clubs to try, to lessons in illustration, conservation and calligraphy



IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT

Why should the adults have all the fun? So the thinking goes at The Residence Mauritius, which has announced the arrival of spa treatments for children at The Sanctuary Spa. Featuring children's natural skincare brand Nougatine Paris, and offering a 90-minute spa experience for boys and girls, the treatment starts with a luxurious facial, followed by a honey-scented massage, ending with a pedicure for petit princes or manicure for little princesses. Available for six to 12 year olds, they'll also be able to try their hand at sun salutations with a 15-minute introductory yoga session. The new experience follows on from The Residence Mauritius' family-friendly ethos, that enables those travelling en masse to enjoy equal amounts of rest, relaxation and, of course, adventure. With a personal butler on hand to help with unpacking, laundry or simply running a bath, the stress will be taken out of parenting allowing big and little people to languish in luxury uninterrupted. www.cenizaro.com

THE COOLEST KIDS CLUB

To treat its younger guests to a host of amazing kid-friendly activities, Rosewood Abu Dhabi has launched the Rosewood Explorers Kids' Club, complete with a brand new terrace. With personalised events for children from three to 12 years old, the club offers cinema nights, mini-football, table tennis, gardening lessons, an art studio, media room, quiet zone, and yoga and meditation sessions, and gives children the chance to learn about local cultures and traditions with lessons in calligraphy, making Middle Eastern teacups, and a library of books from local authors. On top of this excellent new upgrade, the hotel extends its welcome to children with a 'Kids eat free' offer at all of its food and beverage outlets, as well as a goodie bag on arrival. www.rosewoodhotels.com





THE MUNCH BRUNCH KIDS

Combine family with feasting at Olea, Kempinski Hotel Mall of the Emirates Dubai's restaurant with an amazing child-friendly Friday brunch. With designated Lego and American Doll corners to keep young kids entertained, as well as live-music throughout and a chocolate fountain (say no more), it's proven to be one of the most popular weekend restaurant retreats for those wanting to indulge en masse. www.kempinski.com

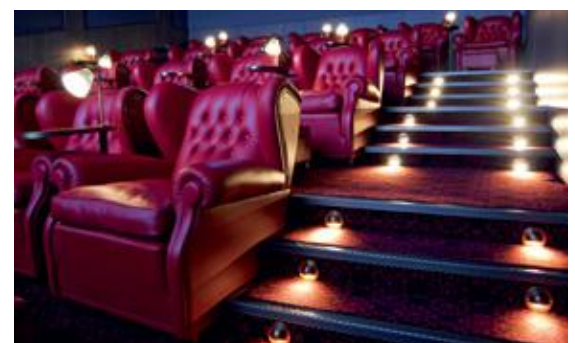
DRAWN TO THE MALDIVES

Internationally-acclaimed fashion illustrator Megan Hess will be launching her third book, *Claris: Bonjour Riviera*, exclusively at Vakkaru Maldives, on January 5 and 6. Those who pre-book their seats will receive a signed copy of Megan's new book hot off the press, as well as enjoy an unveiling of Claris' new resort collection by luxury fashion house, Poca & Poca, and an exclusive fashion illustration masterclass from Megan herself. www.vakkarumaldives.com



FOUR SEASONS IN ONE DAY

Four Seasons Resort Langkawi has ramped up its offering for young artists and adventurers at its tropical-themed Lutong Kids Club. Here, your mini-mes can take part in rock climbing, kite flying, batik painting and scavenger hunts. They can also visit the Geopark Discovery Centre, where the Resort's Adventure Team will show them around and highlight the importance of conservation. www.fourseasons.com



SILVER SCREEN DREAMS.

Roxy Cinemas in Dubai has just launched its 'Little Roxy' cinema experience, an offer designed for mini film fanatics. Available at The Beach and City Walk locations, Little Roxy allows one adult and child to enter for AED75, inclusive of a free gift, with a cinema designed for small children, with special seating, lower sound levels and gently increased house lights. Lights, camera, action. www.theroxycinemas.com

CERULEAN Classics

As the New Year ushers in a new Pantone colour, let your accessory collection draw on Classic Blue and all its beautiful chromatic incarnations

A CELESTIAL CASCADE

Chaumet's Les Ciels de Chaumet High Jewellery collection tells a four-part story about the multiple metamorphoses of the sky. This Les Fulgurances du Ciel necklace evokes the stars' spectral nighttime journey, with a shower of diamond stars and comets streaking across the sky leaving brief trails of luminosity in the darkness. A splendour of gems that allows the women who wear them to light up the evening.

1. Les Palmas earrings, Jacobs & Co.
2. Cruella earrings, Akillis
3. Pin, Dolce & Gabbana
4. Rose Dior Pop ring, Dior
5. Brooch, Tiffany & Co.
6. Necklace, Vhernier
7. Regal Cascade earrings, Vhernier
8. Butterfly ring, Van Cleef & Arpels
9. Bracelet, de Grisogono

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THE MOODY BLUES

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kind of Pantone pick-me-up



Amadeo watch
with fired enamel
miniature painting
of *Blue Burdocks*
by artist Ilgiz F
www.bovet.com



Portofino Automatic 34 with 35100 Calibre, sapphire glass and 24 jewels
www.iwc.com



High jewellery Imperiale 36mm watch in rose gold with mother-of-pearl dial
www.chopard.com

Emerald Quartz 33mm watch with alligator strap, blue dial and sunray satin-brushed finish
www.harrywinston.com



26.20mm Villeret Ultraplate with 1150 caliber, white gold case and blue lacquered dial
www.blancpain.com



42.5mm automatic Overseas Tourbillon with 18ct gold hands and sapphire glass
www.vacheron-constantin.com



Fendi IShine watch with 33mm case and lapis lazuli mosaic central zone
www.fendi.com



Reine de Naples 8918 in white gold with opaline mother-of-pearl and diamonds
www.breguet.com



BR05 automatic, 40mm, blue steel watch with BR-CAL.321 calibre
www.bellross.com



BORN TO DRIVE

Lamborghini has borrowed some of the best bits from its previous incredible cars to create what is arguably the greatest entry level car you can buy. Kris Karacinski finds out what makes the Lamborghini Huracan Evo a masterpiece rather than a Frankenstein

SPEND IT - OUT OF THIS WORLD

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN



Serving up five-star excellence on- and off-piste, a stay at Suvretta House in St. Moritz is made for those seeking the finest in winter ski escapes

ST. MORITZ HAS LONG HELD FASCINATION for ski enthusiasts – a Swiss Alps resort that has been luring royals, the glitterati, and billionaires for decades. A glamorous and cosmopolitan hub, it's also home to several five-star hotels, more than five Michelin-star restaurants, and is the most decadent destination for those seeking sun, snow and exclusivity. Decamp to Suvretta House, 'the grand dame of the mountains', as it's affectionately known. Presiding over St. Moritz's rugged landscape, Suvretta House, emerges from the trees of the Upper Engadine Mountains, as if from the pages of a fairy tale, with its beautiful turrets and Belle Époque exterior. Here, the experience is everything... Aside from the infinite on and off-piste options, private ski lift, children's ski slope, and elegant suites, guests can revel in all this: an evening of ice-skating on Suvretta House's frozen lake; an afternoon perfecting your curling skills at the world's only Curling Guest Club; a personal snowshoeing tour through St. Moritz's pristine forests and snow-clad plains; dinner at Suvretta House's Grand restaurant with a four-course menu by executive chef, Fabrizio Zanetti, or even a private Chef's Table dinner; cosy up with an après-ski cheese fondue at Suvretta Stube; take a romantic champagne horse-drawn carriage ride into the mountains, with an extraordinary dinner at Chasellas Restaurant, which sits 1,900 metres above sea level and overlooks the snow-capped trees of the Engadine Valley. As far as winter experiences go, Suvretta House is the pinnacle of quality, style and five-star luxury.

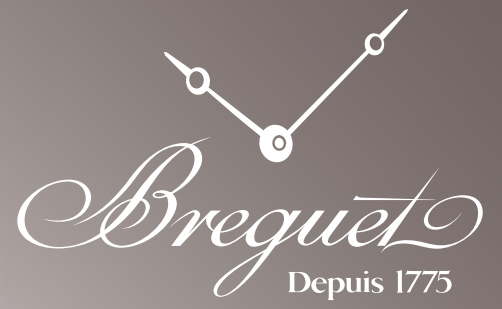
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