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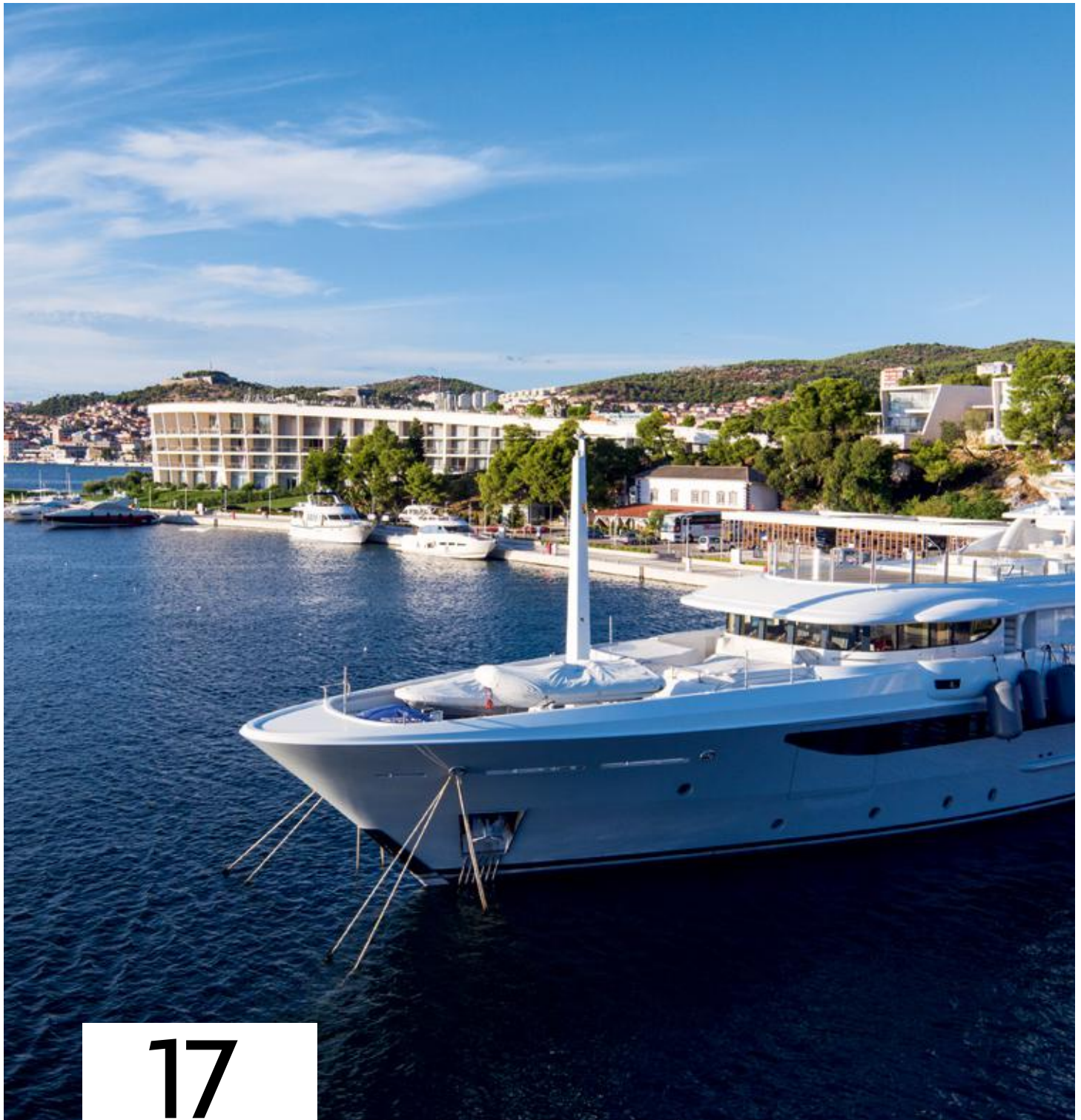
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# HANDS-ON CONSERVATION AT MARATABA

**THE TRADITIONAL SAFARI FORMAT – SUNRISE AND SUNSET GAME** drives interspersed with culinary and cultural experiences – will always have its place in the world of luxury travel. But for travellers who want to dive deeper into the gritty reality of conservation, Marataba Conservation Camps in South Africa’s Marakele National Park offer a fresh take on the safari concept.

Guests at two new encampments – Founders Camp and Explorers Camp – are allocated a conservation guide and private safari vehicle for the duration of their stay, giving them the freedom to plot their own adventures and focus on the activities that interest them most. If vast landscapes and wild walks stir the imagination, visitors can spend their days hiking through the towering mountains and steep gorges, swimming under waterfalls and exploring the wilderness with their guide, or even spend a night under the stars and experiencing the bush in its unedited glory.

Those more interested in the hands-on work of conservationists and rangers can roll up their sleeves and help out with the day to day work that takes place in the privately owned 21,000-hectare park: tracking animals and monitoring their social behaviour, body condition and geographical locations; setting up and monitoring camera traps; or joining the



monthly full moon census to count nocturnal wildlife including black and white rhino.

Bookings are for groups of four or more and families are welcome. Young explorers can meet with the conservationists working to re-wild orphaned and rescued animals or discover family friendly nature walks that teach kids to

identify animal tracks, bugs and plants.

Rates for Founders Camp – an exclusive use site with four suites overlooking the Matlabas River – start from US \$2,250 per night, and prices at Explorers Camp, which has six tents and two vehicles for up to two groups at a time, start from \$1,500 per night. [www.marataba.co.za](http://www.marataba.co.za)

## SILENCE IS GOLDEN IN BOTSWANA



**EXPLORING THE SERPENTINE RIVERS** and vast wetlands of northern Botswana by boat offers visitors a chance to see some of the country’s majestic wildlife from a fresh perspective, affording close-up views of animals that congregate on the riverbank and wallow in its shallows.

At Chobe Game Lodge, the waterborne safari has taken a decidedly sustainable turn after converting all of its boats into solar-powered vehicles. As well as reducing the use of diesel, the electric powered boats allow guests to sluice silently through the water and approach herds feeding near the shore without disturbing the wildlife.

Situated on the banks of the Chobe River in Chobe National Park, the eco-lodge is home to 44 guestrooms including four spacious suites with infinity plunge pools, intimate indoor and outdoor dining venues, two bars and a riverside boma from which to watch life on the river unfold; plus a boardwalk with six viewing decks that meanders along the banks.

But it’s Botswana’s wildlife that make Chobe unique: home to the largest

concentration of elephants in Africa, Chobe is a vast wilderness where great herds of buffalo wander across the flood plains, packs of African wild dog and lion prowl across the savanna and myriad herbivores roam from grassy plain to nourishing riverbank.

Part of Desert & Delta Safaris, Chobe Game Lodge has been investing in its solar powered electric fleet since 2014, and now boasts five electric boats and four solar-powered 4x4 Toyota Land Cruisers for on-land game drives, all powered by a field of solar panels that also contribute to the lodge’s main energy supply.

Built in 1972, Chobe was the first luxury lodge built in Botswana. Three years later, celebrity power couple Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton catapulted the lodge and Botswana into the limelight by getting married there in 1975. All-inclusive rates starting from US \$590 per person per night include river safaris, game drives, eco-tours and all food and drink.

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





## OWN A SLICE OF PALM JUMEIRAH WITH DORCHESTER COLLECTION

**DORCHESTER COLLECTION** is set to make its long-awaited Middle East debut with the launch of luxury serviced residences at One at Palm Jumeirah in December, an ultra-luxury residential project at the heart of Dubai's iconic manmade island.

Created by Dubai-based developer Omniyat, One at Palm Jumeirah will feature 94 private residences imagined by London design studio Elicyon and Tokyo-based Super Potato, situated within a striking building designed by New York's SOM Architects.

Owners of these gorgeous sea-

view apartments will have access to private gardens created by landscape architect Vladimir Djurovic, a beachfront promenade with private jetty and two restaurants, a collection of swimming, vitality and lap pools, state-of-the-art gym and ESPA spa and the One at Palm Jumeirah Beach Club, also managed by Dorchester Collection.

Set at the base of the trunk of Palm Jumeirah, the project made headlines when the residences first went on sale in 2017 and one of the penthouses was sold for a whopping AED 102 million (approx. US \$27.5 million). [www.omniyat.com](http://www.omniyat.com)

## JUMEIRAH'S NEW GATEWAY TO DUBAI

**IF BUSINESS OR PLEASURE DEMANDS A LONGER STAY IN** Dubai than your typical week-long holiday, take a look at Jumeirah Living Marina Gate. Overlooking the modern towers and gleaming superyachts of Dubai Marina, the final phase of the prestigious Marina Gate development features 104 serviced apartments that combine the perks of a Jumeirah hotel stay with the privacy and comfort of a private apartment; and 389 private residences and 15 villas for private ownership.

Serviced apartments range from Executive Suites, ideal for the solo traveller, to the sumptuous Premium Three-Bedroom Suite with Marina View, which affords, spectacular vistas of Dubai Marina from the floor-to-ceiling windows and private balconies. All suites feature fully-fitted open-plan kitchens and separate living areas with 55-inch HD LED TVs, and all offer access to the temperature-controlled swimming pool, gym and Residents' Lounge and business centre.

The opening of Jumeirah Living Marina Gate marks the fourth property in the Jumeirah Living portfolio, following its residences in London, Guangzhou and Dubai. [www.jumeirah.com](http://www.jumeirah.com)



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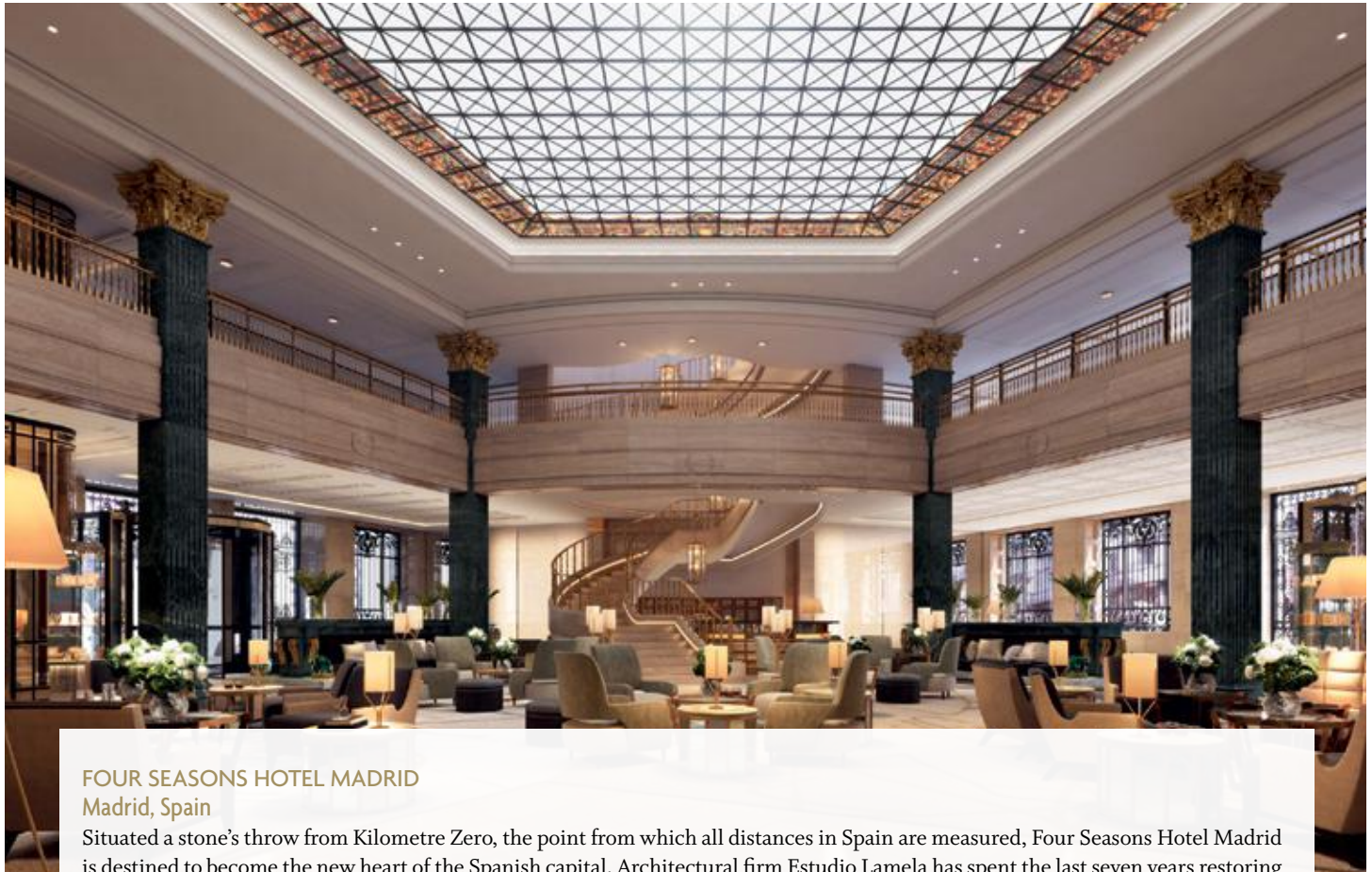
## SINDHORN KEMPINSKI HOTEL BANGKOK Bangkok, Thailand

Kempinski is taking healthy living seriously at its second urban resort in Thailand, with the grand opening of Sindhorn Kempinski Hotel Bangkok. Situated at the edge of Lumpini Park, the green heart of the city, the hotel promises an immersive wellness experience from the moment you arrive. Central to the experience is Sindhorn Wellness by Resense, an integrated spa, wellness centre and fitness studio with two floors of workout studios hosting live and virtual classes covering everything from HIIT and CrossFit to cycling, yoga and Pilates. Multi-day wellness journeys focusing on detox, rejuvenation and prevention include advanced treatments with Dermalux phototherapy facials and pressotherapy, and the Moroccan hammam is central to a thermal wellness journey that includes bio and salt saunas, cold chamber, aroma steam room, rasul mud room and a tepidarium lounge with spectacular city views. The 285 soundproof rooms and suites, each of which has its own private balcony, range from 66 sqm Grand Deluxe Rooms to the opulent three-bedroom Sindhorn Royal Suite. Interiors complement the green expanse of Lumpini Park with natural colours and motifs, as well as touches that pay homage to local culture and craftsmanship. [www.kempinski.com](http://www.kempinski.com)

## CAPELLA BANGKOK Bangkok, Thailand

This month sees the opening of the much-anticipated Capella Bangkok, a striking, architectural marvel on the banks of the Chao Phraya River in Charoenkrung, the city's fast-emerging creative hub. Guests in the hotel's 101 rooms, suites and villas, each featuring floor-to-ceiling windows and a balcony or veranda, will have front-row seats to the ever-unfolding spectacle of life on the River of Kings, criss-crossed by a parade of longtail boats and barges. Accessible via a private courtyard, the generously proportioned one- and two-bedroom riverside villas have their own tropical garden with plunge pools and cosy waterfront salas. Interiors are courtesy of San Francisco interior design studio BAMO, which has lent its artistic touch to landmark projects for some of the world's leading luxury hotel companies. Guests can find modern-classical French and Italian cuisine courtesy of Michelin-starred chef Mauro Colagreco at Côte, garden-grown Thai cuisine at Phra Nakhon, and artistic, tailor-made patisseries at Stella. The hotel marks the first phase of the Chao Phraya Estate, a 14-acre waterfront development imagined by Hamiltons International. [www.capellahotels.com](http://www.capellahotels.com)





#### FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MADRID Madrid, Spain

Situated a stone's throw from Kilometre Zero, the point from which all distances in Spain are measured, Four Seasons Hotel Madrid is destined to become the new heart of the Spanish capital. Architectural firm Estudio Lamela has spent the last seven years restoring two old banks and five other historic buildings that together form the Carnalejas Centre; home to 22 Four Seasons Private Residences and a luxury shopping mall in addition to the hotel. Tasked with protecting the historic detailing within the buildings, the company preserved some 3,700 artefacts during the restoration, imbuing this iconic property with more than a hint of old-world opulence. Among the 200 guestrooms and suites, the triangular-shaped Royal Suite stands out as the most lavish, with moulded ceilings, shimmering chandeliers and Juliet balconies. At rooftop restaurant Dani, Andalusian cuisine from Michelin-starred chef Dani Garcia; while first floor gastrobar Isa serves modern tapas with Asian flavours and imaginative cocktails. The hotel's spa steals the title of largest in the city, with four levels with eight treatment rooms, salon and a sky-lit indoor pool and a rooftop terrace. [www.fourseasons.com](http://www.fourseasons.com)



#### MAIA RESORT QUY NHON Quy Nhon, Vietnam

Vietnam's central coast is a magnet for foodies, with countless local farms supplying an abundance of fresh ingredients and miles of ocean providing rich pickings for fishermen. As the first in a series of new properties from Fusion Hotel Group dedicated to culinary excellence, Maia Resort Quy Nhon aims to immerse guests in the gastronomic traditions of Vietnam. Set in landscaped gardens on the coast of Binh Dinh Province, the resort is home to 32 villas with 62 more to come in the second phase of the project. Foodie experiences are based around V Restaurant, which means taste in Vietnamese. Overlooking the waters of Phuong Mai Bay, V features live cooking stations showcasing the best regional produce and seafood. December will see the opening of Vela Spa, where culinary-inspired treatments – think beer and malt scrub or a grapeseed oil massage – will incorporate organic, all-natural products free from gluten and parabens. Culinary adventures can be found at local restaurants in the town of Quy Nhon and nearby fishing villages, separated by hidden coves, isolated beaches and offshore islands. The surrounding countryside is peppered with cultural sites including the dramatic 11th-Century Banh It Towers, one of the best-preserved Cham architectural sites in Vietnam. [www.fusionhotelgroup.com](http://www.fusionhotelgroup.com)

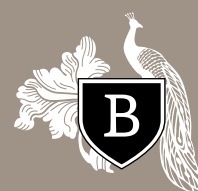


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#### OPEN FOR BUSINESS

News that more borders have opened finally makes holidays a real possibility, and so we embrace the Indian Ocean in all its winter glory once more. Deep dive into our round-up of favourite resorts, such as Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi

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DARE TO DREAM  
**INDIAN OCEAN**

With months of closed borders followed by phased reopenings, our favourite Indian Ocean destinations are inviting tourists once more. We look at the resorts across the Maldives, Mauritius and the Seychelles turning our travel dreams back into reality



### CALL OF THE WILD

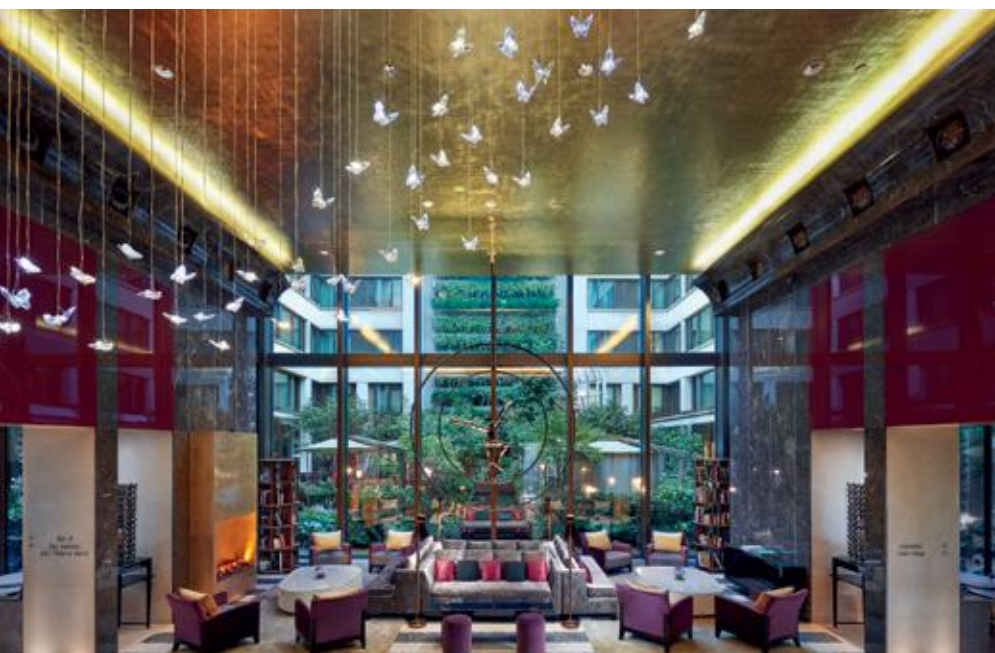
See gorillas in their natural habitat with a stay at One&Only Gorilla's Nest in Rwanda. Cushioned in the foothills of the breathtaking Virunga volcano range, it is one of the luxury hotel group's most enthralling properties, and a stay here gives you an exclusive front-row seat to observe endangered mountain gorillas in the wild. Mountain treks obviously steal top billing, but guests can also immerse themselves in the history and culture of Rwanda through a curated selection of experiences, such as hiking to spot golden monkeys, birdwatching all alongside calming yoga and outdoor movie screenings under the stars. With just 21 lodges and suites, each swathed in eucalyptus and volcano views, the Silverback Suite is the crowning glory of grandeur and privacy, with its rainforest setting, open-air lounge, and intimate fire pit overlooking a private pool.

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# ESCAPES

The world is opening up, slowly but surely, allowing our travel dreams to become a reality. Where to go first when the world is becoming your oyster? These incredible offers should help you point your compass in the right direction...



### CITY OF LIGHT

Immersed within the heart of rue Saint-Honoré just steps away from Place Vendôme, Mandarin Oriental Paris is where contemporary Parisian elegance blends with the hotel brand's legendary service. Within easy reach of the capital's most beautiful boutiques and illustrious French brands, and with the Louvre, Garnier opera house and Tuileries Garden your neighbours, culture vultures and fashion lovers will revel in equal measure. The hotel's lush, landscaped inner gardens serve as a serene sanctuary away the bustling vibe of the City of Light, and is the perfect place come winter, under its outdoor heaters, to enjoy one of the hotel's famed afternoon teas. The hotel's Staycation by M.O. package includes daily breakfast for two, early check-in, late check-out, a bottle of champagne and hotel credit of Dhs645 when booking a room, or Dhs1,290 when booking a suite. To help guests make the most of their time in Paris, the hotel is collaborating with Helifirst, to offer personalised day trips from the city by helicopter, letting you explore favourite French monuments and landscapes such as the Loire Valley and the vineyards of Champagne in breathtaking manner. [www.mandarinoriental.com](http://www.mandarinoriental.com)

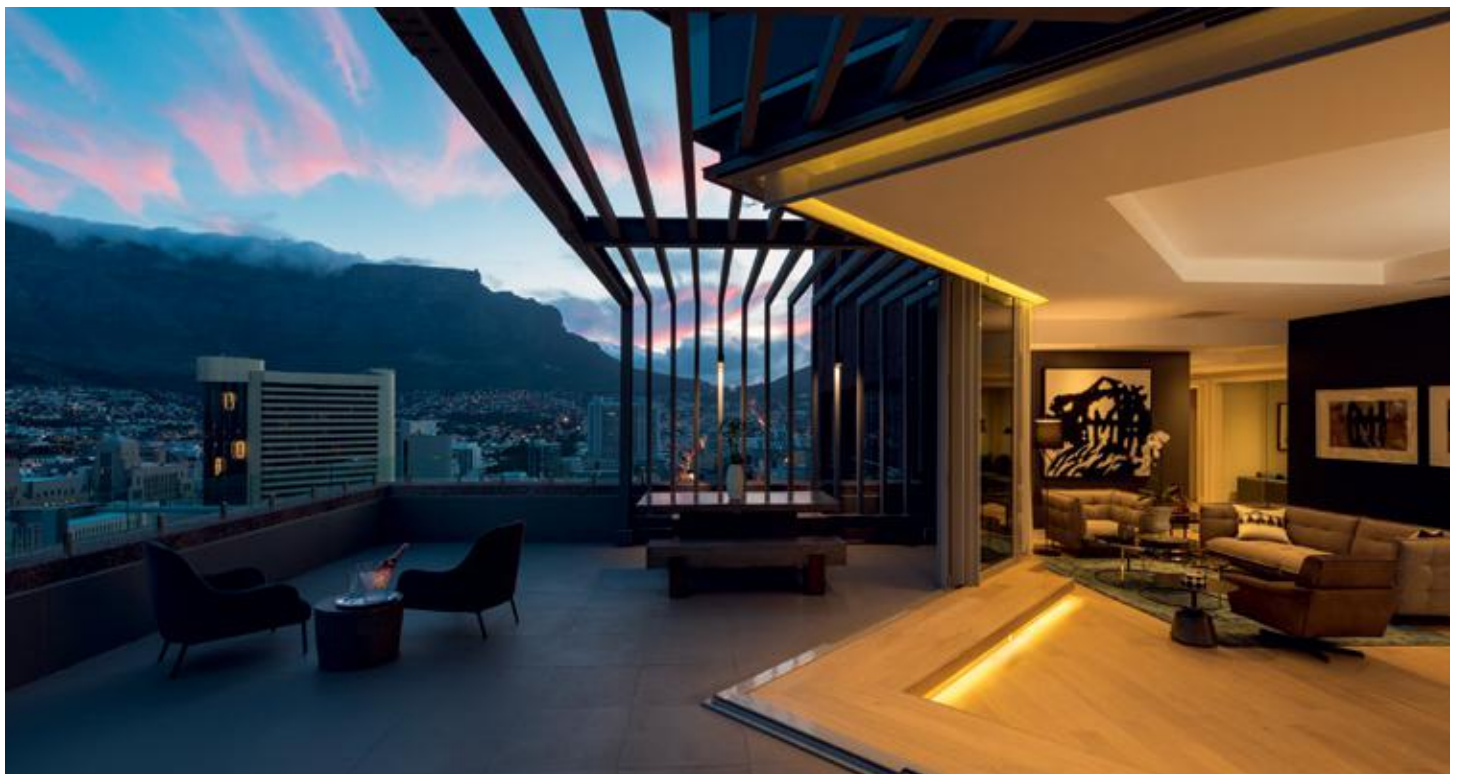




### COME ON, LET'S CELEBRATE

Having just celebrated its one-year anniversary, the award-winning Crossroads Maldives integrated resort has a special offer at both its Hard Rock Hotel Maldives and SAii Lagoon Maldives, Curio Collection by Hilton. Guests will receive 40 per cent off best available rate for a stay before December 2020, with daily breakfast, a one-time dining experience, a confirmed upgrade, resort credit of up to US \$200 for five night's stay or more, and complimentary return transfer for seven night's stay or more. What this all means is that you get to lay claim to your own little slice of paradise, because the Maldives really is as close as it comes. Both properties sit in the exquisite Emboodhu Lagoon, which is just a 15-minute boat ride from Male International Airport, with each offering myriad experiences, from cooking classes, sunset yoga and conservation to sailing, snorkelling and spa treatments. A whole new world awaits... We'll see you there.

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



### THE CAPE CRUSADER

Known as one of the coolest and cultural cities in the world, Cape Town is a must-visit for anyone wanting to combine the great outdoors with arts, culture and cuisine. A vibrant city that is stunning from sea to sky, there is much to do here – hiking, wine tours, dolphin and whale watching, mountain climbing and beautiful beaches. Radisson Blu Hotel & Residence Cape Town is a great starting-off point to experience it all. Positioned in the city's central business district, its striking award-nominated architecture is a talking point in itself, as is the hotel's jaw-dropping views of Table

Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean. Close to favoured tourist attractions, such as Table Mountain, Clifton Beach, Camps Bay and Castle of Good Hope, you'll spend the day exploring, but once back you can make yourself at home one of the three Presidential Suites, perfect for family bookings. Book your stay before October 21 for a stay until February 28, 2021, and you'll receive a discount of up to 20 per cent at participating Radisson Collection, Radisson Blu, Radisson RED, Radisson, Park Inn by Radisson and Park Plaza hotels across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Radisson Rewards members can save an additional five per cent, too. [www.radissonhotels.com](http://www.radissonhotels.com)

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