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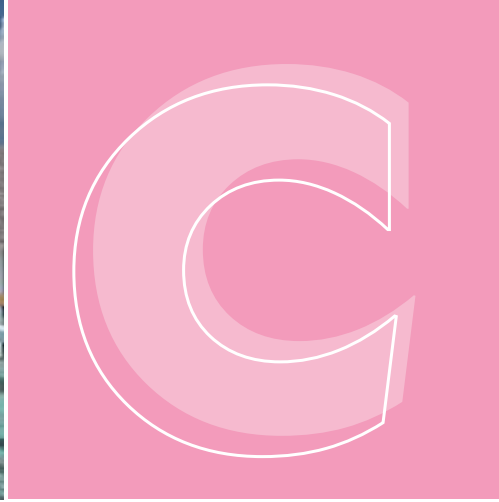
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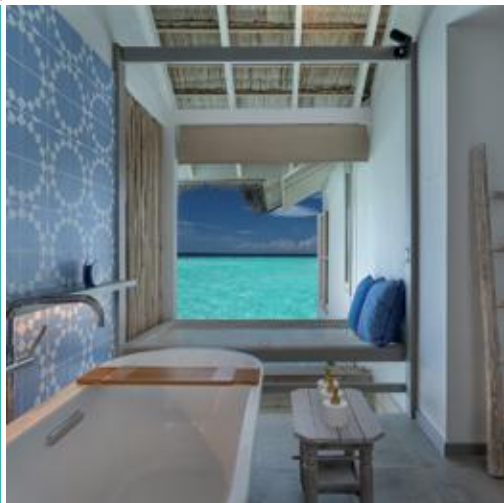
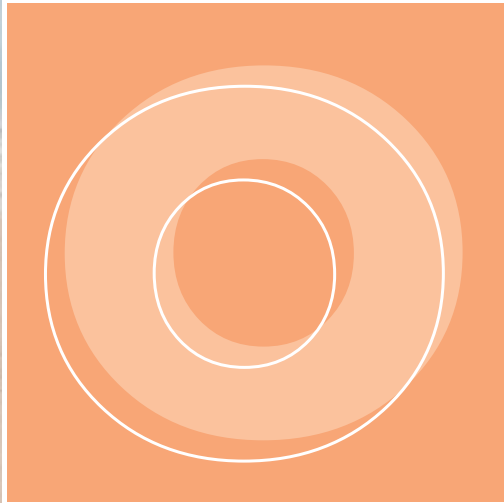
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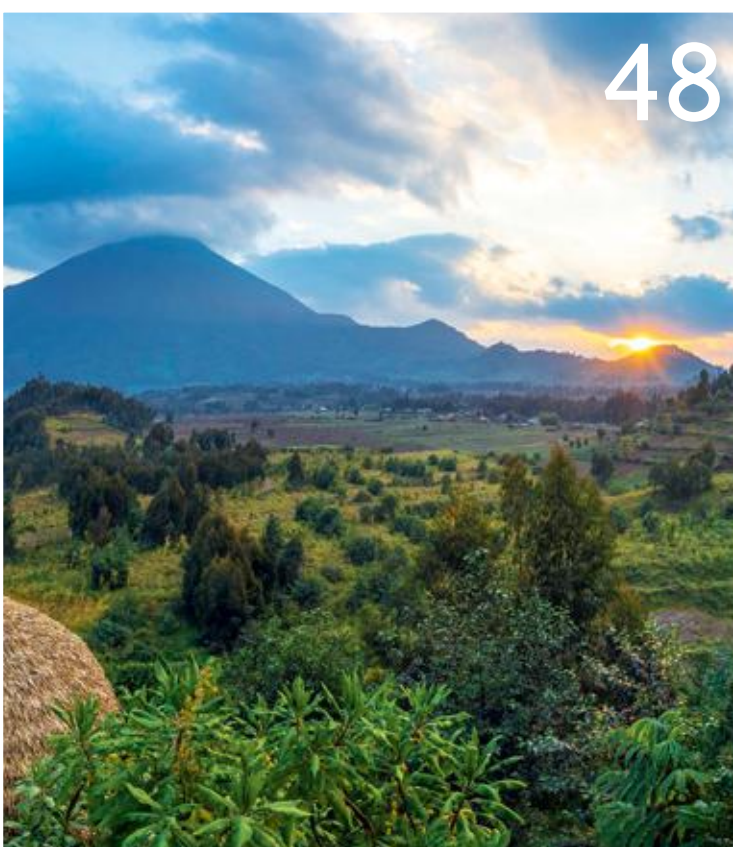
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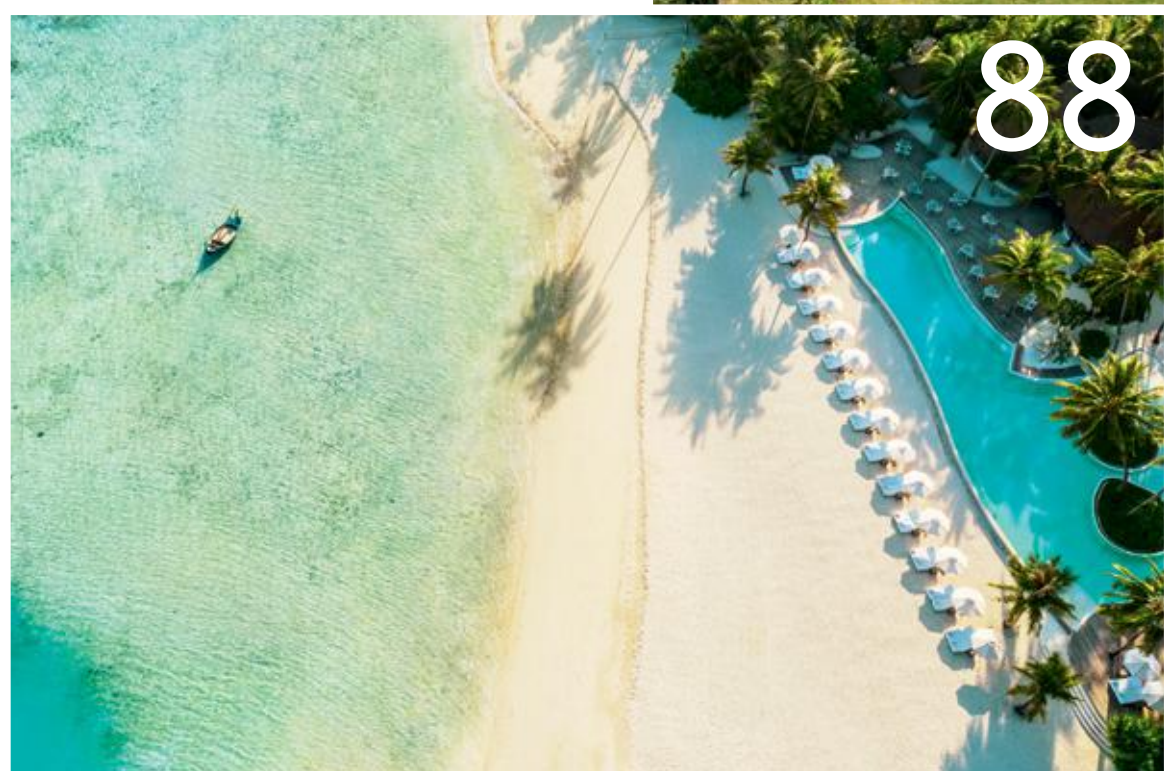
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ANDBEYOND UNVEILS A FRESH NEW LOOK IN THE SERENGETI



TANZANIA LUXURY HIDEAWAY ANDBEYOND GRUMETI SERENGETI RIVER LODGE has reopened after a complete redesign to reveal a modern interpretation of the safari camp concept, complete with new guest experiences and tours.

Architect Jack Alexander has taken inspiration from the natural setting for the new-look lodge, where guest areas follow the sweeping arc of the Grumeti River to create a natural flow. Reimagined suites with interiors by South

African design firm Fox Browne Creative are striking and angular, adding a contemporary contrast to the natural backdrop.

Twice the size of their predecessors, the suites feature raised ceilings and tall doorways, with canvas, banana fibre and hardwood cladding that create a warm and rich ambiance accented by fabrics and furnishing emblazoned with traditional patterns and motifs.

In addition to morning and afternoon game drives, guests can now opt to explore the

Serengeti landscape on foot during an expert-led afternoon nature walk, embark on a cultural visit to the nearby Lukungu community, or take a 4x4 trip to the shores of Lake Victoria, where fishermen and local communities gather.

A new cocktail bar and seasonally designed menus provide a rewarding welcome back to the lodge after a day of exploring, and daily yoga classes provide the opportunity to limber up before another day of adventure.

www.andBeyond.com



LIVE LONG AND PROSPER IN DOHA WITH CLINIQUE LA PRAIRIE

PIONEERING SWISS HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLINIQUE LA PRAIRIE is set to open its third international longevity hub at The St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island when it opens in Doha this summer. The state-of-the-art aesthetics and medical spa will offer guests and local visitors the chance to embrace Clinique La Prairie's unique Longevity Method, which combines evidence-based medicine with wellbeing, nutrition and movement plans.

Previously only available at the brand's main clinic in Montreux, visitors and locals alike will be able to embark on immersive week-long programmes based around revitalisation,

immune-boosting and rebalancing at Clinique La Prairie Aesthetics & Medical Spa, while Doha locals and residents have the chance to check in for a follow-up consultation following a stay at the original clinic in Switzerland. Memberships will grant access to private consultations and tailor-made therapies, as well as regular treatments, wellness classes and gym membership, and premium memberships will also include a residential stay at Clinique La Prairie Montreux. The clinic at St. Regis Marsa Arabia Island will be the third international outpost following the opening of longevity hubs in Madrid and Bangkok. www.cliniquelaprairie.com

DID YOU HEAR? **THE ICONIC WINSTON HOTEL IN JOHANNESBURG'S ROSEBANK NEIGHBOURHOOD WILL REOPEN AS A MEMBER OF THE PARK HYATT FAMILY IN EARLY 2023, AFTER AN EXTENSIVE REFURBISHMENT. INTERNATIONAL DESIGN STUDIO YABU PUSHELBERG, WHICH HAS COLLABORATED WITH PARK HYATT IN NEW YORK, SHENZHEN AND BANGKOK, WILL BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO THE HOTEL'S PUBLIC SPACES AND 30 ROOMS AND SUITES.**

SINGITA GALLERIES CHAMPION AFRICAN ART



SUSTAINABILITY-FOCUSED LUXURY SAFARI COMPANY SINGITA HAS LAUNCHED TWO NEW GALLERY SPACES in and around South Africa's Kruger National Park, showcasing the best of African art. Both venues feature artwork by renowned artists and emerging talent from across the continent, from sculpture and photography to conceptual art and ceramics, with a view to highlighting the creativity of African artists and Africa's rich cultural heritage.

"By creating a space dedicated to contemporary art from Africa, Singita is showcasing the creativity that is so prolific here. The works displayed at the new B&G space in Singita Sabi Sand embody this, and we will continue to build on its remarkable momentum across all our regions," says Lindy Rousseau, chief strategist at Singita.

As well as supporting local creative talent, proceeds from art sales will help support and shine a light on some of Singita's conservation and social projects in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Rwanda, the four countries where Singita currently has lodges. The company has teamed up with local artists who share Singita's passion for wildlife and wilderness protection to create works that celebrate the natural beauty of the landscape, and a percentage of the proceeds will be channelled to the Singita Lowveld Trust to support small and medium local enterprises in South Africa.

The new boutique and gallery spaces have been opened at Singita Sabi Sand and Singita Kruger National Park, where a piece by the award-winning Athi-Patra Ruga has pride of place. www.singita.com

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



AMAN NEW YORK New York, USA

Set in the heart of Midtown Manhattan at 57th and 5th, the Crown Building is a 1921 Beaux-Art icon. After a five-year remodelling overseen by superstar designer Jean-Michel Gathy, the building will be reborn this month as Aman New York, the third US outpost for the A-list brand. Promising guests an escape from the hectic Big Apple, Aman New York will echo the pared back style of Aman's first urban property, which debuted in Tokyo in 2014. As well as 83 rooms and suites, starting from 70sqm, the urban resort will be home to 22 ultra-exclusive Aman Residences ranging from one to six bedrooms, including a five-storey penthouse at the crown of the building. All residences and some of the suites will have private terraces with sweeping views of Central Park and the New York skyline, and all will have working fireplaces for chilly winter evenings. The 10th floor Sky Lounge is surrounded by a wrap-around Garden Terrace with firepits and a Cigar Bar, while the other restaurant offerings include a lobby Piano Bar and an outpost of Nama, Aman's signature Japanese restaurant concept. The serene Aman Spa is a three-level sanctuary with a 15-metre swimming pool flanked with recessed daybeds. www.aman.com

PARK HYATT JAKARTA Jakarta, Indonesia

Wherever the Park Hyatt brand goes, tranquillity is sure to follow. And in a city of 10 million people, that's a valuable commodity. Delve into this achingly cool urban escape and you'll discover an ode to local culture and heritage; a conceptual journey through the Indonesian rainforest that evolves as you ascend from the dark rich hues of the Sky Lobby to the lighter colours and warm tones of the upper levels. London-based design firm Conran and Partners has woven local motifs and indigenous designs into the 220 guestrooms, with hand-woven textiles, natural lava stone walls and intricate wooden carvings that add local flavour to sophisticated, pared-back interiors. A custom art collection celebrates the diversity of Indonesia's cultural landscape, from modern urban Jakarta to ancient heritage sites and the natural environment. In the Sky Lobby, guests will be mesmerised by an installation made up of thousands of delicate crystal orbs, representing rainfall and starlit skies. An homage to Japanese cuisine, Kita Restaurant & Bar occupies the top two floors of the striking Park Tower, providing privileged views over the rapidly expanding Jakarta skyline. www.hyatt.com

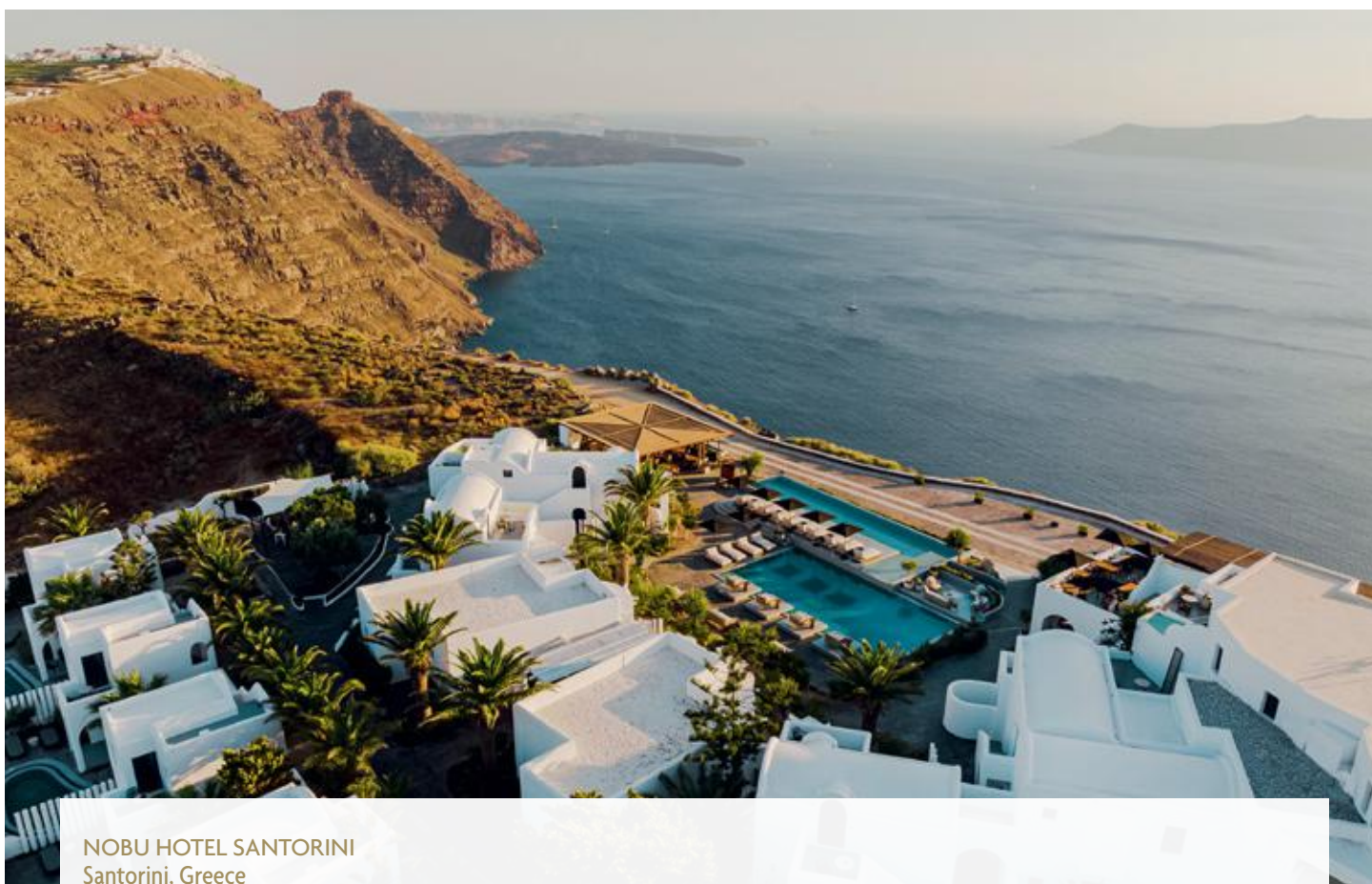




CONRAD LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, USA

Frank Gehry's vision for LA's new cultural corridor has finally been realised with the opening of Conrad Los Angeles, an architectural marvel adjacent to the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Created by Related Companies, the developer behind the era-defining Hudson Yards in New York, the hotel is part of The Grand LA, a mixed-use residential, retail and entertainment project breathing new life into the city's Downtown neighbourhood. Star chef Jose Andres and his ThinkFoodGroup have created the culinary offerings: Spain-inspired Californian cuisine at San Laurel, Latin and Asian flavours at Agua Viva, and concept restaurant SED, which is dedicated to the bounty of the Pacific Ocean and US desert. The 305 rooms and suites, imagined by London-based design firm Tara Bernerd & Partners, are warm and modern, with pale oak floors and linen walls, while the 24th-floor penthouse – The Grand Avenue Suite – has a private furnished terrace and fabulous views over the Broad Museum, Music Center and Gehry's Walt Disney Concert Hall, home of the LA Philharmonic. At every turn, guests will be treated to artwork created by local and international talent, curated in partnership with Judith Tatar of Tatar Art Projects. Public areas are embellished with swathes of elegant Ceppo di Gre stone from Lombardy, while the striking reception desk is hewn from a piece of 11,000-year-old lava. www.hilton.com



NOBU HOTEL SANTORINI

Santorini, Greece

Unstoppable luxury dining and hospitality brand Nobu has found a new home in Santorini, land of volcanic peaks, whitewashed villages and blues of every shade. Situated on a spectacular clifftop in Imerovigli, the boutique resort is home to just 25 suites and pool villas, with spectacular views of the Aegean. A monotone palette of blacks, whites and greys is complemented by natural stone furnishings, creating a calm environment that contrasts with the striking colours of the outdoor environment. Outside, pink bougainvillea and vibrant green palms stand out against the bright white walls, and the glistening dual-level infinity pool reflects the turquoise of the sky. The highlight of the resort, Nobu Santorini brings the acclaimed cuisine of chef Nobu Matsuhisa to Greece for the first time. Signature dishes including the world-famous black cod miso and yellowtail sashimi with jalapeño are complemented by new recipes inspired by Greek culinary traditions and local ingredients, all accompanied by mesmerising views of the Santorini Caldera. www.nobuhotels.com



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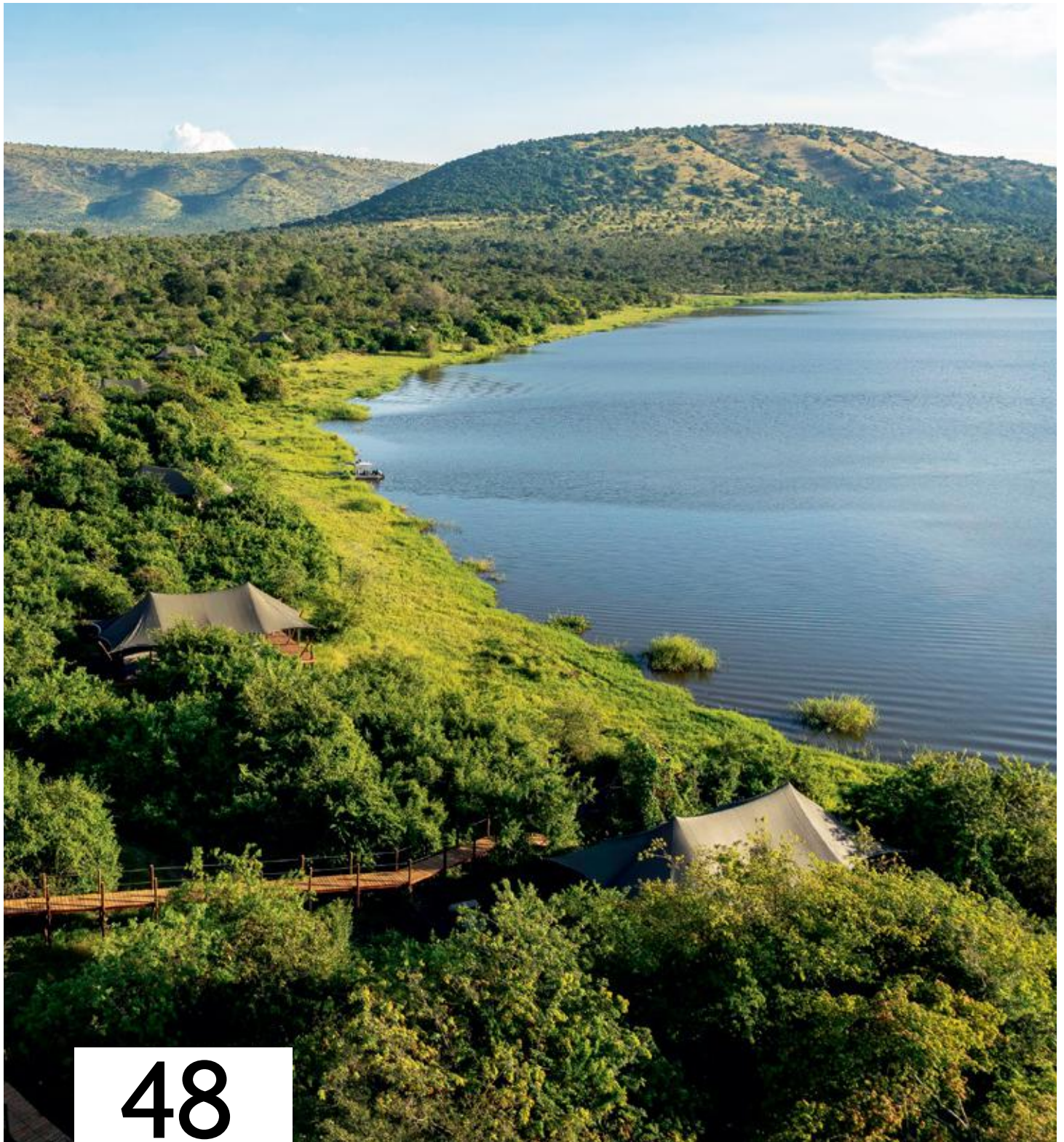
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Wild and wonderful African adventures (above), unique excursions in the Aegean and cultural city hops where East-meets-West... Make the most of the summer, from city and safari to sea

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48 HOURS IN...

Istanbul

Dripping with history, culture and art, Istanbul, the result of the collision of Asia and Europe, is a city unlike any other, discovers Chaitali Patel

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From a chateau-inspired, nature escape in Georgia (above) to fun ways to beat the heat as a family closer to home, put adventure top of your To Do list this summer and see where it takes you

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PALATIAL ESCAPES

A new face on the staycay block, Palace Beach Resort Fujairah feels like a little slice of the Mediterranean in the Middle East, with its white-washed walls. Inside, it's all contemporary chic in deeply calming muted tones and nods to natural beauty and Arabian heritage. Book the Summer Escapes offer and stay in a Deluxe Room or Suite and you'll get 30 per cent off. Enjoy early morning beach walks, cool dips in the pool with its stellar beachfront views, some much-needed RnR at The Spa, and beautiful Arabic cuisine at Ewaan or coffee and sweet treats at Al Bayt. www.addresshotels.com

Arabian Journeys

Restaurants, beaches, waterparks and spas are the order of the day, as we beat the heat inside with some of the summer's most exclusive offers



VIEWS FOR DAYS

Palm Jumeirah's always a gem for those who want to escape without really escaping, and this summer Taj Exotica Resort & Spa, The Palm, is channelling all the right 'get from it all' vibes. Its All You Need Staycation offer gives guests buffet breakfast, lunch or dinner with unlimited drinks, 20 per cent saving on food and beverages, a complimentary upgrade to the next room category and 2-for-1 on Indian Aromatherapy Massage at JIVA Spa. You could be sipping cocktails in your own private Jacuzzi with *this* view without ever needing leave Dubai. Now that's a holiday we're here for. www.tajhotels.com



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The Chopard Loves Cinema haute joaillerie collection pays homage to the grand adventure that is film-making, with 75 pieces inspired by cinematic moments



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Simple yet striking, these precious gems hold all the power



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- 6. Tiffany & Co. Blue Book necklace, Tiffany & Co.
- 7. Clash Unlimited necklace, Cartier
- 8. Because of Love ring, Boucheron
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The Fountain of Neptune, Piazza Navona, Rome



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Le Meurice, Paris

CULTURE SHOCK

The Dorchester Collection's new series of walking trails lets art lovers delve deeper than ever before

FOR THOSE WHO LIKE A SIDE-ORDER OF ART WITH THEIR SUMMER SOJOURNS, Dorchester Collection has just unveiled the latest in its series of bespoke, private walking trails which allow inquisitive art aficionados to follow in the footsteps of some of the world's most legendary artists, in some of the most beautiful cultural capitals.

Following *Picasso's Montmartre* and *Monet's Revolutionary Brushstrokes in Paris*, *Caravaggio - Rebel and Rome* kicks off the new series, inviting guests staying at Hotel Eden, one of the Eternal City's most prestigious abodes, to discover the story of Caravaggio's extraordinary life. The walking tour delves deep into Caravaggio's rags to riches story, a life inspired and seduced by a cast of colourful characters – from wealthy

patrons to gamblers, to models and fortune-tellers – and inextricably linked to the city he called home. Accompanied by a deeply passionate and knowledgeable guide, you'll uncover why movie director Martin Scorsese thought Caravaggio would have been a great film-maker, and how a match of real tennis led to Caravaggio's own death sentence. The *Caravaggio - Rebel and Rome* private and bespoke walking trail offer starts from €1,070 based on two sharing a Prestige Room or Suite, including an American breakfast and a two-hour expert guided tour.

Later this year, the series will expand to feature *Rodin - Love and Torment* at Le Meurice Paris, and *Hepworth - Rhythm, Movement and Space* at 45 Park Lane, London. www.dorchestercollection.com


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