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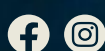
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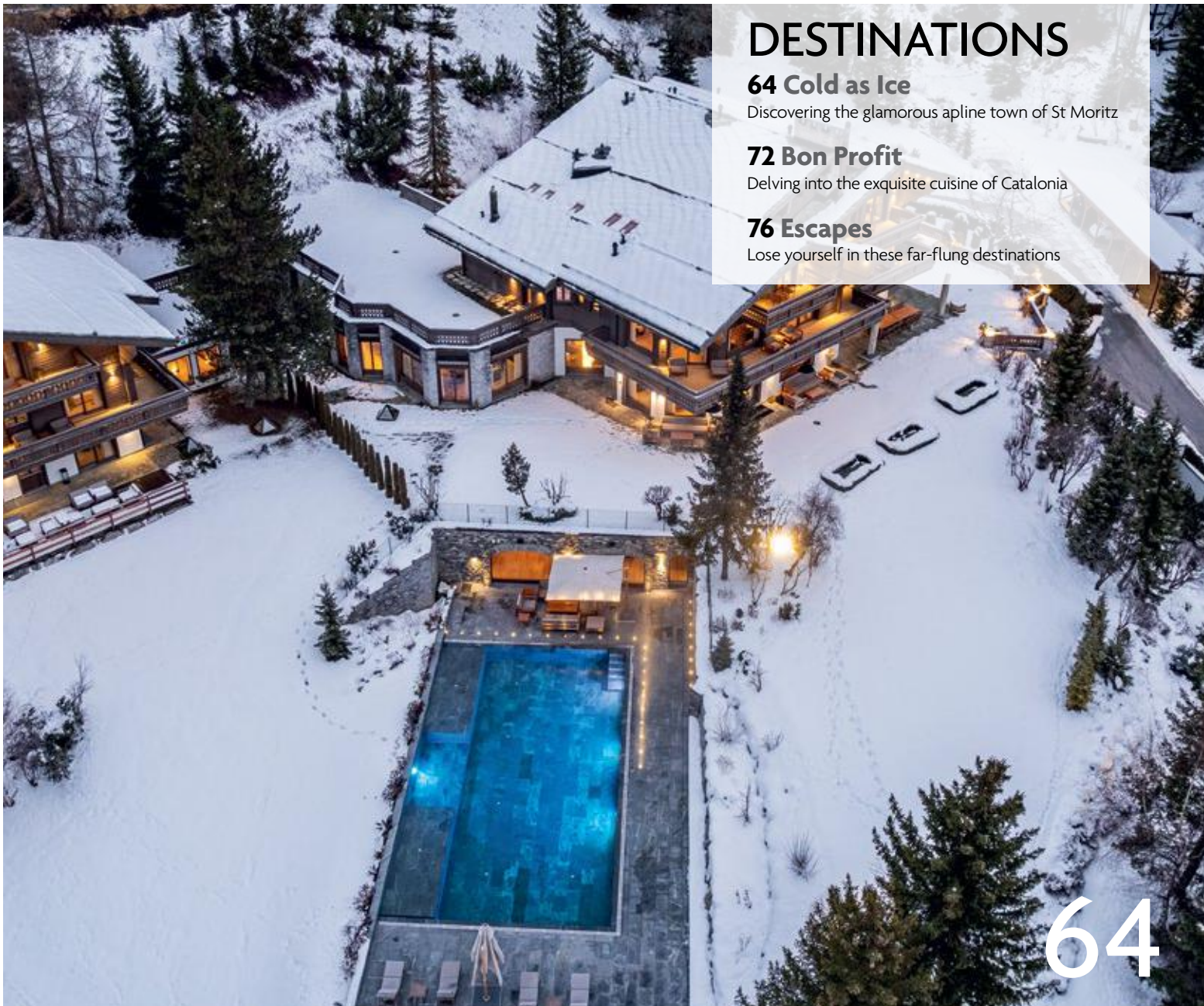
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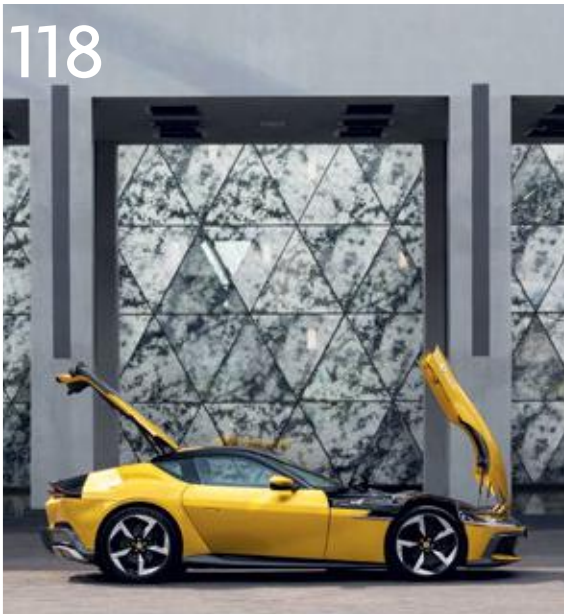
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DORCHESTER'S SUNNY SEASIDE RETREAT



DORCHESTER COLLECTION'S FIRST 'GARDEN RETREAT' by the sea' has been slated for a 2028 opening on Palm Jumeirah, Dubai. Designed by Zaha Hadid Architects, The Alba promises style, sophistication, and serene luxury, with interiors of the 95 rooms and suites crafted by interior design agency, Gilles et Boissier. The Alba Residences will include two-bedroom furnished, three-bedroom unfurnished options, as well as three or four-bedroom simplex, duplex

units, as well as penthouse spaces. The hotel also promises to host Dubai's largest and most luxurious wellness centre.

This Dorchester Collection project vows to introduce an unprecedented standard of coastal luxury on Dubai's Palm Jumeirah, since The Alba will not only feature breathtaking views of iconic landmarks like the Burj Al Arab and Burj Khalifa, but also stand as a sustainable architectural feat. Its curved structure is

designed to emerge through lush gardens and cascading waterfalls, crafted by acclaimed landscape architect Vladimir Djurovic. The development is designed to achieve high standards of WELL Certification, which is a commitment to ecological responsibility, and the urban oasis will complement Dorchester's global portfolio, blending impeccable hospitality with privacy and serenity.

[Dorchestercollection.com](https://dorchestercollection.com)



A TASTE OF FRANCE IN RIYADH

Café Boulud has made its MIDDLE EASTERN debut at Four Seasons Hotel Riyadh, bringing French fine dining to the Kingdom's capital. Inspired by Daniel Boulud's Lyon roots, this new location offers a refined and timeless dining experience, allowing guests to embark on a

French culinary journey, with a curated menu that draws inspiration from four culinary muses. La Tradition, La Saison, Le Potager, and Le Voyage, all offer seasonal dishes that reflect the best of local and global ingredients.

[Fourseasons.com/riyadh](https://fourseasons.com/riyadh)



INTRODUCING THE SPHERE ABU DHABI

ASK ANYONE WHAT HAS TRULY CHANGED THE GAME in live entertainment in recent years and you'll likely get one answer.... The Las Vegas Sphere takes all the thrill of a concert, event or performance and takes it to a whole other level. Recently announced as the first official spin-off, Sphere Abu Dhabi is tipped to be a twin venue with a similar 20,000

seater capacity, marking a new chapter in events experiences for the region and welcoming live sports and concerts and other entertainment spectacles. Following its viral announcement, the ambitious project positions the UAE capital as a premier destination for live entertainment and raises the bar for immersive experiences. [Thesphere.com](https://thesphere.com)

TROPICAL LUXE AT LE TOUESSROK



SHANGRI-LA LE TOUESSROK has reopened in Mauritius, refreshed with a contemporary design, exciting culinary journeys and new enriching experiences. With 10 new Hibiscus one-bedroom beachfront suites and five fully renovated restaurants, the extensive redesign comes courtesy of The Odd Duck agency, enhancing every facet of the resort, including its 185 guestrooms and suites. The resort has been transformed into a chic, tropical playground with plenty of thoughtful touches, from elegant rattan furnishings to black-and-white photography that captures the island's cultural heritage. [Shangri-la.com/mauritius](https://shangri-la.com/mauritius)

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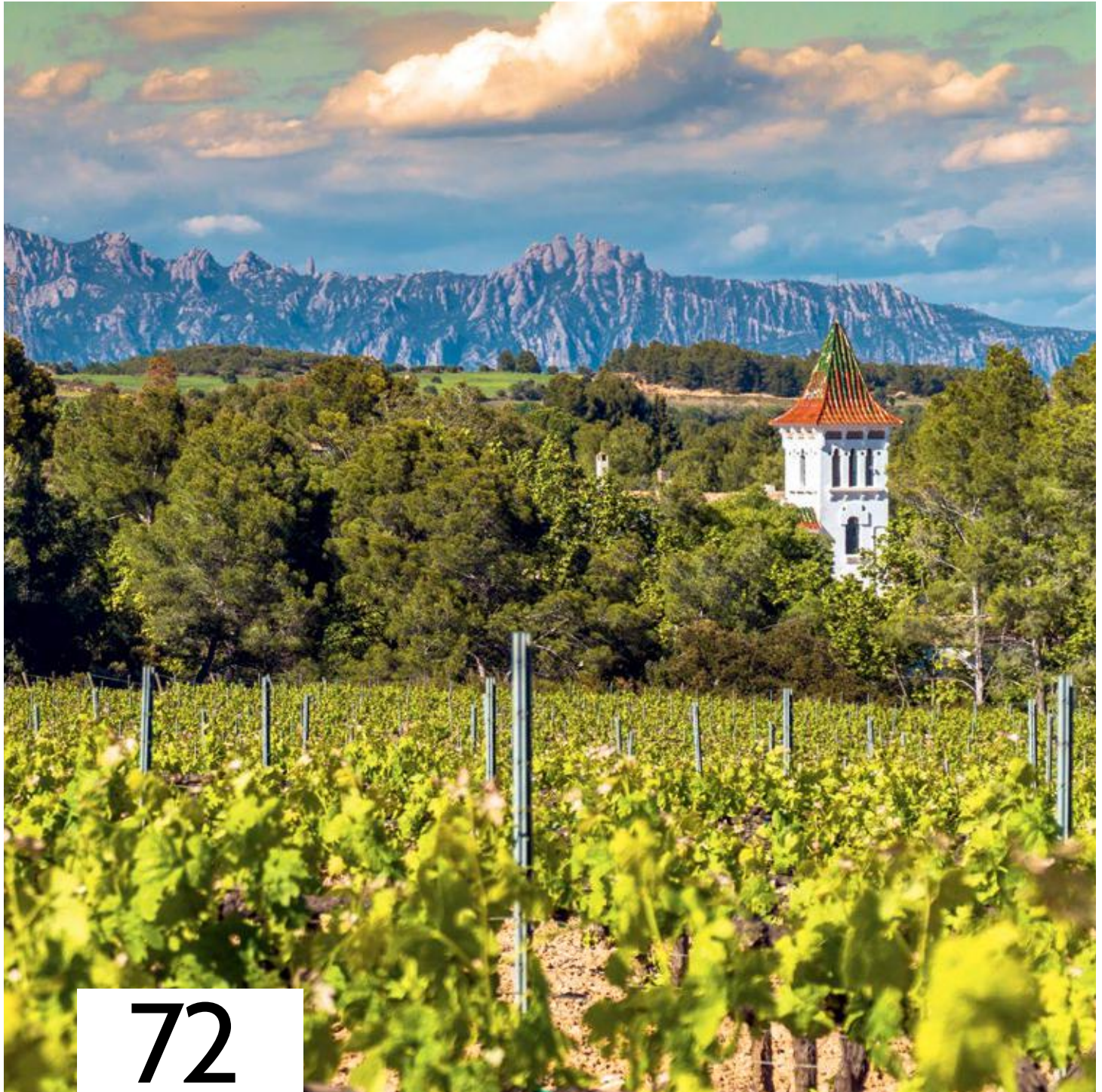


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Winter pursuits and Swiss hospitality reach their snowy peaks in St. Moritz, which may just be the world's most exclusive ski resort

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Cora Maldives is 45-minutes by seaplane from Velana International Airport and located in the picturesque Raa Atoll.

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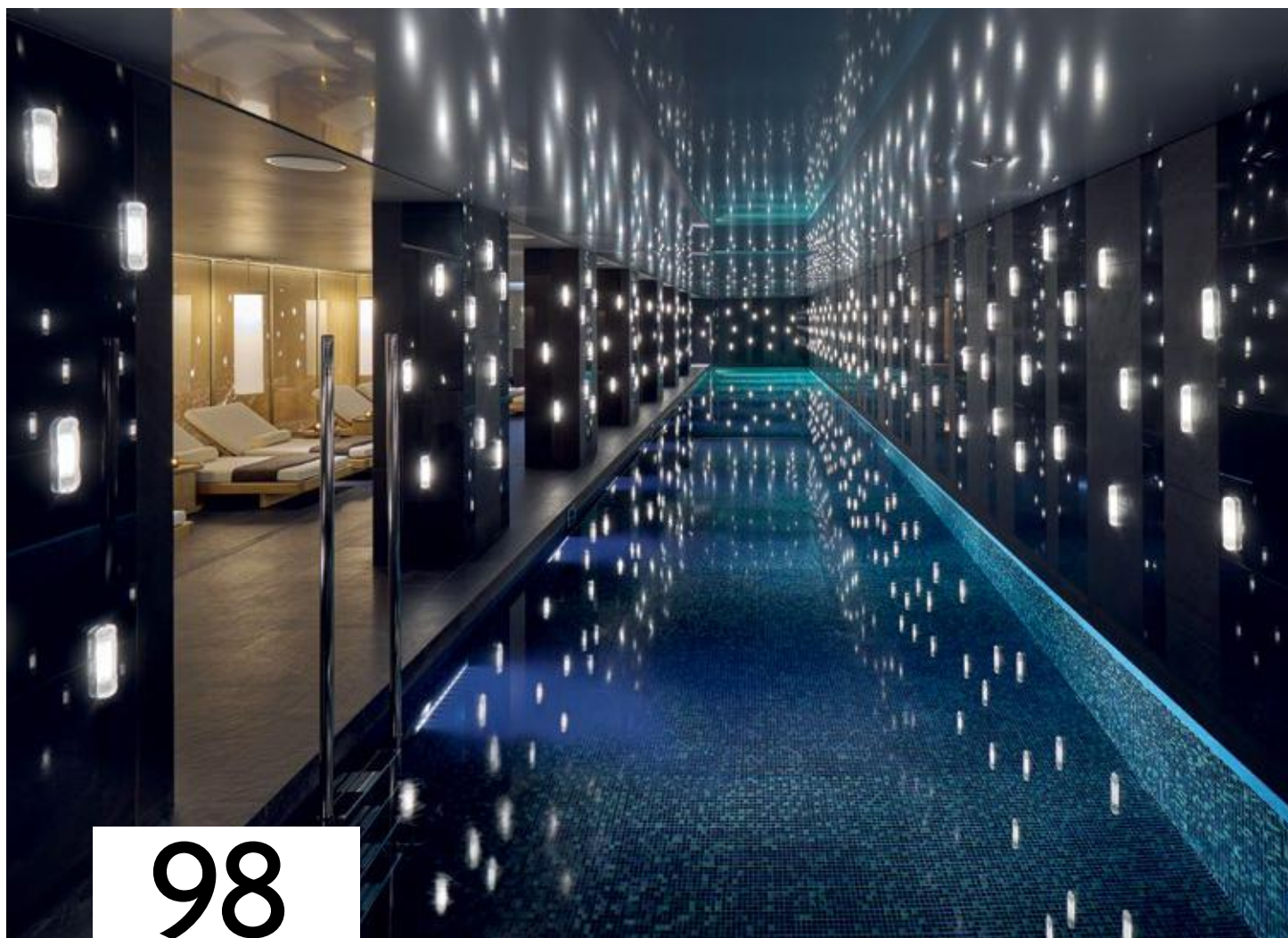
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ISLAND LIVING WITH CORA CORA MALDIVES

Cast away in the Raa Atoll, lies the emerald isle of Maamigili. Framed by the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean and bestowed with flour-soft sands, this idyllic islet serves up out-of-this-world landscapes and breathtaking flora and fauna. It is also here where you will discover a bastion of impeccable hospitality. It is here, you will find the incredible Cora Cora Maldives.

A short seaplane journey from the island nation's capital of Malé, upon touchdown, you are welcomed by a traditional ceremonial committee. From here, you are beckoned to do as much or as little as you like with the resort's plethora of exciting activities. Heed the call of the ocean and take to the water. Don your mask and flippers and plunge into the extraordinary underwater world

of the property's kaleidoscopic house reef or glide across the surface during a complimentary paddleboard, catamaran or kayak session.

Back on dry land, leave all the cares of the world behind and allow yourself to slip into a state of bliss with an overwater treatment, courtesy of MOKSHA Spa & Wellbeing Center. Next, stretch out with a session on the yoga pavilion, where the sound of waves lapping against the shoreline, soothe your mind and soul or pump up your feel-good vibes with a stint in the state-of-the-art fitness centre.

For gourmands, delve into exquisite cuisine at the resort's four different restaurants: Tazāa, with its Spice Route-inspired menu; Ginger Moon, which focuses on the spirit and flavours of Asia's legendary markets; Teien, an elegant Japanese restaurant serving Teppanyaki, sushi and kushiyaki; and Acquapazza, a chic Italian restaurant and beach club

that's ideal for leisurely lunches.

Book a stay at Cora Cora Maldives and you will be gifted with a premium all-inclusive gourmet meal plan, unlimited selection of premium beverages in the property's restaurants and bars as well as a complimentary minibar that is replenished daily. Stay for a minimum of four nights and you can enjoy a shared sunset cruise or extend for eight nights or more, and each adult will experience a one 45-minute complimentary massage. There's also complimentary meet and greet services as well as transfer lounge access upon arrival at Velana International Airport alongside early check-in and late check-out to enable guests to linger for even longer. Coracoraresorts.com





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CODE RED



OMEGA opens its iconic red bag to reveal watches
of timeless quality



The chimes of festive season are transforming from a gentle din to an enticing jingle as the most wonderful time of the year draws ever closer. With that in mind OMEGA has unveiled its exclusive festive selection of elegant timepieces, each bestowed with black tones and stainless steel craftsmanship. A perfect gift for a loved one this Yuletide, it's time to unwrap the magic and discover what's inside.

SPEEDMASTER 38 MM

For those who prefer models that are smaller in size but ooze sophistication, the Speedmaster 38 mm is an enchanting present. Following the look of OMEGA's legendary Moonwatch, with a touch of pure refinement, the timepiece comes with a tachymeter scale on the bezel and the Seahorse medallion on the case back, making an historic connection to the Speedmaster's much-vaunted legacy. Simply put, this is the perfect chronograph for someone with an adventurous spirit and graceful style.

SEAMASTER AQUA TERRA

Whispering quiet luxury, the Seamaster Aqua Terra is one of OMEGA's new creations for 2024. Presented for those with classic tastes, this 38mm version of the Aqua Terra enjoys a lacquered black dial featuring rhodium-plated details, spotlighting OMEGA's rich ocean heritage. Powered by a co-axial master chronometer movement that offers sublime precision and magnetic resistance, the timepiece is showcased on a linked bracelet.

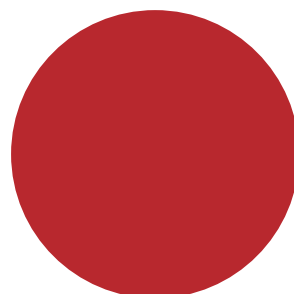
DE VILLE PRESTIGE

On first impression, the De Ville Prestige may seem minimalist, however peer closer and you'll find a plethora of exquisite detailing. This 40mm stainless steel model includes a domed and sun-brushed black dial that is enriched with Roman numerals and cabochon indexes that are shaded in PVD Sedna Gold. Offering the Prestige signature of a seven-row bracelet, the co-axial master chronometer movement completes the OMEGA excellence.

CONSTELLATION METEORITE

Direct from the stars, this is a timepiece of true stellar quality. Combined with the Constellation range's renowned design and co-axial master chronometer precision, this 41mm timepiece's dial is forged from genuine meteorite. The natural pattern of this ancient space material means that no two watches will ever appear the same and that your timepiece will be the only one like it on Earth.

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Kris Karacinski explores the winding roads of
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The Santa Monica property welcoming guests to coastal perfection



THE GOLDEN SANDY STRETCHES OF BEACH AND THE KALEIDOSCOPIC lights of Santa Monica's legendary pier have long been a favourite stop-off for visitors exploring southern California. Enjoying an enduring popularity for more than a century, the glamorous enclave has been the perfect setting for a relaxing day out by the seaside as well as a fun destination for all the family to enjoy.

However, those searching to embrace the chilled-out vibes of SoCal for a little bit longer than a few hours, should discover the coastal-chic charm of the iconic Shutter's on the Beach. Now into its fourth decade of operations, the property has become a beachfront icon of Santa Monica, with its elegant New England beach house-inspired design, stellar restaurants and those oh-so-dreamy views.

Home to 186 breezy guest rooms and 12 suites that sprawl out over 450 square feet, guests will be greeted with hardwood flooring, adorned by hand-woven Tibetan rugs and sliding shuttered doors that when opened, offer up those incredible ocean vistas. Bookworms will have plenty to cast an eye on, with little room libraries containing hardback editions of classics like Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*.

Stray from the luxury of your sanctuary and discover epicurean excellence in the form of the 85-seat, 1 Pico. Named after the property's address and imagined by designer Michael S. Smith, this eatery is open for lunch, dinner and weekend brunch, and showcases a menu bursting with flavourful Italian, seafood dishes. For a quick bite and a glass of wine, try the indoor/outdoor Coast, which surrenders stunning views of the beach and sea. Or if you prefer, indulge in a spot of afternoon tea at the Living Room and Terrace. After you have suitably gorged yourself, maintain the fitness regime at the state-of-the-art fitness centre and a selection of outdoor classes including surfing and yoga on the sand, before unwinding with a relaxing treatment at ONE Spa.

This month, Shutter's on the Beach beckons couples to make the most of their Santa Monica



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