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WHY DON'T YOU...?

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FABULOUS
IDEAS FROM
FASHION'S FINEST

MARCH INTO
SPRING WITH
BLACK & WHITE
SIXTIES REDUX
MINISKIRTS

EXCLUSIVE!
INDIA'S MOST
STYLISH FAMILIES

CARINE
ROITFELD
NEW SEASON
REVEALED

FASHION EXTRAS
BAZAAR AT WORK,
MAN & KIDS

+ ESSENTIAL
TREND REPORT

KATRINA KAIF
BARE
ESSENTIALS

INSIDE THE
CLOSET
WITH
**SHAH
RUKH
KHAN**



The ESCAPE

why don't you...

DO THE NEW

Wild adventure, fashion hotels, and cultural lessons—the LATEST TRAVEL TRENDS from around the globe

1 RIDE THE WAVE

For guaranteed privacy, the world's last and most romantic uncharted wildernesses are now to be discovered aboard ships. From cutting-edge-design vessels that offer Michelin-starred dining to gracious yachts that glide through tropical tides, set sail for the adventure of a lifetime.

For swashbuckling style, charter *Tiger Blue* (above). Sailing around the eastern Indonesian islands of Komodo, Sumba, Banda, and Flores, the traditional *phinsi* schooner is a sight to behold, with teak decks and crimson sails, en suite cabins and chefs who cook the fish you catch during the day. Adventure is at the heart of the trips: diving, swimming with dolphins, and climbing volcanoes. Organised by *Ampersand Travel* (www.ampersandtravel.com)

More traditional concepts of luxury define *Pacific Wave*, a classic 72-ft-long, sloop-rigged monohull bobbing through the turquoise waters of the Caribbean. The cabins (conceived by the Italian designer Gac Aulenti), gourmet dining, and concierge are reminiscent of a distant, more elegant era.

Organised by *Global Artichoke*; www.globalartichoke.co.uk

Onboard *Snowbird*, there are oligarchical levels of luxury. Warhols and Lichtensteins line the walls and rare Bronze Age

artefacts sit alongside pieces of Eames furniture. The stateroom has a walk-in wardrobe and the whirlpool bathtub is big enough for six. Available for weekly charter.

Organised by *Edmiston Company*; www.edmistoncompany.com

Luxury-cruising company YCO's spectacular super-yacht, *Big Fish* is also now available for charter. It comes with a wide selection of sea toys—windsurfers, wakeboards, and kayaks—and is the kind of vessel where you can wear your high heels on deck (they're made of epoxy-infused granite). Chic sailing for landlubbers.

Organised by *YCO*; www.ycoyacht.com

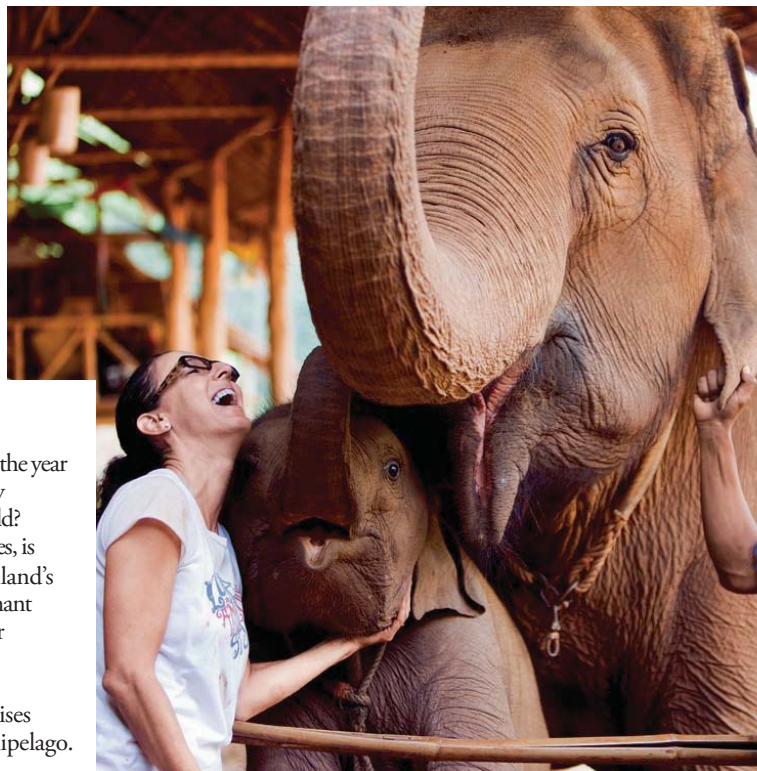
Finally, *Aqua Expeditions'* *M/V Aria* offers a five-star-hotel experience while cruising a different watery landscape, the Amazon River, on its course through the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve. Designed by Peruvian architect Jordi Puig, *Aria* has a Jacuzzi, star-observation deck, and suites with floor-to-ceiling windows. Chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino cooks up a storm in the galley—perfect ceviche and pisco sours are just the thing before you try your hand at piranha fishing.

Organised by *Aqua Expeditions*; www.aquaexpeditions.com



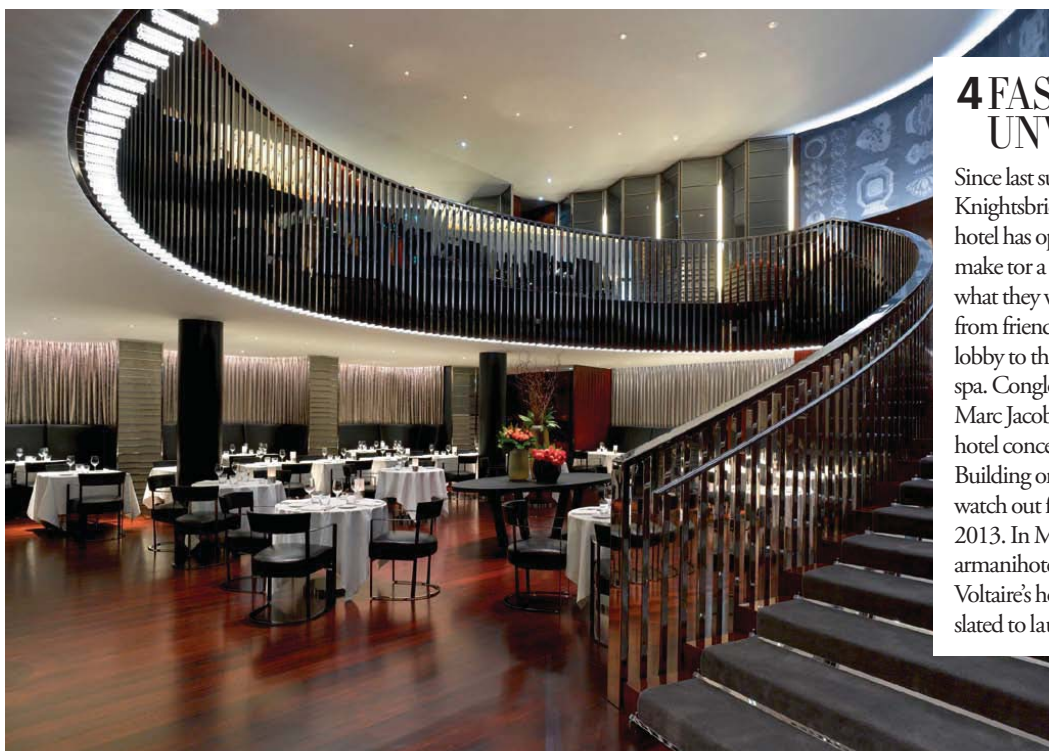
2 THE PULL OF MARRAKESH

Marrakesh's reputation for louche exoticism was confirmed in 2012 with the opening of half a dozen extraordinary hotels created by designers such as Jacques Garcia, with more to come. Water-garden resorts, fortress hotels, and desert palaces seemingly torn from the pages of *One Thousand and One Nights* have made Morocco's city of pleasures an unmissable destination for sophisticated travellers. Despite this, the mediaeval life of the souks bustles on inside the pink ramparts. Clear blue skies, a backdrop of the snowcapped Atlas Mountains complete a composition as intricate—and irresistible—as *zellige* ceramicware.



3 THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

If 'sense of place' was 2012's travel mantra, and 'authenticity' the watchword the year before, it's not hard to see where travel operators are heading. Even previously conservative hoteliers have signed up to deliver 'wild adventure'. But how wild? St Moritz's Badrutt's Palace (www.badruttspalace.com), the grandest of dames, is encouraging guests to try para-skiing and canyoning; and Anantara in Thailand's Golden Triangle (www.goldentriangle.anantara.com) offers training in elephant driving and trekking (right). You can even take a river bath with them. Other memorable adventures include ballooning through the gorges of Turkey's Cappadocia, white-water rafting or mountain hiking at Como Shambhala (www.comoshambhala.com) in Bali, while the hitherto sedate Silversea Cruises (www.silversea.com) offers speedboat safaris through Stockholm's archipelago.



4 FASHION HOTELS UNWRAPPED

Since last summer's opening of The Bulgari Hotel in Knightsbridge (right; www.bulgarihotels.com), the hotel has operated at nearly full capacity. Fashionistas make for a demanding clientele, but at least they know what they want—and Bulgari delivers on every level, from friendly service and the sleek theatricality of its lobby to the mosaic splendour of its modern pool and spa. Conglomerates such as LVMH—owner of Fendi, Marc Jacobs, and Louis Vuitton—are expert at creating hotel concepts around the tastes of their customers. Building on the success of Cheval Blanc in Courchevel, watch out for LVMH's sister resort in the Maldives in 2013. In Milan, the Armani Hotel (www.milan.armanihotels.com) rocks, and in Paris, Zadig & Voltaire's hotel (www.zadig-et-voltaire.com) venture is slated to launch in the next year. ➤

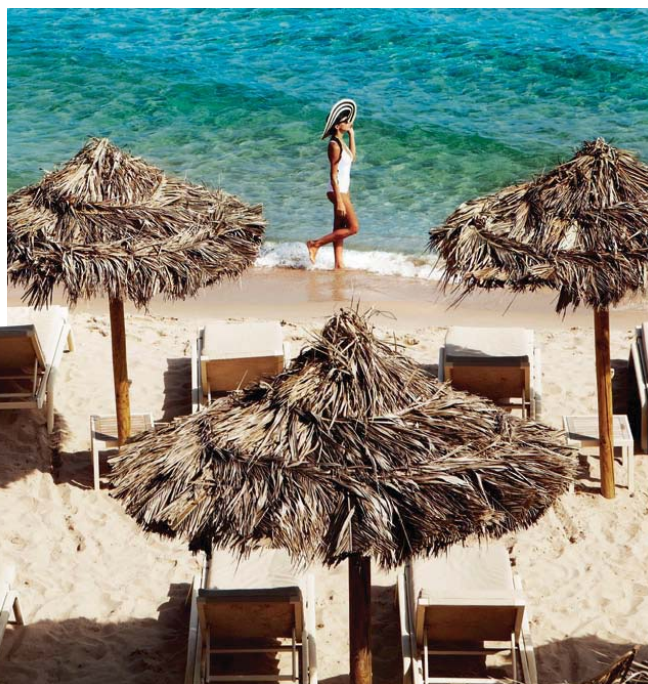


5 LONDON LIFE

The excitement generated by the Olympics has given London's newest openings the perfect boost. David Chipperfield Architects' sympathetic restoration of the Café Royal (www.hotelcaferoyal.com) on Regent Street—once a grand hangout for Oscar Wilde and the fin-de-siècle absinthe set—will be a joy for nostalgic bohemians. Meanwhile, the light-hearted after-work Covent Garden crowd is moving in on the rooftop terrace bar at ME London (left; www.melondonuk.com), which has taken over a BBC white elephant on the Strand. The new Wellesley Hotel (www.thewellesley.co.uk) in Knightsbridge celebrates the glamour of the Jazz Era, with live entertainment, a cigar lounge, and a bar specialising in fine cognacs.

6 ADDED VALUE

Hotels trying to charge for Wi-Fi these days can expect a download of complaints. Nor will own-brand toiletries do: we now expect designer amenities, free mineral water, and 'experiences' such as museum access. Credit for escalating this race goes to Shutterson the Beach in Santa Monica (www.shuttersonthebeach.com), with its gratis minibar romance pack including massage oil and risqué underwear. Meanwhile, Forte Village Resort (right) in Sardinia delivers local fizz and complimentary canapes to your villa (www.fortevillageresort.com).



7 CULTURAL KUDOS

These days, when a new hotel opens, one thing is certain: it won't look like a hotel. Art gallery, warehouse, conservatorium, monastery, perhaps—but nothing to mark it as a resort. An interesting building, like the late Gore Vidal's villa in Ravello, Italy (due to open as a hotel this summer), gives a brand identity and cultural clout. Hotels are flaunting their artistic and intellectual heritage. London's 45 Park Lane (www.45parklane.com) has an art collection that includes Damien Hirst, Joe Tilson and Peter Blake, and it hosts special lunches in their honour; while Le Royal Monceau (left; www.leroyalmonceau.com) in Paris has an art book shop and blog to highlight its cultural status.

8 LOCAL OR NOTHING

With the backlash against generic ‘Mediterranean’ menus—and nonsenses such as sushi bars in Mexican resorts—local food is going global. Seville’s majestic Alfonso XIII (www.starwoodhotels.com) reopened after major surgery, and all three of its restaurants now offer not just Spanish but specifically Sevillian cuisine. Where the supply of local ingredients is unreliable, resorts such as Banyan Tree Seychelles (www.banyantree.com) have taken to growing their own (right). Cape Town’s venerable Mount Nelson (www.mountnelson.co.za) even takes guests out on foraging expeditions, with the produce cooked up into a six-course degustation menu.

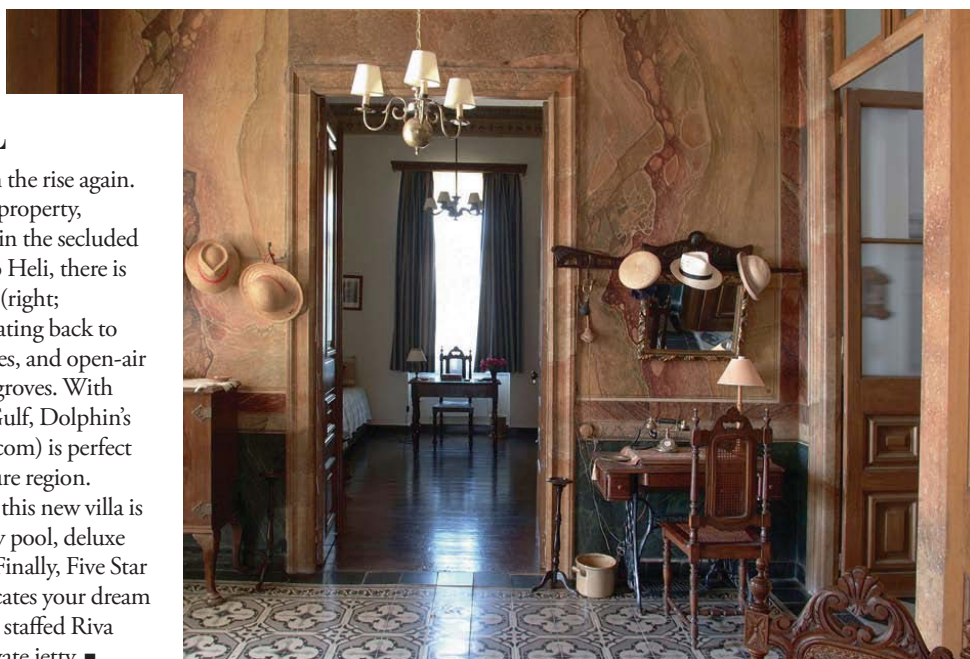


9 TRAVELLING ‘EN FAMILLE’

Hotels are rushing to please stressed modern parents with offspring in tow. The Kwandwe Private Game Reserve in South Africa (www.kwandwe.com) promotes children’s safaris and ranger training. The Abama Golf & Spa Resort (www.abamahotelresort.com) in Tenerife, Canary Islands, offers music therapy, stargazing and ‘eco-warrior training’. Children can plant coral at Baros in the Maldives (www.baros.com) and opt for cookery classes (left) at the Villa San Michele in Florence (www.villasanmichele.com). Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay in Turkey (www.kempinski.com) offers yoga for children, and the Oberoi Group (www.oberoihotels.com) has a Young Hoteliers Programme that provides a crash course in how a hotel operates.

10 GREEK REVIVAL

In spite of its debt crisis, Greece is on the rise again. Aside from the country’s first Aman property, Amanzo’e (www.amanresorts.com), in the secluded eastern Peloponnese enclave of Porto Heli, there is also the historic Ermioni Estate villa (right; www.yadeshotels.gr). A listed gem dating back to 1880, it has frescoed ceilings, antiques, and open-air dining tucked away in its own olive groves. With dramatic views across the Pagasitic Gulf, Dolphin’s Leap in Pelion (www.dolphins-leap.com) is perfect for a group jaunt in a blissfully obscure region. Overlooking the bay of LeToknstro, this new villa is big enough for 14 and has an infinity pool, deluxe kitchen, and even a writer’s annexe. Finally, Five Star Greece (www.fivestargreece.com) locates your dream waterfront pad and ensures there is a staffed Riva motorboat waiting on your own private jetty. ■



Travel NOTEBOOK

By
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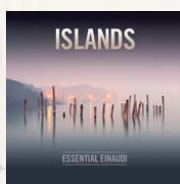
The model on the peaceful bliss of a sea-view hammock in Mauritius



The pool at Le Touessrok

Top tips for relaxation

Turn your bloody Crackberry off, read that book you've started 10 times to the end, and treat yourself to a pina colada during the day.



What do you pack?

A Chanel hula-hoop handbag, Stella McCartney faux-leather flats and a She Died of Beauty vest.



She died of Beauty t-shirt.

What's on your iPod?

Cat Power, and Ludovico Einaudi, a contemporary classic.



Stella McCartney flats



From a selection Coach

Holiday Essentials

Marni sunglasses, sunscreen by Darphin and Surf Spray by Bumble and Bumble.

Darphin sunscreen



Bumble and Bumble Surf Spray



Monster at John Lewis headphones

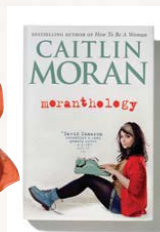


Favourite view

From my hammock at Le Touessrok, looking out across the Indian Ocean.

What's in your carry-on luggage?

My iPad2, a good book, Monster JYP Diamond Tears headphones, and an Alexander McQueen scarf. I use a Coach weekend bag.



Marni sunglasses



Rica swimsuit

Three worlds that describe Le Touessrok: "Tranquil, romantic, exotic."

Stephen Jones hat



What to do after dark

A late-night swim in the ocean in my Rica bathing suit.



Alexander McQueen scarf

Erin O'Connor afloat in Mauritius



Ideal travelling companion

I'm better at going away solo, having been a willing nomad since my teens.

TOP tip...
for adventure
Don't think too much before trying new things.

DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT...

...these Hermès playing cards. Forget fiddly Scrabble sets; this pack is great for journeys or for whipping out at the dinner table for an impromptu game of poker. The cards have a silver finish and stash away in a pumpkin-coloured calf-skin case. *Playing cards with calf-skin case, Hermès (www.hermes.com).*





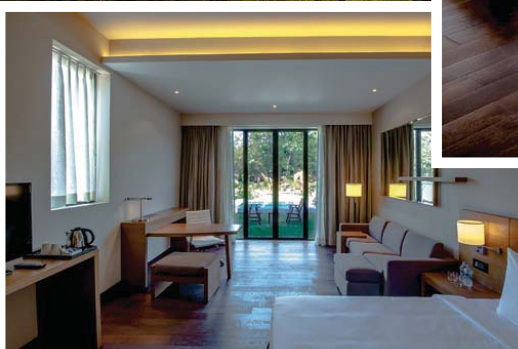
Hyatt Place Hampi



Unwind Amidst HISTORY

Better-known for its historical significance, Hampi gets it's new luxury destination

After a well-spent day immersed in history, take refuge from the heat and dust at this luxe hotel. Hyatt Place Hampi is situated in the picturesque township of Vidyanagar in Toranagallu, which literally transports you to another world as you leave the noise and crowd behind and enter the beautifully maintained township replete with natural surroundings, fancy buildings, and great roads. In close proximity to tourist attractions such as the UNESCO World Heritage site in Hampi, the property makes for a great place to retreat and is a perfect weekend getaway from the metro cities such as Hyderabad and Bangalore. Unlike most hotels, this one prides itself on providing select services on demand. All guests are offered complimentary wi-fi connection and hot breakfast at the 24/7 multi-cuisine restaurant. Rather, the chefs are more than



From top: The gym at Hyatt Place Hampi; the spacious rooms at the hotel; the earthy and inviting dinning room; lush green lawns at the luxe property.



willing to customise the meals for their guests. Some of the comforting facilities include a gym, a yoga room, and an inviting deep blue, outdoor pool. Their sprawling 3300sqft meeting place is apt for parties and wedding functions. While, they put together a great itinerary to ensure that you get your fill of the rich history of the locale. The farewell greetings organised by the hotel to see-off the guests is enough to end your stay on a happy note. ■

