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# BEYOND THE BED

**GET UP, SLEEPYHEADS - THERE'S MORE TO YOUR HOTEL THAN THAT KING-SIZE CLOUD. INTRODUCING THE MANY FACES OF YOUR FAVORITE STAYS.**

**WE LOVE** a dreamy hotel room (pass the pillow menu, please), but as much as a hotel is a sanctuary for sleep, it's also a place to learn, sip, shop, paint, play, de-stress, and give back. The 45 properties on the following pages don't just serve as cozy crash pads between vacation pursuits - they *are* the pursuits. So stop hitting that snooze button and go take a pottery class, plant a tree, or toast the sunset with your new favorite gin and tonic. The bed will still be there for you when your adventures conclude.

Later, bedroom - it's all about The Bar Room at NYC's The Beekman.

HOTELS AS ...

## FINE-ARTS PILLARS

SPEND A NIGHT  
AT THE MUSEUM.

## DESERT BEAUTY

Inspiration comes easy in Arizona's saguaro- and sandstone-dotted landscapes. When it opened last year, the **Andaz Scottsdale Resort & Spa** collaborated with the Cattle Track Arts Compound to showcase nearby artists' talents. The resort's 201 rooms – housed in low-slung bungalows spread across 22 acres – pair midcentury modern furniture with locally produced artworks. Oversize installations fill public spaces, and practically every item in the resort's boutique comes from an area artist – even the bright ceramic coffee cups on the table at Weft & Warp Art Bar + Kitchen are for sale. Guests are encouraged to get creative too, at weekly artist-in-residence-led workshops on felting, ceramics, and more. Come dinnertime, feel free to grab a cup of colored pencils and doodle on a woodcut-printed coaster. (And yes, that is Bob Ross' *The Joy of Painting* on the TV over the bar.) *Doubles from \$189, including breakfast daily and a \$100 resort credit.* – Megan Padilla



The art-filled, laid-back lobby at Andaz Scottsdale.



## TIP

"From its mosaic-filled lobby to Tony Tasset's 30-foot eyeball sculpture across the street, The Joule in Dallas intrigues art lovers from the moment they arrive."

— Jason Detar, *Virtuoso* travel advisor, West Palm Beach, Florida

## A FEW MORE MASTERPIECES

Cape Town's **The Silo** is the world's first hotel to share a building — a converted grain silo — with a contemporary art museum. Occupying six floors above the Zeitz MOCAA, the hotel's public spaces and 28 rooms feature works from African artists also on display downstairs; museum entrance is complimentary for Silo guests. *Doubles from \$1,158, including breakfast daily and one 50-minute massage for two.*

The 90-room **Grand Hotel Tremezzo** on Italy's Lake Como recently acquired Villa Sola Cabiati, the former summer residence of the Serbelloni

dukes. Travelers can book the six-suite villa in all of its eighteenth-century glory — and spend their vacation surrounded by Renaissance paintings, frescoes, and majolica. Napoleon Bonaparte's former bed is in the attic — but that one's off limits. *Villa Sola Cabiati (for up to 12 guests) from \$12,406, including all meals, a \$75 spa credit, a wine-tasting, and entrance to the nearby Villa Carlotta museum.*

Vietnam's **Reverie Saigon** welcomes with touches of Italian art and decor, including an ornate Murano glass installation on the lobby ceiling. The 286-room hotel's

curator-led tour includes stops at a few of the city's museums, galleries, and art studios, such as Duc Minh, a private gallery known for its modern and postmodern collections. *Doubles from \$370, including breakfast daily and a \$100 hotel credit. Art tour from \$65.*

Pick up an iPad at the front desk of Zürich's **Dolder Grand** for a self-guided tour of the 175-room hotel's impressive 100-plus-piece art collection. Andy Warhol's *Big Retrospective Painting* is the showstopper above the reception desk, but works by Joan Miró, Tamara de Lempicka, Takashi

Murakami, and others are on display in the hotel and on its grounds. *Doubles from \$741, including breakfast daily and a \$100 spa credit.*

To spotlight Bahamian art, each year the general manager at Paradise Island's **Ocean Club, a Four Seasons Resort, Bahamas** chooses a local artist and exhibits his or her work in the hotel's lobby and some of its 107 rooms. If guests are interested, the GM can make an introduction, pending the artist's availability. *Doubles from \$860, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit.*

— Ammie White Beazley

Opulence on arrival at Vietnam's Reverie Saigon.



HOTELS AS ...

## LAIID-BACK DINING DESTINATIONS

THESE INNOVATIVE FOOD OUTLETS MAKE GRABBING A CASUAL BITE COOL.



Manhattan views and root-beer floats at The William Vale.

From fish counter to *fromagerie*, the 950-room **Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth** is bringing Québécois cuisine to new audiences. The hotel's 8,000-square-foot Marché Artisans food hall celebrates Montréal's gourmet reputation, inviting visitors to watch chefs prepare flaxseed-fed duck from the village of Saint-Pie, order a local charcuterie plate, or pick up onion confit at the grocery stand. *Doubles from \$294, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit.*

Only in Brooklyn will you find a retrofitted 1974 Airstream trailer on a hotel's fourth floor. Mister Dips at the 183-room

**William Vale** in Williamsburg features a menu from renowned NYC chef Andrew Carmellini (Locanda Verde, Lafayette). Classics with a spin include griddled burgers, waffle fries, and dipped soft-serve ice cream in flavors such as Jacker Crax and Hawaii Five-O. *Doubles from \$425, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit.*

Vancouverites spend their weekends picnicking in Stanley Park or hitting the slopes, so B.C.'s 367-room **Fairmont Pacific Rim** designed Giovane Café + Eatery + Market to allow travelers to jump into the same routine. Grab-and-go meals make it easy

to eat and run, while diners staying put enjoy made-to-order breakfasts, pizzas, and panini under roll-up windows that bring the buzz of the city right to the table. *Doubles from \$488, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining or spa credit.* — Naomi Tomky

### TIP

"Sitting on the dock of Fisherman's Village — the semi-overwater restaurant at the new Park Hyatt St. Kitts — I had my first of many Painkillers. This Caribbean cocktail packs a punch of local rum and spices that makes you feel fully present in the destination."

— Lindsey Epperly, Virtuoso travel advisor, Atlanta

Mandapa's Nangka Bali concoction.

## COCKTAIL PIONEERS

HAPPY HOURS THAT EVOKE A TRUE SENSE OF PLACE.

**Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, Bali:** Take in sunset with a cocktail that showcases Indonesian ingredients, such as a Nangka Bali (Balinese jackfruit, pandan syrup, amaretto, and cachaça). *Doubles from \$726, including breakfast daily and a \$100 resort credit.*

**The Berkeley, London:** You'll feel like you're on the beach sipping rum at Out of the Blue, a tiny, tech-enhanced room equipped with projection-mapping video technology and a scent simulator. *Doubles from \$695, including a welcome amenity, breakfast daily, and a \$100 dining or spa credit.*

**The Royal Livingstone by Anantara, Zambia:** Upgrade your G&T with a new bar menu that includes 16 gin varieties (try the rosehip-infused one) and an array of botanical-infused tonics. *Doubles from \$715, including a water-taxi transfer and breakfast daily.* — Amy Cassell





## TIP

"Checking into La Réserve Paris Hotel and Spa is like arriving at a private residence. It feels homey, with cozy nooks to relax in with a glass of Champagne or tea while reminiscing about your day."

— Patrick Millard, *Virtuoso* travel advisor, Amelia Island, Florida

The Bar Room drinks are named for literary legends, from Hemingway to Woolf.

## GATHERING SPACES

EVEN THE LOCALS WANT TO HOLD COURT AT THIS HOTEL.

The mark of a great hotel is that it's woven into the fabric of its surroundings, serving as a social hub not just for its itinerant global community, but also for neighborhood residents and nine-to-fivers. Take **The Beekman**, a 287-room downtown Manhattan destination in itself

inside the 1883 Temple Court building, where high-design, low-ego spaces such as The Bar Room beg to be lived in. Leather and mohair-velvet seating, a portrait of Edgar Allan Poe, and bookcases of curios warm its salonlike setting beneath the hotel's pyramidal glass atrium and nine

floors of intricate wrought-iron railings with balustrades sporting dragons and sunbursts. "Layers of history have been draped with layers of exquisite materials," says London-based interior designer Martin Brudnizki, who helped lead the historic building's restoration. "The

result is a space which feels as though it has always been there, like a world traveler's home which has been added to over the years." In essence, a place of many great stories to tell. *Doubles from \$409, including breakfast daily in Tom Colicchio's Temple Court and a \$100 dining credit.* — Justin Paul

HOTELS AS ...

## CLASSROOMS - FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

THE BEST PART:  
NO, THERE WILL  
NOT BE A QUIZ.



Lights, camera, action  
at Hôtel Barrière Le  
Majestic Cannes.

## JUNIOR PURSUITS

**Little Chefs:** While parents lounge on the private beach or sip Pimm's Cups on the croquet lawn at Rhode Island's genteel **Ocean House**, kids hit the herb garden with the 67-room hotel's resident food forager to learn about seasonal ingredients and farm-to-table dining. The outing is part of the property's Center for Wine & Culinary Arts programming, along with kid-friendly baking, chocolate, and pizza-making lessons. *Doubles from \$570, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit. Kids' cooking lessons from \$75.*

**Ready for Their Close-Ups:** The 349-room **Hôtel Barrière Le Majestic Cannes**' complimentary Studio by Petit VIP

program lets aspiring Spielbergs and Coppolas (ages 4 through 12) dive into filmmaking. Kids work as screenwriters, directors, cinematographers, and actors while creating a short movie that premieres, in true Cannes fashion, in the hotel's private screening room. *Doubles from \$297, including breakfast daily and complimentary beach club access.*

**Eco-Exploration:** Nature in its most pristine form – secluded beaches, quiet hikes, reef-rich snorkeling – is what the tiny Hawaiian island of Lanai is all about. At the 213-room **Four Seasons Resort Lanai**, kids' club activities emphasize conservation via guided adventures to the lava-rock tide pools

at Hulopoe Bay, where mini marine biologists learn how to identify sea stars, hermit crabs, moray eels, and more. *Doubles from \$725, including a welcome amenity, breakfast daily, and a \$100 spa credit.*

**History in Action:** Kids' field trips at Rome's 91-room **Hotel Hassler** include Vatican visits, gelato-tasting adventures, and a journey to the Gruppo Storico Romano gladiator school, where they don tunics and parry with wooden swords in a sandy arena while learning about the competition's 2,000-year-old history. *Doubles from \$855, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit. Gladiator field trip, \$174.*  
– Amy Tara Koch





## TIP

"During a recent stay at Ireland's Ashford Castle, I took a private tour of the on-site school of falconry, the oldest of its kind in the country. You get to fly a Harris's hawk and see it gracefully swoop from tree to tree before landing on your gloved hand, all while learning about this 4,000-year-old practice. It's a local tradition you can't miss."

— Beth Bastian, Virtuoso travel advisor, Santa Barbara, California

A bartender-turned-teacher at Belmond Hotel Monasterio.



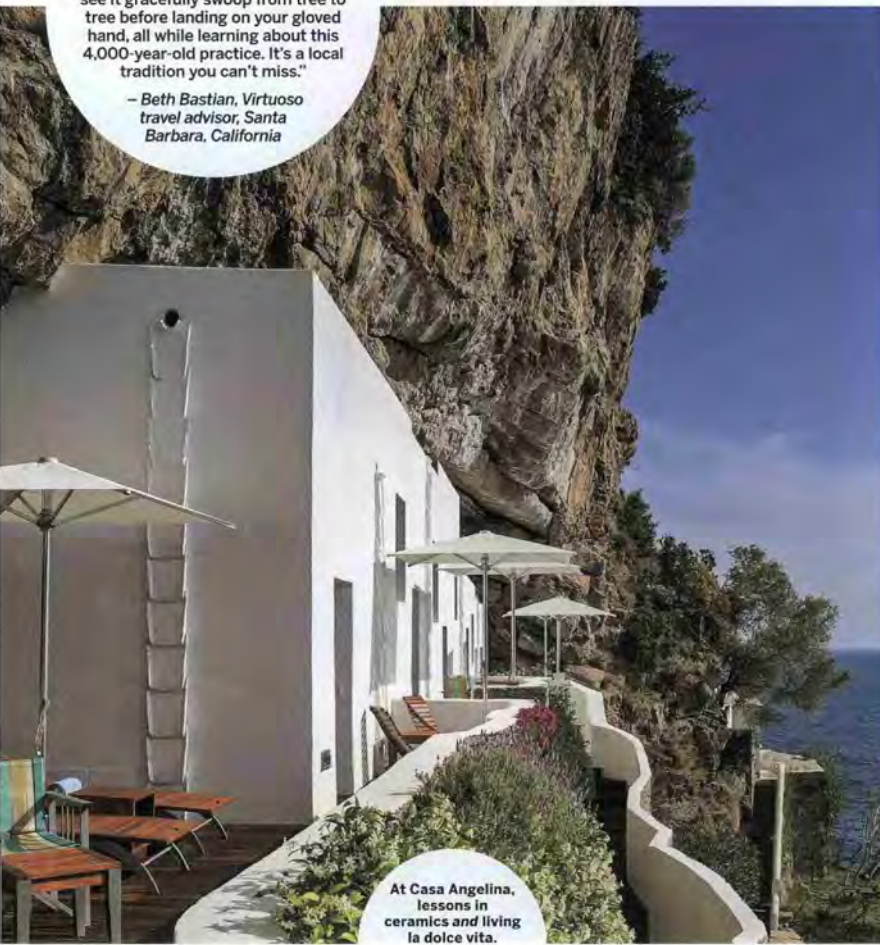
## ADULT EDUCATION

At Casa Angelina, a 43-room hotel on Italy's Amalfi Coast, sign up for a session with local potters from Ceramiche Parlato to decorate and glaze your own ceramic tiles, a signature of this region. *Doubles from \$799, including a welcome bottle of Champagne, breakfast daily, and a \$100 dining credit. Tile painting, \$61.*

A timeless souvenir from Peru: your new go-to happy hour recipe. At Cuzco's 122-room **Belmond Hotel Monasterio**, bartenders teach guests how to make the country's beloved pisco sour during lessons available on request. *Doubles from \$415, including breakfast daily and a \$100 spa credit. Pisco sour lessons, \$15.*

You may not be able to beat the pro sailors who compete off Bermuda's coast, but now you can train like them. A beach-front fitness class at the 410-room **Hamilton Princess and Beach Club** covers upper-body circuit training, jogging, swimming, and more. Post-lesson, congratulate yourself on a workout well done with a Dark 'n' Stormy at the Beach Club. *Doubles from \$549, including breakfast daily and a \$100 resort credit.* — A.W.B.

At Casa Angelina, lessons in ceramics and living la dolce vita.





HOTELS AS ...

# MODELS FOR GOOD

♥ THESE PROPERTIES TAKE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY – AND HELP GUESTS DO THE SAME.

## SEA CHANGE

When it's thriving, the elkhorn coral native to the reef in front of Jamaica's 129-room **Round Hill Hotel and Villas** spreads in thick branches that look like gilded antlers. "The entire seascape used to be a golden color," says Andrew Ross, a marine biologist and managing director of the coral restoration organization Seascope Caribbean. When he noticed a few years ago that environmental damage was turning the reef green and brown, he approached Round Hill with a plan to restore it, by creating a coral garden and propagating seedlings for replanting. Eager to help, the resort offered to fund the project, and today, Ross is one year into a three-year mission to establish 5,000 new corals.

The multidimensional plan not only tackles environmental issues, but addresses social sustainability too, by persuading local fishermen to avoid the replanted areas – critical nurseries for young fish – and training them to become guides who will lead guests on snorkeling tours. "The elements of protection, building the ecosystem, and the return of fish are now being directly monetized by the community, giving them incentive to protect the reef," Ross says. Round Hill plans to eventually let scuba-certified visitors take part in reef gardening with marine scientists and area fishermen. *Doubles from \$429, including a welcome amenity, breakfast daily, and a \$100 spa credit. – Elaine Glusac*

More Round Hill sustainability wins: A recycling program and on-site organic chef's garden.





Gardening for good at Six Senses Con Dao in Vietnam.

## LEND A HAND

Resorts that make giving back central to your stay.

From Portugal to Thailand, every **Six Senses** property is home to an on-site Earth Lab, where eco-friendly projects include growing organic gardens, recycling or upcycling glass, generating solar and biomass energy, and distilling natural insecticides. Guests can participate in lab workshops such as learning how to make organic toothpaste and natural mosquito repellent, or turn old towels into flowerpots.

In Australia's Greater Blue Mountains Area, the 40-villa **Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley** offers a daily conservation activity on its 7,000-acre property, a carbon-neutral wildlife reserve. Together with the resort's field guides, guests

plant native trees and shrubs, survey wombats, monitor feral animals, or collect native seeds. *Villas from \$1,567, including all meals, two daily nature activities, and one sunset wildlife tour for two.*

One of the highlights of a stay at South Africa's 21-room **Ulusaba Private Game Reserve** is a customized, daylong visit to the surrounding Shangaan villages, where you can read to schoolchildren or kick a ball around with the local soccer team. All proceeds from the tours benefit local villages. *Doubles from \$855, including breakfast daily and a \$100 boutique or spa credit. Community tours from \$42. – E.G.*

## MINDFUL SHOPPING

These souvenirs support local communities.

**Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa**, Chile: Rustic tabletop llama sculptures carved from indigenous *liparita* stone by Alejandro González, a local artist, musician, and community leader. *Sculpture, \$100.*

**Singita**, South Africa: Furniture, artwork, and colorful tableware from local Zulu weavers, whom the safari company helps train in production and business practices. *Tableware from \$12.*

**Uxua Casa Hotel & Spa**, Brazil: Beach bags, totes, throw blankets, and pillows made on-site with an antique loom by the hotel's resident "dream weaver," Evandro Campos Nogueira. *Items from \$130. – E.G.*

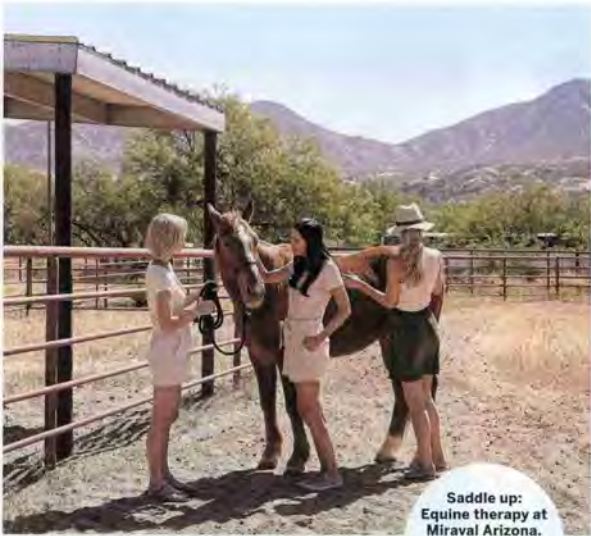




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# NEXT-LEVEL WELLNESS RETREATS

THESE PROGRAMS PROMISE BENEFITS THAT LINGER LONG AFTER YOUR HOLIDAY.



Saddle up: Equine therapy at Miraval Arizona.



Soak, then sleep, at Italy's Lefay Resort & Spa.

**THE PLACE:** Miraval Arizona  
**THE PLAN:** Switch up your diet. At this 134-room spa resort in Tucson, nutritional programming guides guests on mindful grocery-shopping decisions, anti-inflammatory cooking techniques, and optimal food and vitamin combinations. On your quest to achieve mind-body balance, you'll be pampered every step of the way with a panoply of spa treatments, meditation and yoga classes, equestrian programs, and, of course, decadent dining that's actually healthy. *Doubles from \$549 per person, including all meals and most wellness activities, and a \$100 resort credit.*

**THE PLACE:** Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort, Sri Lanka  
**THE PLAN:** Find holistic harmony. Anantara Peace Haven, tucked away on a 21-acre coconut plantation overlooking the Indian Ocean, recently introduced seven-day Ayurvedic journeys. The deep dive into 3,000-year-old traditions helps participants

understand their *prakruti* (natural state) and *vikruti* (current imbalances). Personalized programs at the 152-room resort incorporate bespoke treatments, Ayurvedic cuisine, a technology detox, and meditation, all while integrating Sri Lanka's abundant charms into the experience, with excursions to Buddhist temples and painting lessons with local artists. *Doubles from \$306, including breakfast daily. Seven-day Ayurvedic programs from \$1,350, including a private market excursion and cooking class.*

**THE PLACE:** BodyHoliday Saint Lucia  
**THE PLAN:** Work up a sweat. With its eight-day, all-inclusive weight-loss retreats, this 155-room resort proves that the best place to get your beach body is at the beach. Each morning, choose from yoga, volleyball, sailing, spin class, waterskiing, Caribbean dance, Zumba, and many other activities, then get your heart rate back down with

aromatherapy massages, oxygen facials, and thalassotherapy. The reward for all that hard work: a splash in the Caribbean waters beyond the resort. *Retreats from \$4,700 per person, including accommodations, all meals and activities, and a \$100 resort credit.*

**THE PLACE:** Lefay Resort & Spa, Lago di Garda, Italy  
**THE PLAN:** Say addio to insomnia. Seek out a good night's sleep at the 93-room Lefay, a dreamy lakefront resort in northern Italy. Its six-day sleep detox program helps you calibrate your snooze cycle and keep insomnia at bay with an itinerary designed to identify energy levels and bring inner harmony through spa treatments, acupuncture, reflexology, saltwater pool sessions, custom phytotherapy (the use of plants and herbs for healing purposes), and more. *Program from \$3,102 per person, including accommodations and all assessments, meals, activities, and treatments.* — Sarah Khan

## MAGIC EMPORIUMS

COME FOR THE BEACH,  
STAY FOR THE SHOW.

Imagine any city and illusionist Derek Hughes will guess which it is. Hughes – a frequent performer at L.A.'s Magic Castle and an *America's Got Talent* alum – is the resident conjurer at Santa Monica's 129-room **Hotel Casa del Mar**. His intimate weekly show has audience members of all ages gasping at what he calls "the sort of up-close, unplugged, mind-twisting parlor entertainments humans enjoyed before Google and iPhones." Bottles vanish into thin air, torn newspapers rematerialize whole, and, yes, minds are read.

A stately beachfront resort isn't where you'd expect to see a magic show – at least a popular, sophisticated one – but Hughes is a fan of this unexpected backdrop to his prestidigitation. In the grand old 1920s

Italian Renaissance Revival building, "the audience gets to time travel and experience a childlike sense of wonder," he says, "which is really what we want on vacation – to be transported to an almost forgotten state of 'wow.'"

Guests craving more of Hughes' amusements can accompany him on a day trip to the city's most iconic places for magic aficionados, such as the Egyptian Hall

Museum in Pasadena, which has a great collection of vintage posters and props from the golden age of illusion shows. *Doubles from \$489, including breakfast daily and a \$100 spa credit. Magic show, \$55.*  
– David Hochman



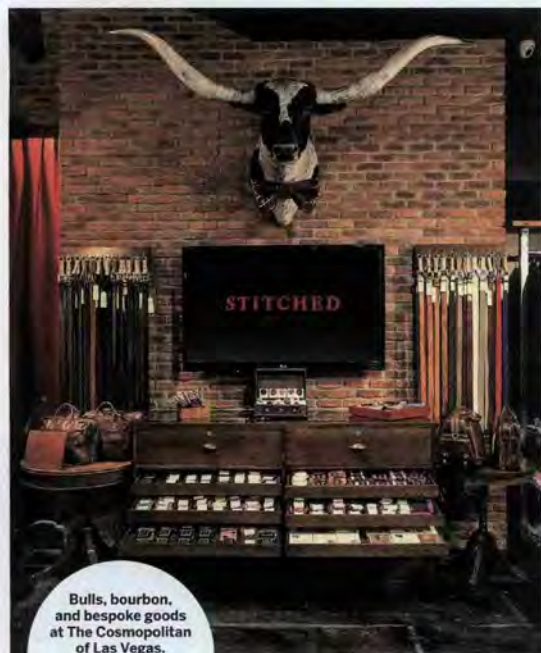
Mind games with illusionist  
Derek Hughes at Casa del Mar.



HOTELS AS ...

## PERSONAL STYLISTS

SHOPPING PARTNERSHIPS AND IN-HOUSE BOUTIQUES BRING FASHION INTO FOCUS.



Bulls, bourbon, and bespoke goods at The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas.



Brooks Brothers' San Francisco flagship.

### TIP

"In one tiny shop, the Four Seasons Hotel Prague has collected everything that you could spend days searching for on your own, from hand-painted Czech Easter eggs to crystal and ceramics. It's one of the best hotel boutiques I've been to."

— Alysia Hopper, *Virtuoso*  
travel advisor, Fond du  
Lac, Wisconsin

**Room Service:** The 110-room **Taj Campton Place** occupies prime real estate in Union Square – San Francisco's largest retail district – but a new partnership with Brooks Brothers brings the shopping to you. After the concierge refers you to the store's personal shopper to discuss your fashion preferences, Brooks Brothers will deliver a selection of clothing and accessories to your room. Want more options? Visit the sprawling store – a two-minute walk away – where Champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and a reserved fitting room await. *Doubles from \$280, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit.*

**Desert Spree:** The 237-room **Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah Beach** greets guests staying in its 49 suites with a VIP shopping invitation – a fitting gesture in a city known for its upscale browsing. Choose Bloomingdale's at the posh Dubai Mall or Harvey Nichols at the equally tony Mall of the Emirates; at each, a personal style consultant says hello

before ushering you into a private fitting area to try on the latest sartorial trends. Save some energy for a mini-spree back at the resort: Sauce stocks a well-edited selection of contemporary fashion, and 100% Capri sells linen resort wear that's ideal for the desert heat. *Suites from \$1,825, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining credit.*

**Get Fit:** Take a break from classic Vegas diversions for a more customized one at **Stitched**, the men's haberdashery at **The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas**. Available for guests of the 3,027-room hotel, the shop's bespoke experience includes 35 precise body measurements by highly skilled custom clothiers, a whiskey and bourbon tasting in the store's Scotch Locker Lounge, and a lesson on the finer points of textiles, styling, thread color, buttons, and silhouette. Custom clothing is delivered within four to six weeks – ready for your next trip to Sin City. *Doubles from \$160, including breakfast daily and a \$100 dining or spa credit.* — Kimberley Lovato

## POP-UPS

**HOTELS TAKING THEIR  
BOOT CAMPS, DINNERS,  
AND SUITES ON  
THE ROAD.**

Known for intense four-hour hikes and spartan meal regimens, the 18-room **Ranch Malibu** takes the concept of “transformative travel” to new levels. Guests can expect the same, with an alpine twist, at The Ranch’s upcoming seven-day retreats in Italy’s Dolomites. Home base is the 51-room **Hotel & Spa Rosa Alpina**. *Weekly retreats, August 19 through September 29; from \$8,500 per person, including accommodations and all meals and activities.*

Travelers en route to **The Brando**, a 35-villa South Pacific hideaway on the private island of Tetiaroa, can turn layovers into leisure time at one of four new 3,400-square-foot Brando Suites at the

**InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa**.

The expansive suites – the 80-room resort’s only multilevel overwater bungalows – were built with local miki miki wood and pandan leaf roofing. *Brando Suites from \$2,950, including breakfast daily and one dinner for two.*

Lucky for us, the team at **Le Sirenuse**, a 58-room cliffside gem on the Amalfi Coast, like exporting their chic Italian

lifestyle. The hotel opened its first permanent outpost – a restaurant and Champagne bar in Miami Beach – last year, and chef Gennaro Russo regularly hosts pop-up dinners and cocktail parties around the world during Le Sirenuse’s off-season. – A.C. VI



**A two-bedroom Brando Suite,  
complete with 1,100 square  
feet of outdoor space.**