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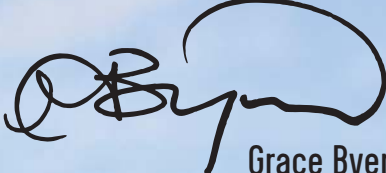


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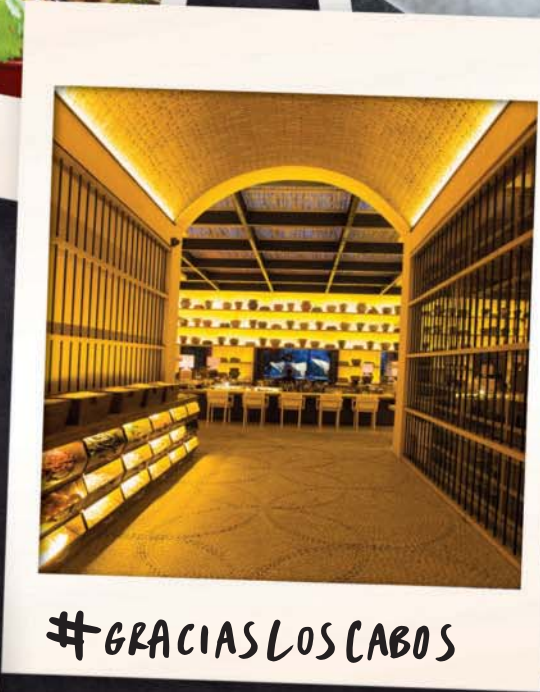
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My wife and I consider ourselves amateur gourmets and when we travel abroad we always try to select destinations where we can indulge in the local cuisine and learn techniques that we can take home to our own kitchen. I am happy to report that what we experienced in Los Cabos, will just have to stay in Cabo. There is no way we could replicate the amazing venues, nor could we ever match the variety of fresh seafood and other indigenous ingredients. We explored the Los Cabos' culinary scene from breakfast on the beach to the most elegant and romantic gourmet evenings. The highlight of our visit was the chance to meet with several of Los Cabos' outstanding chefs and now we better understand why Los Cabos has attracted the best of the best in the world of gastronomy. Thank you, Los Cabos, for so many amazing culinary delights and beautiful vistas.



Our Trip Notes

#1. El Farallon in Cabo San Lucas is an unforgettable oceanfront experience for seafood specialties. Tucked into the cliffs and stocked daily with bounty from local fisherman, El Farallon overlooks the Pacific Ocean with unparalleled views. The local catch rests on mounds of shaved ice and invites patrons to use their old-fashioned scale that weighs each fresh selection of the day.

#2. Manta's Chef Enrique Olvera, inspired by the views, conceived Manta with an intriguing double meaning: The manta ray symbolizes the kitchen's focus on seafood, while manta, the Spanish word for blanket, conveys the chef's emphasis on comfort. Olvera celebrates Pacific coasts traditions—taking inspiration from his native Mexico, as well as Peru, Japan and beyond—while maintaining a distinct and tastefully casual Baja sensibility with a commitment to sourcing local ingredients from Baja California Sur.

#3. The Toro Latin Kitchen & Bar concept comes from acclaimed chef and restaurateur Richard Sandoval, recognized as the "Father of modern Mexican cuisine". At Toro, he masterfully blends Pan Latin with South American, Japanese and Chinese influences. The name Toro, meaning "bull" in Spanish and "tuna belly" in Japanese, sets the stage for specialties seasoned with Pan Asian flare and Baja freshness.

#4. Flora Farms is a place so magical, Maroon 5's Adam Levine got married in the culinary oasis. In the desert hills above Puerto Los Cabos, sits this organic farm and gardens with its brick ovens, covered patios and event spaces. Their gourmet creations start before dawn with fresh breads and pastries; and continue throughout the day with homegrown ingredients.

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Welcome

Watches have transcended their simple purpose of telling time. They are now objects of art, collectables, desirables, pinnacles of innovation and technological wizardry. Well, the timepieces included in our *Elite Traveler* list of the top 50 watches of 2017 certainly are.

And what a list! Our esteemed watch expert Roberta Naas has had the herculean task of choosing the best 50 watches of this year, each one individually wonderful and sure to satisfy even the most discerning watch aficionado.

In our Influence section, we talk to successful entrepreneur and businessman Chris Burch about his new endeavor, Nihi Sumba Island, and how he has built the business with philanthropy at its heart. We also hear from Olivier Krug about protecting his family's legacy, and the CEO of Bulgari, Jean-Christophe Babin, shares how he successfully manages a brand whose product portfolio spans five distinct categories.

For any high rollers out there, we've a guide on the best that Sin City has to offer. Or for those that prefer trying their luck with stunning sea views, our guide to Monaco, with her historic casinos, is the one for you. This issue's Hot List features the recently opened high-roller suites at the Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas. With balconies offering spectacular views over the Bellagio fountain and a minimum buy-in of \$1m at their high-rollers' lounge, this is exclusive gambling at its very pinnacle. Those that keep their cards close to their chest and behind closed doors no longer have to compromise on luxury, as our object of desire for this issue is the Exceptional Poker Set, which features more than 22,500 precious stones and approximately 25lbs of 18K gold.

As always, if you want to comment on anything in this issue, drop us a line at editorial@elitetraveler.com

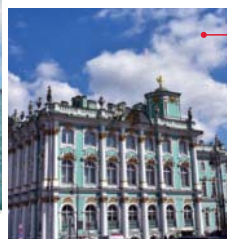


Charlotte wears CALVIN KLEIN 205W39NYC black leather policeman jacket with metallic floral appliqué, \$5,995, blue floral georgette slip dress with plastic over-dress, \$1,595, available at Calvin Klein in New York, +1 212 292 9000, calvinklein.com

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From the expanse of the Great Sound, Bermuda, to the cellular level of the Weaire-Phelan structure, the *Elite Traveler* team has been searching far and wide for the best in luxury lifestyle.

Kristen Shirley had the best seat in the house on a chase boat at the 35th America's Cup finals



We had exclusive early access to the Hermitage, St Petersburg, before it was open to the public

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At Art Basel, Kristen met artist Paul Coudamy who spoke about his piece, *Living Cells*, created for La Prairie

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Charlotte wears *Alexander McQueen* white leather peplum biker jacket with flower embroidery, \$8,895, white leather mini ruffle skirt with flower embroidery \$4,830, and sculptured wedge sandals with portoro stone, \$1,450; *David Morris* earrings in 18K white gold with 9.47 carats of rose-cut diamonds, price on request, flexi bangle in 18K white gold with 10 carats of rose-cut diamonds, price on request.



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Lalique reveals new nature-inspired collection

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A window into the interiors of Juan Pablo Molyneux

We meet the interior designer Juan Pablo Molyneux and discuss his projects, from institutions such as the Pavilion of Treaties in St Petersburg, the Russian Rooms of the Palais des Nations in Geneva and the salons of the Cercle de l'Union Interalliée in Paris.



Guide to Napa Valley

A glass of full-bodied regional Cabernet Sauvignon is just the beginning of what Napa Valley has to offer — luxury hotels, decadent spas and Michelin-starred restaurants are all part of the true Napa Valley experience.



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An award-winning travel writer, Irvina's work has taken her around the globe many times over. "Sip and sup, spa and stay. See, shop and sail" is the shortlist of Irvina's favored activities. This issue she heads to Aspen, which has a special place in her heart. She especially loves how accessible the town is and its unique cultural offerings.
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Parmigiani Fleurier

A firm favorite of discerning collectors for its sometimes unusual complications and distinctive style, Parmigiani Fleurier is one of the younger brands in high watchmaking. We look at three of their pieces *Page 33*

Object of desire The Exceptional Poker set features more than 22,500 precious stones, approximately 25lbs of 18K gold, and takes over six months to build.

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Geoffrey Parker, known around the world for its incredibly chic, hand-crafted board games and games tables, sets the bar even higher than usual with perhaps its most incredible creation to date: the Exceptional Poker Set. Exceptional, indeed. Featuring more than 22,500 precious stones, approximately 25lb of 18K gold, and exotic skins, this set takes more than six months for the third-generation family company to build and is available through the newly-launched Avarice Marketplace.

The hand-bound alligator case (in your color of choice, naturally), has two solid 18K gold combination locks. Inside, you'll find double-sided poker chips, also made from solid 18K gold, inlaid with shagreen and Dauphin calf leather embossed with your choice of denomination and value, with the option to personalize one side. The different colored chips have precious stones set around the outside (purple with white diamonds, blue with sapphires, green with emeralds, red with rubies and black with black diamonds) and are neatly nestled in the suede-lined case. There's also a handsome solid gold dealer button and three blind buttons. As to the cards? The set is complete with four decks of gold-plated playing cards in alligator card lifts. If poker isn't your game, Geoffrey Parker can make anything your heart desires, including backgammon, roulette, Monopoly, Clue and Scrabble.

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You probably have a dual-time watch, and you might have a worldtimer — what else do you need to track time around the globe? If you're a frequent traveler to India, Australia or even some parts of Canada, whose time zones are offset by 30 or 45 minutes instead of one hour, you're missing the ability to see that exact time at a glance.

Recently, two independent watchmakers showed pieces featuring independent time zones, elegantly solving this problem. While it's not a new complication, it is not found in many brands' collections. These watches have independent gear trains, sometimes even independent barrels, essentially putting two movements with the same winding system inside one watch, allowing you to change minutes, not just hours. If it's 1am in New York and 10:30am in India, it's easily visible. Even if you don't regularly use these offset time zones, you might find a reason to pick one up — a watchmaker told us that a client used one time zone as his perennially late partner's personal time zone.

Arnold & Son's design codes, including its dedication to symmetry and impeccable finishing, as well as its skill at skeletonized movements, are on brilliant display in the manual-wind DBG Skeleton. There are two dials of smoky sapphire crystal, each showing a different time zone. The left uses Roman numerals, has open hands and is set with the crown at 9 o'clock, while the right uses Arabic numerals, has closed hands and is set with the crown at 3 o'clock, making the watch very clear to read and easy to set, with no risk of accidentally setting the wrong time zone. At 12 o'clock you'll find a 24-hour dial with an open hand and a closed hand, which can be used to calculate the difference between the time zones, as well as serving as a day/night indicator. There's also an elegant seconds hand shared by both time zones, because thankfully seconds don't vary around the world. This complicated movement was designed and manufactured in-house at its base in La Chaux-de-Fonds and is the first time Arnold & Son has used this complication in its modern era. In addition to being very useful, the movement is absolutely beautiful. The dials, gears and balances form a harmonious composition, and the exceptional finishing includes chamfered bridges with polished edges, satin-finished wheels and Côtes de Genève stripes.

Having a similar function is just about the only similarity between the two watches pictured here. Manufacture Royale, known for pushing the envelope with its avant-garde timepieces, takes a different approach to independent time zones with its automatic 1770 Haute Voltige. The main time display is more traditional with large hands, and the second time zone is displayed on a quilted guilloché subdial at 5 o'clock. Both time zones are set through the crown at 3 o'clock. The black sunray guilloché main dial provides a dramatic background to the architectural movement, where sculpted bridges support a raised balance wheel and counter, dominating the display.

Arnold & Son DBG Skeleton in rose gold, limited to 30 pieces, \$38,850, available at Cellini Jewelers in New York, contact Joel Block, joel@cellinijewelers.com, +1 212 888 0505, arnoldandson.com
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Arnold & Son's intricate and elegant DBG Skeleton takes time to a new dimension



The futuristic 1770 Haute Voltige from Manufacture Royale

Romain Gauthier's Insight Micro-Rotor is as stunningly beautiful as it is impressively functional

Romain Gauthier's First Automatic Watch

Today, thinness seems to be king. Everywhere from watches to smartphones, becoming thinner and thinner is an eternal quest, and often brands are forced to sacrifice one of the most essential components to achieve this: power. And without power, both are just pretty objects.



In horology, the number of hours of available power reserve and how the watch is wound are of crucial importance. Some people love the feeling of winding their own watches, and others dislike the task and would much prefer a self-winding timepiece. With a short power reserve, you're constantly resetting the time or traveling with a watch winder. While Romain Gauthier has always searched for and created the most efficient winding systems possible — see his brilliant Logical One with a winding pusher integrated into the caseband and Prestige HMS Ten with a flat crown on the caseback — until now his collection did not have an automatic timepiece. In the new, beautifully finished Insight Micro-Rotor, a 22K solid gold

bidirectional micro-rotor is visible dial-side and provides up to 80 hours of power reserve, meaning you can take it off on Friday night and put it back on Monday morning without having to set the time. Available in several metal and dial combinations, our favorite is the platinum case with vivid blue enamel dial. All versions boast

elegant finishings that adhere to haute horlogerie standards, perhaps most striking of which are the hand-frosted bridges with hand-polished bevels. **Insight Micro-Rotor in platinum with blue enamel dial, limited to 10 pieces, \$92,000, contact Steven Rogers, s.rogers@romaingauthier.com, romaingauthier.com**



Right: Each Insight Micro-Rotor watch is crafted to the exacting standards you'd expect



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One of the younger brands in high watchmaking, Parmigiani Fleurier was founded in 1996 by Michel Parmigiani and the Sandoz Family Foundation. Evolving from a small company focusing on table clocks and unique pieces into a vertically-integrated manufacturer that designs, creates and manufactures 99 percent of every single component of its 33 movements in-house, it has become a favorite of discerning collectors for its sometimes unusual complications and its distinctive style.

Available at Parmigiani Fleurier in Miami Design District, contact Bruno Paciotti, store manager, bruno.paciotti@parmigiani.com, +1 786 615 9656, parmigiani.com

1. Ovale Tourbillon Abyss Blue

Its oval shape, unusual in watchmaking, houses the first watch in the world to have a tourbillon with a central second hand, which requires much more power. The hypnotic dial is in a proprietary Abyss Blue color and is decorated with Côtes de Genève. The watch boasts a seven-day power reserve and is limited to 50 pieces. **\$195,000**

2. Tonda 1950 Lune

This sleek steel watch features a black opaline dial with black alligator strap, providing a vivid contrast to the moonphase dial at 12 o'clock. It shows the moon cycle in both hemispheres with rose discs representing the lunar cycle. It's extremely accurate — the scale is calibrated for the lunar month and it only needs to be corrected once every three years. At 6 o'clock, a seconds subdial with date aperture balances the watch. **\$12,900**



3. Toric

The first watch Parmigiani designed for his brand was the Toric Memory Time, and he's continued to expand on the iconic case — which takes inspiration from the golden spiral and Doric columns — in some of his most complicated timepieces. The knurled bezel is distinctive and is created by a single craftsman, as it is an uncommon and difficult skill. This is the first chronometer in the Toric collection, it is COSC-certified and has a 55-hour power reserve. **\$18,500**





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Men's style

1 Prada corduroy jacket, \$2,980; wool sweater, \$880; corduroy pants, \$980, available at Prada in New York, +1 212 664 0010, prada.com

2 Damir Doma cotton shirt, \$475; cotton pants, \$475; leather shoes, \$945, available at Selfridges & Co in London, damirdoma.com

3 Issey Miyake Men low-gauge cardigan, \$1,100; wool and linen tweed pants, \$865; slip-on shoes, \$895, available at Issey Miyake in New York, +1 212 226 0100, tribecaisseymiyake.com

4 Missoni shirt, \$425; pullover, \$1,160; bomber jacket, \$2,465; pants, \$1,340; shoes, \$595, available at Missoni in New York, +1 212 517 9339, missoni.com

ORANGE ALERT

Dramatic pops of orange were seen throughout the runway shows for Fall 2017. From outerwear to suits, the autumnal color made a strong statement for the season. Missoni incorporated it into their signature luxe knits. Damir Doma offered a full sportswear look that gave a more modern zen interpretation. Miuccia Prada chose to pay homage to the 70s with a slim corduroy suit complete with leather details. Meanwhile, Issey Miyake showed a chunky cardigan in the citrus hue that's perfect for weekends spent apple picking or cozying up indoors with a good book.





Perfectly Distressed

Maud O'Keeffe launched her artisanal collection of men's footwear in 2011, but it feels more like a heritage brand in the best way possible. Case in point, these Bristol Chelsea boots in distressed suede that have a beautiful worn-in look. Industry insiders clamor for her Goodyear-welted shoes that are designed in Ireland, but made in Italy out of a factory that has been crafting footwear since the 1940s. **\$550, mrporter.com**



Knit wit

If you're looking to add some knitwear to your wardrobe this season, top of your list should be a couple of turtlenecks. This versatile silhouette can be dressed up or dressed down. A fine merino can be worn under a double-breasted blazer à la Michael Kors. Véronique Nichanian at Hermès paired a chunky roll-neck with narrow trousers, but they can easily be swapped with jeans for a more casual vibe.

Michael Kors merino turtleneck, \$128; herringbone double breasted blazer, \$798; belt, \$68; stretch flannel slim pants, \$228; fold-over tote, \$448, available at Michael Kors in New York, +1 212 336 4501, michaelkors.com

Hermès cashmere roll-neck sweater, \$3,025; belt, \$1,100; pants, \$690; calfskin boots, \$1,225; Haut à Courroies 50 bag, \$13,100, available at Hermès in New York, +1 212 751 3181, hermes.com

TAKE THREE/// LUXE LEATHER TOTES

The perfect leather tote is not easy to find. These three options strike the right balance that works for the office or as a carry-on when traveling



Valextra

This North South tote is made with soft-grained calfskin and has compartments inside for organization, as well as slip pockets on the front and back that allow for easy access. Monogramming available upon request. **\$2,250, valextra.com**



Lotuff Leather

New England-based Lotuff hand-makes all of its goods in the US. This working tote is made of 100 percent vegetable-tanned cowhide leather with a double-layered bottom for durability. As a testament to its quality standards, Lotuff guarantees its products for life. **\$750, lotuffleather.com**



Bally

The Sommet men's business bag in black grained calf leather is the male complement to the women's Sommet bag. It's sophisticated, yet roomy enough to hold all of your essentials for long flights. **\$1,995, bally.com**

DISCOVER

Jaeger LeCoultre Reverso Classic in 18K pink gold, part of Atelier Reverso collection, \$24,300, contact +1 877 552 1833, jaeger-lecoultre.com



Women's style

RED HOT

Shades of red, orange and raspberry walked the runway in every major fashion week. Whether it was a standout statement piece or head-to-toe separates, the colors made quite an impression and stayed very far away from the typical Christmas party look. At Max Mara, different textures and shades break up a potentially overpowering look. A very feminine lipstick-red coat with just the right amount of volume was a standout piece from Jason Wu's elegant collection. Victoria Beckham's asymmetric dress has slightly sheer sleeves and is made a bit tougher when worn with leather boots. New co-creative directors Fernando Garcia and Laura Kim are in the process of refining their vision for Oscar de la Renta, while retaining a separate identity for their brand Monse. In their first collection, we saw many hints of their new vision and nods to the brand's storied history. There were fabulous cocktail dresses, of course, but we love their take on daywear. In particular, this red mink overcoat is an absolute dream.



Wear it with



Collections from left to right: **Oscar de la Renta** mink overcoat, \$21,000, available at Richards in Greenwich, CT, +1 203 622 0551; merino turtleneck, \$1,290; wool pants, \$1,090, available at Oscar de la Renta in New York, +1 212 288 5810, oscardelarenta.com. **Victoria Beckham** asymmetric twist dress, \$2,950, available online at victoriabeckham.com. **Jason Wu** wool coat, \$3,695; leather and embossed croc Julia tote, \$1,395, available at Saks Fifth Avenue in New York, +1 212 753 4000, saksfifthavenue.com. **Max Mara** cashmere vest, \$545; cashmere turtleneck, \$695; cotton skirt, \$545; leather pumps, \$520, available at Max Mara in New York, +1 212 879 6100, maxmara.com. **Handbags from left to right:** **Stalvey** bag in crocodile, \$13,500, available at Barneys in New York, +1 212 826 8900, stalvey.com. **Devi Kroell** Mini Sutton bag in crocodile, \$2,900, available at Devi Kroell in New York, +1 212 888 7755, devikroell.com. **Bulgari** Serpenti Viper bag in crocodile, \$19,500, available at Bulgari in New York, contact Anita Paredes, +1 800 285 4274, bulgari.com. **Verbreuil** mini Tranciq bag in karung, \$1,350, available at Verbreuil in Paris, +33 145 492 269, verbreuil.com

TAKE THREE/// SHINY SHOES

Let your feet do the talking in some of fall's most glamorous footwear.

1 MISSONI

These multi-colored glitter boots have just enough gold as a base to keep them from veering that bit too far into the 1970s glam rock era, and make enough of a statement to turn heads. Hitting mid-calf, they're perfect to wear over a skinny jean or under a midi-length skirt. **\$880, available online at missoni.com**



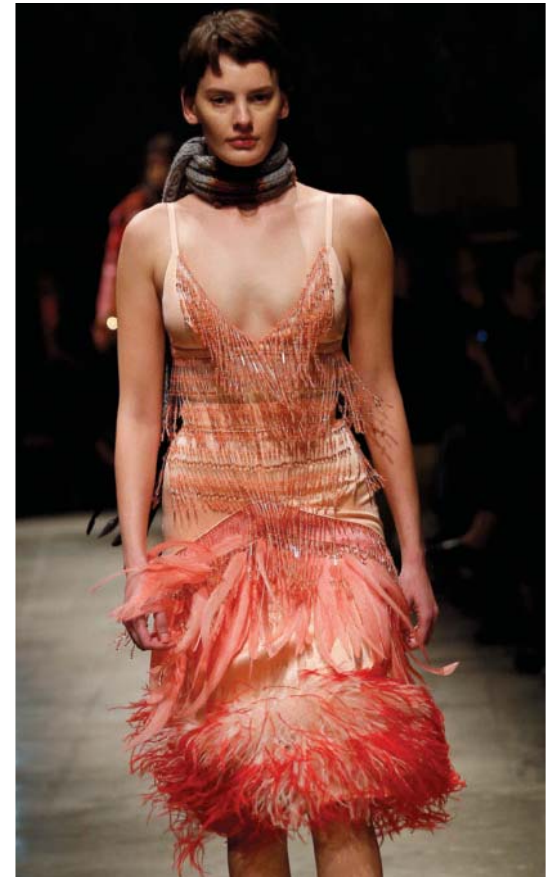
2 SAINT LAURENT

Expect to see these over-the-knee boots on every it girl come fashion week. The cone heel, pointed toe and all-over embroidered crystals make street-style dreams come true. And they're versatile — they can be worn thigh-high or scrunched down. **\$10,000, available online at ysl.com**



3 CHANEL

Karl Lagerfeld took his audience to the moon in his space-themed show, and these boots are the perfect combination of futuristic and retro. The black heel and black toes give a bit of a 1960s astronaut's wife vibe, and the glitter brings you to the stars. **\$1,575, chanel.com**



FABULOUS FEATHERS

In his eagerly-anticipated first collection for Calvin Klein, Raf Simons included a series of looks with plastic over-dresses and overcoats. A faux-fur coat was perhaps the talk of New York Fashion Week, but the feather cocktail dresses partially covered in plastic was our favorite. At Prada, feathers were a recurring theme: scattered across dresses, trimming skirts and appearing on fabulous scarves. Here a beaded top pairs with a seriously feathered skirt for an instantly red-carpet-ready look.

Prada beaded top, \$2,480, feather skirt, \$6,090, scarf, \$1,200, available at Prada in New York, +1 212 334 8888, prada.com
CALVIN KLEIN 205W39NYC feather dress with plastic over-dress, \$7,995, python pumps, \$995, available at Calvin Klein in New York, +1 212 292 9000, calvinklein.com

The Lauren returns

Add a piece of history to your closet — Bottega Veneta has brought the Lauren 1980 clutch out of the archives. Lauren Hutton originally carried the bag in *American Gigolo*, and earlier this year carried the same bag in the house's 50th anniversary show. For fall, it introduces new colors and materials, including a super glossy crocodile and the pictured ostrich. **\$5,500, call +1 800 845 6790 for locations**



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Jewelry



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LIKE A RAINBOW

Whether playing with a rainbow of colors or re-creating a rainbow, designers turn to the symbol of hope to create these beautiful pieces. Spinelli Kilcollin became known for his linked stacked rings of different sizes, called Galaxy rings. They can be worn stacked or across multiple fingers. Each piece takes the name of a celestial object. This Aries ring has rubies, emeralds and sapphires and is handmade in Los Angeles. Another independent brand, Roule&Co offers a unique take with its Spiked Shaker bangle. Inside a blackened 18K white gold cage are 53 carats of loose, multicolored sapphires, which can also be customized. Both Stephen Webster and Lydia Courteille present rainbow-colored feathers with a Magnipheasant bracelet from London and a fabulous ear cuff from Paris. Those in the know looking for special and rare gemstones head straight to Oscar Heyman in New York. Here, unheated multicolored sapphires form an elegant bracelet. Alex Soldier's rainbow earrings are handmade in New York and feature long strands of precious gems. Temple St Clair's Tolomeo pendant has eight rings with multi-colored stones and can be worn several ways, including with the rings open in a way that calls to mind models of the solar system.

1. Alex Soldier Rainbow earrings in 18K white and yellow gold with 1 carat diamond, 2.5 carats yellow sapphire, 2.3 carats blue sapphire, 2.2 carats ruby, 2 carats chrome diopside, 2 carats aquamarine, 2 carats amethyst, 2 carats citrine, \$22,900, available online at alexsoldier.com **2. Temple St Clair** Tolomeo pendant in 18K yellow gold with 2.06 carats blue sapphire, 0.38 carats ruby, 0.62 carats medium orange sapphire, 0.80 carats light orange sapphire, 0.84 carats light green sapphire, 0.66 carats tsavorite, 1.16 carats lavender sapphire, 0.135 carats diamond, \$25,000, available by order, +1 212 219 8664, clientservices@templestclair.com, templestclair.com **3. Roule & Co** Spiked Shaker bangle in blackened 18K white gold with 53 carats loose multicolored sapphire, contact Laurin Lucaire, contact@rouleandcompany.com, +1 212 475 9329, rouleandco.com **4. Stephen Webster** Magnipheasant bracelet in 18K white gold with 16.57 carats mixed pavé peridot, 14.73 carats citrine, 13.69 carats blue topaz, 9.90 carats amethyst, 9.59 carats rhodolite, 8.54 carats iolite, 8.33 carats red garnet, 1.66 carats black diamond, \$35,000, available at Stephen Webster in Beverly Hills, CA, contact Mark Davidovich, store manager, +1 310 246 9500, stephenwebster.com **5. Lydia Courteille** earring in 18K yellow gold with enamel, \$12,200, available at Urban Flower Grange Hall in Dallas, TX, +1 214 443 0600, lydiacourteille.com **6. Spinelli Kilcollin** Aries ring in 18K yellow gold with sterling silver connectors and approximately 4.5 carats of micro pavé blue, golden and lilac sapphires, rubies and emeralds, available online at spinellikilcollin.com **7. Oscar Heyman** bracelet in platinum with 27.71 carats unheated multicolored sapphires, 3.10 carats diamonds, \$66,000, available at Oscar Heyman in New York, contact Tom Heyman, info@oscarheyman.com, +1 800 642 1912, oscarheyman.com

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SQUARED UP

While we love feminine, romantic styles, we also love geometric stones and shapes that lend a cool edge to fine jewelry. Nam Cho's incredible Navajo earrings feature over 17 carats of diamonds, including 13.30 carats of perfectly-set baguette diamonds. The Perpetual Motion ring from Yael Sonia mixes graphic lines with movable spheres. In addition to being fun to play with, some pieces are convertible. You can string a chain through two holes in the band and wear it as a pendant. Jemma Wynne is wildly popular among the cool-girl set, with its sleek lines and modern, unfussy approach to fine jewelry. We love these chic diamond fans from Butani, which feature over 600 individual diamonds. Looking to antiquity, David Webb uses chased 18K gold in his beautiful Step Cuff, which will make quite a statement on the wrist. The Bouton d'or collection at Van Cleef & Arpels features gold buttons (*bouton*) and ranges from flower rings to sharp shapes, and all are available in the pictured colors or with carnelian and mother-of-pearl. Anita Ko's Ava cuff has a sunburst of baguette and round diamonds atop a gold bracelet with even more baguette diamonds.

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1. Van Cleef & Arpels Bouton d'or pendant in 18K yellow gold with chrysoprase, onyx and 1.46 carats diamonds, \$42,400, available at Van Cleef & Arpels in New York, vancleefarpels.com **2. Nam Cho Navajo earrings** with 3.80 carats rose-cut diamonds and 13.30 carats baguette diamonds, \$165,000, available at Mitchells in Westport, CT, +1 203 227 5165, namcho.com **3. Yael Sonia Perpetual Motion ring** in 18K yellow gold with 2.90 carats diamonds, \$18,000, available online at yaelsonia.com **4. Anita Ko Ava cuff** in 18K yellow gold with 1.39 carats round diamonds and 2.28 carats baguette diamonds, \$16,400, available by special order at Mayfair Rocks in Woodbury, NY, +1 516 496 8171, anitako.com **5. David Webb Ancient World cuff** in 18K yellow gold, \$45,000, available at David Webb in New York, +1 212 421 3030, davidwebb.com **6. Jemma Wynne Cigar Band ring** in 18k yellow gold with .35 carat emerald and .08 carats diamonds, \$6,300, available at Forty Five Ten in Dallas, TX, +1 214 559 4510, jemmawynne.com **7. Butani earrings** in platinum with 5.23 carats diamonds, \$7,100, available at London Jewelers in New York, +1 212 381 9455, butani.com



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FIRST DRIVE: MASERATI GRANTURISMO CONVERTIBLE 2018

There are certain inevitabilities that we all face in life, and few, in my opinion, cause more internal suffering and conflict than the gradual realization that the trusty sports car is no longer practical and it is time to get a bigger, more sensible car. It's goodbye to your beloved two-seat soft-top and welcome to a large, practical and criminally vanilla station wagon. That is until now.

Dear reader, I'm pleased to report we may finally have a solution. Space without losing the speed; practicality with no loss of panache. Say hello to the new Maserati GranTurismo Convertible 2018.

At 193.7 inches, it is only an inch smaller than the ultimate family wagon, the Volvo V90. It has plenty of space in the trunk and its rear seats provide ample room for any adult to sit in, let alone children. Yet, this effortlessly classy car is armed with a beast of a 4,691cc V8 engine, capable of reaching 62mph in 4.9 seconds from a standing start. There is enough carbon fiber and aerodynamic engineering throughout for it to feel like a sports car, with typical Italian attention to design detail everywhere.

Of course, however much you dress it up, the Maserati GranTurismo is not the super racing car some would wish it to be. The downside of all that extra

practical space is that it can feel somewhat heavy around the corners. The sport mode option entices you to throw the car around a little more, but despite the wonderful roar of the engine beneath you, it is a battle and a constant reminder that your two-seater has gone forever, despite your best attempts to replicate it aesthetically. That is, however, an unfair expectation from a car of this size: you wouldn't take your finest dressage horse and expect him to compete on the polo field, but the GranTurismo competes as close as possible to any sportier model.

Instead of dwelling on what the car doesn't do and pretending it is something it's not, it's better to enjoy what the Maserati does bring. Forget about sport mode, and enjoy the effortless class the car characterizes, and the head-turning, child-waving, famous Maserati roar of the engine.

Gone are the days of the 60-second burst on the hood, this is a car to go long distances with an endless supply of obliging power on tap. Perhaps being sensible doesn't have to be boring after all.

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Enjoy the head-turning, child-waving, famous Maserati roar of the engine

The Classic – The Bugatti 57SC Atlantic

We are lucky enough to live in a world which contains some truly magnificent cars. From classics to modern supercars, the caliber of automobiles right across the manufacturing spectrum deserves more recognition than it currently receives, particularly from non-enthusiasts. Occasionally, however, a car can be elevated beyond the comparison to just other automobiles. It becomes something to be compared to a classical masterpiece or a great medical breakthrough. The Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic is just that, which is why there was little surprise when it recently won the Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este, the world's most prestigious car show that takes place on the shores of Lake Como.

Considered by many as a monument to pre-war Europe, the Atlantic 57SC was the pinnacle of the Bugatti's family's contribution to the 20th century and the automotive industry.

Your chances of ever getting to drive this car are almost zilch, as there are only two in the world. One, from 1936, recently sold for \$40m and is now in residence at the Mullin Automotive Museum in California, and a second, from 1938, belongs to Ralph Lauren. But you do not need to drive it to appreciate it.

Blue beauty

Dubbed the most expensive car in the world, this Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic is on show at the Mullin Automotive Museum



Yachts



THERE IS NO SECOND PLACE

The 35th America's Cup Match presented by Louis Vuitton is over, and so is the Cup as we've come to know it in the Larry Ellison era. Emirates Team New Zealand dominated Oracle Team USA, allowing the Kiwis to avenge their astonishing loss in 2013 and to fulfill their promise to bring the Cup home.

After two years of criss-crossing the globe in thrilling races, the Cup ended with a bit of a whimper. Emirates Team New Zealand simply outclassed Oracle Team USA, and the nail-biting comeback that everyone in Bermuda was expecting never materialized. Now, we turn to the future. Shortly after the lopsided victory, Agostino Randazzo, president of Circolo della Vela Sicilia (the Italian yacht club that represents Luna Rossa), stepped off a New Zealand support boat to deliver his challenge for the 36th America's Cup, becoming the Challenger of Record. The Italians thus gain the right to determine the rules and format of the next Cup alongside New Zealand. At time of press, the rumors were flying fast. Where and when would the Cup take place? Would the so-called passport rule change to require more sailors with the nationality of the boat? Will they race foiling catamarans or return to monohulls? If they keep the foiling catamarans, will more teams change to cycling instead of manual grinding? If they already know, they are keeping it quiet for now, and fans wait on tenterhooks to hear if they will have to wait another four years for the Cup to return, and what it will look like when it does.



Keeping good time

Elite Traveler attended the final weekend of races with Bremont, the official timing partner of the America's Cup, to see its timing precision in action and to try out its superb Regatta watches on a chase boat during the races. The newly released Regatta AC II has a Regatta countdown feature with a customized 15-minute countdown disc, allowing you to perfectly time the start of the race while keeping your hands free to jockey for the best starting position possible. It also has an internally rotating bezel, and 15-minute and 12-hour discs. **\$6,495, available at Bremont in New York, +1 212 321 0012, bremont.com**

The Infinito cabin design takes the private flight experience into a whole new dimension

Aviation



TOUCH THE SKY

Announced at this year's EBACE show in Geneva, Airbus Corporate Jets and Italian supercar atelier Pagani Automobili have joined forces to create an exciting new cabin design. Created especially for the ACJ319neo jet, the cabin design has been named Infinito due to the intriguing sky ceiling — passengers have a live view of the sky above the aircraft during flight, or it can be altered to display other images of their choice.

Merging Airbus's aircraft expertise and Pagani's sleek style, the ACJ319neo has one of the widest and tallest cabins, and the generous space is furnished with natural soft-leather carpets, wooden floors, sculpted metal features (similar to those found in Pagani hypercars) and mood lighting. The jet also uses innovative composite materials that have never been used before in an aircraft, such as CarboTitanium.

"In bringing together the best of the supercar and business jet worlds, we enable an elegant and seamless link for customers of both, while bringing a fresh approach to cabin design and satisfying very demanding standards," says Airbus Corporate Jets managing director Benoit Defforge.

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Flying home

Winch Design, already established as master interior designers in the superyacht world (and having won a number of major awards), have recently created a stunning new Boeing BBJ for an international businessman (who wishes to remain anonymous) and experienced owner of a VIP aircraft fleet. The design brief was to create a "flying home" for him and his family to unwind in total privacy, but also a space to entertain business guests in style.

The galley, cabin crew facilities and guest bathroom are all neatly integrated in the forward area and concealed behind sliding doors with unique peacock-themed metal artwork paneling. The main lounge area has a detailed shagreen table that can comfortably seat five guests, or they can enjoy a chilled

glass of champagne at the under-lit bar — it can accommodate four guests and has a hidden champagne cooler and foldaway buffet counters.

The master suite bedroom has a 64in TV (currently the largest in a certified aircraft interior), and the vibrant bathroom features a custom-made blue glass washbasin and mirror-faced TV built into the marble vanity area.

The spacious and flexible areas are complemented by the stylish design; buttery cream leathers, silver-flecked dark veneers, exotic shells from the East, hand-stitched motifs and mother-of-pearl accessories all blend seamlessly to create the desired residential feel. We love the finishing touch — a carefully selected collection of artwork for this penthouse in the sky. winchdesign.com



Technology

Montblanc's Augmented Paper brings traditional handwriting into the digital world



MAKE A NOTE

Smart devices have various note-taking functions, but there's something satisfying about the old fashioned method of putting pen to paper. Montblanc's latest offering brings the best of both worlds together — the Augmented Paper allows for written notes and sketches to be transferred from paper to a mobile device at the push of a button. The content can be shared, edited and even translated into digital text if your handwriting needs deciphering. You can tag and organize thousands of notes in the Montblanc Hub and the long battery life (up to eight hours of continuous usage and up to a week of regular use) means it's an excellent travel companion — plus, without the distraction of notifications and emails, you won't be interrupted. The Augmented Paper comes in an elegant envelope organizer made of black Italian leather. **\$680, montblanc.com**

Döttling Gyrowinder

The only way to wind your watch is with a grandiose, 360-degree rotating instrument that looks as cool as the watch it winds. The Gyrowinder by Döttling, the manufacturer of bespoke luxury safes, has combined astronomical design with a rare feat of engineering — the Gyrowinder allows for completely free rotation of the watch in all directions, including a complete rollover, and has a set of counterweights so each watch can be individually balanced.

The idea for the Gyrowinder came after a trip to Florida's Kennedy Space Center, when testing a spinning training instrument for aspiring astronauts. This functionality was then integrated into the Gyrowinder. Now all you need is a suitably cool timepiece to keep in it — see our Top Watches of 2017 feature on page 64. **\$16,000, contact Andreas K Schlittenhardt, managing partner, a.schlittenhardt@doettling.com, +49 703 143 7456, doettling.com**



TAKE THREE/// DESIGN COLLABORATIONS



HERMÈS APPLE WATCH

Two of the most recognizable brands have collaborated to create a timepiece that merges beauty and function. The Series 2 Apple Watch has built-in GPS, a dual-core processor and is water resistant up to 50m — all complemented with the finely handcrafted leather straps from Hermès. The Double Tour (pictured in Bleu Zéphyr Epsom leather) has an extra-long strap that wraps twice around the wrist. **From \$2,331, apple.com**



BUGATTI PG BIKE

Limited to a production run of just 667 bikes worldwide, the PG Bugatti bike weighs less than 11lbs, making it the lightest special urban bike in the world. It's made of more than 95 percent carbon fiber and can be customized with specialist paints, carbon colors and leather types — you can match it with your four-wheeled Bugatti, but we're keen on classic black, pictured above. **\$39,000, pg.de**



BEATS X ALEXANDER WANG

After collaborating in 2013, Alexander Wang and Beats have partnered again to create these dove gray wireless headphones with a stylishly subtle new feature — the ear cups have croc-embossed Italian leather, the first time Beats has used this material. They connect to your smart device via Bluetooth and stay connected up to 30ft away, so you can roam free when listening to music or taking calls. **\$599.95, beatsbydre.com**

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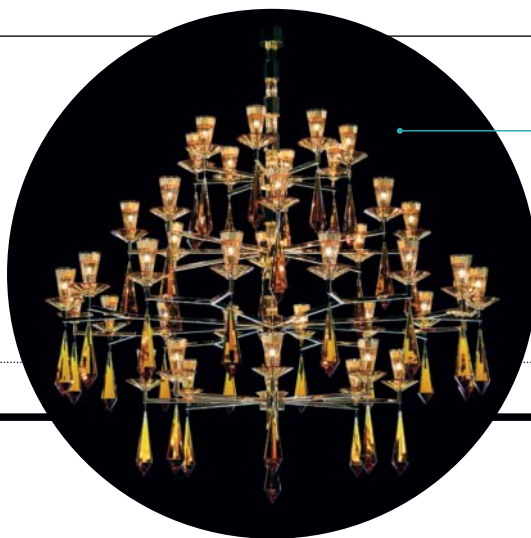
Founded by Ludwig Moser in 1857, Moser Crystal has created exceptional works for discerning clientele ever since, crafting bespoke pieces for heads of state and royal families. This year the brand celebrates 160 years of fine craftsmanship and we visited the anniversary exhibition at Thomas Goode in Mayfair, London. The intricate engravings and delicate glassware show the meticulous technique used — the same technique that has been passed on from generation to generation for the best part of two centuries. The astonishing attention to detail is made all the more impressive when CEO František Schneider tells us that each step of production is done by hand, and it's a skill that can take decades to perfect. That perfectionism means that a great percentage of the works are scrapped if not up to Moser's impeccably high standards.

The collection features works inspired by Moser's most important and celebrated pieces. The whimsical Path to Glory collection features intricate gilded motifs

with beautiful minute detail, and the On the Wings of a Dragonfly collection has a floral Art Nouveau style throughout — we adore the Chloe cup, which solves the dilemma of champagne or wine, as this enameled goblet can be used both ways. The collection also features more modern works using Moser's signature color range but still employing the expert craftsmanship.

While the entire collection is met with gasps of awe (and trembling hands as we held the lighter-than-air glasses), the *pièce de résistance* is the chandelier. The arms are gilded in several layers of 24K gold and adorned with 133 drops from hand-blown and cut crystal in Moser's bespoke golden topaz color. It took 40 people and a year of labor, but seeing how mesmerizingly it catches the light, it's definitely worth it.

moser-glass.com



Moser's chandelier of cut crystal glass is decorated with 24K gold and weighs nearly 440lbs



Chloe goblet, On the Wings of a Dragonfly collection, limited to 300 pieces

Little Bird vase, Path to Glory collection, limited to 50 pieces



Christine vase, Anniversary collection, limited to 20 pieces



Beasts of London

Following the launch of men's jewelry collection Beasts of London, Stephen Webster MBE has created a set of chefs' knives that represent different animals — a ram, a boar, a cock, a bull, a salmon and... a zucchini. Commissioned by an affluent Scottish client, Webster created a *sgian-dubh* that he named The Scottish Beast, referencing the Queen's Beasts that represent the countries of Great Britain. "The piece was so unique and special, it dawned on me to use a similar theme to create the most extraordinary chefs' knives, each handle to be a bronze sculpture depicting the beasts we eat," explains Webster. Each blade is hand forged in Damascus steel, and the menacing beasts are hand carved in bronze. Not just aesthetically pleasing, the blades have been tried and tested by British chef Mark Hix and his team in a professional kitchen.

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Chris Burch

Considered to be the man with the Midas touch when it comes to business, Chris Burch explains how his new endeavor, Nihi Sumba Island, is positively impacting the community in which it resides *Page 54*

Roberta Naas With today's consumers becoming increasingly concerned about ethically sourced jewels and precious metals, the market for sustainable and ethical mining is growing. **Olivier Krug** The head of the eponymous champagne brand on protecting his company's legacy while keeping up with the times. **Jean-Christophe Babin** How the CEO of Bulgari is steering the brand, and its five product categories, on a course of incredible growth.

Chris Burch on making a difference

Lauren Holmes speaks to Chris Burch, CEO of Burch Creative Capital, about his new venture in Indonesia, making a connection with his workforce and giving something back to the communities in which his businesses thrive

It's Saturday night at Nihi Sumba Island, the world-class lodge set on the remote Indonesian island of Sumba, and while guests mingle over barbecued tiger prawns, barracuda sashimi and cacao-flavored negronis, I take the opportunity to do some detective work. I'm in Indonesia to profile billionaire entrepreneur Chris Burch, who co-owns Nihi Sumba Island with hotelier James McBride. Since the pair took over in 2012, the once-simple surf spot has skyrocketed to the accolade of being named best hotel in the world. As the founder and CEO of Burch Creative Capital, Chris Burch is a man with the Midas touch when it comes to business. Perhaps best known as the co-founder of fashion brand Tory Burch (which he launched with his ex-wife), he is the force behind multiple technology and luxury brands, including Jawbone, Poppin, Voss Water and hospitality group the Faena Hotel + Universe. More recently, he partnered with great pal and entertainer Ellen DeGeneres to launch her lifestyle brand ED. So who better to ask about the man behind the headlines than his staff? Far from reluctant, each person lights up when I mention his name, and everyone has a story to tell. "The first time I met Chris, he had me in a headlock by the end of dinner, both of us roaring with laughter," shares Johnny, Nihi Sumba Island's Kiwi boatmaster. "Ask him where he gets his endless, boundless energy from..."

"I'd like to know how he always, always picks such successful projects to invest in," says London-born Lloyd the landscape gardener. The more I dig, the more it seems Burch is far from a stereotypical billionaire.

Weeks later, I catch him en route to an early breakfast meeting in New York, one of the three American cities along with Miami and LA where he now divides most of his time. "It's the key to my success," he shares, without hesitation, when I touch on his relationship with his

staff. "My understanding of people. I have an empathetic nature and I see people differently. One of my best qualities is asking a lot of questions. I figure out where that little kid was at 14, what drives them, what makes them special and I then relate to them in that manner. So say someone is pitching me a company related to space, I figure out who they are, what kind of tenacity, integrity, creativity they have. I connect with them in an emotional way and then I tie that within the marketplace and what I understand of consumers. I see if this human can do a great job."

Burch describes the process as a "camera of curiosity" inside his head, which automatically scans everyone who crosses his path. It's a skill that he credits to a childhood of poor school grades, an inability to concentrate and trouble sleeping. He would stay up through the night, listening to sleepless callers on the talk radio show *Voices Of America* in the broom closet. "I'd spend my time just listening to people think and talk, and it helped to form my brain to be very curious and to listen, to create ideas and dreams from these conversations."

I'm lucky I'm not built with envy of others. In fact, that's one of my greatest pleasures, other people's success around me

Burch took his first foray into business at Ithaca College, selling varsity-style sweaters to classmates with the help of his brother and a \$2,000 investment. The company, Eagle Eye, was eventually sold to Swire Group for \$165 million, which gave Burch the means to invest in Internet Capital Group, a well-known IPO story from the early days of the internet revolution. "Early on, I just went with gut instinct and creativity," he says. "I didn't

really realize that I had any talent, but was fortunately very successful because I came up with good ideas. It wasn't until I got older that I became more reflective on who I am and who others are. That kind of metamorphosis comes a lot from being hurt by other people, from when you are wrong, and the pain of disappointment, as well as from the joy when people surprise you. So hopefully the older I get, the better I get at having a clear understanding about why we as people do what we do."

A regular guest speaker at Harvard Business School, Burch stands out as an entrepreneur who credits his success to empathy above all else. While Burch's business career has the markings of a Wall Street fairy tale, the path was not always paved with gold. Things hit a rough patch in 2006 when he split from his wife and business partner Tory Burch, a period that he credits as one of the most transformative in his life. "I've had big moments of pain that have actually defined me and big moments of joy that have defined me. I went through a period when I was paralyzed, very ill and going through a divorce. It felt as if

everything was falling apart around me. I came out of that learning so much about good and bad, about people and life, about tenacity and about picking yourself up. I think these hard times actually take away a little of your soul and then build a little. The most defining moments of my business career are when I figured out that I was capable of a deeper creative understanding of people. I am very lucky that I'm not built with

envy of others. In fact, that's one of my greatest pleasures, other people's success around me."

If a single trait runs through Burch's business investments, it's a passion for disruption, for going against the grain and backing products or people who challenge the status quo. Testament to this, his latest ventures include luxury pre-fab housing company Cocoon9 and the hospitality supplier Bur+Mah, which enables designers to custom-create fittings and finishings.

"I get very excited about bringing new concepts or products to the world in a different manner, especially when they haven't been introduced in the US. Last week, I was in China and found some of the most beautiful quality products, from furniture to stones and pots, all of which were very inexpensive. Whatever I do, I want to bring a spirit of uniqueness that calms the human soul."

If that is Burch's defining aim, then with Nihi Sumba Island he has painted nothing short of a masterpiece. Burch first visited the island in Sumba on the behest of some of his surfing buddies and was captivated by the raw natural beauty, its remoteness and the charm of its people. Back then, Nihi Sumba Island was "four or five simple shacks run by a group who didn't have the capital to put into it. After we bought it, we realized that we were sitting on a jewel. It would be like thinking you have a nice coal mine, and ending up finding diamonds. And the reason we have diamonds is because we have the Sumbanese people. We have the most beautiful land, the water is beautiful and it's a place where you can really relax and be happy, but it's the people that make it so special – don't you just love them?"

Such is Burch's passion for supporting the people that upon purchasing the hotel, he immediately took over half the funding for the Sumba Foundation, Nihi Sumba Island's non-profit organization, originally launched by founder Claude





hospitality industry could do well to watch. “We are expanding now and it feels good. Five of our guests decided to throw a fundraiser for the foundation on their own and they raised \$70,000. Where have you been in the world, where people meet at a hotel, get together as a group of friends and decide to have a party to raise money and change the lives of a lot of people off their own backs? I mean it just blew me away. So beautiful, right?”

Is placing philanthropy at the heart of business an approach Burch feels inspired to include in all his projects? “I would only do it if it was totally real. I’m really not into these companies who use so-called philanthropy as a way to sell more product. I think philanthropy is critical to how you build a business, but it has to really come from the heart, changing the people’s lives without interrupting their society. Sumba will be a hard one to match, but every hotel I build we will involve the community. So even if we open a city hotel, I want to offer free nursery to local kids.”

As the conversation draws to a close, Chris shares that his happiest moments are spent at Nihi Sumba Island, trekking back from the waterfall and then heading for a massage. “And conversations like this,” he says, “the intelligent questions you’ve asked, the way you have woven this conversation into a story that flows like water, that makes me feel happy, relaxed. Relaxation is not a space but a human.” By the time we hang up, I’m grinning from ear-to-ear, shoulders tall, floating in a bubble and I realize I have been completely Chris Burch. He has connected so effortlessly, pin-pointed my passions, that I leave the call wanting to work with him and for him, to help and support this man with a miracle mind for clearly understanding and raising up humanity. “What does success mean to me?” Chris explained, “It’s that moment when someone goes ‘Ah, wow! He really got me.’”

Graves in 2001 in an effort to lessen poverty on the island. Since then, the foundation has provided healthcare to over 25,000 people and is responsible for reducing the rate of malaria by 85 percent, as well as building 300 wells and watering holes and supporting 16 schools by delivering lunch to otherwise hungry kids. Now responsible for some

Clockwise from top:
 The stunning view from Nihi Sumba Island; Chris Burch; one of the lodge’s deluxe abodes

400 islanders and their families, Nihi Sumba Island is the largest employer on the island and the impact it has on the lives and futures of the people there is markedly prominent. A trail map for how foreign-led projects can ignite and engage with local communities rather than simply benefiting from labor and resources, it’s one that the luxury

Roberta Naas on ethical jewelry practices

Today more than ever, consumers are concerned about responsibly sourced jewels and precious metals. They want to buy their jewelry with a clear conscience, knowing the gems and metals were mined both ethically and sustainably



It was back in 2006 that the concept of “blood diamonds” hit us thanks to the release of the film *Blood Diamond* starring Leonardo DiCaprio. Also referred to as conflict diamonds (to highlight the negative consequences of the diamond trade), these are gems mined in a war zone and typically sold to finance army efforts. Six years earlier, in 2000, when southern African diamond-producing states met in Kimberley, South Africa, they discussed ways to stop trade of conflict diamonds and ensure that diamond purchases did not finance violence or rebel movements. As a result, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a landmark resolution that involved governments from around the world and created the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS), effective in 2003. KPCS imposes strict requirements on members to certify shipments of rough diamonds as conflict-free. The process is incredibly extensive, but today there are 54 participants from more than 80 countries. Many believe that the implementation of the KPCS brought the issues to the forefront and inspired the movie. Either way, the issues came to



3 Chopard
Green Carpet
Collection
earrings

light and forever impacted the way we look at diamond mining, and by extension, the mining of other gemstones and precious metals.

It is this heightened awareness, combined with a concern for the health and wellbeing of the miners and the sustainability of our earth, that has made this a true hot-button topic. Today, consumers not only want to buy jewelry that is ethically sourced, but has also followed clear fair-mining practices, is sustainable, and maybe even has a social conscience. Luckily, many top brands are taking an active role in these efforts.

Gemfields, one of the world's largest mining companies for emeralds and rubies, is at the forefront of sustainable mining, with practices implemented at its Mozambique ruby mines and its Kagem emerald mines in Zambia. The company has established benchmark standards for emerald grading and is committed to environmental



2 David Gross Group
necklace

replenishing of the area, and to ethical and transparent mining. Additionally, corporate social responsibility is of key importance to Gemfields, which works with local organizations in its mining areas to help build schools, bring in teachers, books and equipment, and build hospitals. It is also working with local farmers to help implement sustainable farming and is investing in reforestation. A host of jewelry houses and designers turn to Gemfields rubies and emeralds for this very reason.

Chopard is a leader, having developed a project in 2013 called The Journey to Sustainable Luxury, and was the first large-scale jewelry producer to sign a multi-year commitment to use sustainable, ethically sourced “Fairmined” gold for some of its creations. Fairmined gold holds a certification that the gold is responsibly gathered by small mining communities in South America where the miners are protected and the environment is replenished. Additionally, last year Chopard infused its Green Carpet Collection of High Jewelry with responsibly-mined Zambian emeralds

from Gemfields' Kagem mine.

Another initiative is Diamonds Do Good, started by the global non-profit Diamond Empowerment Fund (DEF). DEF was founded seven years ago by Russell Simmons and Dr Benjamin Chavis to tell the good stories about diamonds, and the benefits a country and its people receive through mining its natural resources. DEF is dedicated to empowering people in diamond communities. It supports education, skill-building and vocational training. Inspired by the many good programs their supporters champion in communities around the world, DEF started the Diamonds Do Good campaign and initiative to highlight these programs. Supporters include Forevermark (part of the DeBeers Group), Hearts On Fire (part of Chow Tai Fook) and CanadaMark (through Dominion Diamond). In fact, Dominion Diamond Corporation works in partnership with Aboriginal communities near the Ekati diamond mine in Canada to protect sub-Arctic wildlife. While the mining industry brought jobs and economic opportunities to the people, conserving nature was a priority.

All of these efforts showcase the fact that sustainable, ethical mining and jewelry making is possible. We just need to continue to be vigilant.



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Olivier Krug on protecting his family's legacy

For six generations, the Krug family has delivered some of the world's finest champagnes, following the philosophy of founder Joseph Krug. As they uncork another year of excellence, Olivier Krug delves into his family's incredible history



Joseph Krug was a visionary man who understood that the essence of champagne was pleasure itself

Growing up, it was never a given that I would follow in the footsteps of the five generations that have come before me at the House of Krug. But today, it is my great honor to be director of the house founded by my great-great-great grandfather Joseph Krug. He was a visionary man who understood that the essence of champagne was pleasure itself. Driven by a dream to offer the very best champagne every year, regardless of annual variations in climate, his pioneering idea went beyond all known boundaries to offer the fullest expression of champagne. By doing so, he created the sole champagne house to create only prestige champagnes every year since its founding. In 1848, my ancestor consigned the founding principles of the house to posterity in his dark cherry colored notebook and each generation has helped to move the house forward through their passion and dedication, while always staying true to its uncompromising philosophy of champagne creation.

When Joseph Krug passed away in 1866, his son Paul took over as head of the house. It was he who moved the house to its current location and built the premises and cellars we see today. In addition to expanding the business, he was father to 10 children, one of whom, Joseph II, succeeded him. I cannot talk about this poet and man of wit without talking about his wife, Jeanne, who kept the house going through the tribulations of the First World War, when her husband was taken prisoner. Jeanne is my personal hero; she offered the city's inhabitants shelter from heavy bombardment in Krug's cellars and carried out important volunteer work, while also succeeding in creating a 1915 vintage despite many vineyards being on the front line. Her son, Paul II, brought the house well and truly into the 20th century, putting advances in modern

technology at the service of Krug's craftsmanship. He introduced the use of small steel vats to preserve the incredible freshness of the house's reserve wines – a method we use to this day. He was succeeded by his sons Henri and Rémy, under whose forward-looking auspices the house acquired the Clos du Mesnil and Clos d'Ambonnay, now legendary thanks to their unique champagnes, each one the story of a single year and a single grape variety in a single plot of vines. In the 1970s, their desire to create a champagne that did not yet exist spurred the creation of Krug Rosé, an unexpected rosé champagne combining distinction and boldness.

When I joined the house in September 1989, I was fortunate enough to learn from two previous generations – my father, my uncle and my grandfather. In the tradition of the house, I was soon sent out into the world to meet and understand our clients. I spent 15 incredible years in Japan, during which time the country would become one of the house's top markets. I continue to travel a great deal in my current role, sharing the Krug spirit with Krug lovers. It is said that you never forget your first taste of Krug and the house shares a privileged relationship with these passionate and creative free spirits. I have the good fortune of visiting our network of Krug Ambassadors all over the world. They are the setting for memorable sensory encounters, and for enjoying the unexpected yet exquisite pairing of Krug Grande Cuvée with some truly remarkable dishes.

When I am not traveling, I am in my beloved hometown of Reims. It is a beautiful city that I encourage you to visit. I live next door to the Krug family house, the fully restored historic residence of the Krug family and the place where I grew up. Today it offers a timelessly elegant space for Krug to



Above:
The cellar stocked with prestigious wine at the House of Krug

Left:
Olivier Krug and a bottle from the latest batch of the business's champagne

welcome guests and offer them an immersive journey into the universe of Krug. Tasting sessions take place in the Room of 400 Wines. These represent the house's 250 wines of the year and 150 reserve wines, each one capturing the essence of a single plot of vines. Every year these are tasted and assessed by the house's tasting committee before the cellar master Eric Lebel, guided by his great intuition and talent, chooses that year's champagnes.

Today Eric and the wine-making team perpetuate the house's extraordinary heritage of craftsmanship. My ancestor's unique philosophy lives on in Krug Grande Cuvée, the fullest expression of champagne, recreated every year from a blend of over 120 different wines from more than 10 different years. This April, Eric and his team finished the blend for Krug Grande Cuvée 172ème Édition, the 172nd edition of the dream of the house's founder that will leave Krug's cellars after a stay of at least seven years, gaining in expression and finesse. Every year since the foundation of the house, one creation, one blend, one bottling and thus one new Édition of Krug Grande Cuvée, the

fullest expression of champagne, has come to life. Now the number of each Édition is displayed on the bottle's front label, bringing to light the rarity, uniqueness and collectability of Krug Grande Cuvée.

Right now, I am particularly excited about the much-anticipated presentation of Krug 2004. After 12 years in the cellars, the story of the year 2004 captured by Krug is ready to be enjoyed. Named Luminous Freshness by the house, every time I taste this balanced and vibrant champagne, I am enveloped by the sensations of early summer mornings in the Champagne region. It will be presented alongside Krug Grande Cuvée 160ème Édition, composed around harvest of 2004, a blend of 121 wines from 12 different years. These two different expressions of nature, both of the same level of distinction, perfectly embody the approach my ancestor envisioned – one that all Krug champagnes follow to this day.

The unique story of each bottle of Krug 2004 will be revealed via its Krug ID, the six-digit number on the back label of every bottle of Krug champagne. Simply entering the Krug ID online at Krug.com, on the Krug

app, on Google or Twitter opens the doors to an array of information, including the story of its creation, its composition, serving and storing tips and food and music pairing suggestions. As a house with a contemporary spirit and a history of pioneering, Krug embraces new digital technology and its potential to delight and strengthen our connection with Krug lovers.

It was in this spirit that the house created the Krug music pairings. For me, the joy of savoring a masterfully crafted champagne while listening to a piece of music allows one to travel down a direct pathway to emotion, and I am very glad that everyone can now share this experience. Each year, the house invites musicians in whose standards of excellence it feels a kinship to an extended tasting of its different champagnes. Inspired by what they taste, these artists choose a special playlist to reflect what they felt and how they connected to their tasting experience. These selections take the whole tasting experience to another dimension. I will leave you to discover the specially chosen music pairing for Krug 2004 as well as the house's other champagnes via the Krug app.

Jean-Christophe Babin on leading a diverse company

Heading up one of the world's foremost luxury brands is no easy task, especially when that brand's portfolio spans five different product categories, including hotels. However, Roberta Naas finds that Jean-Christophe Babin, CEO of Bulgari, has risen to the challenge, and is steering the company on a course of incredible growth and creativity.

Four years ago, when CEO Jean-Christophe Babin took the helm of Bulgari, he left behind the familiarity of 12 years spent as head of TAG Heuer to dive headlong into a journey that would encompass ultra-luxury watches, jewelry, fragrances, accessories and even exclusive hotels. Determined and ambitious, Babin began his course as CEO of LVMH-owned Bulgari by immersing himself in its vastly different, yet synergistically similar, worlds.

Starting with jewelry, Babin spent months learning and understanding the complexity of the Roman brand's amazing Italian jewelry roots. He studied its history, values, craftsmanship and clientele to ensure he could propel this key pillar to new heights.

"Bulgari was born as a jeweler, so my first attention was to make sure this backbone is strong and fortified, and that it is poised to grow in prestige and admiration," said Babin during a chat in a lush courtyard in Venice where the brand had just unveiled one of the largest collections of one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces ever. "This backbone impacts all of the other categories, so jewelry was, and still is, a huge priority. My goal is to make Bulgari the quintessence of dreams and desires through each of its different categories. I tell my team all the time, 'creativity is key' – there are no limits to what we can imagine next."

In fact, Babin says that when the design team presents him with an outrageous sketch or concept, he does not think about how or if it can be done. Instead he looks at it from a different perspective: "You must have a wide-open mind to all ideas, because only in that way can you grow," says Babin, who was exposed to many cultures and forms of art through travel in his early years. He backpacked the world after college before getting his first true job, and



says that experience enlightened him, making him more receptive.

Full of energy and enthusiasm, 58-year-old Babin refers to the *haute joaillerie* collections that brought us to Venice of as an example of that growth. One facet of the new collection celebrates the 160th birthday of Bulgari founder Sotirio Bulgari, and pays tribute to big, colorful, exquisite stones set in geometric and nature-inspired settings for which the brand is known. The other facet is the Festa collection that pays tribute to the festivals of Venice and Rome, to the princesses who hosted amazing balls and celebrations of harvest, and to moments of joy.

"When my design team came to me with the idea of setting a 15-carat D flawless diamond as the center stone of a ring and surrounding it with upside-down diamonds, it was an incredible concept. It is a surprise that you don't expect, and that is what Bulgari stands for. The same is true of the necklace made of dozens of gemstones cut in the shape of peppercorn, or the necklace that celebrates balloons," says Babin. "I encouraged the team to open the box in [terms of] creativity; I set no limits. Jewelry is art and passion, and I wanted them to think from the heart. They did that." Babin notes that as a result of this search for creativity, the brand actually developed an all-new oval-shaped cabochon cut for gemstones.

In addition to propelling the jewelry designs to new heights, Babin has also focused on building an all-new workshop in Valenza, Italy. Opened in January of this year, the expansive workshops are comprised of more than 150,000 sq ft in two spaces – one, an historic landmark building, the other, a glass-enclosed modern and sustainable building. Here, the maison will create all of its jewelry collections (except for the high jewelry

which will remain in Rome), including B.Zero1, Serpenti, Diva, Bulgari-Bulgari and Parentesi. Currently it has 400 employees and the goal is to expand to 700 by the year 2020, according to Babin. Additionally, to train a new breed of jewelry makers, Manifattura Bulgari houses the newly formed Bulgari Jewelry Academy, a school dedicated to training students in the fine art of Bulgari's top Italian craft.

Bulgari, however, does not thrive on jewelry alone, and Babin is in charge of all categories. "It is very exciting to lead five different companies that, if they were separate would not be so strong, but together as a whole, are incredibly strong," he says. "We all have the same mission of cementing the brand and glorifying further Bulgari's capabilities."

Admitting he is very demanding, which he says is tempered by his easy accessibility and willingness to be contradicted, Babin compares himself to the conductor of an orchestra when it comes to leading the five divisions on a cohesive journey.

"My mission is to align the strategy, the integrity and to frame the evolution of the work for my general managers," says Babin. "I have only the best and most experienced in each of their markets. It is their mission to expand under my direction, to make Bulgari the most desirable luxury brand in the world. I determine the cadence of the music, the tone, I conduct the message and give it the tempo, but I don't play the music. I conduct it so that the more we move on, the more extraordinary the music is, even though it is not new music, it is a new interpretation."

As the conductor of that orchestra, Babin seems to be right on target. In watches, he has led the LVMH-owned brand on a path to developing world-first *haute horlogerie* complicated timepieces, as well as exceptional *haute joaillerie* watches that underscore the brand's impeccable jewelry roots. He has also grown the fragrance division and accessories, as well.

However, it is in the world of Bulgari Hotels & Resorts that Babin has perhaps learned the most. "The hotels are strictly service oriented, and we are required to create the ultimate services and



Bulgari High Jewelry necklace in platinum with 59.11-carat Colombia cabochon emerald, 15.29 carats emeralds and 42.25 carat diamonds



Bulgari II Grandioso High Jewelry necklace in platinum with 53.57-carat round Colombia emerald, 12.52 carats pear-shaped diamonds, 8.39 carats pear-shaped emeralds and 23.47 carats round-cut and pavé-set diamonds

experiences that aficionados of Bulgari expect," he explains.

Bulgari made its first foray into the world of boutique hotels just over a decade ago when it opened its first in Milan in 2004. It then opened Bali, followed by London in 2012. Now, under Babin's leadership, this year ushers in openings in Shanghai, Beijing and Dubai. Moscow is planned for 2019. "We want to have the most exclusive network of hotels in the 10 most attractive cities in the world," says Babin. "There is nothing more demanding than pleasing a customer in the hospitality field. With Bulgari, he or she can spend \$3,000 on a single night, which is the cost of a B-Zero1 ring. So in one case you have a night for \$3,000, or in the other case, you have something that will last a lifetime. When you check out, that money is gone, so the memory you have from your stay there has to be as memorable as the B-Zero1. It is about quintessential service. Even more important, though, is that understanding how to deliver the best possible service in the hotels can also translate to retail boutiques, so that they can offer exceptional service as well."

Along with offering superb service, Bulgari is expanding its boutiques. The store in New York has been under renovation since last March and is slated to open its doors this fall. Peter Marino is designing it and incorporating many features found at the brand's flagship Rome store on Via Condotti.

With so much happening around the globe, French-born Babin travels the world constantly to keep up with the events and schedules of all of the categories, as well as the brand's global soirees. He resides in Switzerland, where the brand's watches are produced, and splits his time between there and Italy, where the Roman headquarters are located, and the jewelry, fragrances and silk are made. "In a single day I can move from watches to manufacturing to hotel openings and more – all within the Bulgari framework. I love it," says Babin. "We have the ability to trigger dreams, to surprise the customers, whether it is with color, vibrant products or a night to remember. Other companies may not be able to deliver this, but we can, and we must do so brilliantly."

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Charlotte wears Prada red jacket with stud details, \$8,360, black knit skirt with embroidery details, \$3,390; Harry Winston Traffic necklace in platinum with 11.90 carats diamonds, price on request

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This month's shoot evokes the glamour of a bygone era. With sumptuous textiles, glitter-tweed and floral appliqués, we embrace wild fabrics and flourishes in London *Page 96*

The Top 50 Watches of 2017 Though the creation of instruments to keep track of time has been going for centuries, new developments in nano-technology and micromachining mean the sky's the limit for creativity in the sector. **The Top Yachts** There is no shortage of fantastic yachts out on the water, but which is the perfect one for you? Our curated list covers every eventuality. **Total Texture** The streets of Kensington, London, provide the perfect backdrop to our texture-rich shoot.

Astronomical Watches

One of the most beautiful and complex categories of watches, astronomical timepieces steal hearts with their complications and their stunning looks. While an astronomical watch typically offers such information as celestial charts, sunrise and sunset times, or equation of time calculations (the difference between true solar time and mean solar time), others bring the stars, moon, sun and planets to the wrist in three-dimensional beauty — reinterpreting the celestial bodies with moving orbs and rotating elements on the dial. Although astronomical clocks have long been a part of watchmaking history, these newest wristwatches elevate the category in out-of-this-world style.

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There is no denying that we have an insatiable desire to harness time. For centuries we have built instruments dedicated to keeping track of the passing hours, minutes and seconds. Today, however, with the availability of nano-technology, micro-machining, computer-aided designs and advancements in craftsmanship, the sky may be the limit to what watchmakers can achieve. In answer to the demands of a growing watch-collector culture, the foremost luxury watch brands are taking creativity, functions, features and design to incredible new heights.

Here, we bring you our selection of the top 50 watches of 2017. In the selection process, we laid out certain criteria: all watches shown must be new this year; they must not have been covered in our *Elite Traveler* pages earlier in the year; finally, knowing the discerning tastes of our readers, we put a minimum price allowed — all watches must retail for more than \$10,000. The timepieces portrayed in the ensuing pages are representative of the keen abilities of today's finest watch brands, and are guaranteed to make a mighty statement on the wrist.

VACHERON CONSTANTIN COPERNICUS CELESTIAL SPHERES

Deftly blending technology and craftsmanship, Vacheron Constantin's all-new Copernicus Celestial Spheres collection pays tribute to Nicolaus Copernicus and the great astronomical discovery, the theory of heliocentrism. This new collection is offered in three different dial versions and houses an original patent-pending caliber featuring peripheral hands. It reproduces the theory of heliocentrism with Earth's rotation during its yearly orbit around the sun (365.2423 days) and Earth's rotation on itself (24 hours). Incredibly precise, the "Earth" in this watch only needs to be adjusted every 8,000 years. This 18K white gold version features a hand-painted dial under layers of laser- and hand-engraved sapphire crystal.

\$93,500

Where to buy Contact Vacheron Constantin concierge, concierge.us@vacheron-constantin.com, +1 877 701 1755, vacheron-constantin.com



GRAHAM GEO.GRAHAM ORRERY TOURBILLON

From Graham, the manual Geo.Graham Orrery Tourbillon houses the Caliber G1800, a high-precision mechanical movement exclusively made for Graham by Christophe Claret. The 48mm watch with blue lacquered dial offers a 100-year calendar on the caseback, with two additional graduations of 100 years for 300 years of total calendar accuracy. The dial offers hours and minutes, Gregorian calendar (365.25 days) and zodiac calendar. The solar system is represented by different materials: moon by a fragment from the NWA4881 meteorite; Earth by Kingman Turquoise; and Mars by a fragment from Tissint meteorite. The sun is represented by a hand-engraved tourbillon bridge with two phoenix heads inspired by a George Graham decoration, with a close-set diamond at the center. Just eight pieces are being made.

\$330,000

Where to buy Feldmar Watch Company in Los Angeles, CA, contact Jamie Hayes, manager, jamie@feldmarwatch.com, +1 310 274 8016, graham1695.com



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BOVET RÉCITAL 20 ASTÉRIUM®

For the Récital 20 Astérium® Tourbillon, Bovet master watchmakers and artisans mapped out the stars and constellations visible from Earth on a dome of translucent blue quartz, laser-engraved and coated in Super-LumiNova® to create a dazzling true-to-life sky. The watch offers retrograde minutes, seconds hand on the tourbillon, equation of time, precise moonphase indicator, solstice and equinox indicator, astrological zodiac and power reserve indicator. The night sky and sidereal indications are governed by an annual calendar mechanism that is on a 365.25-day cycle to reflect the true duration of a full terrestrial orbit. The watch holds two patents, including a double-face tourbillon. The reverse side of the 46mm case features the annual calendar. Just 60 pieces will be made.

\$350,000

Where to buy Bovet in New York, +1 212 257 5015, bovet.com

BREGUET MARINE ÉQUATION MARCHANTE 5887

This grand complication wristwatch pays tribute to the fact that the brand's founder, Abraham-Louis Breguet, was appointed the official horologist to the French Royal Navy by King Louis XVIII in 1814. Crafted in 18K white gold, the triple-complication timepiece features a tourbillon, perpetual calendar and offers a running equation of time to show the difference between average and real solar time. The running equation of time is displayed via a central hand on the main dial. That main dial is a study in elegance, with a center blue wave pattern and concentric outer rings for indication of the date and time. The bridges of the movement are engraved with a French navy vessel, and the case back allows for viewing of the movement. This high-complication watch offers 80 hours of power reserve.

\$230,400

Where to buy Breguet in New York, +1 646 692 6469, breguet.com



JACOB & CO ASTRONOMIA SOLAR

Jacob & Co sets a new milestone in its representation of the Earth within the solar system with this reproduction of eight planets on a dial around a majestic sun, formed by a citrine displaying the 288 facets of the Jacob Cut®. The hand-engraved Earth rotates around its axis once every 60 seconds and makes one complete revolution of the dial in 10 minutes, as do the flying tourbillon and the hours and minutes subdial, all three forming an assembly. The hand-wound 447-part JCAM19 caliber is faster than any of the previous movements in the Astronomia collection. By rotating 360° clockwise in 10 minutes while the aventurine base turns counter-clockwise at the same speed, it creates a captivating view of our solar system. The 44.5mm watch is crafted in 18K rose gold.

\$280,000

Where to buy Jacob & Co in New York, info@jacobandco.com, +1 212 719 5887, jacobandco.com

LOUIS MOINET SPACE MYSTERY

Louis Moinet's Caliber LM48 Space Mystery is the world's first 'satellite tourbillon®' watch. The large-sized tourbillon cage is balanced by a planet that orbits around it, and both seem to float in space between two sapphire crystals. The stunning blue dial, called 'Magic Blue,' is obtained via a secret manufacturing process. Like many Louis Moinet timepieces, Space Mystery includes authentic fragments of a meteorite from the far-flung regions of space. The meteorite is placed at 9 o'clock on the dial. It is made in four versions (18K rose or white gold, with and without engravings) and is limited to just eight pieces of each.

\$195,000

Where to buy Provident Jewelry in Jupiter, FL, contact Nick Linca, managing partner, +1 561 747 4449, louismoinet.com

Calendars

One of the more useful functions on wristwatches today is the calendar, which keeps track of the day, date, month and more, depending on the type of calendar movement. These watches are also classic and quite beautiful in looks, especially if they feature a moonphase indication. There are three types of calendar watches: complete calendars that need to be adjusted in months that are not 31 days; annual calendars that need to be adjusted in the short month of February; and perpetual calendars. The more complicated perpetual calendar tracks and automatically changes the date at the end of each month — taking into account the varying lengths. In short, its complex mechanics recognize whether a month has 28, 30 or 31 days. It even tracks leap years. Perpetual calendars generally do not need a single adjustment until the year 2100, when the leap year that should happen will not occur in order to keep consistent with the Gregorian calendar.



CHOPARD LUC LUNAR ONE

In its continued commitment to precision and fine craftsmanship, Chopard unveils an all-new LUC Lunar One version — crafted in a material worthy of the caliber: 950 platinum. The perpetual calendar model with astronomical moonphase display also features a deep blue sunray-patterned multi-level dial. The unique moonphase subdial at 6 o'clock depicts a dark blue sky studded with stars of the northern hemisphere, as well as an orbital moon that imitates the path of the evening star. The display offers such astronomical precision that it will take 122 years to accumulate a one-day time lag compared to the actual moon. The 43mm platinum watch with 355-part movement is equipped with a micro-rotor and carries the Hallmark of Geneva. It is also a COSC-certified chronometer. Just 100 pieces will be made of the Luc Lunar One.

\$69,260

Where to buy Chopard in New York, +1 212 223 2304, chopard.com

PATEK PHILIPPE REF 5320G

This year, Patek Philippe indulged in true classic elegance with the Reference 5320G Perpetual Calendar with moonphases. Inspired by several watches the brand produced in the mid-1900s, including one that is in the brand's museum in Geneva, the watch is crafted in 18K white gold with a cream lacquered dial for vintage appeal. The piece features gold applied numerals outlined in black with luminescent coating within, as well as luminescent hands. The day and date indication at 12 o'clock balances beautifully with the moonphase disk and date indication at 6 o'clock, with leap-year indication to the right. The watch is powered by the mechanical self-winding caliber 324 S Q with perpetual calendar module.

\$82,784

Where to buy Patek Philippe at Gearys in Beverly Hills, contact Daniel Chen, store director, +1 310 887 4250, patek.com

A LANGE & SÖHNE 1815 ANNUAL CALENDAR

German watch brand A Lange & Söhne is a master of complex calibers. The new 1815 Annual Calendar watch features a manually-wound movement. A button at 2 o'clock collectively advances all indications, while three recessed push pieces allow separate corrections of the day, month and moonphase. For the first time in an A Lange calendar model, the date can also be separately advanced with an additional recessed push piece. A sapphire-crystal caseback allows for viewing of the 345-part movement, with complete ratchet and crown wheels visibly integrated into the German-silver three-quarter plate. The watch is crafted in 18K white gold and features a solid silver dial.

\$36,600

Where to buy Available at A Lange & Söhne in New York, +1 646 828 3150, alange-soehne.com

IWC DA VINCI PERPETUAL CALENDAR CHRONOGRAPH

The new Da Vinci Perpetual Calendar Chronograph represents the first IWC in-house-made movement, the 89630 caliber, to combine the double chronograph counter with moonphase system, both on a single subdial at 12 o'clock. The moon remains stationary against the night sky, while the moonphase disc below the dial, acting as a shadow of the Earth, depicts the waxing and waning moon. The perpetual calendar is so precise that in the course of 577.5 years, the display will deviate by just one day from the moon's actual course. For the chronograph, the hour and minute counters are combined in a totalizer that enables stopped times to be read off as if they were the time of day. The 43mm stainless steel watch is finished with a black leather strap by Santoni. A sapphire crystal caseback reveals the complex movement.

\$29,900

Where to buy IWC in New York, +1 212 355 7271, iwc.com

GLASHÜTTE ORIGINAL SENATOR EXCELLENCE PERPETUAL CALENDAR

Demonstrating a unique design approach to the perpetual calendar, Glashütte Original turns out a truly contemporary piece. The Senator Excellence Perpetual Calendar features a harmoniously balanced dial with leap-year indication at 12 o'clock via a small aperture, the month at 2 o'clock, the brand's iconic Panorama Date at 4 o'clock, the moonphase indication at 8 o'clock and the day of week at 10 o'clock for a full look around the dial. The 42mm case is beautifully crafted in satin-polished rose gold. At the brand's Saxony, Germany, manufacture, each watch is subjected to a series of rigorous tests over a period of 24 days, under conditions even more demanding than those of the German chronometer test. A special engraving on the caseback serves as the seal of quality, and each owner is provided with the test results for their own watch.

\$37,100

Where to buy Available at Tourbillon in Short Hills, NJ, +1 973 564 5864, glashuette-original.com

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Chronographs

More than 100 years ago, the hand-held stopwatch was the only method of timing horses in races, or other intervals of time. Then watchmakers found ingenious ways to build the stopwatch into a pocketwatch and then a wristwatch. Today, chronograph watches — timepieces that measure continuous or discontinuous intervals of time — are among the most beloved on the market. One of the most alluring factors about a chronograph is its look: these watches typically have multiple subdials on the main dial, and are often boldly accented with color to offer an energetic appeal. A basic chronograph has an independent sweep seconds hand and typically hour counters (or totalizers) and minute counters. The amount of time a chronograph can track varies depending on the watch. There are several different types of chronographs, and many offer added functions such as altimeters for measuring altitude, tachymeters for measuring speed, and even pulsometers to measure, yes, the number of heartbeats per minute.

ZENITH EL PRIMERO FULL OPEN

The 42mm El Primero Full Open chronograph is equipped with the brand's famed El Primero caliber 400B, containing 326 individual components and beating at 36,000 vibrations per hour. The movement is semi-skeletonized for added beauty. Crafted in stainless steel and 18K gold, the chronograph features a central seconds hand, 12-hour totalizer and 60-minute totalizer, as well as running seconds in a subdial at 9 o'clock and the date at 6 o'clock.

\$11,200

Where to buy Tourneau TimeMachine in New York, contact Michael Gordon, boutique director, +1 212 758 7300, zenith-watches.com

CARL F BUCHERER MANERO FLYBACK

The 43mm Manero Flyback in 18K rose gold is perfect for the modern gentleman who loves refined technology. It exudes a classic, pure style, while offering the useful ability to measure consecutive short time intervals with its flyback function, meaning at the end of the start/stop process the chronograph minute and seconds hands fly back to their original position to begin timing again without the need to press a reset button. The Manero Flyback chronograph is powered by the sophisticated CFB 1970 caliber, an automatic movement with a power reserve of 42 hours.

\$18,000

Where to buy London Jewelers in Manhasset, NY, +1 516 627 7475, carl-f-bucherer.com



MONTBLANC TIMEWALKER CHRONOGRAPH RALLY TIMER COUNTER

Montblanc presents an innovative timepiece in a limited edition of 100 pieces. It can easily be converted from a wristwatch into a pocket watch or a dashboard clock. The manufacture caliber MB M16.29 with a monopusher chronograph was inspired by the Minerva caliber from the 1930s, and the chronograph's 30-minute counter at 12 o'clock is vertically aligned with the small seconds subdial at 6 o'clock. The red chronograph seconds hand runs in central position along a tachymeter scale. The satin-finish titanium case with DLC coating on the flank measures 50mm in diameter.

\$33,600

Where to buy Montblanc in New York, +1 212 223 8888, montblanc.com



PARMIGIANI FLEURIER BUGATTI AÉROLITHE PERFORMANCE

The Parmigiani Fleurier Bugatti Aérolithe Performance features a titanium case with laser engraving for meticulous finishing. This watch is all about high performance. It is equipped with a double tachymeter, with km/hour indications in red and mph in blue, both of which recall the colors of Bugatti. The proprietary PF335 movement, with flyback chronograph module and Côtes de Genève finishing, powers the watch.

\$22,900

Where to buy Le Studio Parmigiani Fleurier in Miami Design District, FL, contact Brunno Paciotti, boutique manager, brunno.paciotti@parmigiani.com, +1 786 615 9656, parmigiani.ch



TAG HEUER CARRERA HEUER-02T

The newest TAG Heuer Carrera Heuer-02T watch is a glamorous take on its tourbillon. The highly technical timepiece combines a lightweight tourbillon handcrafted in titanium and carbon with the brand's specialty: the chronograph. The manufacture movement features black skeleton bridges and is a COSC-certified chronometer. The 45mm watchcase is crafted of grade 5 titanium with a white gold bezel set with 68 baguette diamonds.

\$64,650

Where to buy Tag Heuer in Las Vegas, +1 702 380 2820, tagheuer.com



BREITLING NAVITIMER RATTRAPANTE

Breitling has long been known as a brand producing performance instruments for professionals, which it demonstrates here with its own proprietary split-seconds chronograph movement — one of the most sophisticated horological complications. The Manufacture Breitling Caliber B03 split-seconds chronograph holds two patents and enables timing of different events that begin at the same time but end at different times. To present this technical in-house-made caliber, Breitling turns to the famed Navitimer case in steel or gold with an exclusive Panamerican bronze-colored dial.

\$10,840

Where to buy Breitling in New York, Jaclyn Nation, boutique manager, jaclyn.nation@breitlingusa.com, +1 855 999 1884, breitling.com

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Complicated Horology

When things get complicated in a timepiece, it is a good thing. In fact, complicated watches are the benchmark of high horology, and top watch brands continually set new standards of excellence in this field. A complication is defined as a function other than time-telling that is added to a watch. Sometimes the added function is regarded as a small complication, such as GMT and world timers. Other times, the complication is more complex, such as a minute repeater or chiming watch, or an automaton. Additionally, there are grand complications, wherein multiple functions come together in a single watch. Long considered a complication because it aids in precision, the tourbillon (an escapement that compensates for errors in timekeeping due to the effects of gravity on the wrist) has come under scrutiny by some watch pundits today, who argue that the tourbillon does not bring an added “function” to the watch and so should not be in the complicated category. However, the constantly moving, mesmerizing escapement helps to improve precision and has been honed to such degrees that many brands offer multiple escapements in one watch, and multiple axes within a single escapement. For this reason, we include the tourbillon in our complicated picks.

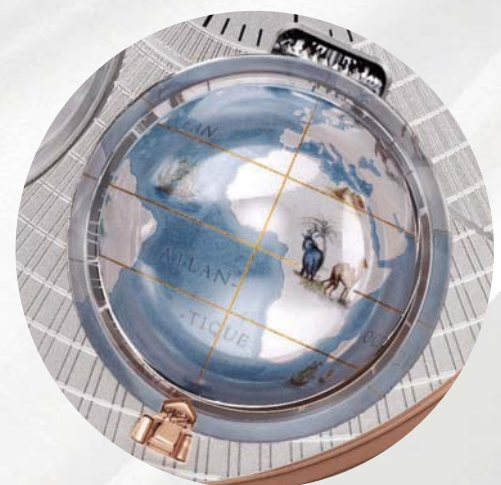


JAEGER-LECOULTRE GEOPHYSIC TOURBILLON UNIVERSAL TIME

The platinum Geophysic Tourbillon Universal Time underscores Jaeger-LeCoultre’s sophisticated watchmaking expertise. The watch is equipped with an orbital flying tourbillon, as well as a world time indication. The world time is displayed in 24 time zones, which are represented by a city from each time zone. The flying tourbillon, which indicates the seconds, completes one turn of the dial every 24 hours, moving the world map with it. The continents are brushed silver and the oceans are guilloché blue lacquer.

\$145,000

Where to buy Jaeger-LeCoultre, in New York, contact Sheila Stover, boutique manager, sheila.stover@jaeger-lecoultre.com, +1 646 828 4328, jaeger-lecoultre.com



GIRARD-PERREGAUX PLANETARIUM TRI-AXIAL

The Planetarium Tri-Axial is one of the very few triple-axis tourbillons in the watch industry. It defies gravity with the high-speed rotation of its tourbillon. The watch also features a three-dimensional terrestrial globe that rotates once every 24 hours. In addition to the triple axis tourbillon and the rotating globe, the watch offers off-centered hours and minutes, day and night indicator, and moon phase indication. The case features a crystal aperture on the side to admire the tourbillon.

\$291,000

Where to buy Montecristo in Vancouver, Canada, +1 604 263 3611, girard-perregaux.com



HUBLOT MP-09 TOURBILLON BI-AXIS

A sensational work of technology, aesthetics and innovation, the Hublot MP-09 Tourbillon Bi-Axis offers grand visibility of the tourbillon escapement at the 6 o'clock position on the unusually shaped watch. To create this timepiece, Hublot's master technicians first designed the movement and then built a case around it. The self-winding mechanical caliber features a biaxial tourbillon that completes a rotation once per minute for the first axis and once every 30 seconds for the second axis for a constantly whirling effect. The watch also features an innovative date corrector. The multi-level dial indicates hours, minutes and date. The watch is crafted in Hublot's proprietary 18K King Gold.

\$211,000

Where to buy Hublot in New York, contact Oren Agai, boutique director, o.agai@hublot.com, +1 646 582 9813, hublot.com



GREUBEL FORSEY ART PIECE 2 EDITION 2

Greubel Forsey has long been a leader in innovation. Its newest hand-wound Art Piece watch features a patented Double Tourbillon 30° (meaning the double tourbillon escapement is inclined at a 30-degree angle) that is designed to take center stage as a piece of art. In this watch, time is secondary, and it features a push-piece that needs to be activated in order to obtain the indication of the hours and minutes on the subdial at 5 o'clock. The power reserve indicator is shown via a long hand that reaches from the hours/minutes to the left portion of the dial at 7 o'clock. The concept behind the watch is to be more concerned with the time remaining than with the current time. Signed by Robert Greubel and Stephen Forsey, the Art Piece 2 will be limited in production to just a few pieces per year.

\$540,000

Where to buy Contact Carol McGuinness, Time Art Distribution, +1 212 221 8041, greubelforsey.com

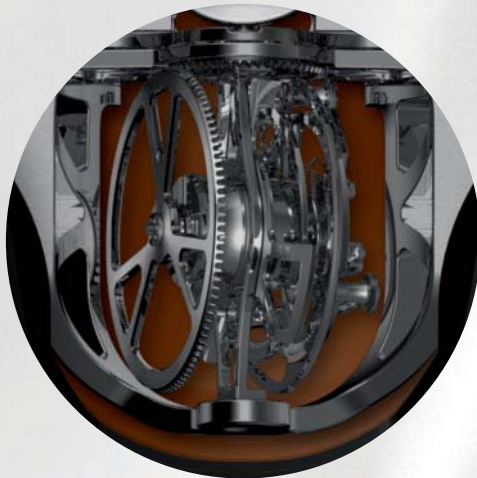


HARRY WINSTON HISTOIRE DE TOURBILLON 8

Harry Winston's newest Histoire de Tourbillon 8 is the eighth in a series of incredibly complex tourbillon timepieces that the brand regularly develops. This 51mm watch is offered this year in two colorways, anthracite and red, and the one we love most is the red version. The watch houses the mechanical manual-wind 4503 caliber consisting of a staggering 534 parts. The partially open-worked movement has two biaxial tourbillons rotating at different times (45 seconds for the interior cages and 75 seconds for the exterior cages). Connected by a spherical differential, the tourbillons counteract the effects of gravity no matter what position the wrist is in. Equipped with two barrels and three springs, the watch offers 55 hours of power reserve. The case is crafted in 18K white gold. Just 10 pieces will be made of the red version.

Price on request

Where to buy Harry Winston in New York, +1 212 399 1000, harrywinston.com



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High-Jeweled Beauties

Perhaps no other timepiece in the world makes such a glimmering statement as a high-jeweled watch. These masterpieces are true objects of art that offer breathtaking beauty and value for generations to come. It should be noted that these high-jeweled watches are not easy to create. In some instances, watch brands have developed special stone settings that enable the diamonds and gemstones to shimmer in new and different ways. Additionally, it can take hundreds of hours for a master artisan to prepare the watch — gently working the metal into the proper shapes — for gem setting. It then takes a master gem setter a few hundred more hours to individually set each stone with such precision that when the finger runs across the jewel, there is no gap, no uneven edge, only smoothness. Often, the most elaborately set pieces take months to complete.



GRAFF MASTERGRAFF FLORAL TOURBILLON

Once again the master artisans at Graff Diamonds marry complex watchmaking with elaborate diamond setting and enamel work in this beautiful MasterGraff Floral Tourbillon. The 36mm 18K white gold watch features a dial adorned with enamel-painted flowers that rotate on themselves via a complex series of gears and wheels. The enamel process for the unique blooms is time consuming, and a single dial can take up to 50 hours to complete. The movement displays a tourbillon with floral motif at 5 o'clock, and offers hours, minutes and animated flowers at 8 o'clock, 9 o'clock and 12 o'clock. It is offered in a Tahitian blue dial or an orange/pink mother-of-pearl version.

\$195,000

Where to buy Graff Diamonds in New York, +1 212 355 9292, graffdiamonds.com

AUDEMARS PIGUET HAUTE JOAILLERIE DIAMOND OUTRAGE

The Haute Joillerie Diamond Outrage is an audacious statement of diamond setting and gold working. The final piece in the ultra-contemporary trilogy of high-diamond watches from Audemars Piguet, the white gold cuff watch features a complex rendition of more than 40 spikes of varying heights, all meticulously set with brilliant- and baguette-cut diamonds. The icicles that form during the winter in the Jura Mountains in Switzerland inspired the shape. The watch dial is a secret hidden beneath diamond-set spikes. In total, there are 9,923 brilliant-cut diamonds weighing 50.06 carats and 354 baguette-cut diamonds weighing 15.85 carats.

Price on request

Where to buy Audemars Piguet in New York, contact Susan Wallace, boutique manager, +1 212 688 6644, audemarspiguet.com



CVSTOS RE-BELLE SAKURA

From Swiss brand Cvstos, this Re-Belle Sakura watch recalls the early days of spring in Japan, where the cherry trees (*sakura*) blossom in all their pink glory. The dial of the tonneau-shaped 18K rose gold watch is multi-dimensional. The background is meticulously set with diamonds and enamel forms the branches of the sakura tree, which has individually-crafted gold and enamel blossoms. The case is also paved with diamonds. In total 408 stones weighing 3.9 carats grace the piece. An automatic Cvstos Caliber 551 movement — with hours, minutes, seconds, date and second time zone read off of the rotating flower at 6 o'clock — powers the beautiful watch.

\$40,000

Where to buy Contact Arda Matatyan, +1 212 463 7045, cvstos.com



CARTIER PANTHÈRE ROYALE DE CARTIER

A breathtaking statement of nature and elegance, the Panthère Royale de Cartier features the brand's iconic panther realized in all its glory sitting atop the small watch dial, looking regally backward against six rows of concentric circles set with diamonds. Created in 18K white gold, the 36mm watch has an inset silvered sunray-effect dial showing hours and minutes at 6 o'clock. Finally, the entire bracelet is set with 10.43 carats diamonds.

Price on request

Where to buy Available by appointment, +1 800 227 8437, cartier.com

H MOSER SWISS ALP WATCH ON THE ROCKS HONORABLE MENTION

Independent brand H Moser & Cie offers a creative take on time with this exquisite watch. Naming it Swiss Alp Watch On The Rocks, the brand plays with the rugged terrain of the Alps, with diamonds as rocks, and interprets the stones in an ice-cube shape to reflect the winters in Switzerland. The dial of the cushion-cornered 18K white gold rectangular case is set with 232 baguette-cut sapphires weighing 17.89 carats, and the case is set with 420 baguette-cut diamonds weighing 18.12 carats. The stunning watch houses the hand-wound HMC 324 caliber with four days of power reserve.

Approximately \$700,000

Where to buy Horology Works, contact Mike Margolis, mmargolis@horologyworks.com, +1 860 986 9676, h-moser.com



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Innovations

Sometimes a watch is born that surprises us with its unusual features that just don't seem to fit a single category. For instance, sometimes the watch performs a function that is intriguing, but not necessarily a complication. Other times, the watch company has delved so deeply into new technology or new materials that the innovation warrants strong attention. Here, we take a look at some of the more futuristic watches on the market this year, many of which are world-firsts.

MB&F HM6 ALIEN NATION

One of the newest creations from MB&F — easily one of the most innovative brands on the market — is the Horological Machine No 6 (HM6) Alien Nation. The HM6 Alien Nation is a series of four unique watches that are space-inspired. Marking a world-first for aliens in a watch, each timepiece actually features six extra-terrestrials carved in 18K gold by artisan Olivier Kuhn. In addition to the five placed around the movement that are visible through the entirely transparent sapphire case, the sixth alien is the pilot and he can be seen manning the bridge atop the movement. Adding cosmic glow to complete the theme, each of the four watches is finished with a mixture of Super-LumiNova and AGT Ultra by Black Badger, and glow in the dark in one of four colors: blue, green, turquoise, purple.

\$500,000

Where to buy A collector snapped up all four pieces, but its innovation can't be denied.

BVLGARI OCTO FINISSIMO AUTOMATIC

This year Bulgari set a new world record in the watch industry by unveiling the world's thinnest automatic watch: Octo Finissimo Automatic. The slimmest ultra-thin self-winding watch on the market to date has a thickness of just 5.15mm — the equivalent of 2-3 letter envelopes stacked. The in-house-made self-winding movement, Caliber BVL 138, measures 2.23mm in thickness, features a platinum micro-rotor and offers 60 hours of power reserve. The 40mm watch is crafted in sandblasted titanium and features a small seconds hand in addition to hours and minutes.

\$13,900

Where to buy Bulgari boutiques nationwide, contact Anita Paredes, +1 800 285 4274, bulgari.com

SLIM D'HERMÈS L'HEURE IMPATIENTE

The Slim d'Hermès L'Heure Impatiente features a new complexity that is the first of its kind. Designed by Hermès with master watchmaker Jean-Marc Wiederrecht of Agenhor, the L'Heure Impatiente (the Impatient Hour) allows the wearer to anticipate an upcoming event, meeting or moment via a whimsical countdown that heralds the moment's arrival with a chiming sound. The system is easy to use, in that the wearer need only set the upcoming moment (within a 12-hour time frame) via a push button, then, an hour before the event is to occur, the countdown starts on a tiny subdial at 7 o'clock.

\$39,900

Where to buy Available at Hermès boutiques nationwide, hermes.com



FABERGÉ VISIONNAIRE CHRONOGRAPH

The House of Fabergé turns to master watchmaker Jean-Marc Wiederrecht of Agenhor for assistance in building unique complications. They've stepped up their game with the Visionnaire Chronograph watch with a movement that is unusual in its chronograph counter display. They usually indicate elapsed time on a series of subdials, but the Visionnaire displays the chronograph totalizers via concentric circles emanating from the center of the dial. Three years in the making, the movement, AGH 6361, features a central chronograph module with a patented clutch system inside. When the chronograph is activated, it tracks elapsed time and, when the chronograph is stopped, displays the elapsed hours, minutes and seconds via the center circles and gold hands. The 43mm watch has 60 hours of power reserve and comes in gold or steel with gold.

\$39,500

Where to buy Fabergé in London, contact Christopher MacDonald, sales@faberge.com, +44 207 491 7256, faberge.com

EMMANUEL BOUCHET EB02 AUTOMATIC

The alluring Emmanuel Bouchet EB02 Automatic features offset hours and minutes, slanted seconds on a subdial at 6 o'clock along with day/night indicator. The time indications are read off of a transparent sapphire and offer multi-dimensions to the intriguing dial. What really sets the watch apart, though, is the fact that the EB02 boasts the world's first dial-side diamond setting with no prongs or claws. In fact, the diamonds are positioned on unique cones floating inside the crystal sapphire dome. The system has a patent pending. It is the first automatic micro-rotor-powered caliber from Emmanuel Bouchet and the movement components are delicately decorated with perlage and Côtes de Genève techniques. This 18K white gold version features a mother-of-pearl dial.

\$59,000

Where to buy Provident Jewelry in Jupiter, FL, contact Nick Linca, nick@providentjewelry.com, +1 561 747 4449, emmanuelbouchet.com

ANDERSEN GENÈVE SPLIT- SECOND CHRONOGRAPH WORLDTIMER

Since 1979, Svend Andersen, master watchmaker, has been amassing a global following for his special timepieces. Collectors continually expect something new and unusual from him, and this year he doesn't disappoint. He unveils a new milestone in luxury watchmaking: the first mechanical split-second chronograph worldtimer. It's difficult to combine these complications, but Andersen achieves it via an ingenious multi-parts dial with the first rotating sapphire glass ring displaying the 24 time zones. As always at Andersen Genève, any specific personalization (such as changing the names of the cities) can be realized. The watch is crafted in 18K white gold with transparent caseback.

Approximately \$88,000

Where to buy Andersen Genève, bureau@andersen-geneve.ch, +41 227 324 374, andersen-geneve.ch

ARMIN STROM MIRRORED FORCE RESONANCE HONORABLE MENTION

A true technological innovation, Armin Strom's Mirrored Force Resonance watch is a complex piece that, due to its patented movement, increases accuracy by 30 percent. Several years in the R&D stages, the patented Caliber ARF 15 offers a stabilized going rate that translates to better accuracy and conserves energy with its dual regulators. Resonance is achieved via two independent mainsprings, gear trains, escapements and balances that are connected with a certain amount of distance between them. In this watch, Armin Strom developed a resonance clutch spring to connect the two sets of oscillators. While the first Mirrored Force Resonance watch was unveiled in late 2016, it is making its way to stores now in the new stainless steel version of the Armin Strom Mirrored Force Resonance.

\$54,000

Where to buy Feldmar Watch Company in Los Angeles, CA, +1 310 274 8016, arminstrom.com

INSPIRE TOP 50 WATCHES

Art on the Wrist

One undeniably beautiful aspect in watchmaking today is the concept of *Métiers d'Arts*, as watch brands continue to pull out all the stops when it comes to creative dial designs and the use of art in horology. Where a *Métiers d'Arts* dial of yesteryear focused on stunning hand-painted or enamel dials, today we have all of that and more. In addition to fine painting and enamel work, today's high-horology brands are unveiling watches with dials featuring sculpted gold, fine embroidery, marquetry of stones, wood, mosaics and even feathers. Indeed, the only limit on creativity in the *Métiers d'Arts* field is the artisan's self-imposed constraints, if he or she has any. Often these dials are created using microscopes and tiny single-hair brushes or other minuscule tools of the trade. It can take hundreds of hours to complete a single dial.

VAN CLEEF & ARPELS LADY ARPELS PAPILLON AUTOMATE

This year, Van Cleef & Arpels pulled out all the stops with its Lady Arpels Papillon Automate 40mm Poetic Complication watch that combines automatons and several types of *Métiers d'Arts*. The watch dial is a stunning array of diamonds, multicolored sapphires, mother-of-pearl, miniature painting and *champlevé*, *paillonné*, *plique-à-jour* and curved *plique-à-jour* enamel that all come together to form a butterfly amidst a breathtaking garden. Making the watch even more breathtaking is the fact that the butterfly is actually an automaton whose wings open and close — fluttering randomly one to four times in a row every couple of minutes when on the wrist. The wearer can also activate the butterfly with a push of a button. The 18K gold case and bezel is set with diamonds and the watch houses a self-winding mechanical movement.

\$290,000

Where to buy Available by appointment, +1 877 826 2533, vancleefarpels.com

PIAGET ALTIPLANO RADIANT FEATHER MARQUETRY

A work of beauty and nature, this 38mm 18K white gold Piaget Altiplano Radiant Feather Marquetry watch is ablaze with feathers. Colorful and alluring, the dial is crafted using feather marquetry with a mix of peacock, duck and rooster feathers that are partially covered in silver leaf.

The artisan must carefully select the right feathers — looking at shade, density and texture — for an end result that is unique and beautiful. Accenting the feather dial, the case is set with 78 brilliant-cut diamonds and peacock plumes adorn the strap. The watch is powered by the Piaget 430P ultra-thin hand-wound movement. Just 38 numbered pieces will be made.

\$47,000

Where to buy Piaget in New York, +1 212 246 5555, piaget.com

DIOR GRAND BAL PIÈCE UNIQUE GALAXIE PAVO

Always enthralled with the world of couture, gowns, ruffles and lace, the House of Dior this year unveils a special series of 10 unique watches that recall the beauty of the universe. The new pieces, such as this Galaxie Pavo watch, emulate a galaxy of twinkling stars. The watch is powered by the Dior Inverse caliber, which showcases the automatic oscillating weight of the watch dial-side. There, the brand can adorn the rotor with anything from feathers to gemstones. Since the rotor is always moving, the allure is magical. The 36mm gold Galaxie Pavo watch features a marquetry dial of pieces of Australian white opal in different hues. The white gold bezel is meticulously set with round-cut diamonds in a snow setting. The gold caseback features an engraving of the Pavo (peacock) constellation with inset round-cut diamonds. The watch houses the automatic Dior Inverse 11-1/2" caliber with 42 hours of power reserve. In total, the watch is set with 422 diamonds weighing 2.42 carats.

\$165,000

Where to buy Available by appointment at Dior in New York, +1 212 931 2950, dior.com



CHANEL MADEMOISELLE PRIVÉ COROMANDEL GLYPTIC

A unique piece, this Chanel Mademoiselle Privé Coromandel Glyptic watch embraces the brand's haute couture roots. Crafted in proprietary 18K beige gold, the watch is snow-set with 502 diamonds weighing 4.80 carats. The elaborate dial is created using glyptic and sculpted gold techniques. The flowers are raised and created in coral, while the leaves are painted. The ancient Chinese screens found in Coco Chanel's glamorous office in Paris inspire the design. An automatic movement with 42 hours of power reserve keeps the watch running.

\$219,200

Where to buy Available by appointment, +1 800 550 0005, chanel.com

JAQUET DROZ PETITE HEURE MINUTE PINK FLAMINGO

Jaquet Droz has long been a master at creative watches and dials, using rare stones, meteorites, fine painting, automatons on the dial and other techniques. The new Petite Heure Minute Pink Flamingo watch features a black Grand Feu enamel dial background with a vibrant flamingo painted on top. Crafted in 18K rose gold, the 39mm watch is set with 248 brilliant-cut diamonds. The dial is entirely painted by hand with the aid of a microscope, and it takes at least one week to produce each one-of-a-kind piece. Just 28 pieces will be made of this watch, each sold with a certificate of authenticity from the Ateliers d'Art, signed by the artist. A self-winding mechanical movement powers the watch.

\$39,400

Where to buy Manfredi Jewels in Greenwich, CT, Robert Weintraub, store manager, rob@manfredijewels.com, +1 203 622 1414, jaquet-droz.com



Clockwise from top left: Piaget Altiplano
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Glyptic; Dior Grand Bal Pièce Unique
Galaxie Pavo; Van Cleef & Arpels Lady
Arpels Papillon Automate

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TOP 50 WATCHES**



Skeletons

Because of their beauty and the way they enable almost transparent clarity, skeleton watches are incredibly coveted. Generally, skeleton watches are timepieces with a see-through crystal on the case front, caseback, or both that allows for viewing the watch movement. To create a skeletonized watch is no easy feat, as it is a delicate balance between removing too much metal and yet removing enough to make the caliber both a work of art and technology. Typically, the components in a skeleton watch are finely engraved and acutely chiseled, removing as much as 70 percent of the metal, but they must remain strong enough to do their jobs properly. Depending on the intricacy of the design, it can take weeks for a single artisan to carve the hundreds of tiny parts of the watch movement.

MANUFACTURE ROYALE ADN

From independent watch brand Manufacture Royale, this ADN skeletonized watch features independent dual time zones with flying tourbillon escapement. The MR09 caliber has skeletonized circular bridges that connect two independent time zones, which can be set to the minute. The local time is displayed via a patented jump-aperture hour system and sweeping minute hand at 12 o'clock. The home time is at 5 o'clock. The 46mm steampunk-inspired case complements the avant-garde look of the open-worked movement. Just 28 of this steel version on a rubber strap will be made.

\$90,300

Where to buy Contact Scott Rosen, US agent, +1 917 740 7785, manufacture-royale.com

CORUM GOLDEN BRIDGE ROUND 43

Corum's Golden Bridge is a legend in horology, and now the brand brings it full circle, creating new and unusual renditions. Featuring a linear baguette movement, CO 113 (the first and only in-line baguette movement on the market), the watch features a totally transparent sapphire crystal, caseback and case sides. It is enhanced with decorative architecture that recalls the Golden Gate Bridge. The motif and case are set with 6.56 carats of diamonds. Just 18 pieces will be made in 18K white gold.

\$136,000

Where to buy Bellusso Jewelers in Las Vegas, NV, +1 702 650 2988, corum.ch

ARNOLD & SON TOURBILLON CHRONOMETER NO 36

Instead of the see-through approach that some brands use, Arnold & Son skeletonizes its movement and sets it atop the mainplate so that all is visible from the dial side. The A&S8600 hand-wound movement is made of nickel silver and steel with 18K rose gold-treated bridges and mainplate. *Haute horlogerie* finishings include sand-blasted bridges with chamfered and polished edges, 18K gold chatons and more. The 46 mm 18K rose gold case has a see-through sapphire caseback. Just 28 pieces will be made.

\$56,550

Where to buy Cellini in New York, contact Leon Adams, owner, info@cellinijewelers.com, +1 212 888 0505, arnoldandson.com



DE GRISOGONO RETRO TOURBILLON SKELETON

A stunning watch, the new Art Deco-inspired De Grisogono Retro Tourbillon Skeleton with sapphire caseback and crystal offers a panoramic view of the elaborate movement. With an unusual horizontal format, the hand-wound caliber DG31.88 showcases the open-worked barrel, the gear train and tourbillon. The parts appear to be suspended in air between the geometrically shaped bridges. Just 25 pieces will be made in 18K white gold and 25 in 18K pink gold. **\$114,000**
Where to buy De Grisogono in New York, +1 212 439 4220, degrisogono.com



ROGER DUBUIS EXCALIBUR SPIDER PIRELLI AUTOMATIC SKELETON

As a result of an exclusive partnership with Pirelli, Roger Dubuis unveils the Excalibur Spider Pirelli Automatic Skeleton, with a strap that features rubber inlays from certified Pirelli winning tires that competed in actual races. Crafted in black DLC titanium, this 45mm watch is intricately worked, with a skeletonized movement consisting of 167 individual components and a micro-rotor highly visible through the sapphire crystal and case back. The watch is accented with a blue-and-black dial ring in Pirelli colors and the black rubber strap has a tread motif of a Pirelli Cinturato™ tire. It carries the Geneva Seal. The watch is one of a trilogy (there are also blue and red versions) and has the Hallmark of Geneva Seal.

\$66,500

Where to buy Roger Dubuis in New York, contact Marko Obrenovic, boutique manager, +1 212 651 3773, rogerdubuis.com



FRANCK MULLER VANGUARD GRAVITY SKELETON

Crafted in black titanium, this Franck Muller Gravity watch offers cutting-edge technology. The highly visible movement features bridges with concave and convex shapes, offering an exclusive and trademarked design. The bridges and the pillars of a traditional tourbillon have been turned into an elliptical circle with a 21.2mm diameter, giving the timepiece a three-dimensional aspect. The bridges and the plate have been entirely skeletonized with the aim of emphasizing the volume of its massive mechanism. The caliber is placed between two sapphire crystals. **\$130,000**

Where to buy Available by special order only, contact Arda Matatyan, +1 212 463 8898, franckmuller.com



HYT H4 NERO HONORABLE MENTION

Not your typical skeleton watch, HYT is no ordinary timepiece. HYT's hydromechanical horologists deftly blend mechanics and liquid within a wristwatch, wherein liquid that runs through a capillary powered by bellows indicates the time. On the HYT H4 Nero, the hours are indicated via a traditional hand at 12 o'clock, but to read the minutes, one must push a button and watch the liquid (green in this version) move around the rim of the dial to indicate the time. Additionally, H4 Nero is equipped with a light source under the dome: two purple LEDs that, when activated, flood the dial with fluorescent light. The fully mechanical watch has no batteries or electronics for this flood of light. The watch is open-worked to show the two multi-layer bellows that push the fluid through the capillaries. Just 15 pieces will be made. **\$95,000**

Where to buy Cellini in New York, contact Leon Adams, owner, info@cellinijewelers.com, +1 212 888 0505, hytwatches.com

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TOP 50 WATCHES

Sport Watches

Today's sport watches have come a long way from early examples, with many offering split-second timing, and made of ultra high-tech materials that can withstand water, pressure and shocks. The watches herein run the gamut from dive watches to sailing and auto-inspired timepieces, among others. Even better, though, the new designs enable you to enjoy wearing these watches whether or not you are a sports enthusiast in any particular category.



BREMONT AC35

Further developing its America's Cup range of timepieces, this year Bremont unveiled the AC35 watch, in an extremely limited run of 35 pieces in 18K rose gold, to honor 2017's 35th America's Cup. The AC35 incorporates Bremont's proprietary BWC/01 automatic movement with 50 hours of power reserve. Inspired by the J Class yachts of the 1930s, the watch features the brand's Trip-Tick® case construction and ensures water resistance to 100 meters.

\$22,495

Where to buy Bremont in New York, contact John Ianniello, US retail support, john.ianniello@bremont.com, +1 855 273 6668, bremont.com



OMEGA SPEEDMASTER RACING CO-AXIAL MASTER CHRONOMETER

Crafted in proprietary 18K Sedna gold, the new Speedmaster Racing Co-Axial Master Chronometer watch features the brand's distinctive alternating minute-track design on the dial, recalling the 1968 model that forever linked the brand to auto racing. The 44.25mm watch houses the caliber 9900/99001 movement with 60 hours of power reserve and co-axial chronograph chronometer with two registers. A blue bezel offers tachymeter scale for measuring speed.

\$24,600

Where to buy Omega in New York, +1 212 207 3333, omegawatches.com



ULYSSE NARDIN MARINE CHRONOGRAPH MANUFACTURE REGATTA

Ulysse Nardin releases a groundbreaking regatta chronograph in support of Artemis Racing, with which the brand partnered for the America's Cup races. The watch movement, Caliber UN-155, is equipped with a sweep countdown timer that can be set from one to 10 minutes for the critical moments before the race starts. However, as soon as the countdown is done, the 44mm watch automatically begins timing the race in a clockwise direction thanks to a bi-directional seconds hand. Crafted in stainless steel, the Marine Chronograph Manufacture Regatta is water resistant up to 100 meters and has a power reserve of three days.

\$15,900

Where to buy Ulysse Nardin in New York, contact Vivian Ariel, boutique manager, vivian@boutiques50cps.com, +1 212 257 4920, ulyссе-nardin.com



BLANCPAIN TRIBUTE TO FIFTY FATHOMS MIL-SPEC

Paying homage to its rich diving history, Blancpain unveils the 40mm stainless steel Tribute to Fifty Fathoms MIL-SPEC. It is powered by the in-house automatic caliber 1151 with silicon balance spring. The watch is equipped with a unidirectional rotating sapphire bezel, and the black dial features a circular water-tightness indicator similar to the designs of the 1950s. If liquid were to leak into the case, the disk would change color from white to red. The watch is water resistant to 300 meters and built in a limited edition of 500 pieces.

\$14,100

Where to buy Blancpain in New York, contact Andrew Handschin, store manager, +1 212 396 1735, blancpain.com



ROLEX OYSTER PERPETUAL COSMOGRAPH DAYTONA

One of the world's most iconic watches, the Rolex Oyster Perpetual Cosmograph Daytona is known for its connection with the world of auto racing. This year, three new versions of the Oyster Perpetual Cosmograph Daytona were debuted in 18K yellow gold, white gold or proprietary Everose gold. This yellow gold version is fitted with the brand's innovative Oysterflex bracelet in Elastomer, reinforced with a metal blade. The self-winding Manufacture Rolex movement 4130 powers the chronograph, which, like those found inside all Rolex watches, is also a Superlative Chronometer.

\$28,800

Where to buy Wempe in New York, +1 212 397 9000, rolex.com

PANERAI LUMINOR 1950 SUBMERSIBLE BRONZO

The Panerai Luminor 1950 Submersible Bronzo 47mm watch features a blue dial and bronze alloy case. Created in a limited edition of 1,000 pieces, the dive watch houses the p.9010 automatic caliber with three days of power reserve. It has a titanium caseback and a unidirectional rotating bezel, whose graduated scale is used for calculating immersion time while diving. The bezel also features ratchet clicks at one-minute intervals to help guard against errors in setting.

\$14,400

Where to buy Panerai in New York, contact Alicia Alizadeh, boutique manager, +1 212 223 1562, panerai.com



RICHARD MILLE RM 27-03 RAFAEL NADAL TOURBILLON

Unveiled in May of this year, the new Richard Mille RM 27-03 Rafael Nadal Tourbillon timepiece continues the collaboration between brand and famed tennis player (and nine-time winner of the French Open). The new watch is inspired by the clay courts of Roland-Garros and is crafted of ultra high-tech Quartz TPT®, achieved by impregnating fine layers of silica just 45 microns thick with tinted resin, according to a proprietary process achieved in tandem with the engineers at Richard Mille and North Thin Ply Technology. The RM 27-03 caliber incorporates a tourbillon that can withstand shocks up to 10,000 Gs and represents a new threshold. Only 50 pieces will be made.

\$725,000

Where to buy Richard Mille in Beverly Hills, +1 310 285 9898, richardmille.com



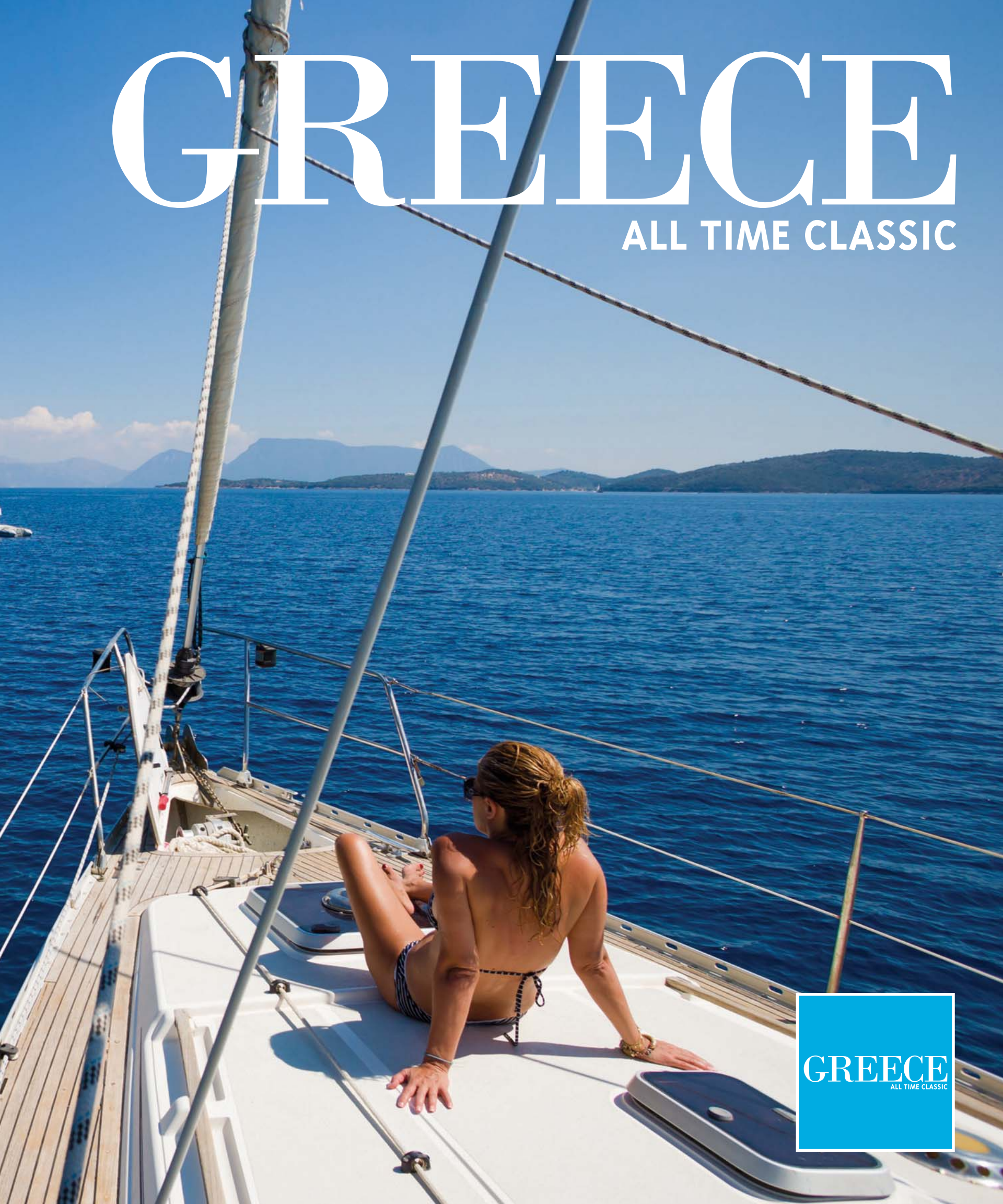


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Saluzi

THE YACHT TO CHARTER IF YOU HAVE A LARGE FAMILY

With an open-air cinema and karaoke bar, *Saluzi* is an ideal choice for charterers looking to entertain a buzzing family. The dive center complements an extensive tender and toy fleet that is jam-packed with the latest in on-water entertainment. We're more interested in practicing our golf swing on the driving range.

LOA in feet 226.4

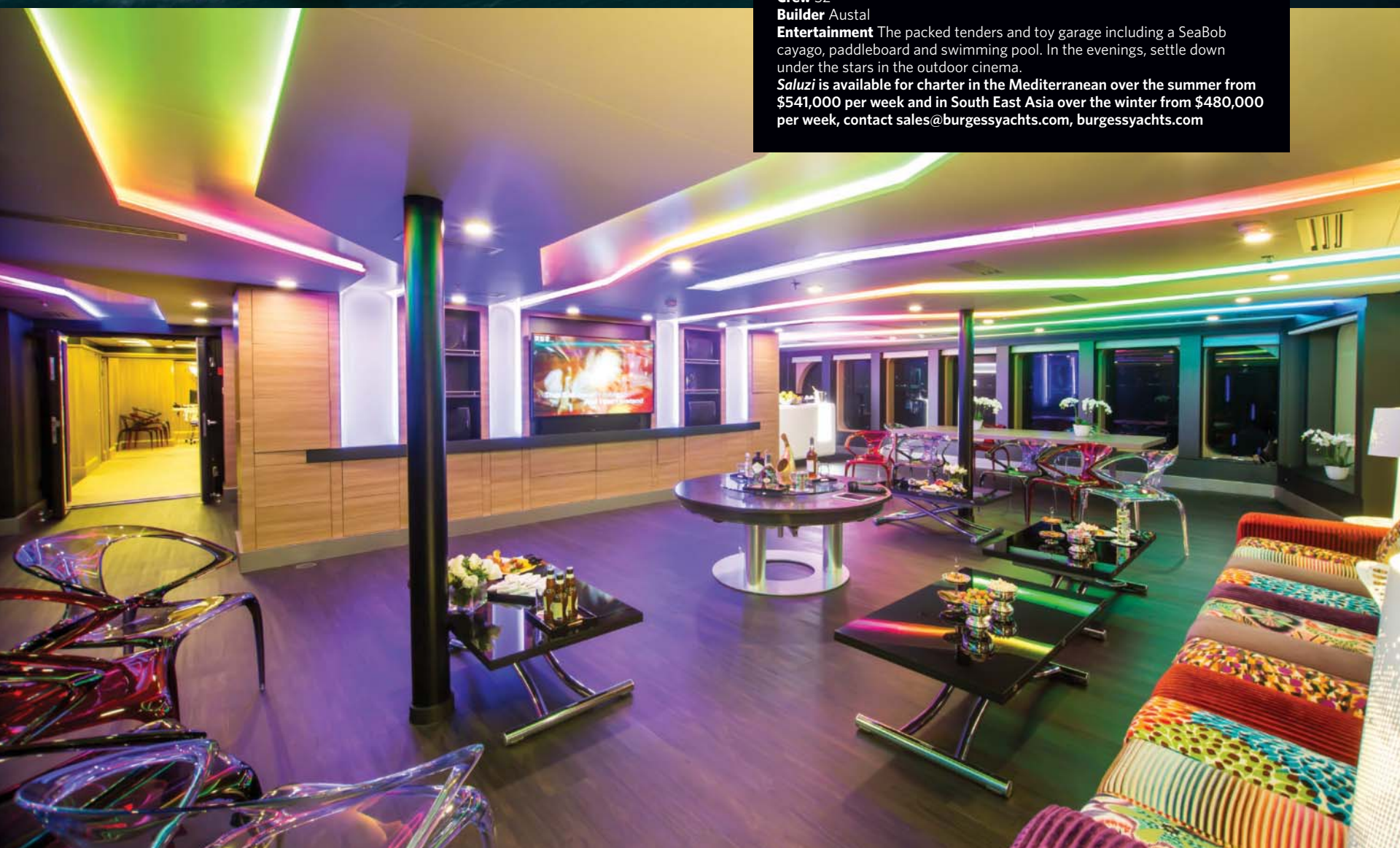
Guests 32 in 16 cabins

Crew 32

Builder Austal

Entertainment The packed tenders and toy garage including a SeaBob cayago, paddleboard and swimming pool. In the evenings, settle down under the stars in the outdoor cinema.

Saluzi is available for charter in the Mediterranean over the summer from \$541,000 per week and in South East Asia over the winter from \$480,000 per week, contact sales@burgessyachts.com, burgessyachts.com



Martha Ann

THE YACHT TO BUY IF YOU HAVE A LARGE FAMILY

This behemoth, built by northern European powerhouse Lürssen, has a classic interior by Italian designer François Zuretti and boasts incredible millwork of over \$18m in value. She has a voluminous interior over six decks, and an impressive split-level master suite with a private observation lounge.

LOA in feet 230

Guests 18 in seven cabins

Crew 22

Builder Lürssen

Entertainment The wet bar is a decadent addition and provides welcome solace from the sun. We'll have a dirty martini, please.

Martha Ann is currently available for purchase from \$79m, contact Frank Grzeszczak, listings agent, fg@iyc.com, +1 954 494 7096, and Katya Jaimes, listing agent, kjaimes@iyc.com, +1 646 369 4562, iyc.com



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Silver Fast

THE YACHT TO BUY IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE

Designed by the legendary Espen Øino, *Silver Fast* is a sleek, metallic, sexy showstopper with serious green credentials. Highlights include an incredibly generous owners' deck and the 'winter garden' which enables alfresco dining whatever the weather. Her shallow draft enables her to cruise in areas usually reserved

solely for much smaller vessels, and she also benefits from long-range cruising capability of around 20 knots.

LOA in feet 252.6

Guests 18 in eight cabins

Crew 18

Builder SilverYachts

Entertainment Two 24.2ft custom tenders, helipad, cinema room and spa facilities including Jacuzzi.

Silver Fast is currently available for purchase from \$89m, contact sales@burgessyachts.com, burgessyachts.com

Plan B

THE YACHT TO CHARTER IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE

A unique historical naval vessel that has completed three circumnavigations, *Plan B* is a globetrotting, adventure-seeking, bucket-list tick. Her young and lively crew will ensure you have an unforgettable experience and anyone that charters her will benefit from the owner's investment, both financial and emotional, in creating an explorer vessel that doesn't compromise on luxury.

LOA in feet 164

Guests 12 in five cabins

Crew 13

Builder Australian Navy

Entertainment Equipped with all the amenities you'd expect to find onboard a yacht of her size, all the entertainment you really need is the yacht herself and the fact that she is geared towards worldwide exploring.

Plan B is available for charter in the South Pacific from \$250,000 per week, contact Daphne d'Offay, senior charter manager, daphne@ocychts.com, +1 954 524 9366, oceanindependence.com



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Wally Love

THE YACHT TO BUY IF YOU WANT TO FEEL THE WIND IN YOUR HAIR

The effortlessly chic exterior lines that are archetypal of a Wally define this high performance maxi racer that is also a capable blue water cruiser. Her expansive, uncluttered deck has a sunken aft cockpit that forms a 'terrace on the sea' which allows the perfect space for sunbathing and relaxing.

LOA in feet 97.4

Guests eight in three cabins

Crew four

Builder Wally Europe

Entertainment Her easy sail handling is perfect for those that like to get behind the wheel and take control.

Wally Love is currently available for purchase from \$5.7m, contact experience@y.co, +44 207 584 1801, y.co





Caramia

THE YACHT TO CHARTER IF YOU HAVE A NEED FOR SPEED 

This stylish yacht, with a cruising speed of 32 knots and a maximum speed of 39 knots, is perfect for zipping around the Mediterranean. Ideal for coastal cruising, she has sunbeds both forward and aft, enabling guests plenty of space to soak up the sun.

LOA in feet 88.07

Guests Six in three cabins

Crew Three


Builder Arno

Entertainment She has a wealth of toys on board, but we'd suggest using her to breakfast in Monaco before heading to Le Club 55 for the afternoon.

Caramia is available for charter in the western Mediterranean from \$42,400 per week, contact Florence Xing, florence.xing@fraseryachts.com, +377 93 100 480, fraseryachts.com



Vertigo

THE YACHT TO CHARTER IF YOU WANT TO FEEL THE WIND IN YOUR HAIR 

The unexpectedly fashionable urban loft-style interior of *Vertigo*, care of Christian Liaigre has been combined with the pedigree of a Philippe Briand design to create this award-winning ketch. The yacht was built for an owner with young children, so is fully specified with toys, an easy-access beach club, and even a classroom for extended cruising periods.

LOA in feet 220.4

Guests 12 in five cabins

Crew 11

Builder Alloy Yachts

Entertainment Head to the aft deck for the open-air cinema, or jump into the 10-person Jacuzzi.

Vertigo is available for charter in the Mediterranean over the summer from \$245,000 per week (approximate price conversion), contact experience@y.co, +44 207 584 1801, y.co



Kuikila

THE YACHT TO BUY IF YOU HAVE A NEED FOR SPEED 

Kuikila knocks other yachts out of the water when it comes to her speed credentials. Able to reach 52 knots with ease, her sleek and powerful lines, indicative of her Italian heritage, further emphasize her exceptional speed capability.

LOA in feet 115

Guests 10 in four cabins

Crew Five

Builder Pershing

Entertainment Just hold on tight!

Kuikila is currently available for purchase from \$8m, contact Jan Jaap Minnema, sales broker, jj.minnema@fraseryachts.com, +377 93 100 457, fraseryachts.com



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THE YACHT TO BUY IF YOU'RE ALL ABOUT INTERIORS

The largest yacht to come out of the Sunseeker shipyard to date, *Blush's* upper deck features sliding glass panels that can be maneuvered to combine the sky lounge within and the aft deck to create a spacious area perfect for parties and entertaining.

LOA in feet 155

Guests 10 in five cabins

Crew 10

Builder Sunseeker

Entertainment *Blush* is a RYA certified jet ski training center and has two Sea-Doo jet skis on board to get to grips with.

Blush is currently available for purchase from \$24m, contact +377 979 777 00, camperandnicholsons.com



Chasseur

THE YACHT TO CHARTER IF YOU'RE ALL ABOUT INTERIORS

Built by highly respected US yard Christensen last year, *Chasseur* has an effortlessly chic interior created by Varo Interior Design and is packed with stunning artwork, sculptures and photography from favorites such as Terry O'Neill and Mathieu Nab.

LOA in feet 160.1

Guests 12 in six cabins

Crew 10

Builder Christensen

Entertainment The sense of calm that *Chasseur* embodies calls for intimate dinner parties and chic cocktail gatherings.

Chasseur is available for charter in the western Mediterranean over the summer from \$263,978 per week and in the Caribbean over the winter from \$224,000 per week, contact sales@burgessyachts.com, burgessyachts.com



Fair Lady

THE YACHT TO BUY IF YOU'RE A CLASSIC YACHTSMAN AT HEART

Built in 1928, this authentic yacht has been carefully maintained throughout the years and retains many of her original features. A welcoming and warm atmosphere is cultivated through the timeless use of mahogany and pear wood in the interior,

classic portholes throughout and comfy sofas perfect to sink into with a good book.

LOA in feet 121.1

Guests Eight in five cabins

Crew Six

Builder Camper & Nicholson's (UK)

Entertainment Whether you want a digestif around the card table, or to canoe into a remote cove, *Fair Lady* has you covered.

Fair Lady is currently available for purchase from \$6.9m, contact sales@burgessyachts.com, burgessyachts.com

Seawolf

THE YACHT TO CHARTER IF YOU'RE A CLASSIC YACHTSMAN AT HEART

Offering buckets of old-world charm and character, this classic explorer yacht specializes in diving adventures. You can get dive-certified aboard and she even has her own hyperbaric chamber and on-board medic for the more safety-conscious adventurer.

LOA in feet 193

Guests 12 in six cabins

Crew 15

Builder J & K Smits

Entertainment Dive beneath the surface, explore the underwater world, swim with dolphins and observe turtles in their natural habitat.

Seawolf is available for charter in the South Pacific over the summer from \$195,000 per week and in the Caribbean over the winter from \$195,000 per week, contact Dee Kralej, dee@yacht-zoo.com, +1 954 767 1035, yacht-zoo.com





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by Lauren Jade Hill

Presidential Penthouse Suite

WALDORF ASTORIA BEVERLY HILLS

Having only just begun welcoming guests, the new Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills set itself apart by reflecting the best of the Californian good life while providing uncompromised luxury. The most exclusive rooms here are the three huge penthouse suites; with the space of its interior and outdoor terrace combined, the Presidential Penthouse Suite takes up over 4,600 sq ft of space, high up on the hotel's top floor. Floor-to-ceiling windows open the space up even more, providing a private show at sunrise and sunset and letting light flood in throughout the day. Lavish design features such as Noir Saint Laurent marble flooring, a California king-sized bed, a private spa and home theater come together to complete the decadent experience.

Special amenities Home entertainment media room, fully-stocked kitchen, spa treatment sanctuary

Size 3,215 sq ft with 1,459 sq ft terrace

Number of bedrooms One

Nightly rate from \$20,000

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Mr. C Residences

MR. C BEVERLY HILLS

Marking a first for the Cipriani family, five exclusive residences have now been built beside the Mr. C Beverly Hills hotel, combining the exclusivity and appeal of a high-spec private home with the five-star amenities of the luxury hotel. Each residence is spread across four floors, exhibiting the contemporary design of accomplished architect Ray Kappe, with interiors created by the Italian designer Marcello Pozzi. As a result, the homes feature an exciting combination of modern Italian, mid-century American and Scandinavian furnishings. Each residence has its own gourmet kitchen and floor-to-ceiling windows that lead out to private terraces complete with hot tubs. A private elevator adds to each home's exclusivity, with sumptuous entertainment, kitchen and dining areas making them particularly well suited if you're in town for an extended stay.

Special amenities Private butler service, 24-hour concierge, in-residence chef service, in-residence spa treatments, personalized fitness instruction, private cabana reservations, use of the chauffeured house car

Size from 1,990 sq ft to 3,358 sq ft

Number of bedrooms Two

Nightly rate Mr. C Residences can be reserved as a hotel suite from \$1,500 per night or \$45,000 per month

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Wilshire Presidential Suite

BEVERLY WILSHIRE: A FOUR SEASONS HOTEL

Made famous by its starring role in *Pretty Woman*, the Wilshire Presidential Suite became one of Los Angeles's most coveted places to stay after providing the setting for many of the popular movie's scenes. Located on the hotel's eighth floor, the suite stretches across a vast 4,000 sq ft of the Wilshire Wing, offering panoramic views across Rodeo Drive and the Hollywood Hills. From the suite's light-filled grand entrance, you are led through to its private living room and library, dining room seating eight guests beneath a boat-shaped crystal chandelier, and adjoining kitchen. The master bedroom emanates grandeur too, with a canopy bed, walk-in closets and one of the suite's three marble bathrooms.

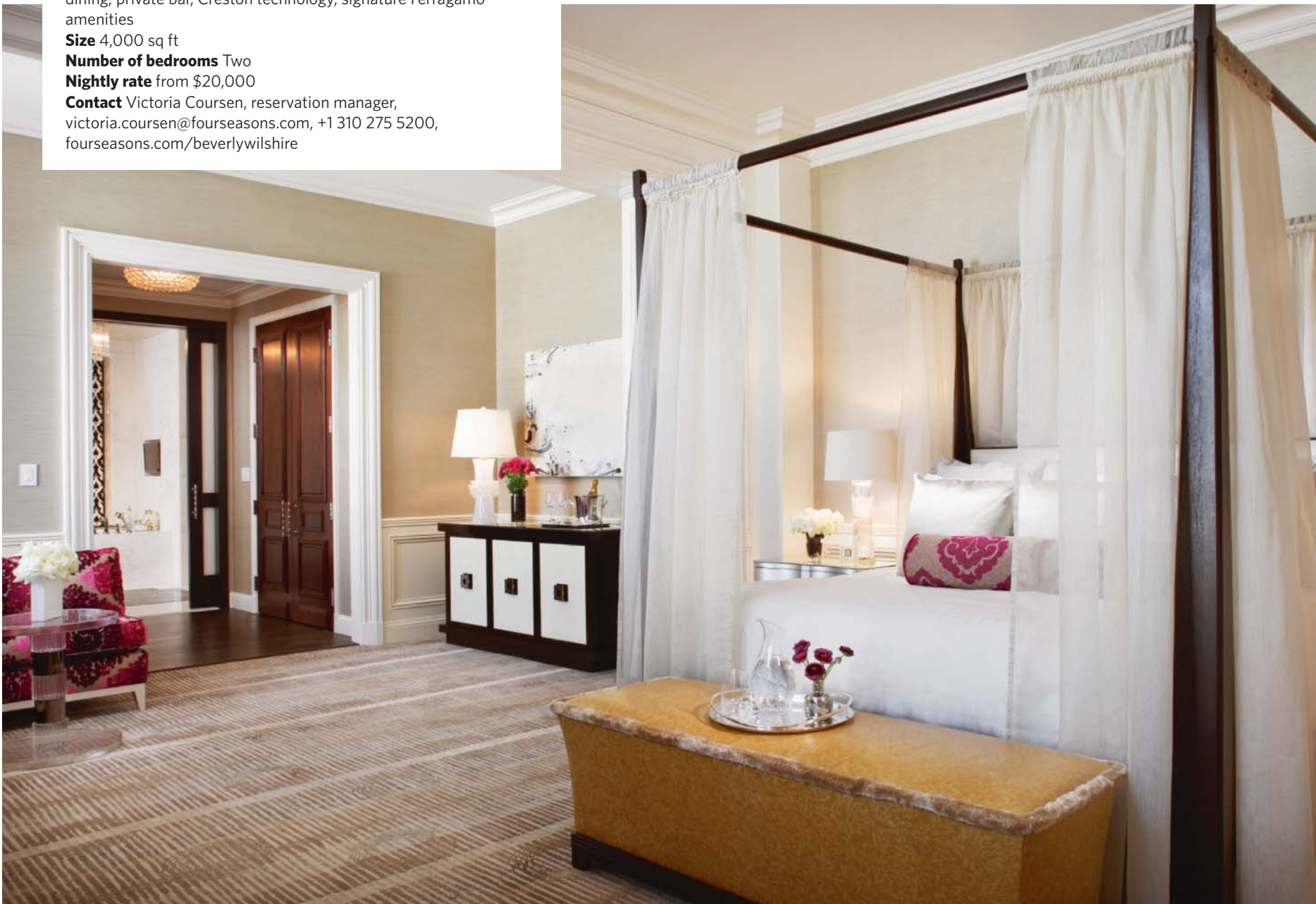
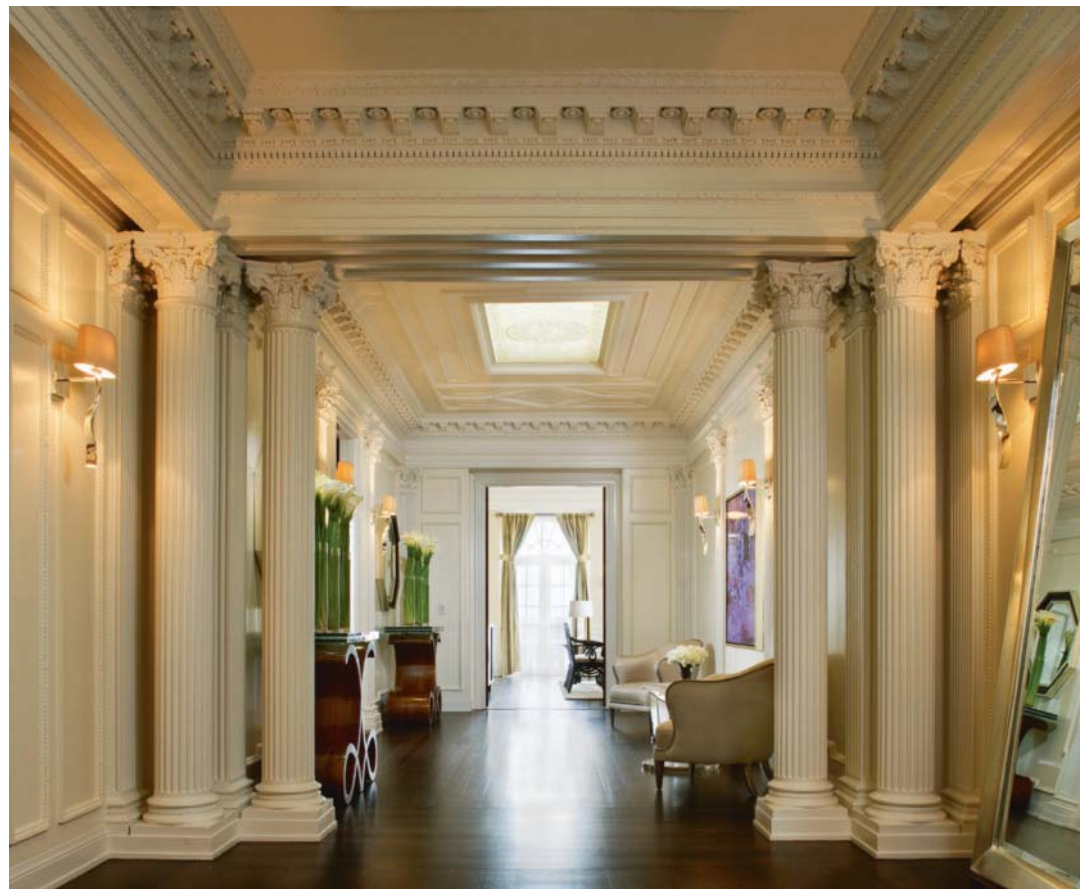
Special amenities 24-hour concierge, house car service, in-room dining, private bar, Creston technology, signature Ferragamo amenities

Size 4,000 sq ft

Number of bedrooms Two

Nightly rate from \$20,000

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fourseasons.com/beverlywilshire





Presidential Suite

HOTEL BEL-AIR

Manifesting mid-century southern Californian style, this standalone Presidential Suite immediately impresses with its splendor, while feeling like a private home; set in a secluded compound of the hotel's grounds, the suite has its own entrance. Previous guests have rented the space out for weeks at a time, with one even inquiring about reserving it for a whole year. Behind its pink facade, the elegant, light-filled interiors comprise luxurious leather and velvet upholstered furnishings, limestone floors and natural wood ceilings. French doors framed by sweeping arches lead out to the Spanish courtyard and private pool. The master bedroom and bathroom lead off the main living area, which has a fireplace, piano and glorious views across the garden. And with a chef's kitchen situated alongside the six-person dining room, the suite is ideal for hosting a meal with friends.

Special amenities Bang & Olufsen televisions, Anne Semonin toiletries, Fili D'oro bed linen, private office with integrated media hub, wet bar

Size 6,775 sq ft

Number of bedrooms One

Nightly rate from \$19,000

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Beach House Suite

SHUTTERS ON THE BEACH >

Sprawled across the top floor of Shutters on the Beach, the two-bedroom Beach House Suite makes the most of the hotel's sublime oceanfront setting. Benefiting from complete privacy as well as views of the shores and the ocean beyond, the suite's two balconies make this picturesque setting the star of the show. Made to feel like a Californian beach home, with the coastal architecture this hotel is characterized by, the suite exhibits the warmth of interior designer Michael Smith's work, integrating hardwood floors, exotic fabrics and handcrafted furnishings. With fireplaces situated in the spacious living and dining area, and in the bedroom, the space is especially cozy. Look out for original works by artists David Hockney and Roy Lichtenstein on display throughout the hotel.

Special amenities Hydrothermal massage tub, separate den, complimentary house car transfers

Size 1,350 sq ft

Number of bedrooms One

Nightly rate from \$6,500

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Montage Suite

< MONTAGE BEVERLY HILLS

Of the three presidential suites at Montage Beverly Hills, the Montage Suite stands out thanks to its furnished terrace that provides elevated views over the city's landscaped Beverly Canyon Gardens and the Hollywood Hills in the distance. The interiors are designed to reflect the romance of Hollywood through their timeless decor, distinguished by features such as a baby grand piano. Generous living space makes the Montage Suite perfect for entertaining, with a dining table that seats up to eight, and adjoining kitchenette with private valet access that can be used by the private chef. In addition, the suite has an office, just in case you need to work away from home. The Montage Suite can be combined with two Garden Terrace guest rooms and the Hollywood Suite to create a 5,000 sq ft, four-bedroom space.

Special amenities Personal butler service, in-suite private chef, in-suite spa services, access to the Rolls-Royce Ghost house car

Size 2,025 sq ft

Number of bedrooms One

Nightly rate from \$10,000

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Royal Patio Suite

THE PENINSULA BEVERLY HILLS

The spacious terrace of the Peninsula's Royal Patio Suite is its greatest claim to fame, allowing plentiful outdoor space for alfresco dining and entertaining. On entering through the suite's French doors, you are met with palatial interiors including a glamorous eight-person dining room featuring a crystal chandelier. Contemporary artworks are on display throughout each room in which a muted color scheme is complemented by rich upholstery and gilded detail. A full kitchen, marble-wrapped bathroom and privileged views over the hotel gardens and Century City, combine to make this suite particularly appealing.

Special amenities Complimentary use of Infiniti car, monogrammed pillowcases

Size 2,250 sq ft

Number of bedrooms One

Nightly rate from \$10,000

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Bungalow 5

THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL

Having famously had a special place in the heart of Hollywood star Elizabeth Taylor, who spent six of her eight honeymoons here, the recently redesigned suite draws on the actress's iconic style. Reminiscent of Hollywood's Golden Age and reflecting Taylor's English roots, the suite incorporates European furnishings and design accents such as a fireplace, floral mosaic and a color scheme of blue and gold. In addition to the master bedroom and its adjoining bathroom, living room with dining area and kitchen lie within the elegant space, but along with the nostalgia this suite inspires (guests enthuse that it brings Hollywood's legendary glamour back to life) it's the expansive patio and private pool that prove to be our highlight.

Special amenities Three adjoining bedrooms, welcome bottle of Krug champagne, Bang & Olufsen televisions

Size 1,310 sq ft

Number of bedrooms One

Nightly rate from \$8,000

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Presidential Suite

◀ VICEROY L'ERMITAGE BEVERLY HILLS

Newly renovated and turning heads as a result, the Presidential Suite at Viceroy L'Ermitage Beverly Hills now combines striking modern design with a classic muted color scheme and plush furnishings. Designed to feel like a luxury atelier, the sumptuous living space has decadent features such as a fireplace, sapphire chandelier and balconies overlooking Burton Way, as well as a spa treatment space and runway-style dressing room. Dine on the fine cuisine of executive chef Olivier Quignon in the 12-seat dining room, or make use of the suite's kitchen featuring Italian Dada cabinetry. And, complementing the fact that *Good Will Hunting*, *The Graduate* and *The Godfather* are believed to have been penned here, the suite houses its own private movie theater.

Special amenities Can be expanded from one to two bedrooms and bathrooms, Sferra linens, bathroom mirrors with inset TVs and Bose speakers, runway-style dressing room, in-suite spa treatment room
Size 3,700 sq ft

Number of bedrooms One

Nightly rate from \$25,000

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Royal Suite

INTERCONTINENTAL LOS ANGELES CENTURY CITY ▶

Situated on the famed Avenue of the Stars, InterContinental Los Angeles Century City provides an enviable base at the heart of the action, so it's only appropriate that the suites here are among the city's best too, hosting high profile guests such as Barack Obama, Steve Harvey and Condoleezza Rice. The most palatial guest room here is the Royal Suite, which spans 3,300 sq ft of the hotel's top floor. The two-bedroom suite has generous living and dining space with an LED fireplace, state-of-the-art entertainment technology, and separate library and office that doubles as an additional bedroom. A full kitchen, wine cooler and fully-stocked wet bar are all included within the space, along with a wraparound terrace that you'll love for the panoramic ocean views.

Special amenities Library, 55-inch and 60-inch flat screen televisions, LED fireplace, whirlpool tub and walk-in rain shower

Size 3,300 sq ft

Number of bedrooms Two

Nightly rate from \$8,000

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GUIDE TO **ST PETERSBURG**



Peter the Great was so enamored with the elegance of European cities and Venice's graceful waterways that, by sheer force of will, he transformed a marshland into one of the most beautiful cities on earth. In doing so, he did more than create a city that would be the imperial capital for 200 years and serve as the cultural center of Russia; he introduced Russia to the western world and opened it to the modern era. In his quest, he succeeded in designing what Unesco calls "the greatest urban creation of the 18th century" (the historic center is a Unesco World Heritage site). In the so-called Venice of the North, colorful baroque and neoclassical buildings lie in perfect harmony among 42 islands, nearly 400 bridges, numerous canals and the Neva River. The low-rise architecture allows landmark buildings such as St Isaac's Cathedral to soar above the imperial palaces, dramatically punctuating the skyline.

The spirit of Peter and the city's painful past — most notably the revolution of 1917 and the 900-day siege during World War II — are heavy presences throughout St Petersburg, and everywhere you turn there is something to learn. It's best to hire

a guide to navigate the city and fully understand its history, as well as to help you avoid "Soviet service." You might think that Russians would be closed to visitors in the current political climate, but on the contrary, you'll find warm and welcoming people, eager to speak with you and tell you about their lives, and even the lives of their parents and grandparents who experienced some of the 20th century's most significant events. While the White Nights of the summer might emit a siren call to visitors, it's best to avoid high season and go in late spring or early fall when the weather is still nice but the city isn't overrun. As Russia continues to push forward — see the controversial Lakhta Center, with what will be Europe's tallest building being constructed in the north-west of the city — we can only hope St Petersburg retains its magic and is protected for future generations to enjoy.

by **Kristen Shirley**



The Guide

Founder of Go Local SPb, Natalia Slavyanskaya is a St Petersburg native — it is said you can only call yourself a native if you have a family member who survived the siege — and is passionate about sharing the best of her city with her clients, just as she has for the past 15 years. In the off-season, she is a lecturer in English at the university, so you can be assured you'll find easy conversation and no language barriers. Personally vetted by *Elite Traveler*, she brings the city's history and culture to life in a fun and accessible way, and can provide special access to museums and events.

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CULTURAL COLLECTION

Orthodox cathedrals

There's no shortage of magnificent cathedrals in the city. Of course there's the famous St Isaac's Cathedral, which cuts an imposing figure in the city's skyline, offers superb city views from its colonnade, and inside boasts nearly every type of decorative art, including columns covered in malachite and lapis lazuli. But don't just stop there. The Cathedrals of Saints Peter and Paul, burial place of many members of the imperial family, date back to the city's founding in the early 1700s and its iconic needle spire can be seen throughout much of the city. Church of the Resurrection of Christ is a superb example of traditional Russian-style churches, with an elaborate facade, more than 80,000 sq ft of colorful mosaics and iconic onion domes. And beautiful Smolny Cathedral could appear atop a wedding cake with its pale blue-and-white walls and delicate domes.

Bridges at night

Every night at 1:30am, the bridges on the Neva River open to allow large ships to pass, effectively cutting off the two sides of the city. Before the construction of the ring road around the city, you had to closely watch the clock to be sure you didn't get stuck on the wrong side of the river. Stay up late one night to see the bridges in action. As it's one of the city's most well-loved activities, the riverbanks are thronged with people, so it's best to have your driver pull over for a quick photo or to enjoy an evening cruise and see the bridges open from the water.

Mariinsky Theatre

The Mariinsky Theatre has been an epicenter for Russian opera and ballet for more than two centuries, and launched the careers of many world-renowned dancers including Anna Pavlova and Mikhail Baryshnikov. Now in its 234th season, the theater shows both opera and ballet

performances, including *Giselle* and *Swan Lake*. Hotel Astoria has a close relationship with the theater and can arrange private behind-the-scenes tours before a performance, allowing you to walk across the raked stage, which slopes upwards to allow a view for the audience. As for the performance? The best seat in the house is the Tsar's Box. Be sure to enjoy a glass of champagne and caviar on toast during the intermission for a fully Russian experience. mariinsky.ru

The Museum of the Imperial Porcelain Factory

The museum boasts a collection of more than 4,000 pieces of porcelain, including important imperial tea sets, dinner services, sculptures and vases. You can also tour the inner workings of the factory and see firsthand how its masterpieces are made. Unless you are an artist yourself, skip the decorating class and visit

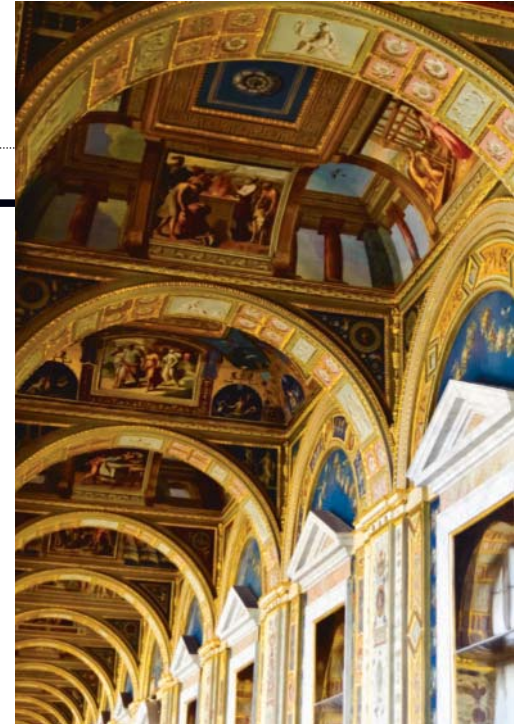
the gift shop instead — it's the best place to purchase porcelain in the city.

Nevsky Prospekt

The boulevard runs through the historic center of the city, and strolling along it offers a lovely view into city life. Wander through shops and high-end boutiques, admire the facade of Kazan Cathedral, and when you've had enough, enjoy lunch or tea at Cafe Singer, located on the second floor of the Singer Building (now the Dom Knigi book store), and watch the city pass you by.

Rivers and canals

See the city as Peter the Great intended — from the water. Initially, he forbade nobility from traveling by land and going by boat was the only way to get around. Spend a leisurely afternoon slowly cruising through the city on a small boat and enjoy the unique vantage point. Have your concierge book a classic speedboat and pack some champagne for a truly magical trip.



TAKE THREE/// MUSEUMS

1. THE WINTER PALACE

Part of the State Hermitage Museum, the Winter Palace was the imperial home for nearly 200 years, beginning with Catherine the Great. With more than 120 rooms and three million objects, it's one of the largest museums in the world. The State Rooms are staggering in their opulence and grandeur, with baroque and rococo architecture, gilt throughout, ornate decorations and moldings, frescoes and fine materials, including malachite columns, incredible mosaics and enormous chandeliers. Other highlights include the dramatic Jordan staircase, treasure gallery, peacock clock, Kolyvan Vase — carved from a single 19.2 ton piece of jasper — and works from Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael. Also inside Palace Square are the General Staff Building and the Great Hermitage, which house temporary exhibitions and Italian Renaissance, 19th and 20th-century European art. During regular opening hours, especially during the White Nights, the Winter Palace is absolutely jam-packed, so have your guide arrange for early admission or a visit after hours to enjoy the palace in relative peace.

hermitagemuseum.org

2. PETERHOF

Dubbed 'Russian Versailles,' after which Peter the Great modeled his amazing summer palaces, Peterhof is an incredible complex with extensive grounds, several palaces, cathedrals and the world-famous Grand Cascade fountains. Much of the estate was razed by German troops during World War II, but has been meticulously rebuilt and restored. Take a hydrofoil from the city center to enjoy views of from the water before wandering through the gardens and admiring the astonishingly ornate imperial palaces. peterhofmuseum.ru

3. FABERGÉ

Find the world's largest collection of Fabergé objects, including nine of the famous Easter eggs, at Shuvalov Palace, a spectacular space in its own right. The collection unfolds through a series of grand rooms and showcases all of its *métiers d'art*, including figurines, special objects, dining sets, jewelry and clocks. Be sure to book a private guided tour with one of the on-staff experts to hear about the many secrets of the pieces and the incredible design techniques of Carl Fabergé. fabergemuseum.ru



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THE GRAND DAME

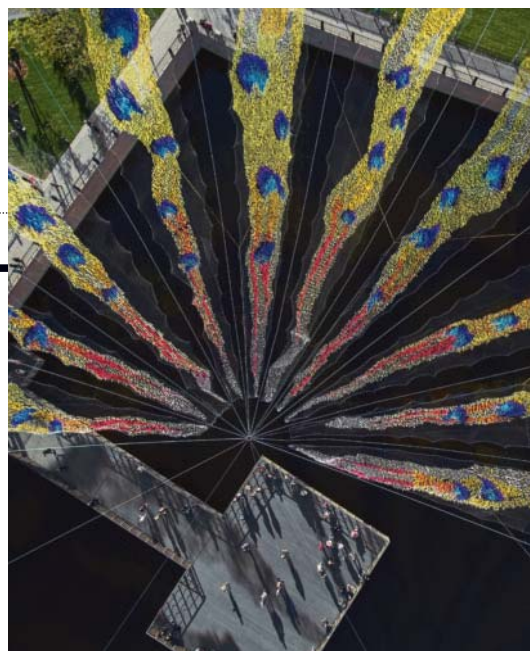
HOTEL ASTORIA

The iconic Hotel Astoria has been a St Petersburg landmark since 1912, serving as a hotel, government office, hospital and finally a hotel again. It holds such an alluring place in the city's history that it was the chosen location for Germany's victory celebration after conquering the city in World War II, which of course never happened as St Petersburg was able to hold off the invading army. With a prime location in a wide plaza, it boasts incredible views of Nicholas I statue, Mariinsky Palace and St Isaac's Square and Cathedral. Over the years it has hosted innumerable celebrities, foreign dignitaries and royalty, many of whose names are engraved on gold plaques in the lobby.

Pick between two top suites during your stay. The Tsar Suite is one of the largest in the city with two bedrooms, dining room with butler's kitchen and separate entrance, living room, small office and fabulous marble master bathroom. The modern decor by Olga Polizzi features Volga linen, exuberant printed fabrics and antiques from the original hotel. For a more traditional Russian feeling, stay in the Tchaikovsky Royal Suite. It's also two bedrooms with living room and dining room, but it is filled with antiques and books from Russian authors. Best of all, it has an unbelievable private terrace overlooking the square. Have Chef Fery prepare a fantastic traditional Russian feast for you to enjoy with these special views, and you'll truly feel like Russian royalty.

Tsar Suite, \$10,000 per night, Tchaikovsky Suite, \$4,700 per night, contact Kirill Lobashev, front office manager, klobashev@roccofortehotels.com, +7 812 494 5757, roccofortehotels.com





Spending an afternoon at New Holland Island, strolling around the park and enjoying art installations such as *Firebird*, by Poetic Kinetics

TOP SUITES

PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

Belmond Grand Hotel Europe

One of the largest and most opulent suites in the city, the Presidential Suite has a residential feel and is well suited for long stays. It boasts two bedrooms (both suites), living room, dining room for eight, lounge, bar, music room with grand piano, library, fitness room, sauna and a security room. Enjoy views of Nevsky Prospekt while you entertain in high style.

From \$13,000 per night

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LOBANOV PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

Four Seasons Hotel Lions Palace

Located in a beautifully restored palace, this incredibly grand suite takes you back in time to Imperial Russia. Enter through a grand marble staircase and find a luxurious and colorfully decorated space with high ceilings, including dining area for six, living room, bedroom with and a large furnished terrace overlooking the Admiralty and a park.

From \$10,100 per night

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ROYAL SUITE

Corinthia Hotel

Located directly on Nevsky Prospekt, the hotel's enviable location is perfectly suited to sightseeing and feeling the pulse of the city. The three-bedroom suite has a living room, dining room and fully-equipped kitchen. Rich wood and silk-paneled walls mix with crystal and rich fabrics for a sensual and contemporary decor, while still retaining a sense of place.

From \$8,300 per night

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ART SCENE

Neighborhood watch

After winning a government contract to turn this former shipbuilding island into a public space, Roman Abramovich and Dasha Zhukova have opened the first stage of their ambitious project. It blends public art, performance spaces, a creative school for children, dining and nightlife with green areas to create a place to just hang. There are festivals, outdoor games, yoga classes on the lawn, a skating rink in winter and several more projects still under construction. An afternoon here is the perfect antidote to an overdose of sightseeing. newhollandsp.ru

Gallery to visit

Look out Moscow, the art scene in St Petersburg is on the rise. While New Holland Island is creating a lot of buzz, there are many young Russian artists who are steadily gaining international recognition. Marina Gisich has one of the leading contemporary art galleries in Russia, where she nurtures emerging artists and introduces Russian art to the international market. Open by appointment only.

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WHERE TO DINE

ASTORIA CAFE

While Russian food isn't in vogue in the city, it's certainly an experience that every visitor should add to their schedule. Head to Astoria Cafe, where Chef Serge Fery presents traditional Russian cuisine in a modern way, while retaining its roots and culture. Start off with a caviar tasting paired either the French way with champagne or the Russian way with vodka, then move on to Olivier salad (a salad with king crab, vegetables, avocado and mayonnaise), Siberian *pelmeni* (small meat-filled dumplings served with sour cream), the best beef Stroganoff in the city, and finish with a slice of decadent *medovik*, a multi-layered honey cake. +7 812 494 5815

KVARTIRA KOSTI KREUTZ

If you want to feel like you've stepped into someone's home, you might as well do it properly. More commonly called Kreutz Flat, this is a restaurant, tea room, bar and guest house all in a spectacular apartment on Nevsky Prospekt. The host designed a welcoming environment, brought his favorite dishes from around the world and put them on the menu. You'll find an excellent steak and pastas, and since you are in Russia, order your salad with sour cream dressing. As it's a "secret" restaurant, entrance requires an individual electronic key that you scan at

the door of the unassuming building. Once inside, you can make yourself at home in one of the city's most expensive apartments. Sit in the tea room and work for an afternoon, dine in the restaurant, have the chef teach you a cooking class at the large open kitchen or take a selfie in the ginormous bath tub. It's open 24/7, 365 days a year.

Contact Konstantin, head waiter, kreutz@kreutzflat.com, +7 921 651 7788, kreutzflat.com

MANSARDA

From restaurant group Ginza Project — from whom you're always guaranteed to have a quality meal — comes one of its most beautiful restaurants in St Petersburg, popular with both chic locals and tourists alike. From the top floor of Quattro Corti business center, Mansarda offers a bird's-eye view of the top of St Isaac's Cathedral and the rooftops of St Petersburg. Here you'll find an extensive menu from chef Dmitriy Bogachev that mixes Russian, European and Asian cuisine. Highlights include fregola with seafood, tagliolini with black caviar and a well-edited selection of traditional Russian dishes. If you have fabulous weather and want to dine alfresco, order delivery and head to a nearby park. +7 812 640 1616, en.ginza.ru



CHEF SPOTLIGHT

An innovative and creative spirit has filled Russia's youth. Far from being stifled by sanctions, they're looking inside to find solutions (although you're best to avoid the cheese plates as the locals bemoan the lack of quality cheese). Dmitrii Blinov and Renat Malikov are at the forefront of the exploding culinary scene. Duo Gastrobar is a must-visit restaurant, and their latest

opening, TarTar Bar is always packed for both lunch and dinner. The decor features exposed brick walls, industrial lights, funky artwork and an open kitchen where you can see the chefs preparing a wide array of fish and meat tartares, as well as delightful cooked dishes with many interesting cuts available (think pig's head, veal kidneys and bone marrow). duobar.ru, tartarbar.ru



GUIDE TO LAS VEGAS

Love it or loathe it, Las Vegas's sheer number of hotels, events and conferences makes it a frequent destination for many of us. And of course, it's the party capital of the US. While some of the city's most over-the-top accommodations are reserved for high rollers and are by invitation only, there are still incredible suites with extravagant amenities that put some bigger cities' offerings to shame. If you think the dining scene is only full of celebrity chefs and outposts of successful restaurants, think again. Many chefs view Las Vegas as the perfect place to go all-out and to be as innovative as they can, and several restaurants would be deserving of Michelin stars if the city had its own guide. So, if you're in town, check into a fabulous suite, embrace the kitsch, dust off your party hat and go have the time of your life. You can do whatever you want here. This is Las Vegas, after all.

by Kristen Shirley



WHEN IN VEGAS

TAKE IN A SHOW

Nearly every concert touring the US makes a stop in Las Vegas, so check schedules before your trip. This year, some of music's greatest divas are in residency. Dance the night away with Britney Spears or Jennifer Lopez, both at Planet Hollywood, sing along with Céline Dion at Caesars Palace, or see the original diva herself in person — Diana Ross will be at Encore at The Wynn from October 11-28 for a limited engagement. Don't miss one of the eight Cirque du Soleil shows around town (always a favorite), and perhaps let a magician blow your mind. David Copperfield and Criss Angel are in residence.

HIT THE CLUB

Whether you're looking for a pool party or late-night debauchery, Vegas has you covered. Most hotels have pool parties, so find your

favorite DJ and reserve a cabana. Vegas is not the place to be subtle, and its bottle presentations are becoming more and more outlandish; whether you want to be doused in champagne or just drink it is up to you. Our favorite package has to be at Hyde Bellagio, where for \$250,000 you can control the fountains of Bellagio while drinking a 30ltr bottle of Ace Of Spades at your table overlooking the water.

SHOP LATE NIGHT

High jewelry, complicated timepieces and the latest fashions can all be found here. There are boutiques within the hotels, of course, but don't miss some of the most upscale malls in the US, where many stores carry Vegas-only exclusive pieces. At The Shops At Crystals you'll find stores ranging from Dolce & Gabbana, Stefano Ricci and Tom Ford to

Audemars Piguet and Richard Mille. Forum Shops at Caesars has more than 150 stores within its gilded walls, including the only standalone Fendi shoe boutique in the US, and you can take a shopping break and check out its 50,000 gallon aquarium. Most places are open until 11pm or later, so after you've beaten the house, you can leave the tables and treat yourself to a decadent reminder of your Vegas vacation.

SEE THE SIGHTS

As hotels vie to outdo each other, visitors are treated to more and more extravagant shows on property. Lake Of Dreams at Wynn is an evening show that mixes a 40ft waterfall with contemporary art, and is best enjoyed alfresco with a cocktail. Seeing Bellagio's iconic fountains is a must (be sure to stand close

enough to a speaker to hear the music and enjoy the perfect synchronization). There's also the Eiffel Tower at Paris Las Vegas, Italian sights galore at The Venetian and The Palazzo, the roller coaster at New York New York and the volcano at The Mirage.

FLY OUT OF TOWN

With its proximity to some of the US's most beautiful natural sights, it seems like a crime to spend your entire trip indoors at a conference or casino. Guests at Four Seasons Hotel Las Vegas can benefit from an exclusive partnership with Maverick

Helicopters and head on a thrilling tour of the Grand Canyon and Valley Of Fire, with a private landing at the highest peak of the Valley Of Fire, which offers superlative views of its iconic red Aztec sandstone outcrops. **From \$7,495, fourseasons.com/lasvegas**



The elegant main dining room at Joël Robuchon, and some of the exceptionally delicious food you can try there



DESERT DINING

TWIST BY PIERRE GAGNAIRE

If you would like to try Michelin-starred Pierre Gagnaire's exceptional cooking in the US (and you really should), head to Twist, the only restaurant stateside where you can find his modern take on classic French cuisine. And since you are in Las Vegas, order the Lucky Number 7 tasting menu, which presents seven courses inspired by seven of the world's best wines, and might just give you some good fortune at the tables later on. There's also a thoughtfully considered vegetarian tasting menu. pierre-gagnaire.com

JOËL ROBUCHON

The winner of *Elite Traveler's* Lifetime Achievement Award in this year's Top 100 Restaurants tells us that his Las Vegas restaurant has a special place in his heart. And rightly so. Designed to look like an Art Deco townhouse, it provides

an elegant and intimate dining experience. The tasting menu showcases some of his finest dishes, including Oscetra caviar in crustacean gelée, truffled langoustine ravioli in foie gras sauce and seared scallops in a green curry sauce. joel-robuchon.com

LOTUS OF SIAM

Leave the Strip and head to a strip mall (yes, a strip mall) to experience some of the best, if not *the* best, Thai food in the US. This year, the unassuming spot won its second James Beard award. Chef Saipin focuses on northern Thai cuisine, which is quite different from the Thai food found most frequently in the US. Be sure to order the Khao Soi, a Burmese-influenced dish with your choice of meat in a coconut cream and curry sauce, and if soft shell crab is on the menu, it's a must. lotusofsiamlv.com



TOP SUITES

SKYLOFTS

MGM Grand

Sophisticated, modern decor awaits in the Skylofts at MGM Grand. Located on the top two floors of the property, the Skyloft suites are accessed via a separate elevator, offering both privacy and security. The suite is perfect for entertaining and includes a billiard room, media room, dining room and bar. Have your butler whip up a round of cocktails and enjoy iconic Las Vegas views through the 24ft floor-to-ceiling windows.

From \$5,656 per night

Contact Matt Moraca, director of hotel operations, mmoraca@lv.mgmgrand.com, +1 702 891 3801, skyloftsmgmgrand.com

CHAIRMAN SUITE

The Palazzo

Embrace Vegas's dueling kitsch and luxury at The Palazzo. After you've wandered through St Mark's Square and taken a gondola ride down the Grand Canal, head up to the Chairman Suite for an elegantly designed respite. The three-bedroom suite boasts an opulent living and dining area with bar and separate media room. The suite is also well equipped for relaxation; it has a workout room, cedar-wood sauna, steam room, gym and in-suite salon. The highlight is the private terrace with pool and hot tub.

From \$12,000 per night

Contact +1 866 263 2999, palazzo.com

MANDARIN SUITE

Mandarin Oriental

A sublime and very adult suite high above the busy city, the Mandarin Suite offers an elegant home away from home in the non-smoking, non-gaming hotel. The living area includes multiple seating options, study and wet bar, as well as a separate dining room for eight that is serviced by the butler's entrance. There are two bedrooms, a fitness room and a soaking tub overlooking the Strip in the master bath.

From \$15,000 per night

Contact Natalie Sanchez-Rivera, associate director of leisure, sales and marketing, nrivera@mohg.com, +1 702 590 3013, mandarinoriental.com/lasvegas

WYNN FAIRWAY VILLAS

The Wynn

If you would prefer to gaze upon greenery instead of desert and city lights, the Wynn Fairway Villas are for you. Until 2015, these villas were invitation-only for guests of Mr Wynn (the first-floor villas with private pools are still only available to his guests). Now open for booking, each two-bedroom villa comes with a large private balcony for outdoor dining, living area with breakfast nook and granite wet bar, and massage room. The villas come with butler service and have a private entrance.

From \$4,000 per night

Contact roomreservations@wynnlasvegas.com, +1 877 321 9966, wynnlasvegas.com

Preview

Exclusive offerings for *Elite Traveler* readers

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franckmuller.com

GRAHAM WATCHES

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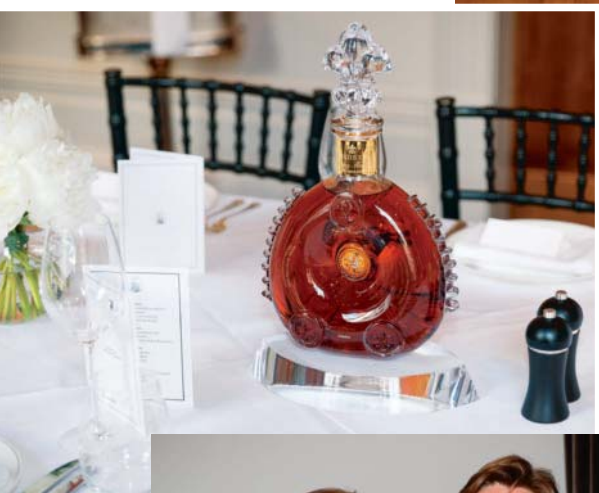


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ELITE ACCESS

An evening of Greek hospitality

Dolphin Capital, founders and creators of the Aman Residences Amanzoe situated near Porto Heli, Greece, held an intimate dinner in Mayfair, London, to introduce their stunning resort to a select group of guests. In association with *Elite Traveler*, and complemented by an exquisite Louis XIII cognac tasting, the evening was full to the brim with Greek hospitality, fine Greek wine and sumptuous dishes.

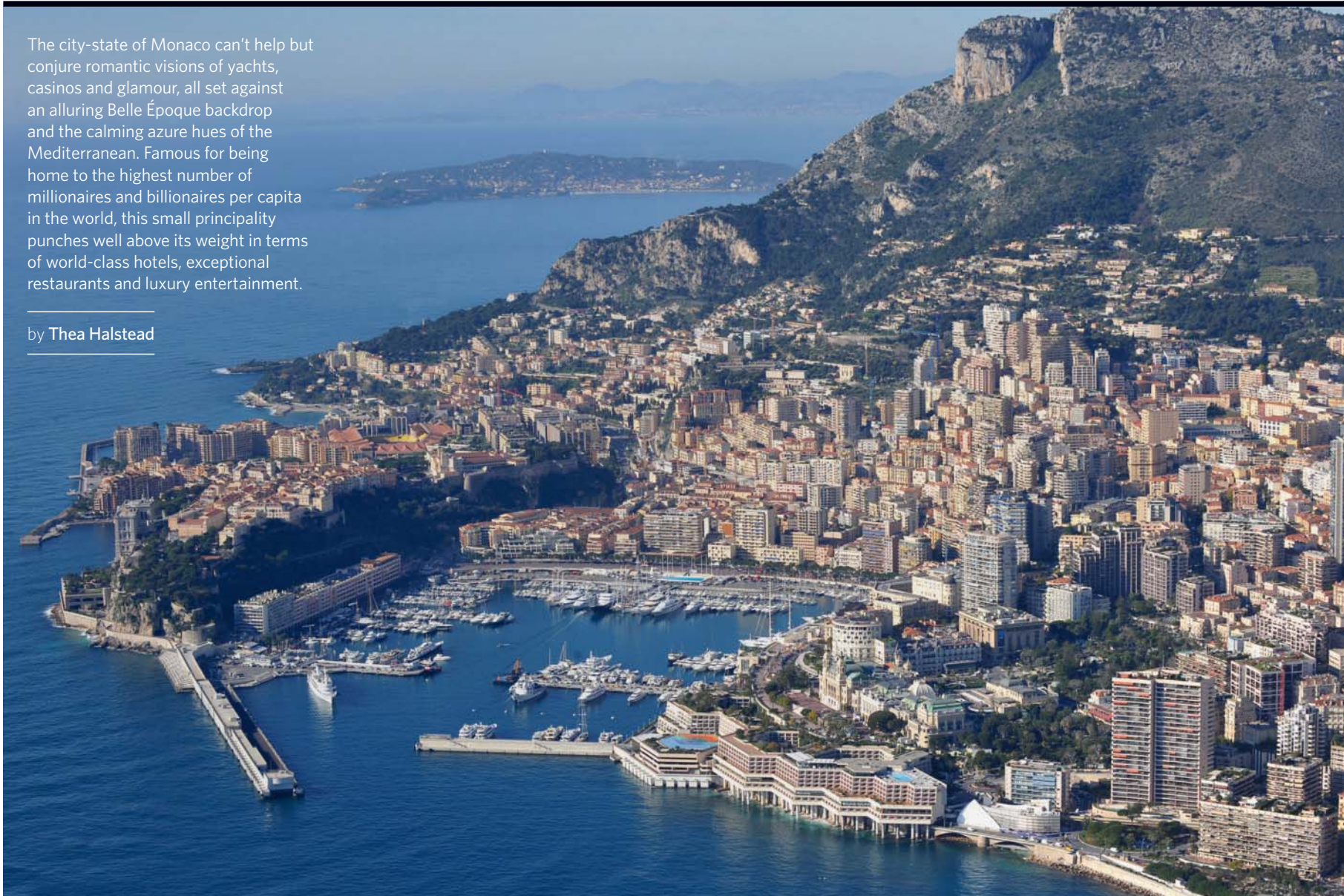
dolphinci.com, amanvillasph.com



GUIDE TO MONACO

The city-state of Monaco can't help but conjure romantic visions of yachts, casinos and glamour, all set against an alluring Belle Époque backdrop and the calming azure hues of the Mediterranean. Famous for being home to the highest number of millionaires and billionaires per capita in the world, this small principality punches well above its weight in terms of world-class hotels, exceptional restaurants and luxury entertainment.

by [Thea Halstead](#)



TOP RESTAURANTS

LE LOUIS XV — ALAIN DUCASSE À L'HÔTEL DE PARIS

The legendary hotel is in the midst of a refurbishment and Le Louis XV looks all the better for it, as its position as the go-to for stand-out gastronomical experiences in the principality has only been solidified by the new decor and revamped menu. Ranked by *Elite Traveler* readers as one of the 40 best restaurants in the world, this three-Michelin-starred establishment offers dishes such as

gamberoni from San Remo, rock fish gelée, caviar and guinea fowl from Les Landes, girolle mushroom and potatoes.

Contact Michel Lang, restaurant manager, adh@sbm.mc, +377 980 688 64, alain-ducasse.com

JOËL ROBUCHON AT THE METROPOLE

Though he now has three restaurants in the hotel, Joël Robuchon's first foray (launched in 2004) is still our favorite.

The open *teppanyaki*-style kitchen serves up sophisticated dishes like clams and cockles with sorrel and shimeji mushrooms in a vermouth shellfish broth, quail stuffed with foie gras, and caramelized, truffle mashed potato. For a particularly intimate experience, why not ask the concierge to reserve the chef's table for a special occasion?

Contact restaurant@metropole.com, +377 931 515 15, joel-robuchon.com

MAYA BAY

Serving Thai and Japanese dishes, Maya Bay combines edgy oriental style with high quality ingredients. The relaxed atmosphere offers a respite from the buzz of the principality and the cocktail list is substantial. A new offering from its owners, the Pastor Group, is also worth looking out for when it opens in mid-September — Maya Jah will combine Indian and Moroccan cuisine. **Contact +377 977 074 67, mayabay.mc**



ESSENTIAL MONACO

NIGHTLIFE

A Monaco institution which has just completed a large-scale renovation, the legendary nightclub Jimmy'z is the place to see and be seen. It tends to attract a mature crowd and opens from 11:30pm. The Boom Boom Room is ideal if you want seclusion; it has a private entrance and offers views over the dance floor. **Contact jimmyz@sbm.mc, +377 980 670 68, jimmyzmontecarlo.com**

A trip to Monaco isn't really complete without a visit to one of the famous casinos. The Casino de Monte-Carlo houses gaming tables and machines set against a

lavish gilded backdrop. **Contact vip@montecarlocasinos.com, +377 980 621 21, casinomontecarlo.com**

GETTING THERE

There's only two ways into Monaco: by sea or sky. The winding roads, often congested, are just not worth the stress, and with easy access from Nice airport via helicopter in under 10 minutes you might as well take the simple option. **heliairmonaco.com**

A YEAR-ROUND VACATION HAVEN

Autumn If you've been inspired by our top yacht feature on page 86, head

to the famous Monaco Yacht Show to browse the on-water offerings. **monacoyachtshow.com**

Winter The French Alps are well within range of Monaco, with Courchevel and Méribel just an hour's helicopter ride away.

Spring One of the most prestigious car races in the world, the Monaco Grand Prix is held every year in May. Don't forget your earplugs. **acm.mc**

Summer Classical music fans flock to the historic Palais Princier de Monaco for its series of summer concerts. **palais.mc**

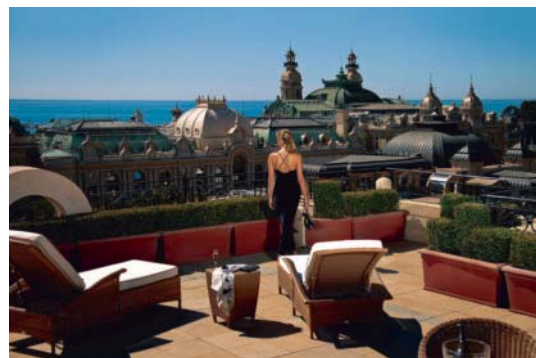
Get your dancing shoes on and head to the recently renovated Jimmy'z

TAKE THREE/// TOP SUITES



1
PRINCELY DIAMOND SUITE
HOTEL HERMITAGE

This historic hotel is ideally positioned in the center of town, with easy access to the shops, casinos and restaurants. With three terraces offering spectacular sea views, the Princely Diamond Suite is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet that this principality offers — unless you're there for the Grand Prix, of course. Sprawling over 3,550 sq ft of space, the three-bedroom suite exudes oriental elegance care of its Pierre-Yves Rochon interior. **From \$33,000 per night, contact Sergio Mangini, general director, hh@sbm.mc, +377 980 640 00, hotelhermitagemontecarlo.com**



2
CARRÉ D'OR SUITE
HOTEL METROPOLE

The Hotel Metropole has worked hard to stand out from the crowd. Bringing Karl Lagerfeld on board to design the pool experience Odyssey and inviting Heinz Beck to host a pop-up restaurant has created a real buzz. The Carré d'Or Suite is the pinnacle of privacy with expansive terraces offering unique views over the casino, manicured gardens and the dazzling Mediterranean. The interior exudes old-world charm with heavily decorated prints and fabrics complementing Louis XVI furniture. **From \$10,000 per night, contact Serge Ethuin, general manager, reservations@metropole.com, +377 931 515 35, metropole.com**



3
TWO-BEDROOM SUITE: SUNSHINE WITH JACUZZI
MONTE CARLO BEACH HOTEL

Set on a stunning cape on the Riviera, the Monte Carlo Beach hotel has its own private beach on which to relax or partake in some water sports, away from the crowds that descend over the summer months. The Two-Bedroom Suite is light and airy, with cream wood accents complementing comfortable decor. The jewel in its crown is the 1,077 sq ft terrace overlooking the resort, on which you can sunbathe, dine and enjoy the large Jacuzzi in total privacy and peace. **From \$1,500 per night, contact Danièle Garcelon, general manager, bh@sbm.mc, +33 493 286 666, montecarlosbm.com**

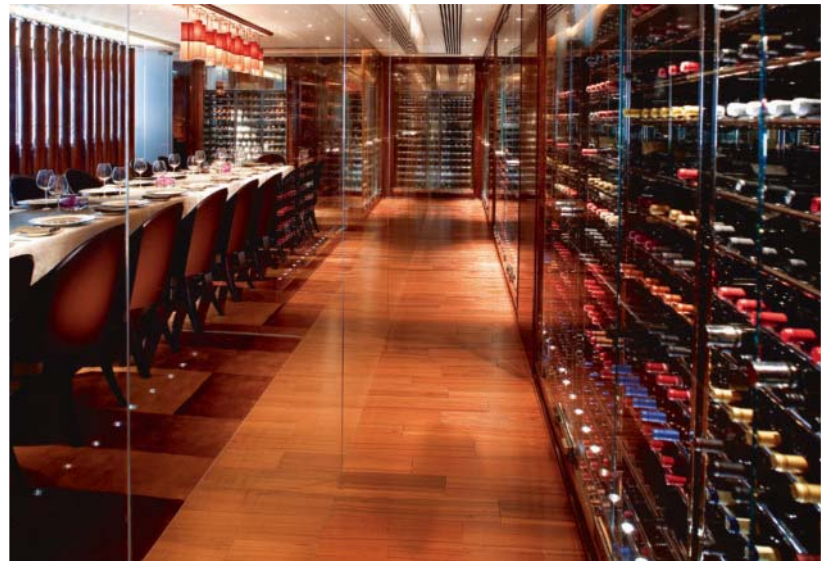
**EXPLORE
HONG KONG**

GUIDE TO HONG KONG



Evolved from a sleepy fishing village, Hong Kong is now a commercial and culinary mecca. In the western district of Central and Sheung Wan, hilly lanes are peppered with polished restaurants and trendy cafes, while southern Wong Chuk Hang has become synonymous with private kitchens and warehouse art galleries. Your credit card will get some exercise no matter where you go: Hong Kong is teeming with stores like Chanel and Balenciaga, mega malls and micro malls — not to mention an indie design scene in the Tai Ping Shan and Star Street neighborhoods. Visit in the autumn when crisp air makes it all the more pleasant to hike to The Peak or ride the Star Ferry across the iconic Victoria Harbour.

by Kate Springer



TOP RESTAURANTS

Amber

A two-Michelin-starred affair, and ranked 39 on our Top 100 Restaurants list, Amber resides in the Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong. Helmed by chef Richard Ekkebus, the artistic French menu aims to inspire each of the five senses of taste — sweet, sour, bitter, salty and umami. The 10-course degustation menu changes with the season, but always includes caviar and a wine list of 980 artisanal bottles. amberhongkong.com

Serge et le Phoque

A glorious little French restaurant in the middle of the Wan Chai market, Serge et le Phoque draws design lovers and gourmands alike. Eclectic surroundings set the tone, while Le Chef's Menu could include 45-year-aged wagyu, monkfish with blood orange, a plate of Parisian cheeses — not to mention natural wines and homemade desserts. fb.com/sergeetlephoque

Duddell's

A favorite for both power lunches and romantic dinners, Duddell's stretches across two levels — a light-filled dining room on the first; and the salon, a more intimate bar, lounge, and garden terrace upstairs. Though best known for its fine-dining Cantonese cuisine, the two-Michelin-starred restaurant also hosts screenings, cultural lectures and a stunning art collection by emerging Hong Kong artists. duddells.co

Dim Sum Library

This neo-Cantonese wonderland transports diners to an Art Deco era, with bird cage-inspired bar stools and gorgeous brass details. The menu is just as pretty, full of inventive dim sum — think shrimp dumplings with black truffle, seared foie gras with osmanthus-smoked eggs, and a long list of tea-infused cocktails to elevate the experience. dimsumlibrary.com.hk



Top: Amber's extensive wine collection
Bottom: The wagyu beef puff at Dim Sum Library



TOP SUITES

THE RITZ-CARLTON SUITE

The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong

The indulgent Ritz-Carlton Suite exudes style and sophistication, thanks to an enviable perch on the 117th floor of the International Commerce Centre. A stay in this 3,930 sq ft haven strikes the perfect balance of technical wizardry and personalized service. Expect Rolls-Royce airport transfers, personal shoppers, monogrammed bathrobes and complimentary daily massages at the top-floor spa.

From \$17,794 per night

Contact Sammi Ho, reservations manager, sammi.ho@ritzcarlton.com, +852 2263 2101, ritzcarlton.com

THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

The InterContinental Hong Kong

The five-bedroom Presidential Suite at the InterContinental Hong Kong stretches across 7,000 sq ft, making it the largest in Hong Kong. Upstairs, a 2,500 sq ft rooftop includes an outdoor Jacuzzi, infinity swimming pool, and front-row seats to Victoria Harbour. Ask about a private dinner from Michelin-starred Yan Toh Heen, Nobu or Rech by Alain Ducasse. Another perk? Roundtrip Phantom VI Rolls-Royce or Bentley transfers.

From \$12,628 per night

Contact Claus Pedersen, general manager, claus.pedersen@ihg.com, +852 2721 1211, hongkong-ic.intercontinental.com

THE UPPER HOUSE PENTHOUSE

The Upper House

The Andre Fu-designed Upper House hotel is home to two Penthouse suites, each 1,960 sq ft. Located on the top floor, these spa-like sanctuaries bring together minimalist decor, soothing lavender accents, and wraparound harbor views. Tailored experiences include in-room spa treatments, candlelit private dinners and champagne — plus fashion perks from partnerships with Christian Louboutin, Mr Porter and Diptyque.

From \$5,120 per night

Contact Marcel Thoma, general manager, marcel@upperhouse.com, +852 2918 1838, upperhouse.com

NIGHTLIFE

FOXGLOVE

This speakeasy might look like a posh umbrella store, but a retro British watering hole awaits behind the facade. Nightly live jazz, an old-school martini cart, leather armchairs and even a 1940s jet engine make this bar one to remember. A series of secret rooms, which open with the pull of a book or the twist of a lampshade, can be reserved for private parties.

foxglovehk.com

EMPLOYEES ONLY

New-to-town Employees Only opened in June, bringing with it exquisite cocktails in an Art Deco setting. Sip on a signature EO Gimlet (made with kaffir lime leaves), while enjoying a plate of bone marrow poppers, truffled grilled cheese and hand-cut steak tartare. Ask about "Lovers' Corner," a quiet nook, for added intimacy.

employeesonlyhk.com

QUINARY

Helmed by decorated Hong Kong mixologist Antonio Lai, Quinary jump-started the city's cocktail craze. Lai takes cues from molecular gastronomy, crafting eye-catching concoctions such as the Earl Grey Caviar Martini. This Instagram star comes crowned with a mountain of tea-infused foam and boba-like beads that burst with bergamot.

quinary.hk



GET OUT OF TOWN

MACAU SIDETRIP

Just an hour's ferry ride west of Hong Kong, Macau is alive with futuristic hotels and Portuguese colonial history. For a heritage

run, spend time exploring the 17th-century Ruins of St Paul's cathedral, hilltop Guia Fortress, seafront A-Ma Temple and nearby Mandarin's House (a

19th-century Chinese mansion). Down south, Coloane village is like a mini Portugal with a clutch of chapels, alfresco cafes and cobblestone piazzas.



GUIDE TO ASPEN

For an extraordinary Colorado Rocky Mountain experience, head to Aspen and discover its pristine peaks, towering trees, flowing rivers and sprawling meadowlands. The 1880s mining town has transformed into a sophisticated mini-metropolis, swank ski resort and chic year-round destination. In winter, you can ski from atop an 11,775ft summit on a black-diamond ski run; in warmer weather, you can hike, bike or do sun salutations atop the peak. After dark, savor fine food, including freshly-flown-in seafood, sip world-class wines, attend ballet, concert and jazz performances or simply hang out at a local pub. Culture gives a splendid sense of place to this environmentally caring, intellectually curious and ever-active community. Since 1899, when Jerome Wheeler launched a grand hotel and opera house, there's been a vibrant cultural ambiance; in the mid-20th century, it expanded to a core value when Elizabeth and Walter Paepcke founded the "Aspen idea" dedicated to the mind, body and spirit and inaugurated the Aspen Institute.

by Irvina Lew



IF YOU DO ONE THING...

The Silver Queen Gondola

Ride the Silver Queen Gondola, an iconic experience inside a clear-topped bubble, for the scenic (and scary)

18-minute ride to Aspen Mountain's 11,212ft summit. Whether it's to ski the peak also known as Ajax, snowshoe Richmond Ridge or hike the trails, it's always fun

to lunch on the Sundeck restaurant and simply stare at the wonderful wilderness. Summer activities include hiking, disc golf, nature walks and concerts.

BEST PLACE TO HAVE...

A VIEW OF ASPEN MOUNTAIN

Bosq

Enjoy the intimate, sleek, gray-washed contemporary space, or dine on a patio overlooking Wagner Park and Aspen Mountain. Local chef/owner Barclay Dodge was influenced by acclaimed chef Ferran Adrià at el Bulli and at Restaurant Gaig in Barcelona. His restaurant highlights creative new world dishes, and a great Peking duck. bosqaspen.com

SUPERLATIVE ASIAN CUISINE

Matsuhisa

Arrive within a traditional — albeit blue — Aspen cottage to enjoy sushi and sashimi favorites in the ground floor lounge, with no reservations needed. Or book a table downstairs (there's an elevator), where the bar has a bamboo "roof," the huge dining room extends under high ceilings and the creative menu features Nobu specialties, including lobster in a spicy garlic sauce. matsuhisarestaurants.com/aspen

SPECIAL DRINKS AND SOLID AMERICAN FARE

Jimmy's

Step up to a fun bar filled with beer, whiskey, mezcal and wine-sipping folks who appreciate the beverages that Jersey-raised owner, Jimmy Yeager, wine and beverage director, Greg Van Wagner, and Jimmy's traveling team have discovered during their annual treks. Order authentic crab cakes or super steaks. jimmysaspen.com

WINE PAIRING GASTRONOMY

Element 47

Savor Patrick Dunn's five-star New American fare, which features Colorado trout, beef and lamb plus ingredients from his chef's garden and a nearby farm. Ask one of the nearly 50 wine professionals of varying degrees of certification to select bottles from the 20,000-plus cellar, which you can tour. Or dine amidst the bins in the wood-paneled wine room. thelittlenell.com/dining



The St. Regis Aspen Resort



The Wheeler Suite at Hotel Jerome



The Paepcke Suite at The Little Nell

TAKE FIVE/// MUST-SEE SIGHTS

1. ASPEN ART MUSEUM

Lunch at So Cafe atop the Shigeru Ban-designed Aspen Art Museum, an admission-free museum which showcases contemporary exhibits. Then, stroll to the nearby art galleries.

2. WOODY CREEK DISTILLERY

Spend an afternoon at Woody Creek Distillery, which makes craft spirits including rye whiskey, bourbon, gin from their own junipers and potato vodka from various farms in the nearby Roaring Fork Valley.

3. SUMMERTIME FESTIVALS

Reserve summertime tickets for lectures at the Aspen Institute's Aspen Ideas Festival or for absorbing performances by the Aspen Music Festival And School, the Aspen Opera Theater Center, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet company, Aspen Theater and Jazz Aspen Snowmass.

4. HISTORIC VENUES

Get a sense of history at Aspen's meticulously-upgraded Wheeler Opera House at J-Bar in the historic Hotel Jerome, or at Wheeler-Stallard House. The latter, an impressive 1880s Queen Anne residence, is home to the Aspen Historical Society, which offers a town tour.

5. MAROON BELLS

Photograph the Maroon Bells. From late May through October — though hours are restricted to cars — it's a short bus ride and a three-minute walk for the best views of the "14ers," the 14,000 ft mountains that reflect off Maroon Lake. And there are scenic hiking trails, too, including a two-hour hike to Crater Lake.

Discover Aspen's
history at Wheeler
Opera HouseExplore the Aspen
Art Museum

TOP SUITES

PRESIDENTIAL SUITE

The St. Regis Aspen Resort

The fifth floor Presidential Suite offers coffered ceilings, a large living and dining room with tufted leather furnishings and a balcony facing Aspen Mountain, two bedrooms, grand marble bathroom, a service kitchen and full butler service. There's a timeless feel about the red-brick walls, steep pointed peaks and castle-like porte-cochère entry. The superb subterranean Remède Spa features pebble flooring, a confluence waterfall feature and an oxygen room adjacent to the lounge. **From \$3,499 per night. Contact Heather Steenge-Hart, general manager, heather.steenge-hart@stregis.com, +1 970 920 3300, stregisaspen.com**

THE WHEELER SUITE

Hotel Jerome

The 1,265 sq ft suite boasts an entry foyer, a large living and dining room overlooking the town and Aspen Mountain, a master bedroom and two bathrooms. Todd-Avery Lenahan of TAL Studio has refurbished the space incorporating rustic textures such as cowhide and corduroy, with cashmere drapes plus tasteful western and Native American decorative objects. An additional bedroom and complimentary drivers and private cars are available. **From \$3,500 per night. Contact Tony DiLucia, general manager, tony.dilucia@aubergeresorts.com, +1 970 429 7612, hoteljerome.aubergeresorts.com**

THE PAEPCKE SUITE

The Little Nell

The 2,500 sq ft, one-bedroom Paepcke Suite within the art-filled, ski-in ski-out, five-star lodging features a fireplace, dining area and a custom-designed game table with crystal chess and backgammon pieces. A windowed wall leads out to an expansive terrace seemingly within touching distance of the Silver Queen Gondola and "Ajax," as locals call the mountain. Two additional bedrooms and complimentary drivers and private cars are available. **From \$2,400 per night. Contact Simon Chen, managing director, schen@thelittlenell.com, +1 855 920 4600, thelittlenell.com**

EXPLORE
THE HOT LIST

The HOT List

by Kristen Shirley

Blink and it's gone

One of our favorite travel companies, Black Tomato, has created a series of exclusive experiences using custom-designed temporary structures in some of the world's most remote locations, such as the Gobi Desert, glaciers in Iceland and areas deep inside tropical jungles. Upon your departure, the camp is taken apart and the landscape returned to pristine condition, ensuring that no guest will have the same experience as another and that every single aspect of the trip is personalized to your specifications. Whether you want to arrive by helicopter or astride a camel, have a butler or adventure guide, local cook or internationally known chef, a group of safari-style tents for a family gathering or a bubble built for two, you can create your dream experience and rest easy knowing that it can't be reproduced. Here, dramatic dome tents are set up on the epic salt flats in Bolivia. Have Black Tomato bring a professional photographer to capture your journey in one of the most awe-inspiring locations on earth (the salt flats reflect the sky, playing with your sense of perspective).

blacktomato.com/blink

WHY FOLLOW THE CROWD? INSTEAD, YOU COULD BE GOING YOUR OWN WAY ON A UNIQUE DESERT ADVENTURE, CAMPING DEEP IN THE JUNGLE, TAKING IN THE GOLDEN-AGE GLAMOUR OF THE ORIENT EXPRESS, LUXURIATING IN TOP-SECRET SUITES, OR EXPLORING THE ART OF CAVIAR...



Top: Take in the breathtaking sight of the salt flats of Bolivia
Right: Dome tents are beautifully decorated with local furnishings



Go with friends and book the entire Grand Suite car for a decadent trip to the past



Photos Stéphane Gautronneau

Above: Travel in style in the Grand Suite Venice on the Orient Express

High glamour on the Orient Express

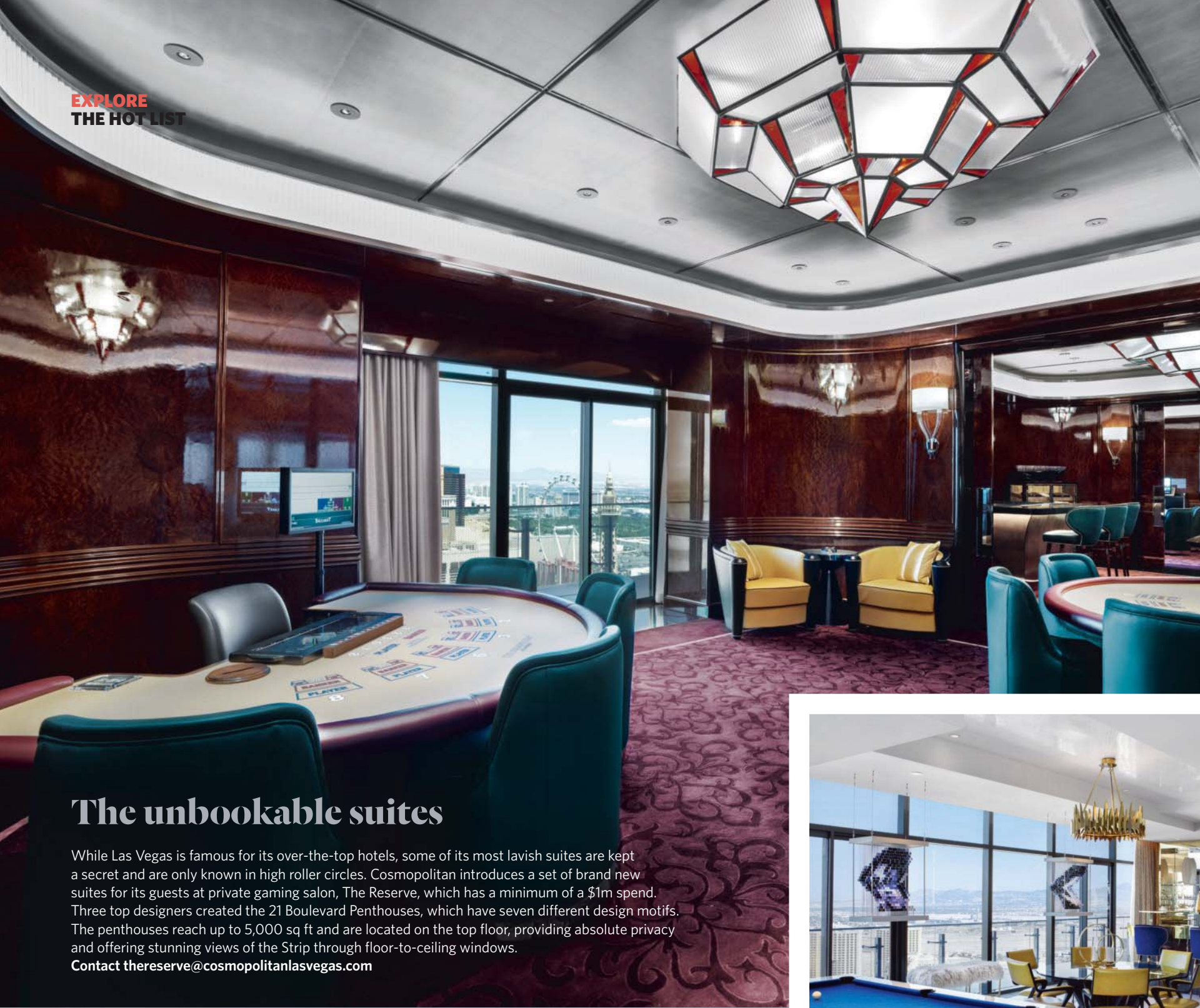
Return to the golden era of train travel on Belmond's iconic Venice-Simplon Orient Express, with a journey in one of its three new Grand Suites, launching in March 2018. Each suite has its own 1920s Art Deco decor styled after its namesake city — Istanbul, Paris and Venice — complete with a luxurious bedroom, living room with space for in-suite dining, and in a first for the train, full private en-suite bathroom with shower. Additional benefits include private transfers, personal cabin steward, guaranteed preferred dining times, and unlimited champagne and caviar service on arrival. Enjoy the opulent suites on the classic overnight journey between London and Venice, or book the

once-a-year Paris to Istanbul trip, departing Paris on August 24, 2018. Spend three nights on the train and two on overnight stops in Budapest and Bucharest. You'll have guided tours in each city, cruise the Danube River, see the Black Sea and visit Peles Castle in Sinaia. We recommend going with friends and booking the entire Grand Suite car for a decadent trip to the past.

London to Venice, \$37,800 for one-way trip with exclusive use of Grand Suite car
Paris to Istanbul, \$106,530 for one-way trip with exclusive use of Grand Suite car, contact reservations.us@belmond.com, +1 800 524 2420, belmond.com



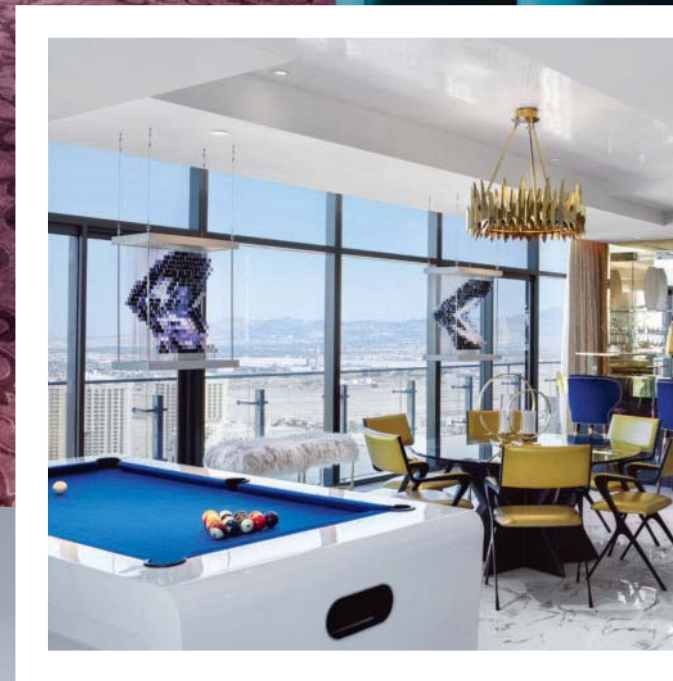
**EXPLORE
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The unbookable suites

While Las Vegas is famous for its over-the-top hotels, some of its most lavish suites are kept a secret and are only known in high roller circles. Cosmopolitan introduces a set of brand new suites for its guests at private gaming salon, The Reserve, which has a minimum of a \$1m spend. Three top designers created the 21 Boulevard Penthouses, which have seven different design motifs. The penthouses reach up to 5,000 sq ft and are located on the top floor, providing absolute privacy and offering stunning views of the Strip through floor-to-ceiling windows.

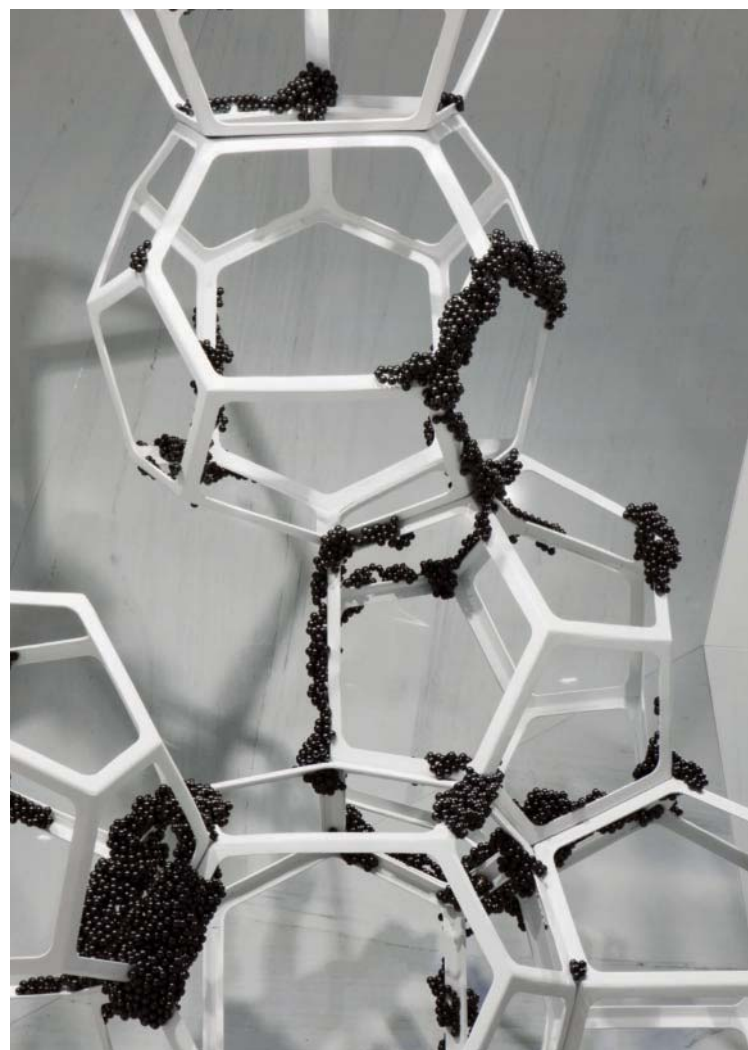
Contact thereserve@cosmopolitanlasvegas.com



Clockwise from top:
The Reserve;
Richmond Boulevard
Penthouse; Daun
Curry Boulevard
Penthouse

The art of caviar

La Prairie has mastered the art of caviar in its covetable products, continually innovating and using it in new ways. Now, on the 30th anniversary of skin caviar, it turns to artists Paul Coudamy, Bonjour LAB, Cinq Fruits and TremensS, and gives them the opportunity to express what caviar means to them through their work. The exhibit initially launched with a preview at the brand's VIP lounge at Art Basel with a work from architect Paul Coudamy, who installed a geometric sculpture, *Living Cells*, inspired by the Weaire-Phelan structure — a 3D shape representing an idealized foam of equally-sized bubbles. The magnetic marbles draped over the "bubbles" seemed to be glossy caviar, and Coudamy says each magnet is placed by hand so the arrangement will never be the same twice. After a full showing in Paris in July, September brings the exhibit to New York City, then it continues to Hong Kong and Shanghai.



Clockwise from top: *Living Cells* takes the Weaire-Phelan structure as inspiration; it's assembled by hand; the artist Paul Coudamy



EXPLORE PROPERTY

Enjoy the same view that inspired
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The priciest property in Beverly
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USA

130 East End Avenue, New York

Formerly the home of Hollywood songwriter Irving Berlin, this two-bedroom penthouse duplex apartment at 130 East End Avenue combines architectural grandeur and plenty of Hollywood glamour with uninterrupted views over New York City. These views are at their best from the five oversized windows of the living room or from the adjoining landscaped terrace, which can also be accessed from the formal dining room's sun room. A kitchen and maid's room complete the lower level, then a circular staircase leads up to the master and second bedroom — both of which also overlook the skyline — along with two bathrooms, a light-filled study and a large terrace.

\$7.9m, contact Jane R Andrews, licensed real estate broker, jandrews@warburgrealty.com, +1 212 439 4536, warburgrealty.com

Opus Beverly Hills, Los Angeles

Said to be the most expensive home in Beverly Hills, this mansion spans a vast 20,500 sq ft, within which seven bedrooms and 11 bathrooms can be found. Developed by Nile Miami — a former Hollywood producer turned CEO of Skyline Development — and designed by architect Paul McClean, Opus combines a sleek modern structure and open-plan interiors that make the most of the property's views with lavish features such as two swimming pools and a 20ft glass waterfall; a 10-car museum with a gold Lamborghini Aventador roadster and gold Rolls-Royce Dawn; and a champagne vault for 170 bottles of Cristal. The property sits on the city's revered Billionaires' Row.

\$100m, contact Drew Fenton, realtor, drew@drewfenton.com, +1 310 858 5474, opusbeverlyhills.com



Get the Frank Lloyd Wright style at Kiawah Island

122 Flyway Drive, Kiawah Island, South Carolina

In its oceanfront setting, this Kiawah Island home is designed to blend in with its surroundings, while incorporating a waterfront pool and spa, private boardwalk, decks, balconies and a second-story promenade. And the structure of the building is no less impressive — an exact replica of Frank Lloyd Wright's home, it exhibits the same intricate woodwork and floor-to-ceiling windows as its inspiration, with custom-made furniture to match its architectural style. Six bedrooms, six full bathrooms and two half bathrooms feature throughout the three stories, which together span 6,712 sq ft. Kiawah Island golf membership is also available to residents.

\$9.5m, contact Jim Stuckey, sales executive, jstuckey@kiawah.com, +1 843 768 3406, kiawahisland.com

EUROPE

Ashberg House, United Kingdom

Taking inspiration from the world-famous diamond of the same name, the newly constructed Ashberg House takes on a glass architectural aesthetic and faceted interior. Within this space in London's prestigious Chelsea neighborhood, the property incorporates state-of-the-art home technology, along with sumptuous interior design and luxurious features including a swimming pool and spa. A large garden and two roof terraces provide ample outdoor space. Five bedrooms, eight bathrooms and four reception rooms, along with a kitchen, wine gallery and home cinema are spread across five floors.

\$36.1m, contact James Pace, partner, james.pace@knightfrank.com, +44 207 349 4302, knightfrank.co.uk



Ashberg House is a gem in London's Chelsea





The W1 London, Sub-Penthouse, United Kingdom

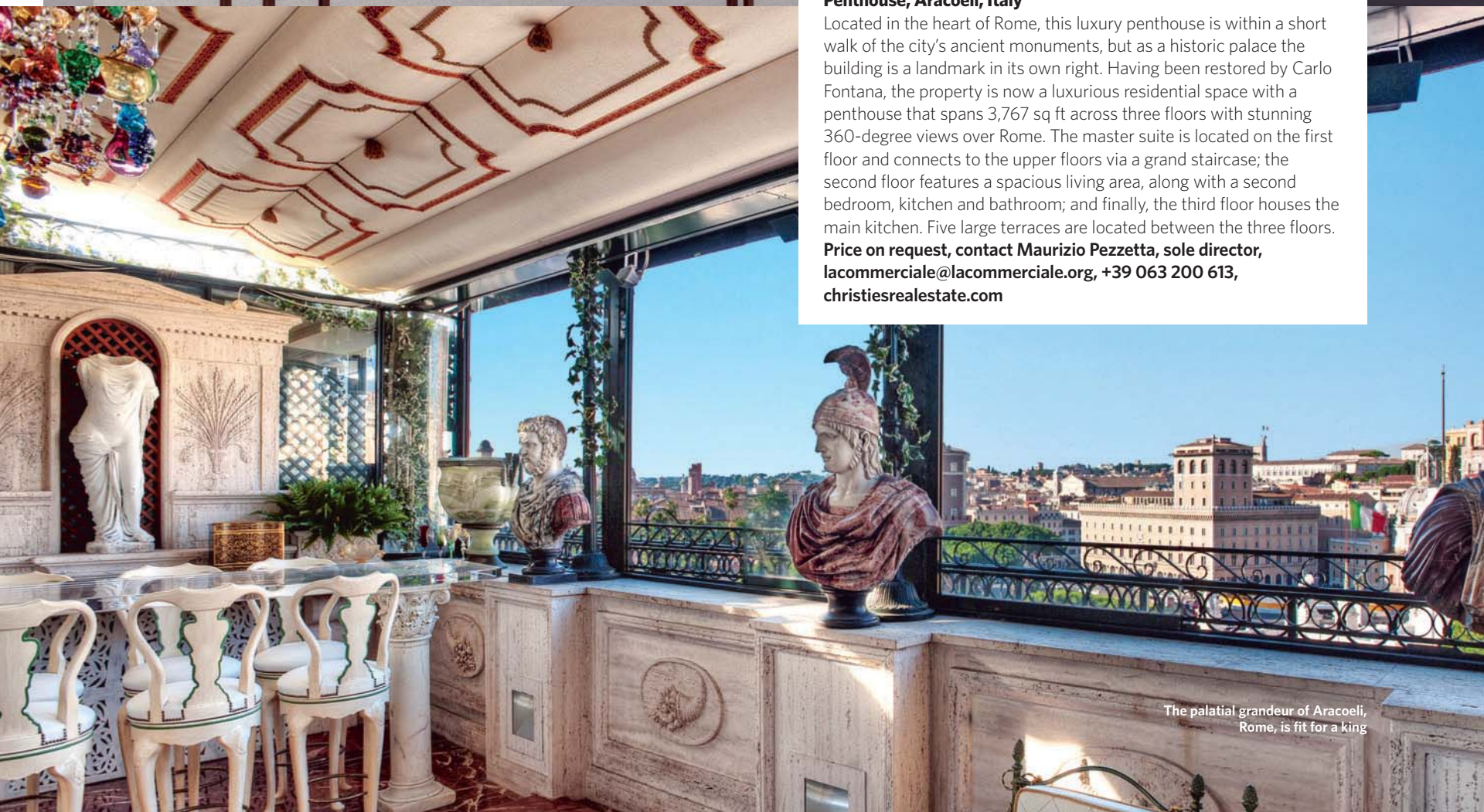
This boutique development on Marylebone High Street comprises five contemporary townhouses and three penthouses (the three-bedroom sub-penthouse is the most valuable) within a 1930s heritage building, each of which is designed to exude individuality. Dixon Jones Architects has transformed the former BBC radio headquarters into luxury properties, with interiors designed by Darling Associates. The penthouses each boast east, south and west-facing terraces, with spacious living areas where attention has been paid to every last detail, from the underfloor heating to the Italian marble in the bathrooms. A 24-hour concierge will be on hand, with secure underground parking, too.

\$16.1m, contact Joanne Ellison, head of sales and marketing, joanne.ellison@w-one.com, +44 203 740 0350, thew1london.com

Penthouse, Aracoeli, Italy

Located in the heart of Rome, this luxury penthouse is within a short walk of the city's ancient monuments, but as a historic palace the building is a landmark in its own right. Having been restored by Carlo Fontana, the property is now a luxurious residential space with a penthouse that spans 3,767 sq ft across three floors with stunning 360-degree views over Rome. The master suite is located on the first floor and connects to the upper floors via a grand staircase; the second floor features a spacious living area, along with a second bedroom, kitchen and bathroom; and finally, the third floor houses the main kitchen. Five large terraces are located between the three floors.

Price on request, contact Maurizio Pezzetta, sole director, lacommerciale@lacommerciale.org, +39 063 200 613, christiesrealestate.com





Blissful ocean views at the Residences at Mandarin Oriental, Bali

REST OF THE WORLD

Mandarin Oriental Residences, Bali

Tucked into 370 acres of land on Bali's southern coast, the Residences at Mandarin Oriental, Bali, give residents the feeling of seclusion, as well as idyllic sea views. The collection of villas here have been expertly crafted by a number of world-renowned architects and designers, including Denniston and SCDA Architects, in line with the Mandarin Oriental's high standards of luxury living. Each villa's private pool comes with stunning panoramic views, and owners have access to exclusive amenities, including access to the 18-hole championship golf course and a number of fine dining restaurants, beach clubs, shopping and luxury spa facilities, as well as a 288ft-high cliff-top infinity pool. The top tier residences here are the five-bedroom Peak Villas, which are 13,864 sq ft.

From \$5.9m, contact Lily Dawis, director, marketing@bukitpandawa.com, +62 816 165 9577, mandarinoriental.com/residences

Penthouse 707, Port Ferdinand, Barbados

In its position at the eastern point of the Port Ferdinand Marina, this property comes with uninterrupted views of the entire waterfront and the sparkling ocean beyond. Penthouse 707 is sprawled across 6,310 sq ft of light-filled space, comprising five bedrooms, four bathrooms, spacious living room, fully-equipped kitchen and expansive deck with a plunge pool and bar. All of this then comes with an 80ft berth and a large boat storage room.

\$7.7m, contact Tristan Blades, property sales manager, residences@unnaliving.com, +1 246 272 2000, portferdinand.com



Caribbean perfection at Penthouse 707, Port Ferdinand



Flight of fancy

Pop-up volcano adventure, The Big Island, Hawaii

Hawaii has some of the most diverse and dramatic landscapes in the world, with active volcanoes, waterfalls as high as a skyscraper, lush jungles and stunning beaches. The Four Seasons Resort Hualalai offers an adventure to fully experience the unique island. Fly over the northern Kohala mountains on a private helicopter charter, land in an exclusive-access area for a secluded picnic before embarking on a guided hike to Kamokuna, where more than a million gallons of lava flow into the ocean every hour. Next, hike over Kilauea volcano where you'll see active lava flowing and learn how this continuously erupting volcano has shaped the land by one of world's leading volcanologists. Staying in the Rainforest Cottage Hideaway, you'll enjoy an exquisite custom-made dinner and, after dark, view the ongoing gas eruptions and glowing molten lava at the Kilauea caldera.

From \$39,500 for overnight experience for four people. Available exclusively to guests of Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, contact concierge.hualalai@fourseasons.com, +1 808 325 8000, fourseasons.com/hualalai

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