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The 10 hottest jet-setting resorts

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Monaco



Photo: Courtesy of Hotel de Paris Monte Carlo.

Monaco's as strange as it is ritzy: outdoor escalators, \$400 cheeseburgers, museum collections of miniature Nazi U-boats. But it's also home to the world's most famous casino. Tux up and spin the roulette wheel previously spun by billionaires and celebs going back to the 1800s.

Live like them, at the [Hôtel de Paris](#), which has had cameos in two James Bond flicks. It's been undergoing renovations since last October, but will remain open until the remainder of the work is done in 2018. From \$510.

London



Photo: Courtesy of The Goring

Age did what neither World War I nor World War II could: close [the Goring](#). Earlier this year, London's sole luxury hotel still owned and run by the family that built it shut down for the first time in its 105-year history for "top-to-toe" renovations (four designers were enlisted for the job), just in time for its birthday.

It's since reopened — Kate Middleton was on hand to celebrate its anniversary — with new and improved suites, bar/lounge and restaurant. Give its new éclair trolley a spin this year. From \$625.

Australia



Photo: Handout

Oz's iconic Hayman, on an island off the coast of Queensland, was desperate for a makeover. So [One&Only](#) stepped in and paid the \$80 million in plastic surgery bills, reducing the number of rooms to 160, adding a new spa and a new infinity pool.

It's One&Only's first Australian resort. From \$665.

New York



Photo: Courtesy of Knickerbocker Hotel

The former Times Square home of Newsweek and Enrico Caruso has been reborn as the just-opened [Knickerbocker Hotel](#), fresh off a total gut renovation that kicked off in 2012.

Now it has 330 guest rooms and suites with design by Gabellini Sheppard Associates, cuisine by Charlie Palmer, a spa and gym. The cherry on top is its roof bar, St. Cloud. From \$495.

Tokyo



Photo: Aman Resorts

The anime. The video games. The over-the-top outfits and fashion. The world's most colorful city is finally home to [Aman's](#) first "city retreat," occupying the top six floors of the Otemachi Tower, high above the lovable madness.

It definitely fits right in, with its 84 rooms sporting sliding Shoji paper doors and large soaking tubs. From \$632.

Havana

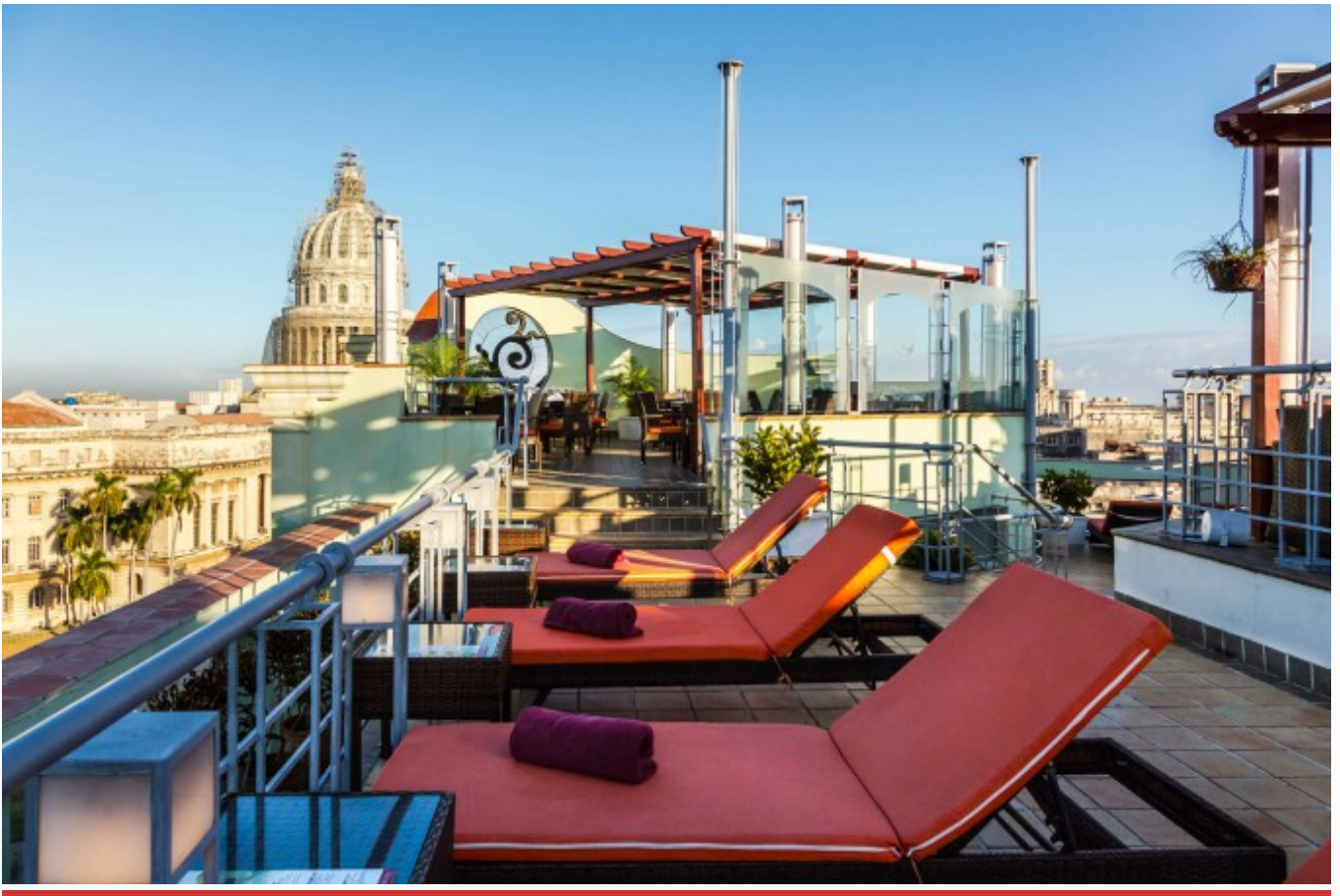


Photo: Courtesy of Hotel Saratoga

Now that we're all besties again with the best-weathered Communist nation on earth, it's only a matter of time before you can explore the Caribbean island without a licensed tour group.

When it does, hit up [Havana's Hotel Saratoga](#) — a k a the place where Jay Z and Beyoncé celebrated their anniversary. It's a five-star with a rooftop pool and welcome cocktails at check-in. From \$180.

Miami



Photo: Courtesy of the Hotel

Unlike its people, all the old buildings in Miami seem to have eternal life. The 74-room, Paola Navone-designed Metropolitan by [COMO](#) just opened last year in a 1930s Art Deco landmark, and infused the place with a beachside pool, rooftop spa and seafood-minded restaurant. From \$499.

St. Bart's



Photo: Courtesy of the Hotel

Swapping out “Hotel” for “Le” in its name was just one of the things [Le Guanahani](#) has been doing with its \$40 million renovation budget these past four years. Now it’s all done, and the 67 cottages are as good as new.

Plenty to do here when you can afford the hefty price of admission: tennis, spa, gym, salon, or just lounge by the pool. From \$1,118.

Sedona, Ariz.



Photo: Courtesy of the Mii Amo.

Arizona gets a lot wrong. Resort-spas aren't one of them. One lesser-known spot in vortex-riddled Red Rock Country is called [Mii Amo](#), a 16-roomer that Gwyneth Paltrow loves, among other quiet-seeking celebs.

The hot-stone massage is most excellent. It's the kind of place that encourages you to wear your robe — everywhere. Even to dinner. From \$2,520 for a three-night journey.

The Bahamas



Photo: Baha Mar

You've seen their stirring commercials, right? No, not the Scientology one, but the ones for [Baha Mar](#), a massive, 1,000-acre beachfront development just west of Nassau opening March 27.

It comprises five hotels, 40 restaurants, a golf course, a huge casino, a 30,000-square-foot ESPA and a nightclub designed by Lenny Kravitz. Do as the man says and fly away. From \$350.

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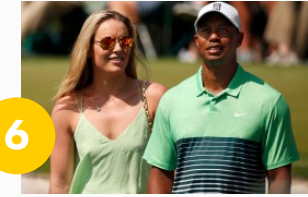
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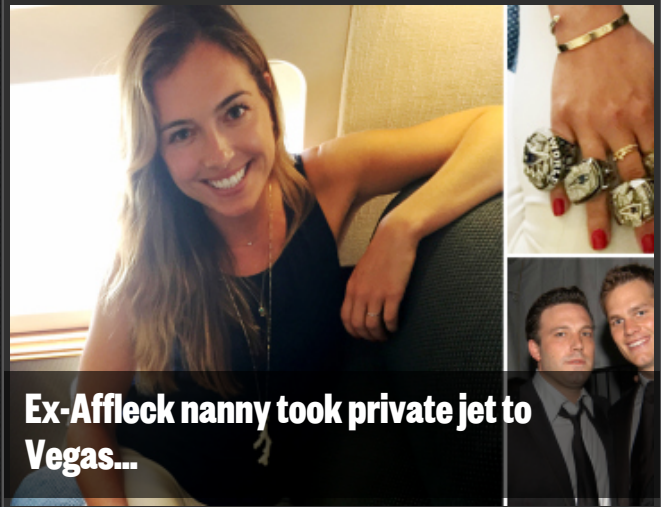
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