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Thailand views. 4/1 Moo 1, Tambol Maenam; 877-946-8357; whotels.com; doubles from \$712.

BEACH
VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO
W Retreat & Spa - Vieques Island

We loved every sun-soaked minute at W's first Caribbean foray, a whimsical space by Spanish design superstar Patricia Urquiola. Set within a series of low-slung beachfront structures, polished cement floors contrast with bright geometric patterns; many private terraces overlook two infinity pools. The hushed, spare-yet-sexy spa, with alfresco showers fringed by palm trees, completes the picture. Km 3.2, State Rd. 200; 877/946-8357; whotels.com; doubles from \$589.

DESIGN
BUENOS AIRES
Algodon Mansion
B.A.'s splashiest new hotel is also its most intimate: with just 10 suites, the Algodon occupies a landmarked 1912 townhouse in the



STYLE ICONS Clockwise from right: A suite at the Capri Tiberio Palace, in Capri, Italy; the Belle Époque façade of Buenos Aires's Algodon Mansion; one of two infinity pools at W Retreat & Spa - Vieques Island, in Puerto Rico; a guest room at Armani Hotel Dubai, in the world's tallest tower, Burj Khalifa.

well-heeled enclave of Recoleta. Within, a relaxed air of privilege prevails—from the clubby bar, all smoky cognacs and leather, to the breezy rooftop pool deck. Suites are a study in subtle elegance, with marble-and-limestone baths and Guayaquin wood floors. While the in-house restaurant doesn't yet measure up, the gracious service—24-hour butlers; an amiable and savvy concierge staff—can make even a first-time guest feel entirely at home. 1647 Montevideo; 54-11/3530-7777; algodonmansion.com; doubles from \$640.

DESIGN
DUBAI, U.A.E.
Armani Hotel Dubai
Hyperbole is doomed in Dubai, where over-the-moon excess is as everyday as the caravans of Bentleys that cruise the city's 12-lane superhighway. In the Burj Khalifa—the world's tallest building—Italy's billionaire fashion kingpin Giorgio Armani made his April 2010 debut as a hotelier with a 160-room property that thumbs its nose at virtually everything that is Dubai. Think sleek and understated, greige and beige, beds topped with bespoke fabrics, and bathrooms lined with smooth Eramosa marble floors. Still, the hotel isn't completely free of over-the-top touches: a fleet of Maserati Quattroportes and Range Rovers will whisk you around the city, and "lifestyle managers" are at your disposal from the moment you arrive to the moment you depart. 1 Emaar Blvd.; 971-4/888-3888; armanihotels.com; doubles from \$735.



DESIGN
MAJORCA, SPAIN
Cap Rocat
With its preening summer crowds and throbbing nightlife, Majorca is a place to be seen. But if you're looking to go off the radar, there's Cap Rocat, set in a 19th-century former military fortress along the southern edge of the Bay of Palma. Local architect Antonio Obrador imbued the hotel with cues that hark back to its past (guest rooms built in



former munitions stores; stylized bullets for door handles). Add private terraces furnished with all-weather canopy beds, an infinity pool, and easy access to the bathwater-warm Mediterranean for sailing, diving, and waterskiing excursions, and this island getaway certainly hits the spot. Cap Rocat; 34/97-174-7878; caprocat.com; doubles from \$685.

DESIGN
CAPRI, ITALY
Capri Tiberio Palace
This stylish setting on the Gulf of Naples can be a bit of a scene, which is exactly what makes the centrally located—yet oh-so-tranquil—Capri Tiberio Palace a welcome addition. Fashion designer turned architect Giampiero Panepinto's soothing pastel-hued interiors are decorated with eye-catching polka-dot wingback chairs and inlaid majolica floors, and most of the 60 guest rooms overlook the Mediterranean. But if getting yourself down to the shore is just too much, lounge by the



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mosaic-lined indoor-outdoor pool, hang out in the spa stocked with Sodashi products, or arrange a candlelit dinner at Terrazza Tiberio, where dishes such as house-made linguine with shrimp and baby zucchini play a starring role. *11-15 Via Croce; 39-081/978-7111; capritiberioplace.it; doubles from \$663.*

DESIGN
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
Hotel Havana
When Liz Lambert opened Austin's

San José and St. Cecilia, she almost single-handedly revived two fledgling neighborhoods. Now the Texas pioneer has set her sights on San Antonio, breathing new life into a grand Mediterranean Revival castle on a wooded stretch of the Riverwalk district. The 27-room Hotel Havana's tufted-velvet recamiers and club chairs and acres of dark Bastrop-pine floors create a breezy colonial feel. And it's no surprise that

the hotel's bar—with red votives and dark, bordello-like nooks—is the city's top spot for a nightcap. *1015 Navarro St.; 210/222-2008; havanasanantonio.com; doubles from \$185.*

DESIGN
PARIS
Le Royal Monceau Raffles Paris
The Philippe Starck-designed Royal Monceau, housed in a 1928 palace hotel a stone's throw from the Arc de Triomphe, is like nothing you've ever

seen in the City of Light. All 149 guest rooms are designed to feel like a Parisian friend's pied-à-terre, with framed photographs leaning haphazardly against the walls, a strand of pearls seemingly left behind on a table, and a custom-built acoustic guitar in the corner of the room (go ahead, strum your heart out: the walls are soundproof). Downstairs, the lobby is filled with contemporary art and the city's beau monde, making the Royal Monceau the new epicenter of cool in Paris. *37 Ave. Hoche, Eighth Arr.; 800/768-9009; leroyalmonceau.com; doubles from \$115.*

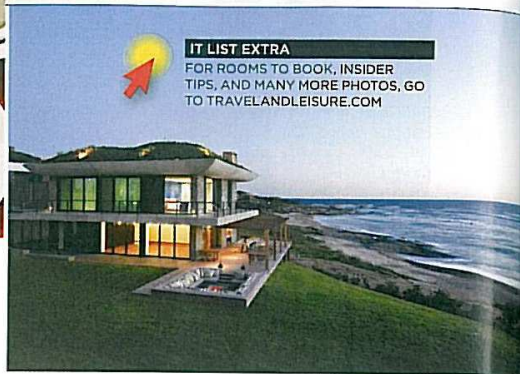
DESIGN
JOSÉ IGNACIO, URUGUAY
Playa Vik José Ignacio
Uruguay's rustic fishing village turned boho hot spot José Ignacio is giving nearby Punta del Este a run for its money with an influx of chic hotels. With this Modernist beachfront compound, a follow-up to Estancia Vik (It List 2009), collectors Alex and Carrie Vik filled the six limestone casitas (all with floor-to-ceiling windows), four suites, and public spaces with museum-worthy rarities from international art stars such as Anselm

Kiefer and James Turrell. The focal point of the property—an architectural departure for the destination—is an elevated infinity pool with the best sunset views in town. *598/9460-5212, playavik.com; doubles from \$750.*

DESIGN
HOLLYWOOD
The Redbury
Sam Nazarian's latest L.A. opening has all the buzz expected of his club-centric SBE brand. Yet with its apartment-style suites, the Redbury is more functional than big sister SLS. Creative director and *Rolling Stone* magazine photographer Matthew Rolston appointed the 57 spacious "flats" with vintage turntables and rock posters in homage to the hotel's prime location opposite Capitol Records; if the framed photos of Hendrix and Monroe aren't enough



SPREADS FOR SYBARITES Clockwise from left: Le Royal Monceau's La Cuisine restaurant, in Paris; espresso at the Royal Monceau; Playa Vik José Ignacio, in Uruguay; breakfast at Hotel Havana, in San Antonio.



CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: ROBERTO FRANKENBERG (2); CRISTOBAL PALMA/COURTESY OF PLAYA VIK JOSÉ IGNACIO; MALU ALVAREZ, OPPOSITE. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: COURTESY OF RIAD JOYA; DAVE LAURITSEN; LINNY MORRIS; CORAL VON ZUMWALT; COURTESY OF BANYAN TREE