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ST. LUCIA

Sweet Retreat

Makeover alert! Believe it or not, this beloved spot is sexier than ever. — Ann Abel

The resort formerly known as Jalousie Plantation emerged last November from a three-year, \$100 million-plus renovation that made it even more jealousy-inducing. Now called **SUGAR BEACH** and managed by the chic Viceroy Hotel Group, the one-time sugar plantation still has what always made it appealing

— impossibly dreamy sea views framed by St. Lucia's dramatic Piton Mountains — but also has seductively simple white decor laid over the rooms' elegant colonial bones. Revel in the seclusion of one of the spacious Luxury Beachfront Bungalows or hillside Luxury Villas, which have private patios, outdoor showers and plunge pools,

as well as private butlers. The treehouse-style spa offers couples' treatments in a romantic cabana for two, and the Great Room serves sophisticated dishes based on local seafood and vegetables. Make time for pre- or post-dinner drinks at the Cane Bar, where a *rummelier* (rum expert) is on hand to advise about the local quaff. *From \$350.*



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AUSTRALIA

Sky High Escape

What's the best way to take in the bright lights of Sydney? From a suite with the best views in the house, of course. — *Tara Bradley*

Heading to Oz? Take photo ops to the next level and book the **BRIDGECLIMB SYDNEY**. The 3½-hour experience includes 1,332 steps along the outer rim of the Harbour Bridge and offers a 360-degree view of the city. Get a bird's-eye view of noteworthy landmarks like the Opera House and the Great Australian Clock. When you do get your feet back on the ground, the 563-room **SHANGRI-LA HOTEL SYDNEY** grants closer views of the historic city and Asian-inspired treatments at Chi, the Spa at Shangri-La. Come evening, keep the killer views of the Sydney Harbour in your peripheral with a dinner for two at Altitude Restaurant. The hotel's restaurant boasts a 36th-floor address, a scenic backdrop and a menu filled with organic cuisine mixed with European creations. After dinner, grab a bottle of bubbly and head back to the room for a late-night soak in a tub built for two. *Climb from \$198 per person; rooms from \$300.*

JAMAICA

VIP BABY!

→ Jump the lines with **CLUB MOBAY**, Montego Bay airport's new service that speeds you through the crowd to a fully stocked lounge. Departure perks: fast track through immigration and access to the private lounge with comped food, drinks and Wi-Fi. There's even a spa. *\$50 arrivals, \$30 departures.* — *Katie McElveen*



BONAIRE

SECRET ISLAND

→ Divers have long tried to keep Bonaire a secret. Beyond exploring a reef-rimmed coast that teems with sea life, you can kiteboard or kayak on Lac Bay, cycle past pink flamingos and hike Mount Brandaris. Located outside the hurricane zone, **HARBOUR VILLAGE BEACH CLUB** features an onsite dive shop, a spa, an overwater restaurant and a palm-shaded sandy beach, a rarity here. Just don't tell anybody. *From \$345.* — *KM*



ANGUILLA

STAR TREATMENT

→ Travel-savvy celebs favor this British West Indies isle for its privacy, and **CAP JULUCA** tops their list. The Moorish-style luxury beachfront resort reopened November 2012 after a \$12 million renovation of its 15 villas, 70 guest rooms and two restaurants, as well as an addition of a Moroccan-theme lounge, Spice. When you do emerge from seclusion, a day trip to Scilly Cay offers snorkeling, lunch and only-order-one rum punches. *From \$595.* — *Ivette Manners*

MOROCCO

Beyond Casablanca

This North African getaway is full of mystic mountains, colorful culture and pink skies exuding romance. Here are three ways to take in this magical country. — *Rebecca Kinnear*



TRIP
STYLE
No. 1

City Center

MARRAKECH Spend the day wandering bustling Djemaa el Fna Square and bartering through the souk's maze; then retreat to the **DELANO MARRAKECH**, whose art deco exterior adds a slice of South Beach to the fashionable Hivernage district. Opened in September 2012, the property exudes a trendy ambience, evident by bumping techno music playing throughout, a chic rooftop pool with an adjacent bar, and designer stores including Louis Vuitton and Missoni. Each of the 71 rooms and suites is swathed in plush purple velvet with state-of-the-art amenities. After touring Badii Palace or Majorell Garden, unwind in your soaking tub or book a *hammam* treatment at The Pearl, a subterranean spa with a grandiose mosaic pool. *From \$233.*



TRIP
STYLE
No. 2

Mountainside

IMLIL Head into the Atlas Mountains and unplug at Imlil, the final stop before a moderate hike to the remote 11-room **KASBAH DU TOUBKAL**. (Don't worry, donkeys cart your luggage.) The payoff is a secluded retreat with a 360-degree view of the villages, waterfalls and peaks. It's remote, so you won't find room service or housekeeping, but you will find an om-like calm among the natural scenery. Book the Apartment Suite with a kitchen, a fireplace and large picture windows that open to a wraparound balcony. (If you'd like to toast your bliss, BYOB; Muslim law prohibits the property from selling alcohol.) For more local flavor, accept a dinner invite from one of the local families that live on premises. Warning: Come hungry. *From \$208.*



TRIP
STYLE
No. 3

Beach Town

ESSAOUIRA The coastal town of Essaouira might look familiar: It served as the fictional land of Astapor on the latest season of *Game of Thrones*. And this isn't your typical day at the beach. Here you can ride camels on the sand, sample fresh fare at fish stalls and shop in the local market. Stay at the **HEURE BLEUE PALAIS**, a Relais & Chateaux respite tucked into the whitewashed medina. The 33 rooms and suites feature African, Asian, British and Portuguese decor (think zebra-print and toile fabrics) — and come with marble bathrooms, stained-glass windows and, in some, cozy fireplaces. Relax next to the rooftop pool before dining in the open-air courtyard, which serves up seafood and traditional Moroccan cuisine. *From \$300.*

JET LAG

IGNORE IT OR HIT THE SACK?

"Get moving!" says Dr. Jennifer Collins, an assistant professor of allergy and immunology at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. Our doctor's advice: Try to establish yourself in the time zone you're entering as quickly as possible. Use food, exercise and activities as clues to your brain to reset your body's natural clock. — *TB*



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