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STELLAR HOTELS HAUNTS

CHECK IN, CHECK OUT: WE'VE UNCOVERED THE TOP SPOTS TO SPY THE RICH AND FAMOUS - IN SERIOUS LUXURY. SIGH



Paris Hilton and Kristin Davis have stayed at Four Seasons Bora Bora

1 Four Seasons Resort, Bora Bora

The cooler here is the spa - recently voted number one in the world by luxury travel network Virtuoso - with its 22m-high arched ceilings and walkways suspended above trees. Jennifer Connelly and Paul Bettany, Paris Hilton and Doug Reinhardt, Vince Vaughn and Kristin Davis are among those who have stayed at the gorgeous property, which features 100 bungalows and seven villas set on a private motu (island) in the string of coral reefs surrounding Bora Bora's main island. Diving is all about fresh organic produce and caught-that-day fish. The signature dish is Polynesian red tuna, marinated with lime and coconut milk. www.fourseasons.com



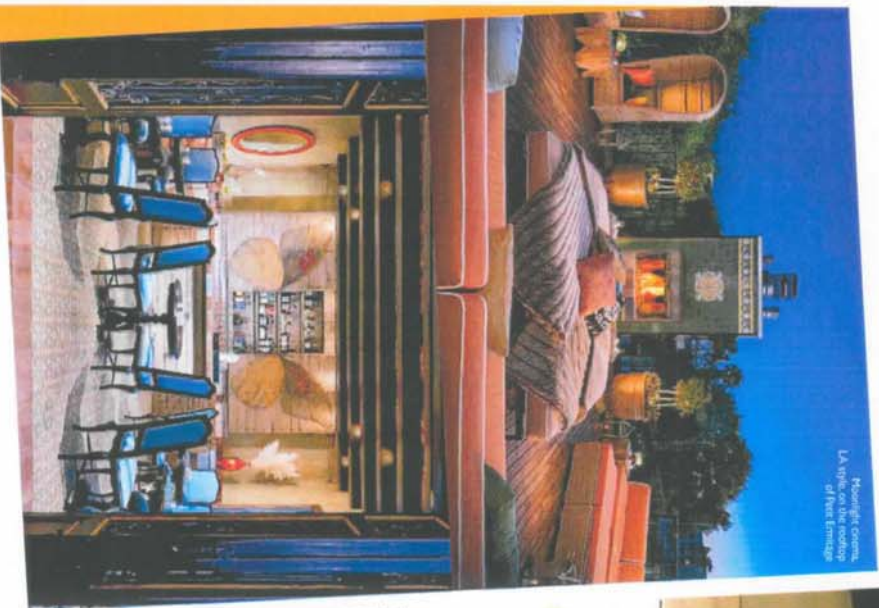
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2 La Mamounia, Marrakech

The chandeliers, overhead, trickling fountains and intricate stonework at La Mamounia exemplify Moroccan glamour. The grand hotel just got a \$192 million makeover by designer Jacques Garcia, and is even prettier today than when old Hollywood stars like Rita Hayworth, Ingrid Bergman, Elizabeth Taylor, Jennifer Aniston and Gwyneth Paltrow have been spotted there. The suites have extraordinary detail: floors and walls covered in hand-painted tiles, and vast terraces for gazing at the Koutoubia Mosque. Celebrate private moments in the private spaces on the property, among hundreds of fruit trees. www.lamamounia.com



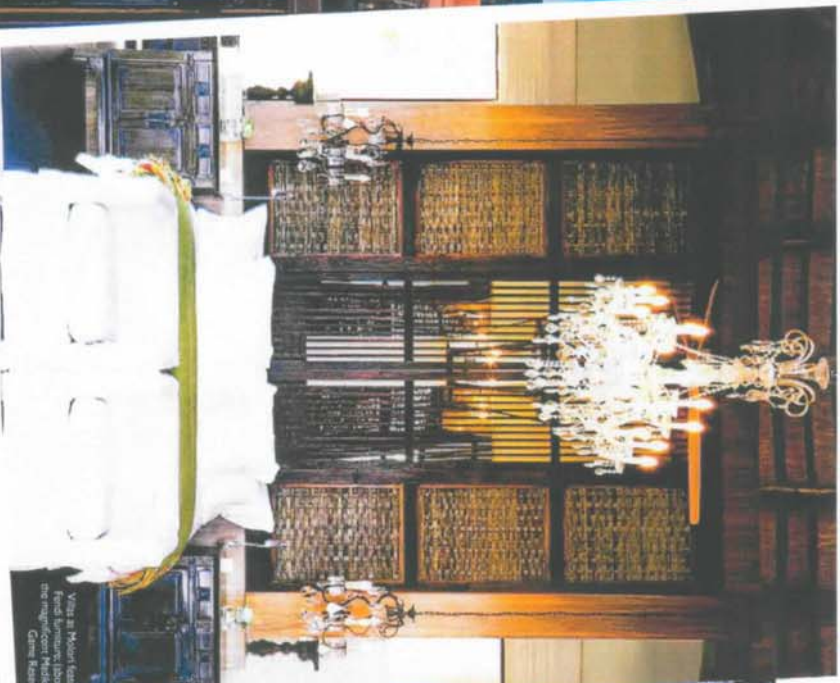
Photo: La Mamounia



Rooftop lounge. LA style, on the rooftop of Petit Emission

3 Petit Emission, Los Angeles
Serena Fisher and Penelope Cruz have checked out the chic new hotel in West Hollywood, with its private rooftop club and lush gardens, saltwater pool and cabanas with fringed, silk umbrellas. On Sunday nights, guest lounge by the outdoor sunset fireplace with sizzling views of the Hollywood Hills, and watch classic

movies. Guests arrive in a lobby where an antique gramophone plays, and walls are decorated with a private art collection including de Kooning and Dalí. The 24-hour room service is Mediterranean cuisine. Fabrics and furniture are bohemian chic, with hand-woven Turkish carpets. Acid carpet surprises like toy elephants in the suites. No wonder it's already a favourite for fashion shoots. www.petitmission.com

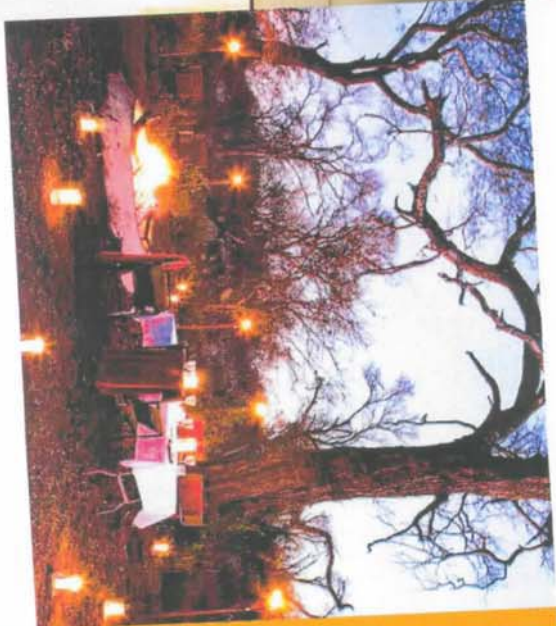


Visit a historic (and free) furniture (and the magnificent) Midtown Grand Hotel

4 Crosby Street Hotel, New York
SoHo's Crosby Street Hotel is the first US outpost of the British Firmidale Hotels group, nestled on a cobblestone street and boutique boho Bohemian. All 86 rooms boast private art and floor-to-ceiling windows, some with views of the twinkling Brooklyn Bridge. Stop for a cocktail by the generous bar or take tea in the leafy garden or guest drawing room. There is a 99-seat screening room with butter-soft orange leather seats by Patricia Fall, owned by Susan Sarandon, Halle Berry, Chanel Iman, Chloë Moretz and Demi Karan. (Ard sat) www.crosbystreet.com



High-top windows look out onto the warm, orange glow of the Brooklyn Bridge (left)



5 Maloti Safari Lodge, Reserve, South Africa
Katie Ross, Lily Aherl, Nicla Burton are just a few of the Aussies who love Maloti, which means 'dreamer' in Tswana. It's a 50-minute flight from Johannesburg accessible only by private airstrip or helicopter and there are just five villas with 44 attentive staff. Guests

tell the chef what they fancy and the owner's wine collection is a bit hard, with 400 bottles to choose from. Maloti has its own watering holes, so guests can lounge on decks at the lodge and watch game swimming and drinking up close. Expect swish interior design, with custom furniture by Fred, Buff and Philippe Starck. www.maloti.co.za

