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# WHAT'S NEW IN IBIZA?



An aerial photograph of a pristine tropical beach. The sand is a brilliant white, and the water is a clear, vibrant turquoise. Several dark-colored lounge chairs are arranged on the sand, each accompanied by a large, light-colored beach umbrella. The umbrellas cast long, dark shadows on the sand. The beach is bordered by a low, light-colored concrete or stone wall that separates it from the water. The overall scene is peaceful and idyllic, capturing the essence of a luxury resort.

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## ECUADOR

### PIKAIA LODGE, GALAPAGOS

Between the cloud forest and the sea, swirled in mist or resplendent in bright Pacific light, the hotel world's latest evolution on the Galápagos is this astonishingly smart spot balanced on the rim of an extinct volcano. The design is startling: wood, glass and steel beams make the structure resemble a coastguard look-out. The views of the shore and the sea are peerless. The land was previously a cattle ranch, one of many on Santa Cruz island, where most of the population lives (its little capital, Puerto Ayora, is the jumping-off point for cruises around the archipelago). The lodge's Ecuadorian owners have cleared the land and undertaken a restoration of endemic species. Darwin's finches hop about on the paths; giant tortoises forage where they please. Staying here is a beguiling and atmospheric experience. Directed drafts remove the need for air-conditioning or powered ventilation; you feel very close to the weather and moods of this astonishing world, which can be eerie one moment and heavenly the next. The restaurant (supreme fish dishes) and spa (one of the best massages around) and a copy of *On the Origin of Species* in every room make Pikaia a sublime place to reflect on your snorkelling discoveries and blue-footed booby encounters.

**FLASH POINT** The lodge has its own boat for exploring nearby islands: the full miracle of the Galápagos is guaranteed by profusions of birds, sea life and iguanas only a short cruise away. *Miraviva* (+44 20 7186 1111; [www.miravivatravel.com](http://www.miravivatravel.com)) offers a 10-day Ecuador trip from £5,950 per person, including seven nights at Pikaia Lodge full board, excursions, flight and transfers



## USA

### PARK HYATT NEW YORK

A lot of hotels brag about their art collections, but the 350 museum-quality works on the walls of Park Hyatt's new New York flagship are the real deal. There in the entrance lobby hangs a Sigmar Polke. Opposite stands Daniel Libeskind's polished stainless-steel Spirit House Chair. Ascend to the second-floor reception to find two works apiece by Richard Serra and Ellsworth Kelly, and a Christian Marclay in the Living Room, as they call the bar (very much the place for a Pisco Sour come cocktail hour). Elsewhere there are diptychs by Rob Fischer and Robert Longo, a Darren Almond beside the third-floor lift and a Sol LeWitt on the corridor that runs between the two presidential suites. But then this is a hotel where everything has been thought through, from the Narciso Rodriguez frocks worn by female staff (so dress up!) and the bespoke Essie nail colours in the spa to the fact they supply paper cups as well as porcelain beside the in-room coffee-makers lest you want it to go. Top marks, too, for the bathroom products from Nolita perfumery Le Labo; for the limo service that will take you anywhere within 10 blocks for free; even for the far-from-obvious classical tracks that play in the public areas and underwater in the 25th-floor pool, a selection curated by staff at Carnegie Hall, which stands opposite the hotel's discreet West 57th Street marquee. **FLASH POINT** Insomniacs can request a sound machine from housekeeping to help them sleep. +1 646 774 1234; [newyork.park.hyatt.com](http://newyork.park.hyatt.com). Doubles from about £430

