



Espa at the Corinthia Hotel, London.

The Best WHITE WONDERLAND

Across between Narnia and the perfumery hall in Harrods, the new four-floor Espa at the Corinthia Hotel, London, is what heaven should be like if one's lucky enough to get there. Sensational treatments, a silver steel swimming pool, Daniel Galvin hair salon and an ice fountain. corinthia.com

The Best IS YET TO COME

New hotels hitting the hotspots

PIKAIA LODGE

The Galápagos, Ecuador

An über-eco lodge created by environmentalist Herbert Frei, Pikaia is an architectural marvel perched on the plateau of an extinct volcano. Wondrous wildlife, naturally. The suite has a plunge pool; alternatively, one can plunge into the sea with the sea lions. pikaialodgegalapagos.com



An architect's impression of Pikaia Lodge.



THE FOUR SEASONS ORLANDO

United States

Once in every family's life, Mickey calls. It's telling that Isadore Sharp, founder of Four Seasons, believes that his boutique Disneyland hotel (a mere 444 rooms) will be his most successful yet. A rooftop restaurant overlooks the Magic Kingdom. fourseasons.com



The Best

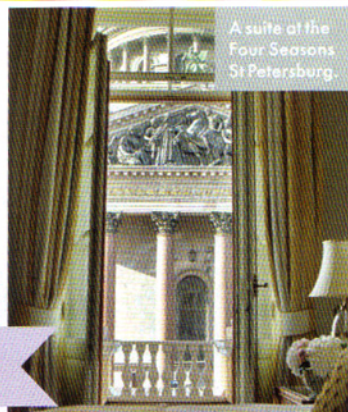


The Meeting House, Amagansett.



MAC'N'CHEESE

We're in the era of comfort food. Macaroni and cheese is the new steak and chips, the I-know-serious-comfort-food for the foodie. The Meeting House in Amagansett, the Hamptons—picture-perfect clapboard—has creamy-dreamy macaroni and cheese. meetinghouseamagansett.com



A suite at the Four Seasons St Petersburg.

THE FOUR SEASONS ST PETERSBURG

Russia

The biggest bedrooms in the city, the best location, by St Isaac's Cathedral. The terraces are at the same height as the dome of St Isaac's, and if one is in urgent need of vodka—and perhaps some caviar—head for the ravishing Xander Bar. Due to open this May. fourseasons.com



A villa at Amanruya.

AMANRUYA

Bodrum, Turkey

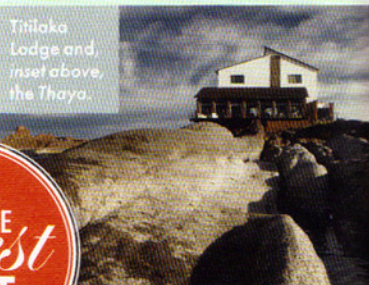
Turkey, regaining fashionability, needed a superb hotel fit for the land of Homer's heroes. Amanruya has villas with private pools and gardens growing fragrant thyme, pergolas with soft daybeds and a Vicem boat: the antidote to archaeological exploration. amanresorts.com

The Best WATER MARK



Lake Titicaca in Peru is the world's highest navigable lake.

Everyone rushes to Cusco and the sacred site, then on, without realising they could be sailing on the top of the world. (Or is it the bottom?) Titilaka Lodge is 18 loft-like suites at the water's edge—another triumph of contemporary architecture in raw natural surroundings—from which you can explore in sailing boats or the 30-foot *Thaya*. Go to local communities and churches or visit the Uros floating islands, then return to fettuccine and smoked trout. steppestravel.com



Titilaka Lodge and, inset above, the *Thaya*.

THE Best LIST



Aria on the Amazon and, inset right, the ship's dining room.

