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The Robb Report 100

IN THIS MONTH'S issue of *Robb Report*, the magazine's editors present their picks for the world's top 100 resorts. Following are highlights from this one-of-a-kind compendium of beach retreats, mountain lodges, wine-country inns, safari camps and more.

Phulay Bay, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve
Krabi, Thailand

In *The Man with the Golden Gun*, Roger Moore chased would-be assassins between the prehistoric karst outcroppings in Thailand's Phang Nga Bay. Guests of Phulay Bay enjoy

unparalleled views of these dramatic rock formations from 54 elegant suites and villas, each outfitted with a 13-foot-wide bed. The resort—the first outpost of Ritz-Carlton's exclusive new Reserve brand—sits adjacent to the tranquil bay, where



Personal butlers guide guests through the purple-walled courtyards of Phulay Bay.

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guests can snorkel among turtles, sea horses and kaleidoscopic coral. (\$1,200–\$5,000)
www.ritzcarlton.com

Zarafa Camp

Selinda Reserve, Botswana

National Geographic filmmakers Dereck and Beverly Joubert conceived this intimate four-tent safari camp, which is set on a private 320,000-acre reserve. Bedrooms overlook a lagoon teeming with hippos and elephants, and guests can spot big cats, wild dogs and more from Toyota Land Cruisers redesigned by the Jouberts for visibility. (\$1,150–\$1,800 per person, all-inclusive)
www.greatplainsconservation.com

Delaire Graff Estate

Stellenbosch, South Africa

Jeweler Laurence Graff's 100-acre

wine estate delivers all the services of a megaresort for just 10 stand-alone lodges—each with a private pool and vineyard views. Mr. Graff's contemporary art collection is on display throughout the property, which serves as the ultimate base for exploring South African wine country. (\$950–\$3,500)
www.delaire.co.za

Laucala Island Fiji

A resort without equal, this Eden-like isle is ringed by turquoise waters and sugarcane beaches. The 3,000-acre property features 25 villas—each a sprawling haven in its own right—plus restaurants and bars, a hilltop spa, tennis courts and a David McLay Kidd-designed golf course for its lucky few guests to enjoy. (\$3,800–\$35,000, all-inclusive)
www.laucala.com

Villa Tre Ville Positano, Italy

Formerly the estate of Italian director Franco Zeffirelli, Villa Tre Ville clings to the seaside cliffs outside of Positano. The villa's four buildings have been intricately restored and now include 15 state-of-the-art suites

adorned with the past owner's collections of Caltagirone pottery and Syrian mother-of-pearl furniture. A private jetty and striped loungers await on the beach below. (Suites from \$1,600, villas from \$27,800 per week, \$39,725 for the entire estate)
www.villatreville.it

Cap Estel Eze, France

Near Monaco on the Côte d'Azur, this 114-year-old seaside mansion on five palm-fringed acres offers 28 accommodations plus two pools, tennis courts, a screening room and a popular restaurant. Ideal for hosting parties or for hiding out during the Monaco Grand Prix and Cannes International Film Festival. (\$650–\$17,600)
www.capestel.com

King Pacific Lodge, a Rosewood Resort Princess Royal Island, British Columbia

Spectacularly remote and implausibly refined, this 17-room lodge sits alone in a majestic wilderness of salmon-filled fjords and pine-covered peaks in the Great Bear Rainforest. Exceptional service, delectable cuisine and a host of outdoor activities



A private lodge at Delaire Graff Estate (left); the Downes Suite at Villa Tre Ville (right).

BOTTOM: GIANFRANCO CAPODILUPPO



led by expert guides add up to North America's ultimate indulgence for nature lovers. (Three-night packages from \$4,950 per person)
www.kingpacificlodge.com

Glenmere Mansion
Chester, New York

This impressive Hudson Valley revival of an early 1900s estate sits just over an hour's drive north of Manhattan. Restored antique chandeliers, the owners' contemporary art collection and heated Carrera marble floors lend charm to the 19-room mansion, which is surrounded by European gardens and a cabana-lined swimming pool. (\$650–\$3,500)
www.glenmeremansion.com

Musha Cay Bahamas

Illusionist David Copperfield owns this collection of 11 private islands in the Exuma chain. Five estates on the main island sleep as many as 24 guests on an exclusive-use basis.

Uncombed white-sand beaches and Bahamian turquoise waters are the settings for such activities as treasure hunts and spy adventures put on by Copperfield's professional production team. (\$37,500 for the entire island for 12 people, all-inclusive)
www.mushacay.com

Lapostolle Residence
Colchagua Valley, Chile

Grand Marnier heiress Alexandra Marnier Lapostolle co-founded this four-casita hideaway amid the vineyards of Chile's Colchagua Valley in 2008. Like Lapostolle's Clos Apalta wine, her luxury resort is the premier option in this viticultural hotbed. Contemporary yet casual, the spacious and private casitas line a hillside adjacent to the Clos Apalta winery. Each unit comes with a deep soaking tub, a fireplace and a deck—and a refrigerator stocked with Lapostolle's wines. (\$500–\$600 per person, all-inclusive)
www.lapostolle.com

Traveling Cirque

LE CIRQUE'S FAMOUS French cuisine is hitting the road this spring. Olivier Reginensi, head chef at the celebrated New York restaurant (which also has outposts in Las Vegas and New Delhi), has been traveling to cities across the country for *An Evening with Le Cirque* (888.402.3933, www.clubcorp.com/lecirque). These special dinners, which are all held at Club-Corp private clubs, are open to no more than 150 patrons at \$150 per person. The tour's final three West



Coast stops are in San Diego on May 12, Los Angeles on May 18 and San Jose on June 1. To re-create the Le Cirque experience, founder Sirio Maccioni ships china from his New York restaurant for use at each venue. Guests dine with members of the Maccioni family and meet chef Reginensi. Each guest also goes home with a copy of Maccioni's new book, *Sirio: The Story of My Life and Le Cirque*.

—CHRISTINE GAROFALO DGI

The infinity pool at Lapostolle Residence; Le Cirque head chef Olivier Reginensi.

LEFT: JACQUE GARABINO