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ISLAND TIME

Eleven Experience—the outfitter known for high-octane resorts in adventure destinations like Colorado and Iceland—is dialing things down for its latest property. Set on sleepy Harbour Island, the pastel-pink **Bahama House** (elevenexperience.com) opened in January with 11 guest rooms and cottages, all luxuriously outfitted with a mix of tropical (seashell lamps and tree prints) and contemporary decor. Guests can spend their days on the water, snorkeling, bonefishing, kayaking, and paddleboarding. For an experience more fitting of Eleven's venturesome reputation, they can also jet away on a **Scorpion** rigid inflatable boat to the nearby island of Eleuthera for hiking, diving, and cliff jumping. —PHOEBE NEUMAN



FARM FRESH

Bosjes (bosjes.co.za) is the latest Cape Winelands property to master the region's historic-farm-turned-luxury-retreat trend. Opened in March on a 2,500-acre estate at the foot of the Slanghoek and Witzenberg Mountains, the farm includes a guesthouse with five rooms clustered around a swimming pool, plus a restaurant in a slick space with a striking blue-and-white Delft-inspired mural. But the main draw here is the ethereal chapel, an undulating structure of white concrete that is, for better or worse, a far cry from the Cape Dutch farms that define this storied wine country. —SARAH KHAN



PARTY IN SAINT-TROPEZ

Saint-Tropez's legendary **Hôtel Byblos** (byblos.com) turns the big 5-0 this summer, and it's celebrating in very good company. The 91-room property has partnered with luxury brands to create special-edition goods from a one-of-a-kind watch by Audemars Piguet to a house car designed by Rolls-Royce. Missoni Home has also been tasked with creating a commemorative suite for the occasion, decked in the brand's trademark vibrant colors and patterns. —JACKIE CARADONIO



STYLE ON THE SEINE

As quintessentially French as the destinations it explores, Uniworld's new Seine River cruiser, **S.S. Joie de Vivre** (uniworld.com), is an exuberant expression of Parisian panache with antique furnishings and custom textiles, haute cuisine, and a grand staircase that mimics the famous wrought-iron flights of the Plaza Athénée. Sailing from Paris to Normandy and back on 7-night itineraries, the 410-foot yacht takes travelers deep into visiting ports, adding bespoke experiences such as a private tour of Château du Champ de Bataille—designer Jacques Garcia's baroque castle filled with 18th-century French furnishings. —SANDRA RAMANI



Q&A: ROCCO FORTE

The founder of **Rocco Forte Hotels** (roccoforte-hotels.com) shares some summer hot spots on his favored Italian isle.

Why Sicily?

The thing about Sicily is that it's so interesting historically. Obviously, you have the sun, sea, and fantastic food, but every single civilization that has come into Europe has been through Sicily and left its mark. There's fantastic Greek and Roman ruins, [as well as] medieval and 17th- and 18th-century towns, like Syracuse.

What historic site is a must-see?

There's a Roman villa with the most amazing mosaics halfway between Catania and Verdura [Golf & Spa Resort, shown] called Piazza Armerina. Only in the last 10 years has it been fully excavated and on show. It's quite beautiful.

Your favorite off-the-grid spot?

Verdura is within reach of some of the typical tourist attractions, like Agrigento, where a large portion of Sicily's Greek temples are. But about 30 minutes in the opposite direction is a ruin called Selinunte, which is almost more impressive. It's in the middle of the countryside—a very fine example of Greek architecture.

Where do you go for a perfect summer meal?

[I visit] the vineyards on the banks



of the volcano Etna—the wines from there have a slightly volcanic taste to them. Over the last 10 to 15 years, Sicilian wines have developed significantly and become delightful wines. To dine, I go to the hills just above Verdura—there is a cleft in the hillside where this little town sits. There is a great restaurant there called Mates, which is family run. You get the most amazing views from up there. —P.N.



NEW JAUNTS IN JAPAN

By land, rail, and sea, visitors to Japan have three luxurious new ways to experience the country's many marvels. The 30-passenger **Twilight Express Mizukaze** train (twilightexpress-mizukaze.jp) is taking travelers on 1- and 2-night journeys from Kyoto to Shimonoseki, exploring hot-springs towns and Shinto shrines by day and offering kaiseki cuisine by night. Last year, Abercrombie & Kent unveiled its **Wonders of Japan** cruise (abercrombiekent.com), sailing the Sea of Japan between Osaka and Sapporo aboard a chartered yacht. And back in Tokyo, the new **Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho**, a **Luxury Collection Hotel** (starwoodhotels.com), is a sky-high oasis with 250 rooms, a Koi spa, and a sake bar. —ADAM GRAHAM & LAURIE KAHLE

