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A suite at the Château du Grand-Lucé, a historic estate in France's Loire Valley. The hotel is one of 72 winning properties on our 2020 It List (page 15). Photograph by Roberto Frankenberg.

ZADÚN, A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE, PUERTO LOS CABOS, MEXICO

At the southern tip of Baja these days, it's all about dodging the crowds. Luckily, Zadún is set on 20 acres of private beach just far enough from go-go Cabo. Even the smallest of the 115 rooms are a generous 750 square feet and have ocean views, terraces, and plunge pools. The 30,000-square-foot spa pulls out all the stops to ensure relaxation: if hydrotherapy doesn't lull you into a dreamy daze, the gently vibrating Savasana Sound Room will do the trick—as I found when I dozed off while waiting for a massage. My seven-year-old daughter, meanwhile, had a blast mowing through kid-friendly activities, like a property-wide scavenger hunt. But what really sets Zadún apart is the personal touch: a *tosoani*, or private attendant, stands ready to meet your every need, whether that means delivering extra (glass!) water bottles or planning excursions—though with a resort this chill, who wants to brave the masses? *ritzcarlton.com*; doubles from \$959. — SHIVANI VORA



RIO PALENA LODGE PATAGONIA, CHILE

The newest spot from Eleven Experience, experts of high-end nature-focused resorts, is isolated in the best sense, down a dirt road in

the dramatic Los Lagos region. This is a place for anglers—they'll find immense trout in the nearby rivers and lakes, some of which are

accessible only by helicopter. But there's more than that: rafting the Futaleufú river, hiking, and wine tastings. At day's end, return to the seven-room

lodge for a pisco sour and a soak in the hot tub as you watch the river roll by. Service is friendly and polished, the look stylishly sylvan. It's a

good equation—one made even better by asado dinners under the stars. *elevenexperience.com*; from \$5,200 for five nights. — DAVID COGGINS



Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection, Hawaii

ALTHOUGH THE FORMER Mauna Lani Bay Hotel was beloved by its loyal guests, the resort—which opened in 1983—had been looking a little tired of late. Enter Auberge Resorts Collection, which just completed a yearlong, top-to-bottom, \$200 million upgrade to turn this icon into a true high-end player on the Big Island (and finally give the neighboring Four Seasons Resort Hualalai and Mauna Kea Beach Hotel some competition). The new look is all about clean-lined Tropical Modernism inspired by the hotel's natural surroundings, with plenty of hardwood accents, neutral tones, and artwork that nods to the island's ancient culture. (A delicate framed featherwork piece on the wall of my room brought to mind the capes and cloaks of the *alii*, or Hawaiian royalty.) One thing that hasn't changed? Canoe House, the resort's open-air, palm-fringed beachside restaurant; still has the best sunset views on the Kona coast. *aubergeresorts.com*; doubles from \$499. — JOHN WOGAN