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### >> FOR THE WORLD TRAVELER EXTRAVAGANT ESCAPE

Opening in May, the lavish **Reverie Saigon** introduces a bold new brand of luxury and contemporary design to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's largest city. The 224-room hotel occupies a 39-story tower and features sweeping views of the metropolis. Visitors also enjoy European- and Indochina-inspired fine dining, a top-shelf bar and a luxurious spa. [thereveriesaiagon.com](http://thereveriesaiagon.com)

### >> FOR THE JET-SETTER AT HOME ANYWHERE

Where would you go if you could own homes in dozens of countries around the world? **Rocksure**, a travel-based real estate equity fund, makes the question more than just idle speculation. Investors co-own a portfolio of fully staffed luxury villas or apartments—like a recently added vacation home in Vienna, located in a former palace that was recently added—which they can access for three weeks during the year. Once the life of the fund is over, Rocksurre sells the properties, and profits are divided among investors. No time and little expense is required to manage the properties, which gives an owner all the benefits of enjoying a second home without the challenges of maintaining it. Daily maid service and access to personal chefs and a local concierge are included. [rocksure.com](http://rocksure.com)



### >> FOR THE AVID OUTDOORSPERSON BACKCOUNTRY BEAUTY

An icon of craftsmanship, **Danner Boots** stand out for their rugged, utilitarian beauty.

The company's line of hiking boots, which range from heavy-duty backcountry boots to lifestyle models fit for a stroll on city streets, follow a legacy of hand-crafted, U.S.-made quality that extends back to 1932. When a pair of Danner boots finally breathes its last breath, however, some boot-owners have been known to send them back to Danner's recrafting shop in Portland, Oregon for repair rather than retirement—the sole might be replaced, but the soul of the much-loved boot remains.

In the 2014 film "WILD," based on Cheryl Strayed's best-selling book about her transformative 1,100-mile hike along the Pacific Crest Trail, actress Reese Witherspoon is outfitted in Danner's Mountain Light Cascade boot. [danner.com](http://danner.com)

### >> FOR THE CULTURAL EXPLORER DISCOVER CUBA

Cuba has been called a time capsule, a once-forbidden land of faded, yet singular, loveliness. Now, as trade restrictions between the U.S. and Cuba are being lifted after more than 50 years, a window has opened into this vibrant culture.

**LATOUR** specializes in expertly planned tours to Latin America that are led by professional bilingual Cuban guides. The nine-day, people-to-people exchange programs allow travelers to comply with U.S. travel restrictions and experience the culture in a personal and meaningful way. One of the programs "Hello Cuba" provides a wide range of historical and cultural experiences, from one-on-one meetings with artists and musicians to a visit to Finca Vigía, the winter home of Ernest Hemingway. [latour.com](http://latour.com)



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### >> FOR THE DESIGN LOVER PARIS CHIC

La Réserve Paris: Hotel and Spa, which opened in January 2015, offers a new vision of discreet luxury in France's stylish capital. Housed in a Haussmanian mansion in the 8th arrondissement, the 40-room hotel embodies the warmth and refinement of a 19th century private apartment. Here, just a stone's throw from the Champs-Élysées, you can hear the heart of Paris beat. With amenities like a private lounge, bar, courtyard and library reserved exclusively for guests, as well as an on-site spa and restaurant, the hotel has a club-style spirit. **La Réserve Paris** also offers 10 furnished apartments for longer stays, located at Place du Trocadéro. [lareserve-paris.com](http://lareserve-paris.com)



### >> FOR THE EQUATORIAL ADVENTURER

## ISLAND LIFE

At **Banyan Tree Seychelles**, sand and sun are just the start to an exquisite escape. The 37-villa resort, built on grounds that once belonged to friends Peter Sellers and George Harrison, presents a tropical paradise bursting with to do's. The Seychelles is an archipelago in the Indian Ocean known worldwide as a hotspot for sport fishing, and Banyan Tree's location on Intendance Bay offers a particularly abundant catch. Fishing trips, cooking classes, custom, open-air spa treatments or a date night under the stars can easily be arranged. Cultural experiences, shopping, swimming, snorkeling and, of course, fine dining are other enjoyable ways to while away the hours in paradise. Want to return home with a true tale of the exotic? Attend the once-a-week "Creole night" to sample the bat curry, a local delicacy made from fruit bats marinated in vinegar, curry powder, garlic, ginger, cloves and cinnamon. [banyantree.com](http://banyantree.com)



### >> FOR THE ECO-CONSCIOUS FOODIE

## FUTURE OF FOOD

**Expo Milano 2015**, the next world's fair, will be held in Milan from May 1 to October 31 with the theme "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life." Serving both as a celebration of international cuisine and a platform for the exchange of ideas and solutions for a sustainable future, the global event will be the largest ever held about food and nutrition and is expected to attract more than 20 million visitors. [expo2015.org](http://expo2015.org)

In honor of the exhibition, five-star **Carlton Hotel Baglioni** in Milan is partnering with the University of Gastronomic Sciences in Pollenzo and the Italian nonprofit Slow Food to launch "The Redefinition of the Italian Breakfast," which focuses on sustainability and locally sourced ingredients to create a uniquely delicious experience for hotel guests. [baglionihotels.com](http://baglionihotels.com)

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