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Escape Plans
FIVE NEW GETAWAYS BECKON THIS SEASON, IN
CHINA, SOUTH AFRICA AND BEYOND



TRAVEL



2 Jamaica

When we say the opening of the **Jewel Grande Montego Bay Resort & Spa** is big news for Jamaica, we mean big: The all-inclusive spread has 217 rooms and 12 dining options among its three beachside towers. Yet, despite its supersize dimensions, the resort manages to retain an intimate feel, thanks to stellar service (private butlers, anyone?), a tranquil spa, and 11 stand-alone villas for guests who desire more privacy. *Rates from \$553*; jewelgrande.com.

3 Thailand

Does the word "Phuket" fill your mind with visions of raucous backpackers and seedy hostels? Well, think again: There's a reason the luxe Rosewood brand chose the city's beguiling Emerald Bay as the site of its first Southeast Asian property. The plush Rosewood Phuket feels a world away from the island's party vibe, with 71 pool pavilions and villas and an all-encompassing Asaya wellness platform. Rates from approximately \$720; rosewoodhotels.com.





4 Mauritius

A celebrated hospitality icon is reborn this December when the **One&Only Le Saint Géran** unveils its eagerly anticipated renovation. We aren't talking about minor cosmetic nips and tucks, either; the 42-year-old grande dame shuttered its hallowed doors for nearly a year, and the result is worth the wait. The earthy, refreshed rooms are clad in timber, leather, linen and stone, and livened up with turquoise accents inspired by the ocean—which, thanks to the resort's prime peninsula perch, is still the main event. *Rates from \$950; one and only resorts.com*.

5 South Africa

If you've recently taken to fantasizing about booking a flight to Cape Town, the glossy new **Silo Hotel** probably has something to do with it. Social media feeds have been deluged by images of its jewel-box exterior and #bathtubgoals bathrooms. Opened in March atop the city's red-hot new Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa, the Silo was the continent's buzziest hotel debut—and as Cape Town heads into its peak summer season, it'll be easier to score tickets to *Hamilton* on Broadway than one of those 28 coveted keys. *Rates from approximately \$948*; theroyalportfolio.com. • **SARAH KHAN**



Clockwise: The CORAL CASINO BEACH AND CABANA CLUB, available to hotel guests of the FOUR SEASONS RESORT THE BILTMORE SANTA BARBARA. The resort's Spanish-style facade. A Mediterranean-inspired bathroom.



REFRESHED Memory

A Santa Barbara fixture and historic celebrity hideaway—having lured the likes of Lana Turner, Gregory Peck, Joan Crawford, and John F. and Jacqueline Kennedy in its time—Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara celebrates 90 years this winter.

For its landmark birthday on Dec. 16, the 22-acre property on Butterfly Beach will debut a Prohibitionthemed cocktail menu, a private-label commemorative "1927" merlot and namesake special-reserve blend (both part of a partnership with Sunstone Vineyards & Winery), plus an exclusive series with photographer Gray Malin—a modern take on images captured by Hal Boucher, the Biltmore's staff photographer since 1948, who is still employed by the resort today.

Add to that glittering list four recently unveiled refurbished, private gated-entry bungalows, complete with fire pits, heated plunge pools and a VIP guest services manager at patrons' beck and call. Ninety never looked so good. Rates from \$595. 1260 Channel Dr., S.B., 805-969-2261; fourseasons.com.

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Private jet service **JetSuiteX**—whose West Coast-based public charter flights have been luring passengers with the promise of hassle-free travel and luxurious commutes since its launch in 2016—is getting into the pop-up game. This December, they debut seasonal service from Burbank to Mammoth Lakes, and in January the company will launch special limited services that cater to the tech and Hollywood sets, with direct trips from San Jose to the CES annual trade show in Las Vegas, and flights from Burbank to Salt Lake City for the Sundance Film Festival. *jetsuitex.com*.

