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Hotel

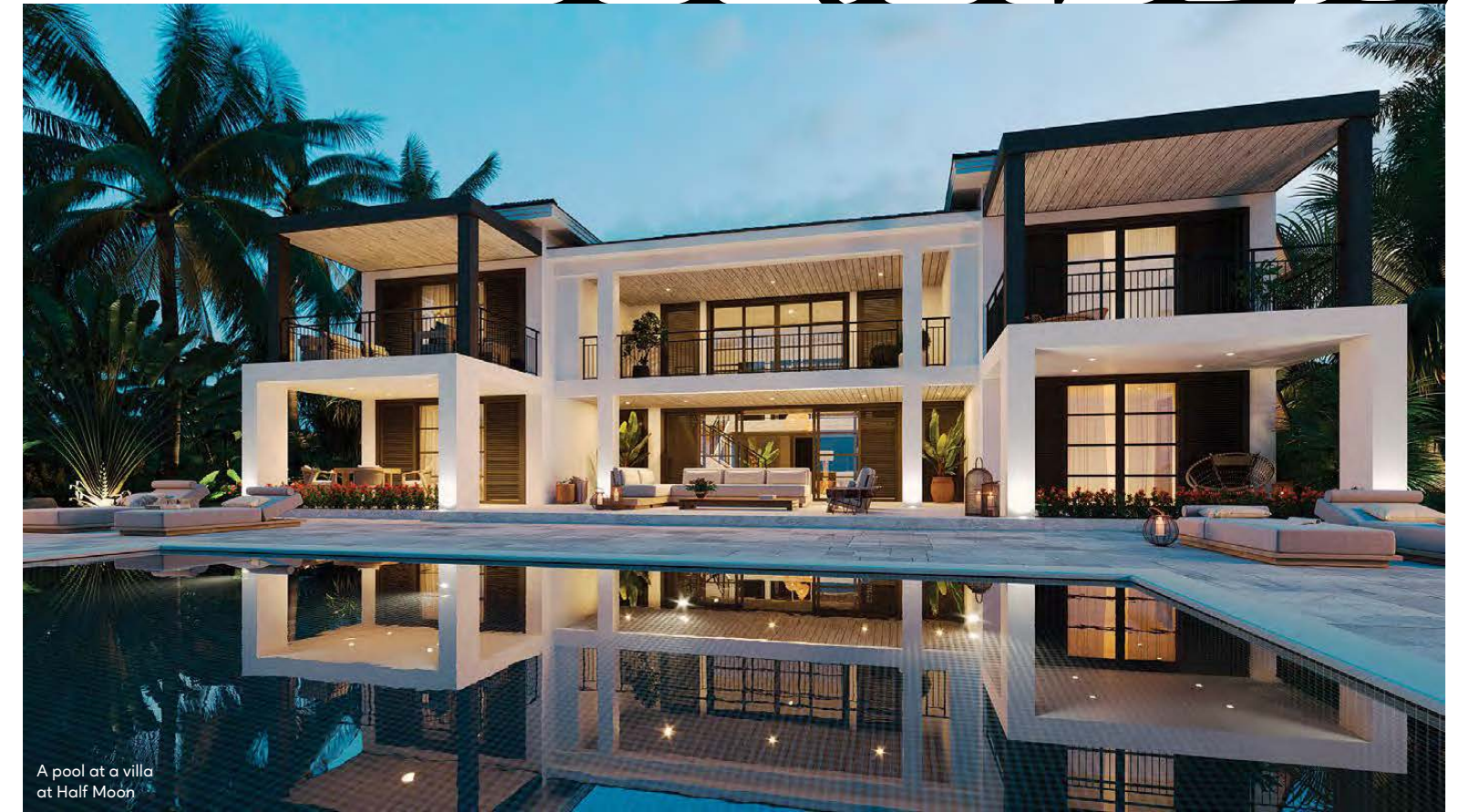
TRAVEL NEWS

# PLACES IN THE SUN

*From the Caribbean to Central America,  
there are many new warm-weather escapes  
to jet off to this winter*

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# TRAVEL



A pool at a villa  
at Half Moon

From newly renovated villas to expertly crafted culinary programs, the Caribbean is brimming with fresh experiences for the discerning traveler. Whether you're seeking secluded beachfront luxury or vibrant cultural escapes, the islands have never been more enticing

## CARIBBEAN

### JAMAICA

In celebration of its 70th anniversary, Montego Bay's iconic plantation resort **Half Moon**, part of the Salamander Collection, is unveiling a transformation of its Rose Hall Villas. The multibedroom accommodations, renowned for their privacy and exclusivity, are undergoing a complete modernization in a multiphase redesign. The 19 luxury villas will be reimaged in collaboration with design firm Atelier-Vidal. Located at the eastern end of Half Moon's two miles of shorefront, the Villas at Half Moon offer an independent resort experience catered to families and groups, complete with a personal chef, housekeeper and butler. Each spacious five-, six- or seven-bedroom villa features a private pool, outdoor living spaces and seafront or garden views. [halfmoon.com](http://halfmoon.com)

In celebration of its 50th anniversary, **Rockhouse Hotel** owner Paul Salmon and his team are creating a coffee table book, *Rockhouse: The Book*, that showcases photography and stories of the Negril property from the last half-century. The book will be available for purchase online and in select retailers in New York and Negril. Opened in 1974, the hotel was originally designed by Don Erickson and Dennis Stephens, who met while working for Frank Lloyd Wright in Chicago. Early guests of the property included the likes of Bob Marley and the Rolling Stones. Fifty years later, Rockhouse has been renovated and expanded and now sits on 8 acres with three restaurants, an award-winning spa, a cliff-edge horizon pool and an onsite farm and hydroponic greenhouse where most of the restaurant's produce is grown. [rockhouse.com](http://rockhouse.com)

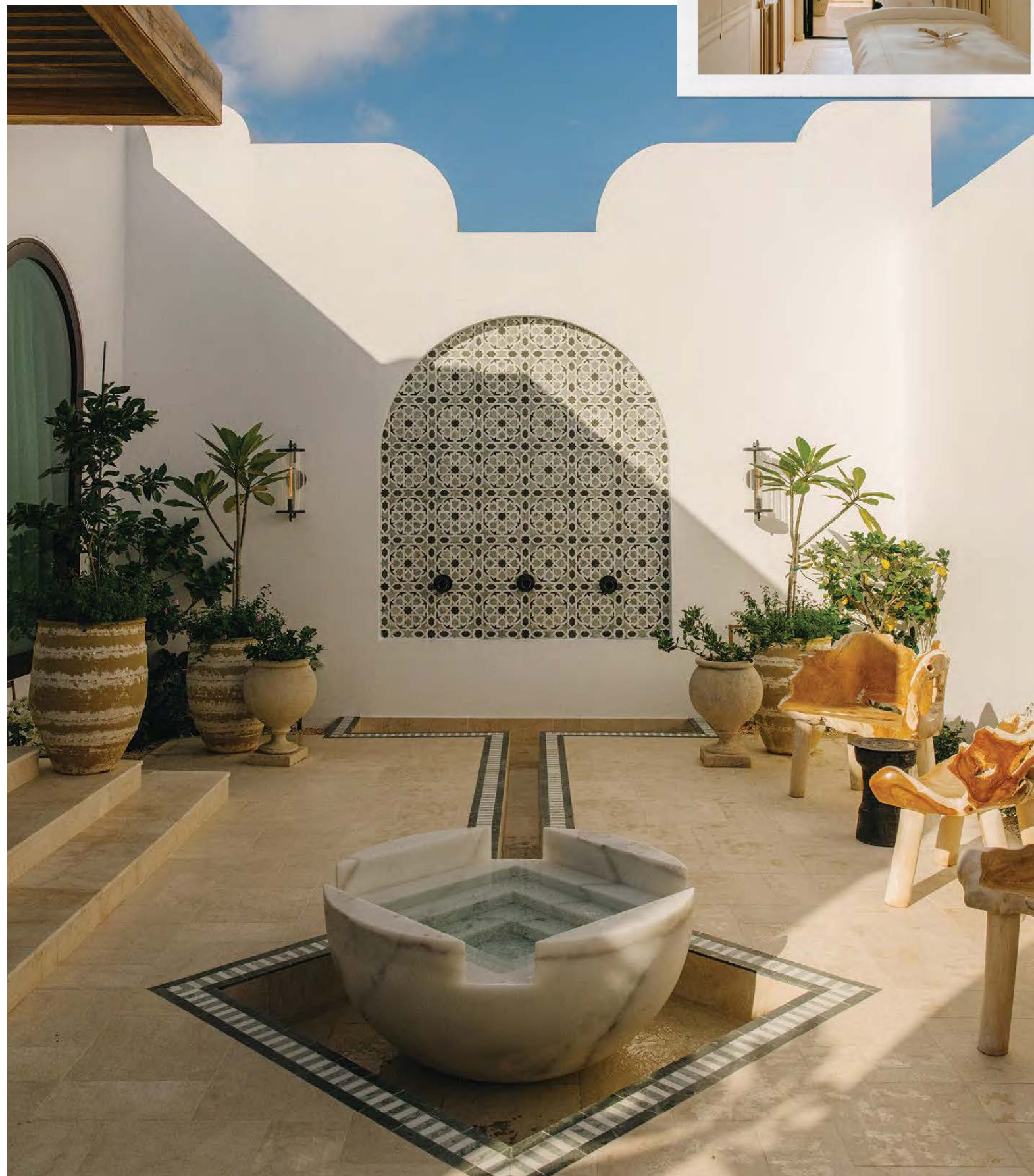
A villa bedroom  
at Half Moon





**Cap Juluca, A Belmond Hotel**, is unveiling an array of family-friendly adventures and wellbeing experiences in partnership with Guerlain. The **Cap Juluca Spa by Guerlain**, overseen by design studio Rottet Studio, invites guests to indulge in a curated selection of exclusive Guerlain rituals designed to harmonize body and mind. Unique offerings include the Ocean Vibes experience, which uses an ocean tambour and ice bubbles to evoke the calming ebb and flow of the sea. [belmond.com](http://belmond.com)

FROM TOP:  
A treatment room at the Cap Juluca Spa by Guerlain; the entrance courtyard



CAP JULUCA SPA BY GUERLAIN: VICTOR STONEM

The Flomarine villa

## MUSTIQUE

The exclusive island enclave of **Mustique**, home to Tommy Hilfiger, Mick Jagger and Shania Twain, has unveiled three new villas, each conceived by esteemed designers. Created by Paolo Moschino and Philip Vergeylen, La Palma is nestled superbly beside the pristine Palm Beach on L'Ansecoy Bay. Serenity Bay was recently completed with interiors by renowned designer Tino Zervudachi, while Flomarine, an original Oliver Messel house, has been meticulously reimaged and restored to its former splendor by Pippa Murphy. Each villa offers a unique window into Mustique's charm, combining refined design with the natural beauty of this iconic private island. [mustique-island.com](http://mustique-island.com)



## CARTAGENA

**Casa Pestagua**, a historic 17th-century colonial mansion-turned-luxury boutique hotel, recently reopened its doors after a \$15 million renovation. The sister property to Casa San Agustin, an elegant boutique hotel encompassing three restored 17th-century colonial homes located just minutes away in the old city, offers guests the opportunity to couple their stay and access each hotel's unique amenities. New updates include a refurbished lobby, restaurant, bar, fully equipped gym and five new suites. The 16-room colonial structure features a lush courtyard with a swimming pool and *Ánima* restaurant serving traditional Colombian cuisine. Guests can also enjoy the ACASI experience with an excursion to Isla Barú, a remote tropical island off Colombia's Caribbean coast where Casa Pestagua and Casa San Agustin guests have exclusive access to a private white sand beach. [casapestagua.com](http://casapestagua.com)

The pool at Casa Pestagua



The Sense spa at Rosewood Mayakoba

CASA PESTAGUA: KIKO KAIRUZ

## MEXICO

For a dose of Mayan zen, **Rosewood Mayakoba** is unveiling a series of treatments in collaboration with Ground Wellbeing, infusing nature's ancient wisdom into modern healing therapies. Rosewood's Ground Rituals invite guests on a journey back to simplicity, with rituals featuring plant essences designed to awaken, invigorate and balance the mind and nervous system. Signature treatments like The Grounding Ritual, The Sleep Ritual, The Balancing Ritual, The Comforting Ritual (for prenatal care) and The Cleansing Ritual blend such elements as rhythmic massage, skin masks, full-body clay wraps, acupressure and gua sha for lymphatic support. Each experience aligns with Rosewood's vision of personalized wellness. [rosewoodhotels.com](http://rosewoodhotels.com)