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Smart, stylish and supremely dreamy - these are the hottest places to stay on Greece's party island this summer

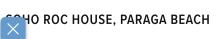
by DAVID ANNAND





hen the party's over, kick back in one of Mykonos' best bedrooms, with sensational views of the Aegean Sea, exclusive access to private <u>beaches</u>, tasting menus designed by top chefs, northern winds for kite-surfing, family-friendly suites and secret swimming pools. These are the eight hottest hotels in Mykonos.





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predictability, though, with North African art, kilim cushions and Moorish arches throughout the property, which provides a comforting crashpad for those who want to party hard and pamper soft (dump your bags in a bedroom facing Paraga beach and book an open-air massage in the rattan cabana). The hotel is within walking distance of some of the island's latest and greatest clubs, with Tropicana, Paradise and Cavo Paradiso dotted along nearby Paradise beach – it gets noisy, though, which can generate a serious case of FOMO on your days away from the buzz. Soho House members and guests get priority access to Scorpios beach club, which has its very own record label, offers spiritual sunset rituals and serves up a Mediterranean mash-up of on-trend ingredients to holistic – and hungover – visitors.

Address: Soho Roc House, Paraga Beach, Mykonos, Greece Telephone: +30 22890 27474 Price: Doubles from £200 Website: sohohouse.com

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Soho Roc House, Mykonos: first in





seen, this is a discreet hillside enclave of timeless buildings that are secluded enough to catch your breath but close enough to the action that you won't miss out (Scorpios and Nammos restaurant are less than 20 minutes away by car). Soak up the scenery from the swimming pools overlooking the tiny island of Delos, known as Apollo's birthplace, to which you can also catch a boat from the pier. If the nightlife hasn't got the better of you, rise early to claim the four-poster wooden daybed at ground level and order sushi from Seltz Champagne Bar. Bright bedrooms are cool and calming with private terraces and plunge pools, plus there's a subterranean spa for when you need a break from the blistering heat.

Address: Katikies, Agios Ioannis, Mikonos 846 00, Greece Telephone: +30 2289 027890 Price: Doubles from £650

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SANTA MARINA, ORNOS BAY

Family-run and <u>family-friendly</u>, Santa Marina offers parents and children the best of both worlds, an unusual feat on this party-hard island. A renovation by owner Christiana Papageorgiou, whose father bought the estate in the late 1970s, has brought it up to date with Greek go-tos such as bamboo furnishings and rattan textures; it's polished but not precious, smart but not stuck-up (a relief for parents letting little ones loose here). Perched on a cliff overlooking Ornos Bay, it's designed like a small village – albeit one with lifts – and is one of the only retreats to have its own private beach with shallows, shade provided by the palm trees and domed wicker daybeds.







BOHÈME, MYKONOS TOWN

The lemonade served on arrival is homemade from fruit grown in the hotel's walled herb garden, a delightful little enclave where candles twinkle in jam jars at night and the scent of rosemary hangs in the air. Look closely and you'll spot a bamboo treatment hut for massages and a deck for <u>yoga</u> in among the olive trees. Up a level from this wholesome spot is the more decadent pool bar, a hill-top sun-trap and the real hub of Bohème. Here guests laze around the kidney-shaped pool on grand super-loungers and bean bags; at night, bearded bartenders turn out flawless <u>Negronis</u> at the chic <u>Bilo Bar</u>, just the place for a sharpener before taking advantage of the hotel's superb location, a two-minute walk from <u>Mykonos</u> Town and its many lively <u>restaurants</u>. Polished concrete floors give the bedrooms a modernist quality, but knitted rope light fittings and splashes of colour stop it all becoming too sombre. Breakfast is served on private balconies, for when you want to lie low the morning after sampling the mixologist's magic.

Address: Bohème, Mykonos Town, Greece Telephone: +30 228 902 3300 Price: Doubles from about £255

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BILL & COO COAST, AGIOS IOANNIS

Back in 2014, Mykonian hotelier Theodosis Kakoutis worked with hip Athenian architects K-Studio to begin a radical overhaul of the original Bill & Coo, upping the ante from unassuming <u>honeymoon</u> hideaway to super-slick hangout with a buzzy vibe. A few years ago, after an impossible-to-turn-down piece of land became available on the Agios Ioannis peninsula, he opened Bill & Coo Coast, a gorgeous, suites-only hotel overlooking a perfect crescent of sand. Built in rugged stone, bleached wood and cast iron, it feels a lot more private and peaceful than its sibling; a place for A-listers to unspool rather than party. Each of the 15 lovely bedrooms has secluded terraces and is done out in a cool, calm colour palette of light grey and powdery whites with the occasional jet-black vase thrown in for contrast.

For lunch, old-school taverna staples have been given a light, modern makeover, with standouts such as humble but delicious sardines on bread, and slow-cooked rooster *pasticada* served with pasta and truffles. For dinner, guests can catch the fiveminute transfer to the original Bill & Coo, whose chef Athinagoras Kostakos creates serious tasting menus with a strong Greek accent. Back by the <u>pool</u> at Coast, there are a couple of gazebos (one of which doubles as a therapy tent for outdoor massages), with views of the charming Greek Orthodox church of Agios Ioannis, where black-clad widows mourn on the steps and village lads scoot past on mopeds.

Address: Bill & Coo Coast, Agios Ioannis, Mykonos, Greece Telephone: +30 228 902 6292 Price: Doubles from about £420

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LYO, SUPER PARADISE BEACH

Just when you thought Mykonos didn't need another Japanese restaurant, up pops chef Nam Truong at this out-of-the-way new hotel. And guess what? He's turning out some of the best sushi on the island. The German banker-turned-chef trained in Japan, and his black cod with miso-yuzu buttercream and sensational tuna-belly nigiri are reason enough to brave the winding road to Lyo, which sits high on a slope above Super Paradise Beach. Being removed from the intensely developed parts of the coast has allowed the owner, Tasos Zouganelis, to create a more sprawling hotel than is usual in the <u>Cyclades</u>; the 18 bedrooms are spread beneath a series of low-rise buildings, giving the feel of an intimate hill-top hamlet.

Its pristine spaces have a kind of upscaled Nineties look, which makes a refreshing change from the boho-mania that dominates current hotel design, with unabashedly smart and contemporary wire furniture, and bright-white, sky-blue and geometric colour schemes: the opposite, basically, of the murky modern palette. In high summer, Super Paradise's beautiful sandy bay, a five-minute stroll down the hill, transforms into a heaving, hedonistic party zone with crowds drawn to beach clubs such as the magnificently razzly Jackie O. Those who prefer to sip rather than spray their Champagne will probably plump for Lyo's super-quiet, open-air bar with sublime sea views.

Address: Lyo Boutique Hotel, Super Paradise Beach, Mykonos, Greece Telephone: +30 228 902 2535 Price: Doubles from about £210

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WAVES, KORFOS BEACH

Above the beach in Korfos Bay, on a narrow isthmus in the south-west of the island, brightly coloured kites fly through the air like brilliant birds of prey hitching on a thermal. The beach below may not be the prettiest on Mykonos, but its horseshoe shape and exposure to the northern winds make it one of Europe's best spots for kite-<u>surfing</u>. How clever, then, for born-andbred Mykonian George Syrianos to turn the land where he once grazed his goats into the first hotel on the island aimed squarely at wave-riders. It's a laid-back, hands-off, DIY kind of place where all eight suites are accessible straight from the beachside pool area, meaning there's no lobby to drag your board through, no carpets to drench with your kit. Unsurprisingly, this chilled approach goes down well with young families, and the interiors are fittingly pared-back and solid; whitewashed rooms are made homely with chunky wooden furniture and gauzy curtains.

There is no restaurant, but simple breakfast baskets are delivered every morning, and each suite has a fridge and hob to prepare meals using <u>ingredients</u> from the cluster of shops at the other end of the beach, which include a couple of good bakeries, an independent butcher and a surprisingly chic fishmonger. For more sheltered sunbathing, the bars and day-beds at

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Telephone: +30 228 902 6402 **Price:** Doubles from about £190

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KENSHŌ, ORNOS BEACH

With its snug, tucked-away bars and secret swimming pools, hot-tub grottoes and multi-storey sun terraces, Kenshō feels like one of Escher's impossible fantasies lavishly realised as a boutique hotel, each surprise staircase leading to another unexpected delight. It is owner George Nikitidis's first hotel and he's picked a great spot up the hill from Ornos beach: close enough to walk to, but far away enough not to hear the bass from its beach clubs. The design is slick and contemporary, with lots of sliding glass doors, white walls and adult-sized wicker bassinets by the pool. Each room is subtly individual; some have freestanding baths, others plunge pools on the terrace, and all have a different signature piece by first-rank Italian furnituremakers such as Riva 1920, Baxter and Mogg. The open-sided restaurant is heavy on attention-grabbing touches – vast metal light shades, plate-glass tables – which keep pace with chef George Stylianoudakis's high-concept food, including dishes such as red mullet with artichoke. The body-beautiful crowd lounge decorously around the pool, or in the spa, with its low-lit treatment rooms where therapists practise reiki.



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The breakfast bar at Waves in Korfos Beach

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Sun loungers at Waves in Korfos Beach

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View of the bay from Waves in Korfos Beach

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Bohème in Mykonos Town, Mykonos

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Lyo in Super Paradise Beach, Mykonos





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ondon is coming out of lockdown – and we've come up with plenty of things to do and ways to support the capital's independent businesses this week. From foodie feasts to luxurious facials, these are our top ideas.

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1. WATCH ROMEO AND JULIET AT THE GLOBE

For those itching to get back to the <u>theatre</u> but not quite ready for large indoor gatherings, there's only one place to go. The Globe is back in business with a new production of *Romeo & Juliet*. Starring Alfred Enoch and Rebekah Murrell, the play is taking on a whole new meaning with its theme of love in a time of social conflict. Ola Ince directs a modernised version of the play, reflecting on the pressure placed on young people, from violence against women and an oppressive patriarchal society to the lack of support for mental health and the rising rate of suicide among young people. For those not prepared to return to group viewings, the performance will be live-streamed on Saturday 7 August, while those eager to experience live theatre that's even more magical can book tickets for a performance under the stars at the midnight matinee on Saturday 17 July. The show is socially distanced until restrictions ease. OM

Website: shakespearesglobe.com Where: Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, London SE1 9DT When: until Sunday 17 October 2021 Price: Tickets for the galleries (seated) from £15. Tickets for the yard £5



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2. GET A HIT OF CULTURE IN COVENT GARDEN

This summer, the Royal Opera House and <u>Covent Garden</u> have collaborated to create ROH Unlocked, a month-long programme jam-packed with <u>cultural</u> events. Designed as a behind-the-scenes look at the world of opera and ballet, the festival will include everything from live music and costume displays to workshops. Gawk at the most elaborate pointe shoes with a window installation from designers including Halpern, Erdem, Simone Rocha, Rejina Pyo, Liberty and Roksanda Ilinčić, and enter the raffle for a chance to win a pair of the designer shoes, plus two tickets to a Royal Opera House performance, dinner for two at the Piazza Restaurant and a private tour of the Royal Opera House. Taking place in the area outside Covent Garden's Market Building, each event is free for the duration of summer. OM

Website: roh.org.uk Where: Covent Garden Piazza, London, WC2H 7AR When: until Tuesday 10 August 2021 +

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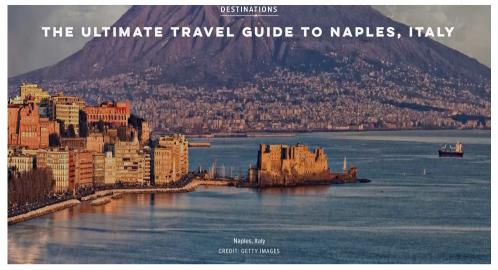




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Italy's most vibrant city puts on an unforgettable show



he capital of the Campania region and the largest city in Southern Italy, Naples – with its beautiful setting and expressive people – has always put on a show. Critics speak of its dark side, but it seems to be cleaning up its act. Spend a long weekend discovering the historical city's rich artistic heritage or simply wandering its streets and soaking up the atmosphere. Naples, read about the city's creative rebirth.

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WHERE TO STAY IN NAPLES

DUOMO HOUSE, CENTRO STORICO

Best for: Neapolitan fun

With his wry Neapolitan wit, Richard Glenn Kiley (whose father is American) likes to shrug himself off as a charlatan hotelier; ignore him. Alongside best friend Roberto Mastrangelo he has opened five acclaimed B&Bs since 2014 across <u>Naples</u> injecting some pep to a dull accommodation scene. In each, they worked around the historical quirks of abandoned apartments, repurposing equally quirky <u>antique</u> finds. A Bourbon cot becomes a brass installation at the new Duomo House, overlooking Naples Cathedral, where a Roman-era pillar juts at the centre of the velvet banquettes of reception. Cheeky humour abounds: at Dante House wooden ceiling lamps are inspired by *scarabottoli* the boxes in which unnamed skulls were adopted in the cult





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Original mid-century floor at SuperOtium guesthouse CREDIT: ØIVIND HAUG

SUPEROTIUM, RIONE SANITA'

Best for: art

Naples is 'muse and stage' to the contemporary <u>art</u> scene, that lifelong friends Nicola Cancio and Vincenzo Falcone connect their B&B guests to. They host a permanent artist in residence and in-house shows by names such as Simona da Pozzo and Blasepheme. Two years ago, they transformed this tiled Bourbon apartment opposite the Archeological Museum into a high-minded B&B and modernist haven with Pompeiian mosaic drapes, Hockney-swimming-pool blues, giant light bulbs (for big ideas) and intelligentsia-worthy bistro chairs, some purloined from their parents' houses.

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Artemisia Domus B&B CREDIT: ØIVIND HAUG

ATELIER INES ARTS & SUITES

Best for: design

Opened in early <u>summer 2021</u>, this small hotel (just six individually designed rooms) serves as a showcase for artist Annibale Oste, whose works from the 1960s onwards are collected here. The building itself has an interesting back story, a family home on the site of an <u>open-air cinema</u> and theatre dating back to 1900, in the middle of the Vergini neighbourhood. The ground floor was home to Oste's art studio, but it evolved under his son Vincenzo, who has now decided to open it up to guests. Nearby is Ciro Oliva, the Michelin-starred pizza restaurant, and Pasticceria Poppella – both of which will be involved in culinary experiences for those staying here, and landmarks such as the city's opera house and catacombs.

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Website: atelierinesgallery.com Price: Doubles from about £185

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Gentileschi. Cleopatra displays suitable drama with distressed Egyptian gold walls, regal velvets and a corner treatment bath. But woman who really defines the space here is Isabella Amato, who offset her son and owner Sebastiano's renovations two years ago with pink Verner Panton S chairs, an art <u>library</u> and her own paintings. Her homemade cakes are served for breakfast on gold plates matching the morning light on Capodimonte Hill.

Website: artemisiadomus.com Price: Doubles from about £105

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Primo Piano Posillipo B&B CREDIT: ØIVIND HAUG

PRIMO PIANO POSILLIPO, POSILLIPO

Best for: new design

Architect Giuliano Andrea Dell'Uva grew up in the grand clifftop <u>villas</u> of Posillipo, the Roman seaside resort that came to epitomise *La Dolce Vita* in the mid-20th century. And it is to this period - and the Seventies - that he returned in 2018 for the design of four-bedroom B&B Primo Piano, set up by friends Francesca and Alessandro on the first floor of a Liberty-style 19th century palazzo. Italian design pieces and uplifting Vietri reissue tiles in banana yellows and peacock blues create the retro maritime feel for *aperitivos* at Bar Moccia in the 15th-century Palazzo Donn' Anna and fried octopus and rock-bathing at Marechiaro lido.

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 Website:
 booking.com

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GRAND HOTEL VESUVIO, SANTA LUCIA

Best for: opera and old-school luxury

Once the Naples home of Oscar Wilde, Émile Zola, Pablo Picasso and Igor Stravinsky, this coat-tailed veteran of the grandhotel scene has stood like a maestro on the waterfront conducting the bay since 1882. Enrico Caruso was a permanent resident: his pharmacy cabinet and piano are still in his suite (531 & 2). Inside Umbertine-era Naples is immaculately preserved, a time of white-glove service, red-carpeted ballrooms, gold silk brocade walls, walnut writing desks and Murano chandeliers the size of cherry trees. (A few doors down, time stands still in 1953 on the preserved Gio Ponti-designed floor of the Royal Intercontinental).

Website: royalgroup.it ice: Doubles from about £295





Shopping for vegetables CREDIT: ØIVIND HAUG

WHERE TO EAT OUT IN NAPLES

Veritas

Veritas's ardent young team, which includes a spice and seed expert, harvest millennia of Parthenopean recipes and the hallowed fruits of Campania Felix (stone-ground wheat from Gragnano, San Marzano tomatoes, Greco de Tufo from Avellino's vineyards) in seasonal dishes from the terroir. Like shy head chef Gianluca D'Agostino, most hail from generations of farmers; and this is the earthy version of <u>Michelin-starred</u> cooking. Traditional *contadino* soul-food dishes are tirelessly perfected and tweaked to become divine versions of themselves. In the wallpapered dining room in Chiaia, spaghetti with butter, anchovies, pine nuts and lettuce perfumed with bergamot regularly makes guests weep.

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Website: veritasrestaurant.it

Mattozzi L'Europeo

It's not unusual to find Neapolitan actor Toni Servillo eating *ziti alla genovese* beneath the hanging copper pots and guiltframed oils of Mattozzi L'Europeo - or his *La Grande Bellezza* director Paolo Sorrentino who is married to cashmere-clad owner Alfonso's niece. This trattoria off Corso Umberto I has something of cult status; not just because it was once also a regular of Vittorio Gassman et al; nor that it has remained in the family since 1852. It's just that a long lunch at Mattozzi's is just so *goddamn* pleasurable, the traditional dishes - from spaghetti *alle vongole* to *baccalà* - so consistently delivered. And, as the Mattozzi s know: constancy is the ace of the long game.

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Altro Coco Loco

"There is no love sincerer than the love of food' is the George Bernard Shaw quote outside of the smart Altro Coco Loco. That love is deeper still with empty stomach, making the hungry persist in their search for Diego Nuzzo's lauded seafood restaurant up a hard-to-find alley near Piazza Dei Martiri in Chiaia. Under a ceiling hanging with baskets and botanicals, plates of bayfresh 'crudo', carpaccio and sashimi are served like the delicate works of origami followed by jade bowls of lobster linguini as big as carp ponds. Low lighting and velvet banquettes seem to up the aphrodisiacal properties of zinc-laden shellfish.

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Website: cocoloco.rest

also of his formerly-troubled neighbourhood Rione Sanita' at fifth-generation eatery Concettina ai Tre Santi. (His friends at plucky pizza institution Sorbillo have always stood up to the Camorra) Now half of Italy is cheering for Ciro. Fiercely proud of his roots, his slow-food pizzas are incarnations of olfactory memories of his childhood streets: Sunday ragu', octopus *alla luciana* and spaghetti *alle vongole*, which is magicked into a pure sauce of just virgin olive oil and littleneck clams that induces a kind of sensual euphoria. Staff are all Rione boys-made-good and the witty ceramics are made in the area.

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Trinity cafe CREDIT: ØIVIND HAUG

WHERE TO DRINK IN NAPLES

L'Antiquario

L'Antiquario, in a former antique shop in Chiaia, might not seem very Neapolitan: a Hemingway-era speakeasy filled with jazzy drum rolls that make even the botanicals on William Morris wallpaper do the 'Mess Around'. But - cue hi-hat - it was recently named the best cocktail bar in Italy; consolidating Naples as Italy's new capital of cool. Owner Alex Frezza, from the Neapolitan island of Prochida - all moustache, manners and mixologists white coat - serves up three shades of Negroni in cut crystal glasses.(+39 081 1981 2354). Vomero drinking den **Archivio Storico**, on the other hand, is a direct homage to Bourbonera Naples: the drips of candle wax suggest a 300-year-long lock in. Some of the cocktails hail back to the 1700s, with antiques spices used in the likes of the Bourbon-based Giulebbe è Zuccaro.

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Website: archiviostorico.com

Morning coffee at Bar Officina CREDIT: ØIVIND HAUG

Officina

The Liberty-style Officina, a black-and-brass gem in Santa Lucia, is the creative sets's haunt for bayside aperitivos: it was set up a Neapolitan collective of a film director, journalist and a lawyer, whose other ventures include a production company. (+39 081 764 6270). In the centro storico, Gigi Crispino runs gallery-wine bar Salumeria Upnea (an abbreviation of Up Neapolis in the vein of Up Pompeii) in an industrial space serving plates and boards with wines such as Lacryma Christi from Vesuvius and Piedirosso from the Phlegraean Fields.

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Website: salumeriaupnea.it

Intra Moenia

Attilio Wanderlingh upgraded Piazza Bellini from seedy to bohemian when he opened literary cafe Intra Moenia; but the city's legendary salon remains Gran Caffe Gambrinus, opened around Italian Unification and patronised during the Belle

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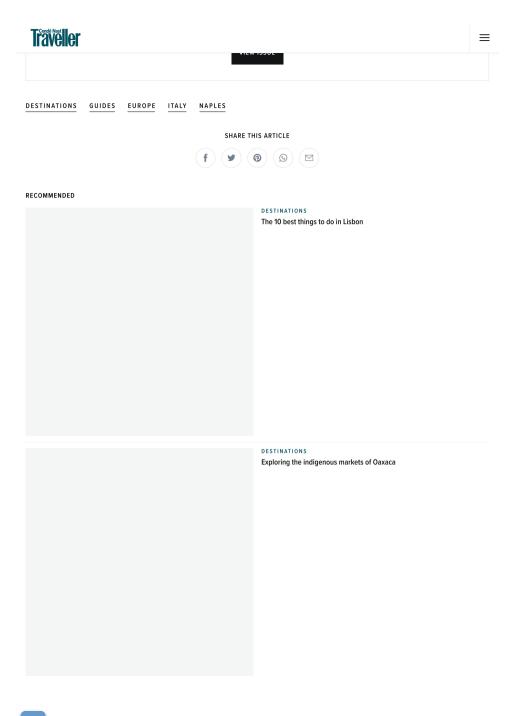
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