

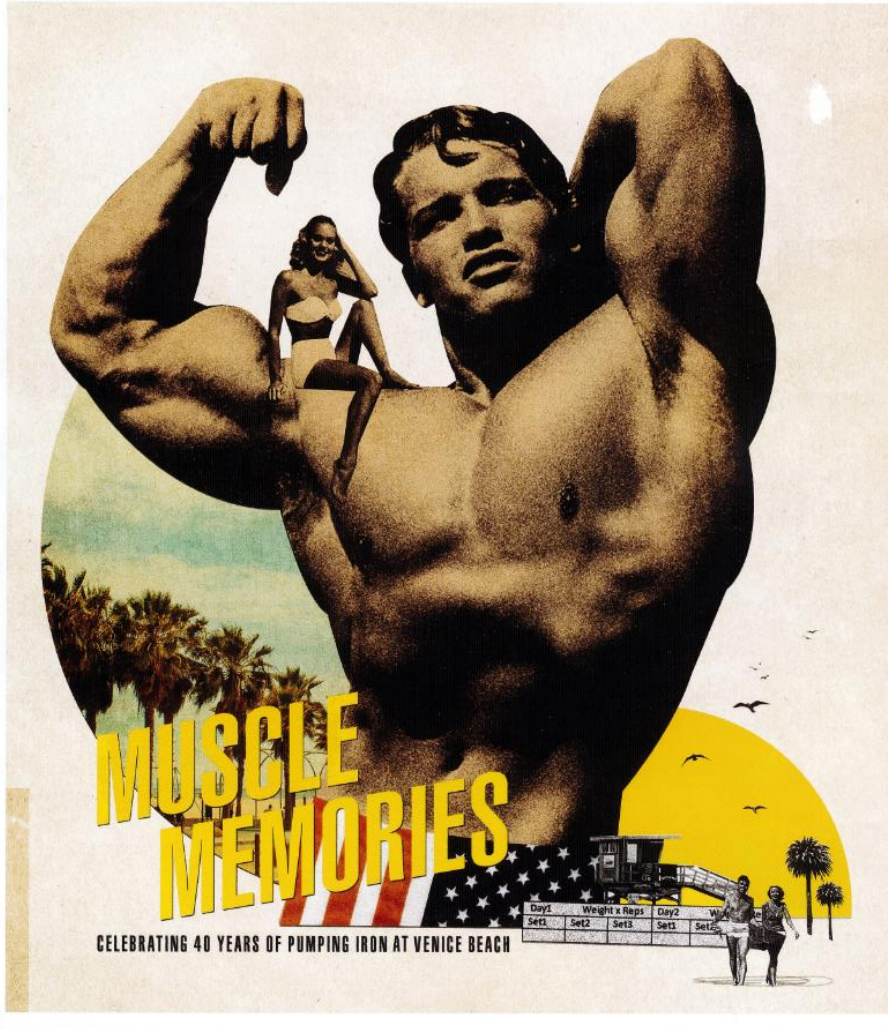
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BEST FOR: ITALIAN ELEGANCE

MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MILAN MILAN

The only question to ask this magnificent hotel, recently arrived in Milan, is "What kept you?" Situated in a quiet back street in the fashionable Brera district, the Mandarin Oriental's 72 immaculate rooms and 32 suites are just steps away from La Scala and the city's smartest shopping streets, as well as countless of those irresistible small dining spots that Italy does so well.

Staying in The Seta restaurant is as stylish and beautifully designed as the rest of the hotel, and has already chalked up two Michelin stars.

Going out It's a short walk from Palazzo Brera, which houses some of northern Italy's most remarkable art.

Book it BA offers two nights from £689pp, including return flights from London Heathrow and accommodation.* ba.com/mandarinmilan



BEST FOR: REPLENISHING SPIRITS

CHABLÉ RESORT YUCATÁN, MEXICO

While many flock to Tulum's seaside resorts, the real luxury can be found inland, just 25 minutes from the Yucatán capital of Mérida, at Chablé, a restored hacienda-style, 19th-century manor house. At this wellness resort, the design is part-colonial, part-Mayan, with eye-popping Mexican patterns throughout. Individual *casita* villas come with their own infinity pool

and hammocks, and are surrounded by lush forest.

Staying in Jorge Vallejo, Mexico's number one chef, heads fine-dining restaurant *Ixi'm*. Try the venison – reared on the estate. Have a shamanistic treatment in the spa, which overlooks a limestone cenote.

Going out Drive to the Mayan ruins of Uxmal, a Unesco World Heritage Site. **Book it** Rooms from £835pn including breakfast. chableresort.com



STAY HOTELS OF THE MONTH

On our radar: shopping with *sprezzatura* in Milan; shamans and spas in Yucatán, Mexico; understated luxury in Mallorca; and an intimate, boutique break in New Orleans

BEST FOR: BALEARIC BEAUTY

PARK HYATT MALLORCA

On Mallorca's east coast, far from the usual tourist spots, this sprawling, elegant hotel feels more like a traditional Spanish village, with abundant olive trees, gently flowing streams and low, golden sandstone buildings overlooking the Canyamel Valley. There are three pools – including a gloriously silent one that's adults-only – while the Serenitas Spa, which uses minerals and herbs from the island, is relaxing enough

to make you consider cancelling your flight home.

Staying in The Balearic restaurant is ideal for long, lazy Spanish lunches with excellent local dishes.

Going out The historic town of Artà – with its famous caves – is just a ten-minute drive away.

Book it BA offers four nights for the price of three from £479pp, including return flights from London City and accommodation.** ba.com/mallorca

BEST FOR: BIG EASY BREAKS

W FRENCH QUARTER NEW ORLEANS

Amid the music-filled streets of the French Quarter lies a boutique hotel that somehow fits harmoniously into the city's oldest neighbourhood. Housed in a restored colonial building, its decor is contemporary with a nod to the area's history – art and design flourishes reference jazz, burlesque and voodoo. Most rooms overlook the hotel's European-style

courtyard, complete with a heated outdoor pool.

Staying in Try a custom-made cocktail such as the Jean Lafitte, named after the local pirate/patriot.

Going out The nearby Ogden Museum holds the world's largest collection of Southern American art.

Book it BA offers five nights from £1,399pp, including return flights from Heathrow and accommodation.*** ba.com/neworleans

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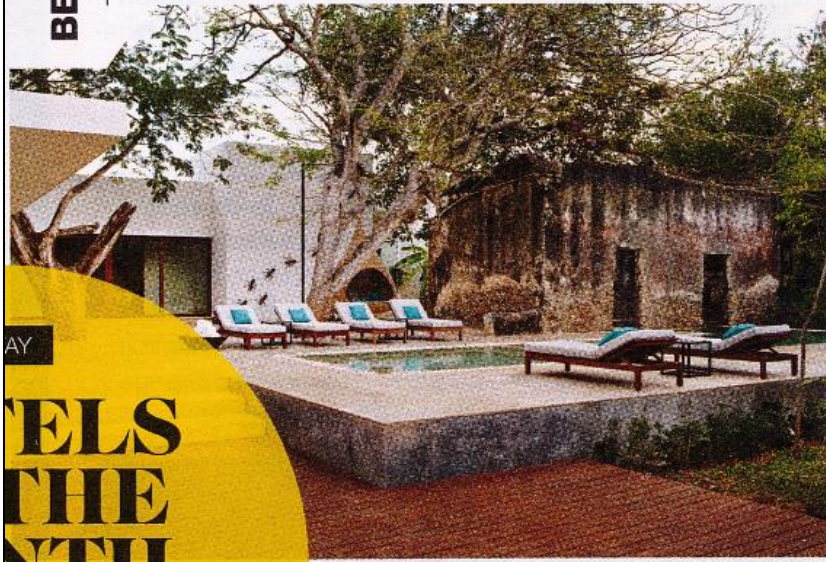
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