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Travel Tales from Mira Minkara, Rawan Bazerji, Marc Ghazali and Anthony Saroufim
Sizzling Summer Styles. Lebanon Through a Kaleidoscope. Rediscovering Spain's Splendors



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MARBELLA



The legendary Spanish resort's story dates back to 1954 when it was founded by Prince Alfonso von Hohenlohe.

Marbella Club, Bulevar Principe Alfonso von Hohenlohe, marbellaclub.com

Marbella Club was envisioned as a rustic beach club attracting Hollywood film stars and European royalty. The result of Prince Alfonso's *joie de vivre* was a carefree utopia that evolved organically from humble intentions and today has benefited from a complete renewal. One example is the Kids Club: 5,000 square meters reserved for children and offering gazpacho-making, gardening, flamenco-yoga, archery, art upcycling and perfume-making. Also new to the Marbella Club is a progressive approach to wellness, including a holistic studio where health practices provide long-lasting benefits to modern-day issues ranging from adrenal burnout and insomnia to weight loss and fitness. A daily agenda of wellness activities includes aerial yoga, Pilates and nutritional wellbeing workshops. The teaching approach is intuitive, deeply nurturing and healing. Expect to reap the benefits of a destination spa within a beach hotel environment without having to compromise on your kids' good time. – *Karim Hussain*

It was built as the private hideaway home of an Italian duchess on the most beautiful beach of the Mayan Riviera.

XPU-HA, MEXICO Hotel Esencia

Carretera Cancún, hotelesencia.com

Hotel Esencia is a majestic 50-acre estate at the midpoint between Tulum and Playa del Carmen in Mexico. The estate's provenance as a place of leisure for nobility was the guiding inspiration for its modern reimagining when it relaunched in 2014, and since then it's picked up countless awards, with *The Sunday Times* calling it "the most heavenly hotel on Earth." The main house remains the hotel's centerpiece, around which footpaths lead to 38 suites and three villas in which guests enjoy privacy and top-notch hospitality. Ideally situated far from huge resorts and the roar of pleasure boats, the immaculate bay of Xpu-Ha is a natural haven where each year sea turtles make their nests. This season, the hotel continues its story as an ancestral cradle of culture, cuisine and comfort with the launch of new beach-side suites and a coffee bar serving a menu with flavors that will transport you around the regions of Mexico. – *Karim Hussain*



Hotel Esencia, Marbella Club, Terranea Resort

LOS ANGELES Terranea Resort

WHEN IT OPENED 10 YEARS AGO, TERRANEA RESORT SET THE STANDARDS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LUXURY.

100 Terranea Way, Rancho Palos Verdes, California, terranea.com

Set on the dramatically lovely Palos Verdes Peninsula, about a 30-minute drive from Los Angeles International Airport, the tranquil, idyllic resort covers 102 acres along the Pacific Ocean. Accommodations encompass 582 guestrooms and suites, including casitas and villas, and The Bungalows at Terranea, which feature spa and wellness-focused amenities. Guest attractions range from a full-service spa and fitness center, to a golf course and four swimming pools. The self-contained destination also offers nine different dining establishments, allowing visitors to experience distinctive cuisines without ever leaving the resort. – *Niku Kasmai*

