

MARTHA STEWART

627 Fresh Ideas!

weddings

**Mix & Match
'Maids:
Dresses in
Every Hue**

**BIG-DAY
JEWELRY
THAT WILL
LAST A
LIFETIME**

PLUS
Pack That
Sunscreen!
**The Hottest
Beaches
Right Now**

**SIMPLY
CHIC**

**Dreamy Gowns,
Desserts,
Flowers, Décor
& More!**



1



2



3

THE NEW BEACH HOT SPOTS

Whether it's far-flung or closer to home, there's a difference between a swath of sand and a honeymoon-worthy beach. We scoured the globe for this year's hottest sun-and-sand destinations, all of which offer unforgettable experiences: road-tripping in California, getting scuba-certified on a private island, touring *Game of Thrones*-style European cities, escaping to a remote tropical paradise, and more. Don't worry, you can still kick back and drink plenty of frozen cocktails along the way.



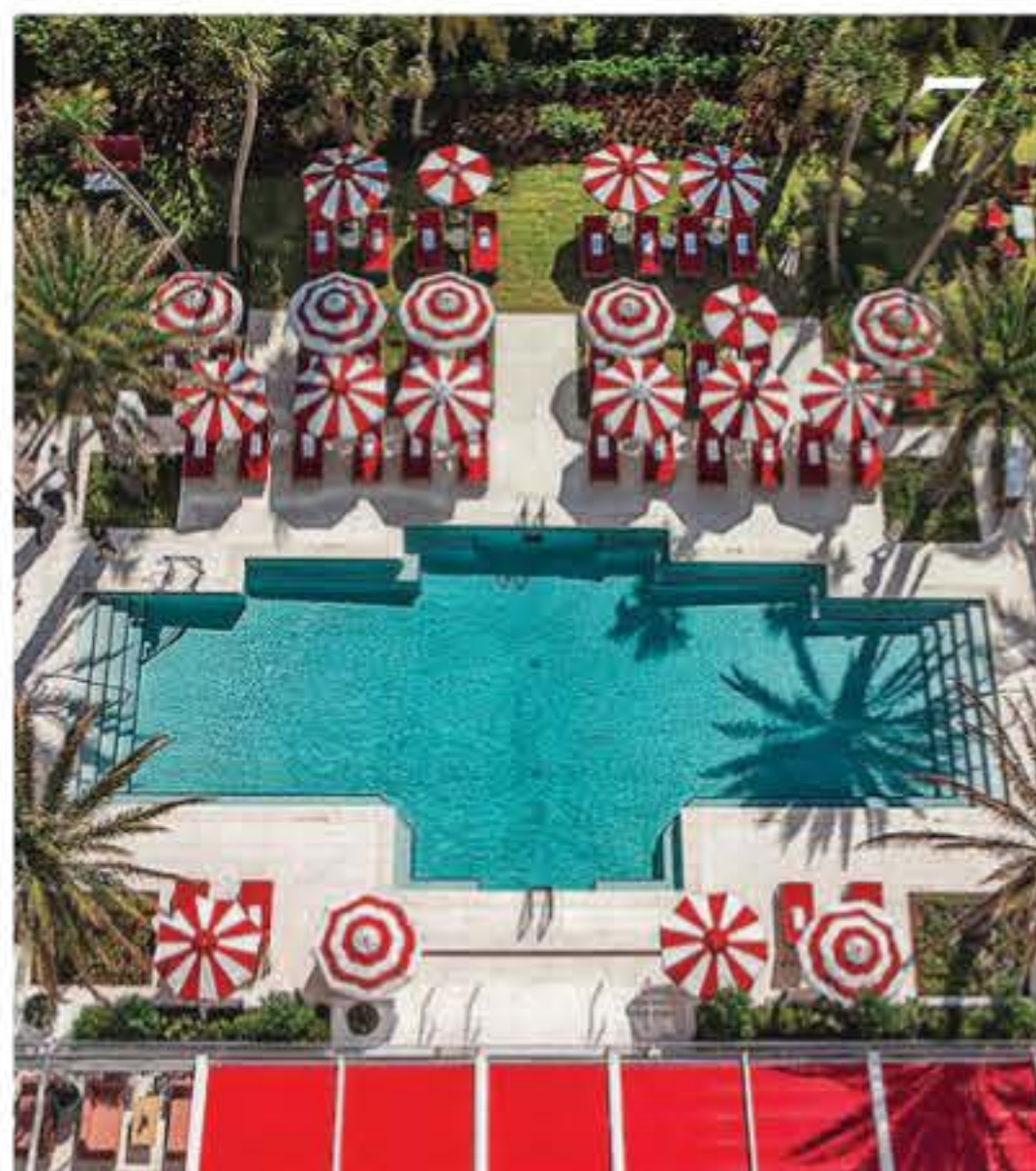
4



5



6



7



8

HOTEL CALIFORNIAN (2); COMO HOTELS & RESORTS (3); GRENADA TOURISM AUTHORITY (4); COURTESY OF KOKOMO PRIVATE ISLAND (5); ANDREW HOWARD (6); FAENA HOTEL MIAMI BEACH (7); PIA RIVEROLA (8)

1 FOR ART AFICIONADOS:
MALTA

With its main city, Valletta, having been named a 2018 European Capital of Culture, this tiny archipelago between Sicily and North Africa has 400-plus events on tap this year. No worries if you miss the fests: From the refreshed **Phoenicia Malta** (from \$310 per night, campbellgrayhotels.com/the-phoenicia-malta/), you can see the Baroque St. John's Co-Cathedral and visit prehistoric ruins at the Haġar Qim Temples. Then on to the yellow sands of Golden Bay or the red-hued Ramla il-Hamra beach on sister island Gozo. In less-touristy spring or fall, explore the azure waters and caves of Comino island's Blue Lagoon.

2 FOR ROAD TRIPPERS:
**SANTA BARBARA,
CALIFORNIA**

This picturesque city off Highway 1, between the Pacific Ocean and the Santa Ynez Mountains, has newfound cool, thanks to the Funk Zone, a burgeoning neighborhood of artists' studios, tasting rooms, and craft breweries. Check into downtown's **Hotel Californian** (from \$550 per night, thehotelcalifornian.com), or, later this year, the secluded **Rosewood Miramar Beach Montecito** (from \$825 per night, rosewoodhotels.com). Browse Waterline, a culinary/retail hub; dine on local uni and black mussels at **Bibi Ji** (bibijisb.com); and hike to Inspiration Point for golden-hour ocean views.

3 FOR THE WELLNESS-
OBSESSED: **BALI,
INDONESIA**

With its unspoiled nature and spiritual calm, Bali is the perfect escape. Start at **COMO Uma Canggu** (from \$250 per night, comohotels.com/umacanggu), with amazing surf breaks and a holistic spa. Then head inland to Ubud, Bali's cultural heart. From **Capella Ubud, Bali** (opening in July; from \$838 per night, capellaubud.com), you can take in stunning views at Tegalalang Rice Terrace and try acro-yoga at the **Yoga Barn** (theyogabarn.com). Eat at **Locavore** (locavore.co.id), a celebrated restaurant that sources local foods—kohlrabi from Payangan, pickled seaweed from Lombok, and short ribs from Java.

4 FOR NATURE LOVERS:
GRENADA

The Caribbean's "Spice Island" has arrived—and in November, so will **Silversands Grenada** (from \$800 per night, silversandsgrenada.com), on prized Grand Anse beach. The island is outside the hurricane belt, so it offers year-round paradise with 43 chic minimalist suites, nine villas, a nearly 330-foot pool (the longest in the Caribbean), a locally sourced Thai restaurant, and a private beach club with a low-key resident DJ. Take hikes among waterfalls in Grand Etang National Park and Forest Reserve, scuba dives at the underwater sculpture park, and tours of nutmeg factories and cocoa plantations.

5 FOR SCUBA DIVERS:
FIJI

Known as the soft-coral capital of the world (and the shark-diving capital!), Fiji is a scuba diver's dream. From superluxe **Kokomo Private Island** (from \$2,500 per night, all-inclusive; kokomoislandfiji.com), spot tuna and dolphin-fish around Great Astrolabe Reef. Get PADI-certified at the renovated **Royal Davui** (from \$1,000 per night, royaldavuifiji.com), near the Beqa Lagoon's untouched Yanuca Marine Reserve. And at the new **Six Senses Fiji** (from \$969 per night, sixsenses.com/resorts/fiji/destination), enjoy a Champagne breakfast, then help conservationists restore a coral reef.

6 FOR LUXE-LIFERS:
THE SEYCHELLES

The new **Four Seasons Resort Seychelles at Desroches Island** (from \$888 per night, fourseasons.com/seychellesdesroches) has nine miles of white sands surrounding a coral island, though you may be content simply staying at your villa and private plunge pool. To relax like royalty, book Villa 11 (\$11,885 per night) at the ultraexclusive resort **North Island** (Presidential Villas from \$7,555 per night, north-island.com), where Will and Kate are said to have honeymooned. The private, vast East Beach location offers diving, snorkeling, deep-sea fishing, and world-class Relais & Châteaux dining.

7 FOR SCENESTERS:
MIAMI/MIAMI BEACH

Can't honeymoon without a little action? Explore Miami—beyond South Beach. Tour the **Wynwood Arts District** (wynwoodmiami.com), with its craft breweries (Wynwood Brewing Company), street art (Wynwood Walls), food hall (1-800-Lucky), and specialty coffee roasters (Panther Coffee). For more flash, check into Instagram-worthy **Faena Miami Beach** (from \$745 per night, faena.com/miami-beach), then have cocktails at **Broken Shaker** (freehandhotels.com/miami/broken-shaker) and dinner at **Upland** (uplandmiami.com), and take in a cabaret at **El Tucán** (eltucanmiami.com) in up-and-coming Brickell.

8 FOR ESCAPISTS:
**TODOS SANTOS,
MEXICO**

Just over an hour northwest of Los Cabos, Todos Santos is a tiny fishing village that's a world away from its Baja neighbors' resort towns. Get off the grid—and still be pampered—at the 32-room **Hotel San Cristóbal** (from \$285 per night, sancristobalbaja.com). Drive a rented 4x4 to catch swells on Playa Los Cerritos—get gear from **Mario Surf School** (mariosurfschool.com). Pop into downtown boutiques like Nomad Chic and Étnica before fish tacos and micheladas (spiced beer cocktails) at **La Copa Cocina** (lacopacocina.com).