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PARADISE ISLAND, BAHAMAS

The Hotel: Everybody loves Atlantis. But, since you're all grown up, we suggest you check into **The Cove Atlantis**, Paradise

Island's exclusive tower. Part of the Autograph Collection, it has spacious, stylishly appointed rooms with large French balconies overlooking the azure sea. Removed from the chaos, you can have a serene time, or join the slides and chaotic mayhem at the rest of the resort. What's the

Cove's best perk? Hint: You can dive right in.

The Pool: They call it Cain, and it's spread across 9,000 square feet. This adults-only ultrapool beckons. You'll have to decide which persimmon-hued daybed to claim. Dance mavens will want to wade out to the ones that sit midwater, a perfect stage for strutting your stuff. With DJs from Miami and New York spinning a constant techno beat, butlers at your behest, and a waterside casino, hedonists will find the pool vibe riveting.

Sip On: Bahama Mama

The Details: \$399, atlantis.com/thecove, @thecoveatlantis

AUSTIN, TEXAS

The Hotel: In Austin's ubercool SoCo, wedged into the ineffably music-mad scene, the city's newest hotel, **South Congress Hotel**, ups the party ante. Midstoried, with contemporary lines and open, public spaces, the 71-room, 12-suite hotel embraces the ever-buzzing street action. Mingle with locals in its four restaurants and trendy retail spots.

The Pool: A rooftop pool is rare enough in Austin, but this one hovers above the bustle like a private fete in a hot air balloon. Its focal point bar cures thirst, and live music sets a cheeky tone. Gaze at cityscape vistas while you dance the night away.

Sip On: Tito's Vodka French martini

The Details: \$290, southcongresshotel.com, @socoHotel



RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

The Hotel: As layered and adorned as a wedding cake, the **Belmond Copacabana Palace** lords over Copacabana Beach. The go-to celebrity sleep (everybody from Fred Astaire to Madonna has stayed here), this regal icon shimmers like a bone-white, sequined cocktail dress, both inside and out. More than 240 guest rooms showcase period antiques, evocative of the hotel's grand 1920s "Flying Down to Rio" days.

The Pool: Stay on a Thursday. That's the day hotel guests gain free admittance to the pool's posh Bar do Copa, the hottest nightclub in town for local socialites. With multiple lights and shimmering chandeliers, the ceiling's glistening effect mimics the night sky. Otherwise, don your string bikini to luxuriate in comfy chaise lounges, Brazil style, with views of the sea.

Sip On: It has to be a caipirinha.

The Details: \$274, belmond.com/copacabanapalace, @copapalace

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

The Hotel: Goliath-size and glitzy, the tony **MGM Grand** glows in emerald hues. On the south end of the strip, its soaring towers embrace 5,044 guest rooms and 751 suites. So chock-full of action, the hotel is like a mini-city of sin.

The Pool: Dive into the Grand Pool complex, 6.6 acres of splash-filled fun. Here, two huge saltwater pools invite aquatic flirtation, and poolside massages show off your curves. Cabanas abound; a lazy river undulates through gardens; and the Wet Republic, a buzzing day club dominated by pools and elite amenities, ups the ante with a nightlife ambience.

Sip On: Sarong-wearing waiters deliver the hangover-curing signature Bloody Mary or the Skinny Bikini Margarita to keep those six-packs taut.

The Details: \$200, mgmgrand.com, @mgmgrand



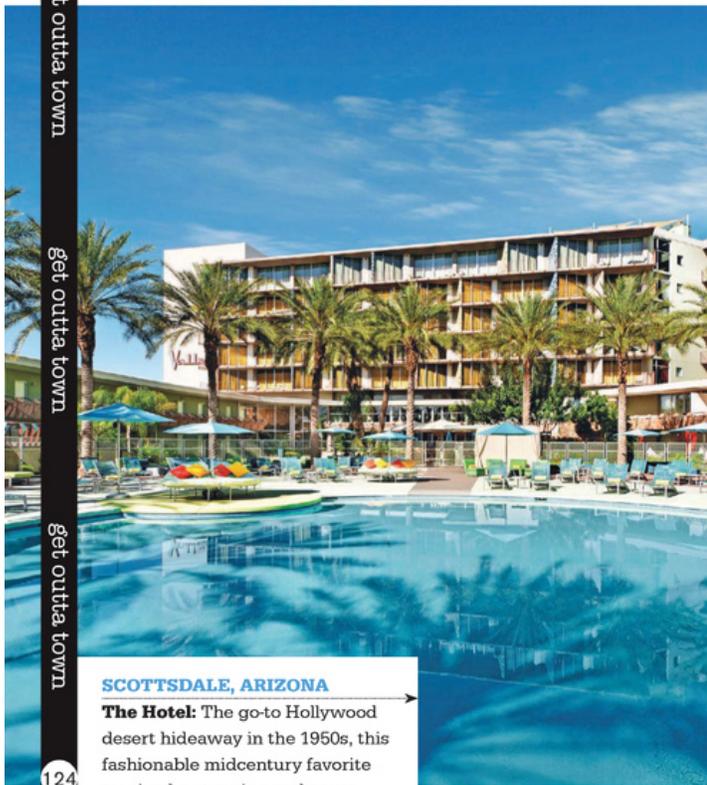
PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

The Hotel: Designed to suggest a sail, this 70-floor skyscraper, the tallest in Central America, catches the sea breeze from its location on Punta Pacifica, a trendy waterfront district. Elegant throughout, the **Trump Ocean Club International Hotel & Tower's** lobby flaunts Botero sculptures and a casino, while its 369 hotel rooms' sleek interiors include a wall of windows that frame the view.

The Pool: This five-pool playground, aglow with reflections of the surrounding cityscape, occupies a festive platform on the 13th floor. Private cabanas proliferate, but grab a spot in one of the two dazzling infinity pools that appear to hover in the sky. The Azul, a poolside bistro, draws residents and guests alike.

Sip On: The Trump Breeze, an amaretto, coconut rum, pineapple and cranberry juice potion

The Details: \$300, trumphotelcollection.com/panama, @trumppanama



SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

The Hotel: The go-to Hollywood desert hideaway in the 1950s, this fashionable midcentury favorite received a stunning makeover a decade ago. Brought back to its former glory, ensconced downtown, **Hotel Valley Ho** has Jetson-style futuristic flash, 191 commodious bedrooms and airy open spaces. Touches, such as terrazzo bathrooms, a head-turning spa and momentous mountain views seal the deal.

The Pool: Voted one of the world's coolest pools by *Travel & Leisure*, The OH Pool truly gets its groove on during Saturday Sessions—a guests-only, DJ-enhanced, afternoon pool party. Bikini-clad revelers can sip \$6 cocktails and grab from \$16 beer pails between dances. Exclusive small fetes happen in the private cabanas. The next day, sip a curative Bloody Mary and nibble poolside-served brunch dishes on Recovery Sunday.

Sip On: Order an OH Pool Punch, a fruity fusion of several rums and fresh-squeezed juices served in a souvenir cup

The Details: \$300, hotelvalleyho.com, @hotelvalleyho

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Hotel: Find this hipster haven right downtown. Pet-friendly, both trendy and opulent, the midcentury masterpiece, retrofitted with funky elan, thrills the senses. **The Standard LA's** marble lobby sets a sophisticated tone, while clever rooms with oversize mirrors and mood lighting exude urban-chic.

The Pool: Vibrating water beds? That says it all. Add in the topiary, ruby-red AstroTurf; nightly DJ; dance floor; and brew-packed, kitschy Biergarten, and you've got the recipe for fun. If swirling to the tunes doesn't heat you up enough, huddle beside the outdoor fireplace—or cuddle up with someone special while you take in the views. The rooftop party lasts until the wee hours: 1:30AM.

Sip On: Beer to wash down the incongruous but delicious rooftop wurst and pretzels.

The Details: \$300, standardhotels.com, @standarddtla

CANCUN, MEXICO

The Hotel: Like a mirage, the newly opened **Finest Playa Mujeres** rises on a sugar-white beach 25 minutes north of Cancun. Part of the vacation city's newest hotel zone on a less developed part of the Yucatan Peninsula, the resort is sprawling, posh and all-inclusive, with nine restaurants, myriad bars, 450 huge suites (many with their own mini-pool), and an adults-only sensibility.

The Pool: The question would be: Which pool? Choose from 10 bodies of inviting turquoise H₂O—in all shapes and sizes. Adults-only pools have in-water loungers, swim-up bars, live music and tropical beverages aplenty. Lap pools invite action—or repose. Some pools are hidden; others display your party-self from every angle. And, don't forget the beach.

Sip On: Mango margaritas with chile salt. Have as many as you want—they're included.

The Details: \$288 per day per person, finestresorts.com, @finestresorts

THE HAMPTONS, NEW YORK

The Hotel: Long the epicenter of Hamptons' flash, the oceanfront **Gurney's Montauk** sits astride the area's best real estate at the east side of Long Island. Inviting and timeless, it suggests Gatsby-esque glam, as well as old-money elegance with tony, cozy interiors.

The Pool: Though indoors, the seawater pool opens to the sea and the party-ready beach. There, canary-yellow and white striped beach chairs line up next to double-size daybeds. This summer, in collaboration with LDV Hospitality, Gurney's Montauk partners with *Rolling Stone* magazine to achieve a heart-thumping music series. Take a swim; then sway to concerts by a variety of artists who will perform across the property. Or, let the DJ redefine your reality at the Regent Cocktail Club.

Sip On: Elyx of Life, a sherry and Absolut potation created by acclaimed bartender Julio Cabrera. Drink up with your feet in the pool or by the fire pit.

The Details: \$220, gurneysmontauk.com, @gurneysmontauk

