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The Itinerary

New York City For The Holidays

By Jessica Mackin-Cipro

We've created an itinerary for an elevated holiday season long-weekend to the world's most magical holiday city — New York City! This stay will give you all the winter holiday feels. It's quintessential New York, some of the best, with just the right amount of touristy kitsch thrown in for good measure.

Thursday

4 PM: It's time to check in. We're staying at **11 Howard**. The hotel's guiding principle is conscious hospitality, something we can really get behind. The team approaches each aspect of the hotel — design, location, amenities — with “awareness, purpose, and thoughtful consideration.” When you book directly with 11 Howard, they donate a portion of the money to charity. Partnerships include FEED Project, Groundswell, and Toni Garnn Foundation & Supermodel Flea Market.

It's the attention to detail that makes this hotel really stand out to us. The low lighting throughout the hotel lobby and hallways offer a very New York-romantic feel, while the Danish minimalism creates an inviting, clean look. Most rooms have 11-foot ceilings, with large windows making it feel open, with views of classic Soho architecture of the surrounding buildings. The minibar features products from Conscious Commerce and Thrive Market. The Grown Alchemist bath amenities are also a nice touch. The hotel is home to HigherDOSE, an infrared spa that will leave you feeling euphoric while promoting healthy sleep, skin, muscle tension and help burn calories.

8 PM: Find your way downstairs from your hotel room for dinner at one of the city's most celebrated restaurants, **Le Coucou**, created by Chef Daniel Rose. Fun fact: I came across Le Coucou after having dinner at one of Chef Rose's restaurants in Paris, La Bourse et la Vie, where a bite of steak brought tears to JLP Partner Christine Prydatko's eyes. Yes, it was that good. Rose's menu offers classic French cuisine aimed at “bringing great food and conviviality to the table.”

10 PM: After dinner make your way upstairs to **the blond**, a celebrated

cocktail bar that turns into one of the best spots to go for a true New York nightlife experience. With dark woods, low lighting, and gold accents, the blond has that special something. Find a rotating cocktail list that also includes the blond classics like the Cheeky Bastard, the Lawyers, Guns + Money, the Strawberry Blond and more. Bar-bites are crafted by Le Coucou downstairs and will not disappoint. Once 10 PM hits, tables are by reservation with nightly DJs spinning dance-centric genres while the disco-balls are aglow.

Friday

1 PM: Lunch at **Sant Ambroeus** Soho. It's a little bit of home away from home. Sit outside for the perfect people watching spot while you enjoy your perfect pasta and perfect cappuccino.

2:30: Shop and stroll around Soho. **Sarah Flint** is currently hosting a pop-up shop for her line of shoes in Soho at 409 W Broadway. Her shoes are 100 percent certified made in Italy by top artisans and family-owned factories.

Showfields, in Noho, curates a selection of mission-driven and design-oriented goods from around the globe.

What Goes Around Comes Around, whose mission is to “continue to create a sustainable marketplace where the finest collection of pristine pre-owned luxury and vintage pieces can find new homes,” is a great choice for vintage finds.

Stop for holiday chocolate at **Marie-Belle** and, while you're at it, **Ladurée** for a macaron.

8 PM: Dinner at **Houseman**. As a Covid side hustle, Chef Ned Baldwin, who also lives on the North Fork, offered Meal Delivery Kits in Orient. This neighborhood restaurant in Hudson Square serves food that is “pretty but unfussy.” It's inspired by the word *hustanskost*, which means “everyday food” in Swedish.

10 PM: What screams holiday party more than Champagne and caviar? Not much. Stop by **Air's Champagne Parlor** for a little of both.



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Saturday

11 AM: We're off to **Angelina Paris** for breakfast. The famous Paris staple has opened just outside Bryant Park. Founded by confectioner Antoine Rumpelmayer in 1903, the beloved institution was frequented by Coco Chanel herself. It's known for its perfectly rich hot chocolate served with whipped cream. Something this special will make you forget what a calorie even is. For breakfast indulge in hot chocolate, fresh juice, croissant, bread, and eggs.

1 PM: Walk around the **Holiday Shops at Bryant Park**. A leisurely walk through the market is just what you'll need after your breakfast hot chocolate. The European inspired open-air market features artisans from across the globe.

3 PM: Celebrate **Pinkmas at the Museum of Ice Cream**. Experience a pink winter wonderland with 13 multi-sensory installations that “bring to life your most delightful dreams.” Pinkmas runs through January 9. It's worth it, even if the amount of sugar we've consuming so far would be too much for even Buddy the Elf. Sugar rush aside, guests are also encouraged to bring a new toy in exchange for a scoop of ice cream, with toys donated to Toys For Tots.

5 PM: You've seen the IG posts for

years. And now the Christmas decorations are on display all year at **Rolf's** in Gramercy. Call to make a reservation.

8 PM: We're heading uptown to **Minton's Playhouse** in Harlem, a New York institution and the birthplace of Bebop, for dinner and live music.

11:30 PM: On our way back downtown we'll go see the tree. Pro Tip: The best time to visit the **Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree** is late-night. So if you have a wild hair, hop in a taxi to see America's most famous tree without such a big crowd.

Sunday

10 AM: We're heading uptown for breakfast at **Le Moulin à Café**. This Upper East Side Café-Bistro is a hidden gem and a little slice of heaven.

11:30 AM: Ice Skating at **Wollman Rink** in Central Park.

1 PM: Warm up with a hot drink at **Ralph's Coffee**.

1:30 PM: Continue to stroll **Madison Avenue**. Enjoy the extravagance of shops like Lanvin, Missoni, Ralph Lauren, Tom Ford, Celine, Bottega Veneta, and more.

2:30 PM: A stop at **The Plaza Hotel** for a glass of Champagne and those holiday in New York Kevin McCallister vibes. Maybe followed by a photo in front of **Cartier** wrapped in a bow. It's. All. Just. So. Pretty.

3:30 PM: Enjoy a late lunch at **Serendipity 3**, a magical spot with all of the holiday decor that will make you feel like a kid again. Don't forget to try the world-famous Frozen Hot Chocolate.

5 PM: Get your tickets out for George Balanchine's “**The Nutcracker**” at Lincoln Center. After a year with no prancing sweets and mischievous mice, it's nice to see the famous ballet's return.

7:30 PM: After the show, take a walk to see the **Saks Fifth Avenue** light show, followed by the **Bergdorf Goodman Windows**.

8:15 PM: Dinner at **The Modern**, a Michelin-starred contemporary American restaurant at the Museum of Modern Art that features Chef Thomas Allan's cooking.

10:30 PM: End the night at **Bemelmans Bar at The Carlyle**, another New York institution. This legendary neighborhood bar is a special hide-away where artist and author Ludwig Bemelmans' whimsical illustrations come to life on its walls.



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The Art Of The Staycation

A mini-trip to the North Fork

By Jessica Mackin-Cipro

I caught up with our friend Laura Bacelli to spend a day exploring the North Fork. Laura, an East End Native, is a hospitality consultant who focuses on experience design for luxury hotel brands and lifestyle services. After spending over a decade in Manhattan and a heavenly stint in the Napa Valley, she now resides full time in the Village of Greenport.

Our goal: To curate a perfect North Fork staycation. We both love where we live and its evident by our enthusiasm for the East End. To live on the East End is to enjoy the places we call home and its neighboring towns. From farm stands to shops, vineyards and the culinary experiences the North Fork is known for, we've highlighted just a few of its businesses that really stand out to us.

Our first stop of the day was to **Opties and Dinghies** in Orient. Through the eatery's storefront, it offers a collection of items worth celebrating — coffee, ice cream, homemade pastries, dumplings, and crepes.

"I'll usually go for the fried dumplings and whatever they're offering as the special that day," said Laura. "On Sunday mornings I like to pick up a crepe, get lost down a few windy roads and end up at a 'locals only' beach to indulge while I read the New York Times. I always keep a blanket in my car for this reason. North Fork Pro Tip: Always keep a blanket in your car. You never know what beach or park will beg you to stay for a picnic."

"A drive through Orient cures my blues, ignites my optimism, and slows me down," said Laura. "It's where I go when I want to daydream or when I

want the scenery to match the melodrama of my French and Sagittarian mood swings. Or, when I just want some really, really, great dumplings."

A stop at Italian restaurant **Maroni** in Southold provided another great spot for a bite, which we enjoyed on the outdoor patio. A place with no formal menu, and while full of surprises, you can always find staples like Grandma Maroni's Gourmet Meatballs, made from a 100 year old recipe. "Maroni is best known for its Italian food and 'hot pots' for takeout, but, I go for the sushi," said Laura. "Here me out — I know that sounds odd — but on Tuesday nights they feature a full sushi menu and it's absolutely incredible. Also, order the ribs as an appetizer. They're sticky and caramelized with gummy bears — it somehow all works. Trust me."

After lunch we take a walk over to **Arni Paperie**, a darling boutique that boasts "A lifelong love affair with paper and the North Fork" (a sentiment we can really get behind). This love affair inspires the shop's curated selection of cards, gifts, and also offers bespoke printing and custom design for invitations and stationary. For those on a staycation, it's the perfect spot for that souvenir.

We then walked across the street to **Southold General**, recently opened by the team behind **North Fork Table & Inn**.

It's a café that serves "a damn near perfect latte and croissant (*a la* Francois Payard) among many other delightful culinary treats. From the buzzy scene on the weekends, you can tell this newcomer has had a very warm welcome," said Laura.

"When I'm missing the culinary scene of Manhattan and find myself in need of exceptional hospitality, I grab a spot at the bar at **North Fork Table & Inn** — it's great for solo dining, a date, or an intimate lunch or dinner with friends," she noted.

We then stopped at **Rose Hill Vineyard**, which can only be described as an absolute gem.

"Choosing a vineyard on the North Fork is tricky — there are so many wonderful options but I tend to venture toward **Rose Hill** and **Terra Vite**. The food and flights are unmatched and so is the design. The line between Napa and the North Fork seem to blur when I'm visiting these tasting rooms," said Laura. **Rose Hill** also has an inn, one that doesn't have a minimum night stay, making it the perfect location for an overnight.

Other wonderful options for accommodations include **Sound View**, **Lin Beach House**, or **The Menhaden** in Greenport.

We spend the rest of the afternoon, over wine, discussing more of our favorite locations. We both agree that **The Times Vintage** in Greenport is a special place in the village.

"Greenport has plenty of shops but I'm most smitten with the **Times Vintage**. Mainly for their collection of vinyl and perfect range of vintage clothing, goods, and accessories. It's organized in such a way that doesn't overwhelm you but still allows you to hunt for treasured pieces," said Laura.

There's also **Popsicle & Finn** in Greenport which offers clothing collections from brands like **Zadig & Voltaire**, as well as iconic rock and

jazz images by photographer **Deborah Feingold**. You can also find home goods and skin care.

And, of course, it wouldn't be a trip to the North Fork without celebrating its abundant agriculture and aquaculture.

"One of my favorite parts of living on the North Fork is the access to fresh local produce," said Laura. "I treasure getting to know our farmers. Agriculture, mariculture and viticulture is such a rich part of history out here and it is vital to support any and all aspects of locally grown when possible. Some of my favorites include **Sang Lee** for their homemade dips, sauces and organic produce, **Country View** for the tomatoes, corn and freshly baked bread, **I&Me** for their personality and greens. There are a bevy of options for oysters on the North Fork but my personal favorite is **Peeko Oysters** in New Suffolk. Bonus: they also make it easy to pre-order for pickup."

There is no shortage of fantastic restaurants on the North Fork. For places that are easy for lunch or dinner, Laura recommends **Love Lane Kitchen**, **Barrow Food House**, **Halyard**, and **Lucharitos**.

"I seem to find myself circulating, and often recommending, these solid options. They are tried, true and I hope that they stick around forever. Visit the **Halyard** and request a table by the window during sunset hours. Stop into **Barrow Food House** and just say 'yes' to whatever they recommend. People watch at **Love Lane Kitchen** as you enjoy their seasonal and local menu options. I would be

remiss not to mention **Lucharitos**, they are open year round and make the best margarita and tacos out there," she said.

For wood-fired pizza, which goes so well with the local wine, I suggest **Grana** in Jamesport as well as **Little Oak Wood-Fired Kitchen** at **Jamesport Vineyards**.

Laura is also a fan of **One Kourt Studio** in Greenport. And what's not to love?

"This is my absolute go-to for all wine needs," she said. "The owner, Kimberly Cavoore, a former sommelier at **Blue Hill Stone Barns**, has curated such a thoughtful collection of wines from around the globe at all price points. Her inventory is top notch and I've never been disappointed by any of her recommendations. If the wine world had a compass, OKS would be it's true north. OKS also hosts wine bar pop-ups at the **Lin Beach House** — it's a great opportunity to taste wines by the glass that you typically would have to purchase by the bottle."

Brix & Rye in Greenport is also on the list, a bar that specializes in classic cocktails as well as modern variations.

"I don't need to say much here, other than it's a sexy subterranean lair that makes a perfect negroni (which I pair with a side of olives for snacking)," she noted.

We end the day with a visit to **LUMBER+Salt** in Jamesport, a treasure trove of finds, where we could have spent hours searching its reclaimed found objects.

You won't miss when visiting any of these wonderful North Fork locations, that are just some of many.



Photo courtesy One Kourt Studio



The Arno River. Photo by Ty Wenzel

An Italian Adventure

During A Pandemic

By Ty Wenzel



The Pitti Palace. Photo by Ty Wenzel

My latest sojourn to Florence, Tuscany, in October of 2021 was minimally challenging as the first thing to not overlook is that you need to be cleared of having Covid-19. With my negative test and vaccination card, I went to check in and get my boarding pass. I had forgotten that I also needed a “Green Pass,” also known as a digital PLF (Passenger Locator Form) that creates a barcode for you to be scanned in many European destinations. At check-in, the airline created it for me and I was good to go!

Venice, Italy, is one of the most romantic cities I've ever visited, but if it's sublime coffee and an overdose of art that you're after, Florence is your epicenter. My obsession with coffee — as a Turk this is a lifeline — annoys many. Upon unpacking, my first job was to find the best coffee shop. After a few very decent haunts, I found it! In the Piazza di San Lorenzo and under the watchful eye of the Florence Duomo, also known as Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral dome, is Café Agorá. Like most of the eateries of Florence, it's not much to look at. I was expecting brown water with token froth like the first two I tried, but it was so good that I began ordering two at a time, and by the end of our trip, three at a time (the cups were a bit small and I am accustomed to Venti sizing). Our regular waitress was confused at first but she eventually understood my methodology that

I would basically inhale the first then savor the next two. This is bar-none, the best coffee in Florence, period.

The heart of this glorious city is the Santa Maria del Fiore, which is a piece of emblematic architecture from the late 13th century that took 200 years to build. It features emerald and pink marble slabs that look like an optical illusion at first, while the interiors showcase historic artworks. The Duomo includes frescoes of Giorgio Vasari's “Last Judgement,” scenes of Florence by Dante among many. The iconic dome itself was designed by Filippo Brunelleschi.

The elephant in the room as soon as you begin your Florence adventure is the sheer impact of the Medici family and how they empowered artists, catapulting the Renaissance for all to see and love. To this day, almost every street is lined with artists in booths selling miniature paintings and drawings of landscapes, figures, and portraits. Art is everywhere and it takes your breath away.

Under the watchful eye of the Duomo, I wandered the sienna-colored buildings, narrow alleys towards the Accademia Gallery with our tour guide, Guido. He explained so much of the history of the Medici impact on the city and world that even as an art history student in my youth, I still learned so much. For example, Michelangelo was an eight-year-old child sculpting in a class when he was “discovered” by painter Domenico Ghirlandaio for whom he appren-

ticed for.

Hundreds of classical busts of great Italians, thousands of paintings we came to an alley where I glimpsed ... him. Yes, Michelangelo's “David.” I thought it would be like when I saw the Mona Lisa in Paris many moons ago which was anti-climactic because of all the American tourists who would not stop talking and reading aloud their guide book about the painting that it was impossible to really take her in.

The David is much larger than I expected, and towered under the dome's skylight. The natural light accentuated his every muscle, vein, and strand of hair. Every tourist there was nearly silent and in awe. Guido whispered, explaining that Michelangelo carved it from a discarded low-quality block of marble. The masterpiece was then moved to the Accademia Gallery after a vote of notables, including Leonardo Da Vinci, wanted it to be admired properly. To this day, the moment David came into view was so powerful and seared into my psyche.

The next museum of note is the Uffizi Gallery which was completed in 1580. This massive structure houses works by Giotto, Botticelli, Correggio, Leonardo, Raffaello, Michelangelo and Caravaggio, to name a few. It's a whirlwind to explore but the awe comes into play when one finally finds themselves standing in front of Botticelli's, “The Birth Of Venus.” Again, paralyzed by the beauty of the work, I stood and took it in.

Dedicated to Medieval and Renaissance art, the Museo Nazionale del Bargello is located in the Palazzo del Podestà. It was established by royal decree in 1865 and is considered Italy's first national museum. It is such a peaceful space, with a large courtyard lined by stunning sculptures and a staircase that looks like it was built for a movie set.

There are so many museums and galleries in Florence that it's literally impossible to visit them all in a one-week period. However, if you want to visit just one, and you aren't obsessed with seeing the David, then the one to explore would be the Pitti Palace. According to its website:

“Purchased in 1550, the Palace was chosen by Cosimo I de' Medici and his wife Eleanor of Toledo as the new Grand Ducal residence, and it soon became the new symbol of the Medici's power over Tuscany. It also housed the Court of other two dynasties: the House of Habsburg-Lorraine (which succeeded the Medici from 1737) and the Kings of Italy from the House of Savoy, who inhabited it from 1865. Nonetheless the palace still bears the name of its first owner, the Florentine banker Luca Pitti that in the mid-1400s started its construction at the foot of the Boboli hill beyond the Arno River.”

The imposing structure was basically the home of the Medici's. This part of the adventure is not for the occasional art lover. It's an overload of Renaissance and Medieval art floor to ceiling. Not an inch is spared and — unfortunately, for me — by the time it was over, the works blended into one another. One needs a full

week just to go through this museum and I simply cannot imagine how humans walked the rooms like they weren't surrounded by intense genius daily. Even a Duke's secretary's room was top to bottom lined with Renaissance masterpieces. Today the Pitti Palace houses the Treasury of the Grand Dukes, the Palatine Gallery, royal apartments, the Gallery of Modern Art and the Museum of Costume and Fashion. It's massive.

Florence is part of Tuscany, thus the buildings are painted in the beautiful saffron color. But it isn't without its own character apart from its nemesis, Sienna. Florence's architecture certainly evokes the Medici touch, with its ornamental elegance. There are shrined random Madonna's dotted all over town. The doors of every single building were refined or charming. Even the graffiti was eye-catching.

Restaurants were unfortunately average so I won't drop any names. We tried Italian, Indian, and brasseries. None were outstanding or memorable. The only thing cuisine-wise to say is that as someone with gluten intolerance (immediate stomach ache and nausea), there is no effect on me when I eat gluten in Italy. So whenever I am in Italy, I go crazy eating bread, pasta, and pizza. Europe has banned several pesticides that are

harmful to human consumption that the United States doesn't and so I never have gluten-related issues anywhere in Italy.

The one thing I wish the East End could have is a more robust café culture. There is no shortage of coffee shops in Florence and they almost always have a charming exterior with beautiful signage, albeit, they're obviously put together without any interior design consideration. Florence is a true caffeine hub.

I miss the charming population as much as the art. “Buongiorno!” every morning from our barista. “Buon- osera!” every evening from anyone we happened upon as the sun began to set. Elevate your trip, or hop the piazzas with your backpack. One of our favorite things to do was to stroll along the Arno River or drive the Tuscan outskirts. A piece of this city stays with you.

Don't forget to schedule your Covid-19 test, which almost all hotels can arrange for you with their local clinic. It only took fifteen minutes and I had documentation to return to the United States. Glaring at my certificate that I was Covid-free, I sadly realized I was going home soon. Whether it's the art, the people, the coffee shops or simply the European vibe, Florence has something for every traveller who is looking for a meaningful journey.



Photo courtesy Southampton Inn

A Tranquil Staycation At The Southampton Inn

This Holiday Season, plan a family trip or gift an idyllic staycation at the Southampton Inn.

The Southampton Inn is a year-round, gracious, and relaxing escape from the everyday hustle. Located in the historic Village of Southampton, the Tudor-style Inn offers 90 elegant guest rooms surrounded by magnificent estates, within walking distance of boutiques, museums, art galleries, and eateries. The Southampton Inn rates are reduced for the fall and winter seasons. Connecting rooms are available for family getaways.

Perfect for a family meal or celebration, the Inn's award-winning

restaurant, Claude's, offers breakfast daily from 7 to 11 AM, brunch on Saturday and Sunday from 11 AM to 2 PM and dinner Friday and Saturday from 5 to 9 PM.

For Thanksgiving, Claude's is open for a warm, welcoming traditional dinner between 1 and 5 PM on November 25. It includes butternut squash soup, Claude's salad, choice of roasted turkey, glazed salmon, vegetarian pasta, with all the trimmings and an assortment of home-made pies for dessert. It's \$42 per person or \$28 per child under 12.

For more information, visit southamptoninn.com

Hampton Sun

A Talk With Founder Salvatore Piazzolla

By Jessica Mackin-Cipro

Hampton Sun, founded by Southampton's Salvatore Piazzolla, is an industry leader in prestige sun care. What started in the Hamptons, with a scent inspired by privet hedges, can now be found in luxury hotels across the world. We caught up with Salvatore Piazzolla to learn more about Hampton Sun.

Tell us a little about your background and what brought you to this point:

From being a beach goer myself and growing up on Long Island I spent lots of time at the beach in the sun and always struggled to find a sunscreen that I liked and enjoyed using. I find great importance in protecting your skin from those harmful UVA/UVB rays and it was so important to me to have a quality sunscreen that felt good and was highly effective.

Coming from an entrepreneur

background the thought of creating a sunscreen became a very exciting idea for me. After much research and conversations with friends and family I decided to peruse my dream and create a sun care line with skincare benefits that I was passionate about. Michael Kors was the first person I leaked the idea out to and he was supportive and excited about my vision.

I was fortunate to have been put in the hands of some industry experts and from there, Hampton Sun evolved. Over the past 15 years we have created a variety of collections and the company continues to grow leaps and bounds each year. Proud to become the leader in prestige sun care!

What inspired you to start Hampton Sun?

I found many of the sun brands on the market to be prescriptive and unpleasant to wear. As someone who spent a lot of time in the sun

I wanted to create something that was highly effective that was clean while also being environmentally friendly. Most sunscreens smelled unpleasant so it was a natural addition to infuse our products with our now signature scent which was inspired by the privet hedges in the Hamptons. Hampton Sun has become so recognized by our signature scent, Privet Bloom, and we were so excited to use our scent in developing our fragrance and home collection.

What has the journey been like since launching the brand?

From the beginning there have been challenges but there have also been a huge learning experiences for me. I have met so many extraordinarily people and customers along the way. I'm constantly thinking of new and innovated ideas following the trends to bring to market. The feeling of creating a brand and giving back is an extraordinary feeling!

Hampton Sun can be found in some of the world's most luxurious hotels, resorts, and spas. How does Hampton Sun add to the guest experience?

Resorts and spas are always looking for ways to elevate the guest's experience and what better way than to offer a brand that feels and smells good, has chic packaging, and is effective on skin. We all want to leave our vacation spots with the most memorable experience and Hampton Sun offers just that.

Our resort partners aim to achieve that ultimate experience and only want to offer their guests the fin-



Salvatore Piazzolla.

est whether it's fine linens, or just a high-end sun care brand that is exclusive to the luxury market. Hampton Sun's vision is to always offer and deliver that fine sunbathing experience!

Talk a little about your best selling products.

Our continuous mists sprays and all natural mineral lotions are best selling products. The ease of the applications of the sprays and the silky smooth mineral sunscreens make them really popular. Another best-selling product is our award winning self-tanning mist. The crystal clear formula can be applied to face and body without staining cloths. We call this product goof proof!

You were a sponsor of this year's US Open. What was that experience like?

It was such an honor to have been chosen to be part of this huge event. They were looking for a high quality sunscreen for their elite crowd and we provide just that.

What are some trends you are predicting for travel this winter?

We are already seeing a huge spike in our resort and spa business as well as our cruise ship partners. We are excited to see people travel again.

What's next for Hampton Sun?

We always have new launches on the horizon and are so excited for our customers to see what's coming next. Be on the lookout for some new innovated products coming Spring of 2022.

Visit hamptonsuncare.com

Twelve Days of Christmas At The St. Regis Bora Bora

Home to the largest overwater villas in the South Pacific, the St. Regis Bora Bora has fashioned its holiday itinerary after the popular "Twelve Days of Christmas" carol featuring twelve days of holiday cheer with a French Polyn-

esian twist from December 22 through January 2. The location, which offers a private Lagoonarium and Lagoon by Jean Georges restaurant, will kick-off the holiday celebrations with a champagne sabering ceremony. Fun-filled ac-



Photo courtesy St. Regis Bora Bora

tivities throughout the holidays include a Christmas Market showcasing local arts and crafts, French Pétanque Tournaments, Va'a Canoe Competitions and of course Santa's much-anticipated arrival. Over the years, Santa has made

James Bond-like arrivals by helicopter, jet ski, airplane, and boat. New Year's Eve dinner, a celebratory five-course gourmet menu will be served at Lagoon by Jean Georges restaurant, and Te Pahu will offer a special Polyn-

esian cuisine menu with a live cooking show. After dinner, fireworks illuminate the tropical night sky on the beach overlooking the lagoon. For more information and reservations, email reservations1@stregis.com.

Gurney's Acquires Sanctuary Camelback Mountain

Gurney's Resorts has announced the acquisition of Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort and Spa in Paradise Valley, Arizona. Scottsdale-based real estate investment company BB Hotels (formerly Berger Holdings) has partnered with New York-based Metrovest Equities and BLDG MGMT to purchase the iconic resort in Paradise Valley.

Robert Castellini has owned Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort and Spa since 1992 and was responsible in concert with Westroc Hospitality for transforming Sanctuary into one of the most highly acclaimed and award-winning resorts in the Southwest. Under new ownership, the

property will remain fully operational as Sanctuary Camelback Mountain, a Gurney's Resort & Spa and Michael Surguine, General Manager, will continue in his role to oversee the elevated resort experience that both guests and locals have enjoyed for over 20 years.

Together, Gurney's Resorts and BB Hotels are currently reviewing all aspects of the resort in anticipation of a comprehensive renovation and property-wide refurbishments beginning in summer 2022. Sanctuary Camelback Mountain, a Gurney's Resort & Spa will remain open throughout the transition and renovation.

The acquisition marks a milestone

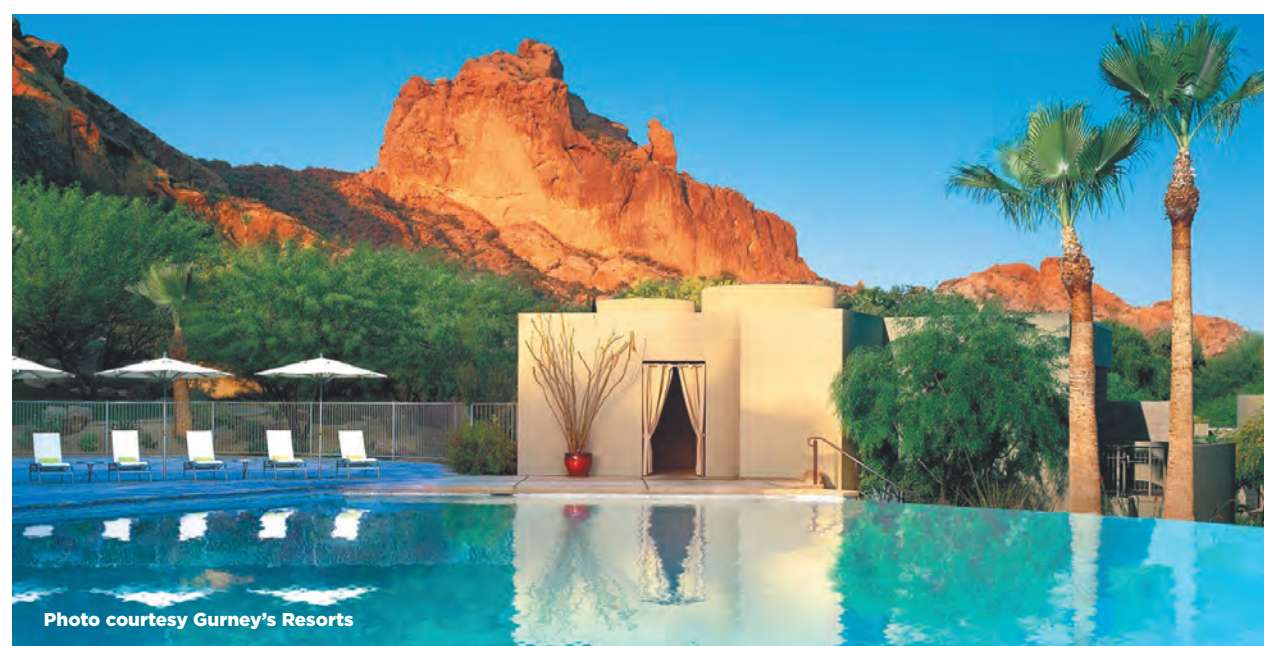


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westward expansion. Gurney's current portfolio includes Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa, Gurney's Star Island, and Gurney's Newport. Renowned for its prime locations in coveted resort destinations, Gurney's debut in the Scottsdale market highlights the evolution of the area's thriving hospitality sector.

"Gurney's Resorts is honored to partner with such a beloved property, and we are thrilled to bring our signature hospitality to the Sanctuary while maintaining the resort's local character," said Gurney's Resort owner George Filopoulos. "Gurney's Resorts are known for their inspiring locations, unparalleled access and

best in class amenities and the Sanctuary effortlessly features these attributes in a refined yet relaxed setting."

Nestled within the picturesque landscapes of Camelback Mountain, the Sanctuary is a famed Scottsdale luxury resort set upon 53 acres of lush desert featuring manicured grounds, gardens, pools, and award-winning facilities. The property's current offerings include a 12,000-square-foot spa, fitness center, hiking trails, swimming pools, tennis courts and 109 casitas and suites as well as eight private mountainside villas with sweeping views of the area's natural vistas. With the culinary team led by Food Network star and Executive Chef Beau

MacMillan, the Sanctuary's dining offerings focus on creative seasonal menus that feature fresh, local ingredients procured from a network of artisans and organic farmers.

For more information, visit www.sanctuaryoncamelback.com.

Cyber Monday

This year as a Cyber Monday sale, Gurney's Resorts is offering rooms at up to 50 percent off the best available rate at its seaside properties in Montauk and Newport, Rhode Island. The booking window for this sale is through November 29, with travel windows varying by property.



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