

XIGERA SAFARI LODGE

Botswana's Okavango Delta

In the heart of Botswana's Okavango Delta, Xigera is a safari lodge reinventing the African bush experience through inspired hospitality and design. Opened in January 2021, the Tollman family handcrafted every aspect to captivate guests' senses— from evocative interiors to one-of-a-kind encounters, including the extraordinary baobab treehouse. This unique sleep out has been inspired by the ancient baobab tree, a symbol of Africa, and is an architectural masterpiece created with cantilevering branches – a departure from traditional safari sleep outs. Your helicopter safari takes off directly from the lodge. Enjoy a bird's eye view of the Okavango, a wonderful way to take in the wildlife that surrounds Xigera, allowing for ample photography from the skies. It was nothing short of a dream come true for the Tollman family to become custodians of Xigera. Protecting the land and its wildlife, while uplifting local communities, is a cornerstone of the philosophy underpinning this remarkable new safari lodge. [Xigera.com](https://www.xigera.com)

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TRAVELING BIG IS BACK

WHERE TO GO WHEN
ADVENTURE CALLS

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AQUATIC ADVENTURE

Ambergris Cay

in High Style



Images courtesy of Ambergris Cay

Chartering a private party jet to Las Vegas is so 2019. The verifiable elite has long discarded crowds, be it at Coachella or an airport terminal. The allure of remote islands with runways long enough for a Gulfstream G700 is the new litmus test of luxury. Enter Ambergris Cay, one of the rare private islands that fit the bill, boasting the largest private runway in the Caribbean at 5,700 ft. in length. Roughly 600 miles southeast of Miami, and 100 miles north of the Dominican Republic, Ambergris Cay is the crown jewel of the southeast corner of Turks and Caicos, encompassing the legendary Caicos Banks. Signature shallow turquoise blue waters of this region are so brilliant, they are a favored sighting of NASA astronauts while in orbit.

Ambergris Cay has been a private island since its purchase in 1811 and saw little development until the late 20th century when more modern infrastructure arrived, catering to upscale clientele seeking privacy and rustic charm. For East Coast sunseekers, the island feels “a world away” without the jet lag. This belle laureate of the Caribbean has drawn the attention of the social elite of late, maintaining its cachet by staying a bit under the radar. Secret’s out now that travelers are specifically looking for ways to bypass bustling major airports.

Included with your stay are more adventures than you can imagine—sail, snorkel and sportfish to your heart’s delight, think vodka-

clear water over paper-white sand. You can also bonefish, kayak, or enjoy a deserted island catered lunch experience. Staff here facilitate most any off-shore scuba adventure with expertise, taking advantage of a sophisticated fleet of watercraft. Bathe in bisque-warm turquoise water by day, and feast on succulent seafood by night. The scenery looks like a screen saver and there are courtesy golf carts and bicycles you can use to get around.

Like the spectacular vistas, Ambergris Cay’s villas are an impressive field, luring discriminating international guests. On the most pristine side of the isle, Dream Pavilion boasts prime position and the most prestige points. The newest, largest, most impressive villa on the island, the six bedroom Dream features strategic walls of sliding glass, allowing you to gaze dreamily into the sea. The joy of waking up, sunning on your sprawling pool deck, jumping into the ocean, then strolling right into an alfresco rain shower is a luxury unlike any other. Distinctive features include not one but two generously scaled swimming pools, one with an infinity edge with dramatic views to the ocean, and one nestled in the protected interior courtyard for whenever the wind picks up. Enjoy sprawling gourmet kitchens with on-demand private chefs, and multiple master suites for democracy’s sake. If corporate life is taking its toll, this is the ideal place to bliss out and rekindle your spirit. Ambergriscay.com



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STARDOME PERU

Celestial Constellations in Ollantaytambo

Did 2021 not make up for 2020? The Awakening Retreat is the most transformational experience offered by StarDome Peru. This 6-Day all-inclusive offers guests unparalleled, spiritually-transformative ceremonies in the Sacred Valley area, building up over 5 days to a powerful privately-guided tour of the legendary Machu Picchu. Enjoy epic nature views from this next level five-bedroom Geodesic Dome designed for the most memorable immersion in nature possible. A 360-degree panoramic glass ceiling of StarDome's StarDeck was made for gazing up into the great beyond, viscerally healing restless souls. Midday lounging on the StarDeck reveals spectacular views of the magical Sacred Valley. Stardomeperu.com



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TIME + TIDE KING LEWANIKA

Liuwa Plain, Zambia

Named after the Barotse king who petitioned Queen Victoria to set the plains aside as a royal hunting ground in the 1880s, it is Time + Tide's most luxurious, modern and minimalist lodge. Activities include bush picnics, jeep and walking safaris, canoeing during the flood season, and visiting the Lozi people, one of only two local tribes in Zambia still permitted to live – and spear-fish – within a National Park. Guests can lounge on the veranda, taking in 360 degree views, while watching birds work their way through the lagoon, gather around the campfire under the stars, hear the sounds of hyenas as they drift to bed. Here is where guests can fully immerse themselves in the wild land, all while taking in the exceptional aspects of the 'green season.' Travelers can take day and night game drives, walking safaris, canoeing safaris, sleep under the stars, birdwatch and also enjoy a scenic helicopter ride. Timeandtideafrica.com

Josh Tobey

Bronze Sculpture



Meditation

Edition 10
63.5" H x 37" W x 39.5" L

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GLACIER RISING

Shangri-La Vancouver's Ice Cave Heli Adventure

Images courtesy of Shangri-La Vancouver and Photographer Doug Olear



Looking to go gigantic now that traveling big is back? Shangri-La Vancouver nailed the bucket list brief with their new Ice Caves Heli Adventure. The last word in Vancouver luxury tapped the local experts at Head-Line Mountain Holidays to bring you to the arctic frontier. Imagine losing attachment to space and time in hypnotic, aqua blue ice chambers, wiping your emotional state clean, so to speak. Soar over British Columbia's cathartic caves via private heli-expedition, revel in glistening ice field views framed by Canada's ancient volcanic peaks. Lose sight of the corporate grind with this three-night experience, inclusive of a swoon-worthy Shangri-la suite. A private guided expedition by Head-Line CEO Doug Washer through cathedral-like frozen chambers is peppered with fascinating facts—think stoic reverence and awestruck wonder in equal measure.

Awaiting as you surface the cave? Refreshments on ice. You haven't really done the arctic outback until you've feasted on a delectable spread of lobster rolls, ahi tuna canapés and charcuterie on top of a glacier wonderland. The art of après ski has clearly come a long way from steaming cups of spiked cocoa. Alpha exertion in an ice cave calls for dinner at Shangri-la Vancouver's brand new hot spot for culinary hedonism at Carlino, executed exceedingly well by the much-buzzed Kitchen Table Restaurants. Think indulgent Italian flavors presented family style but elevated enough on the design front to score date night points. Cocktail culture is another main Carlino asset, helmed by

some of the top bartenders in the city. The package also comes with an obscenely indulgent spa treatment, melt into warm blankets and the perfect healing touch at Shangri-La's signature Chi Spa.

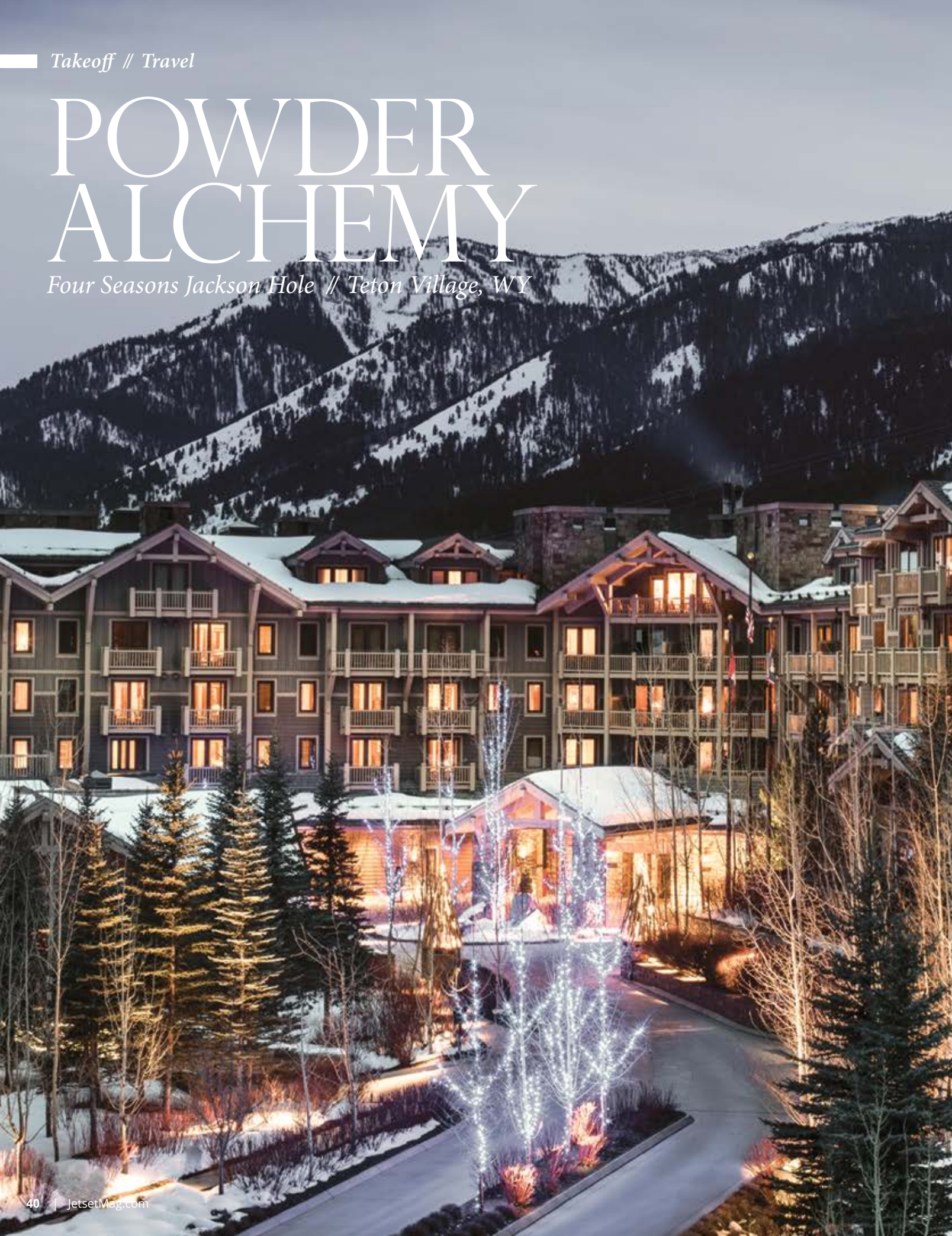
A heli-venture getaway with Shangri-La Vancouver knows no bounds. Colonizing 15 floors of the tallest tower in the city, this haute hideaway is a haven for discerning hotel aficionados. Exuding Asian-inspired sleek sophistication, the suite feels like your own incredibly swish penthouse, complete with terrace. Floor-to-ceiling windows are framed by rich rosewood panel millwork, while expansive bathrooms boast granite vanities and soaking tubs. The soft gold-accented suites are designed to impress and they certainly do. A prestigious partnership with nearby luxury retailer Holt Renfrew gives you express private shopping latitude, the latest in Yves Saint Laurent and Christian Dior curated to your specifications. The top-notch concierge team effortlessly scores chef's table reservations at nearby COAST and impossible-to-get show tickets.

So do people flock here purely for pampering of the highest order, Shangri-La style? Let's just say we met guests who were on their third repeat visit to the best suites in the city. Snowsport junkies pilgrimage to Whistler from all over the world precisely because this ski-town has established a hard-earned rep for delivering robust, genius ski holidays. For those who wish to balance mountain time with clever city experiences, Shangri-La Vancouver has it all wrapped up.

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POWDER ALCHEMY

Four Seasons Jackson Hole // Teton Village, WY



Images courtesy of Four Seasons Jackson Hole

Let's talk bragging rights; low key dropping that you learned to ski in Jackson Hole, is akin to saying you learned to drive on the Autobahn. This mountain simply attracts the sport's veteran instructors to the top-tier Ski School at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. Sure, Big Sky is encrusted with castles on pristine terrain, which all read a bit basic when compared to Jackson Hole blacks.

What is sexier than a confident, stylish resort in the pristine wilderness, far from the maddening news day? High in the adventure haven of the majestic Tetons, Four Seasons Resort Jackson Hole commands the base of this world-class mountain, offering unrivaled, enviable ski-in/ski-out access to this legendary destination. You'll abandon civilian cares once you lose yourself in this resort's impeccable embrace. Suite 705 offers one of the most expansive views of the gondolas snaking up the ski resort's dramatic peaks and stylish people watching, all while enveloping you with impeccable attention to detail, renowned service, and dramatic vistas. Many guests revel in riding Jackson Hole's famous tram – to the peak of Rendezvous mountain. And yes, it's frigid at the very top, but as long as you pack your Royal Robbins technical layers and Hestra gloves, you'll be fine.

In winter the hotel's "Base Camp" is a posh white-glove ski valet, where your Scarpa boots are heated overnight, skis are always tuned and waiting for you, staff eagerly helps with buckling up if you happen to overindulge with the beloved breakfast hit, the Cowboy Croissant.

The hotel is set into the mountain in such a way that when you sass up to valet and click out of your skis, you can stroll directly onto après delights. The newest sensation to hit Jackson Hole? Four Season's igloo-shaped Fahrenheit 47, named for the ideal temperature Champagne should be chilled to serve. The venue transforms the pool deck into a winter wonderland of chic luxury, serving Moët & Chandon Impérial and Rosé Impérial by the glass or bottle, and bespoke Moët cocktails alongside elevated après bites such as osetra caviar, Maine lobster salad canapes and Kumamoto oyster shooters.

Four Seasons' spa is a gem of artful alpine abandon. After a day on the slopes, the Turquoise Sage Body Ritual is life-changing, starting with an exfoliating fossilized salt scrub to stimulate circulation. After a swiss shower, hydrating arnica and chamomile kick in with powerful healing potency while the therapist kneads your every care into oblivion. The only way to cap off your stay and undo the strain of full send mode on Rossignol skis.

Jackson Hole has long served as a winter playground for the rich and famous, including virtually any celebrity with a private jet. If they're not checking into the Four Seasons penthouse, they own Architectural Digest-worthy estates, like Kanye West, Harrison Ford, Sandra Bullock, Brad Pitt, Pippa Middleton, Tiger Woods, and Matthew McConaughey. You never know who will pop up at Fahrenheit 47!

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