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What's new in travel for the fall

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Overlook Gustavia harbor and walk to the Hermès shop



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Art in L.A.

Downtown Los Angeles has become the city's ground zero for innovative architecture, including Frank Gehry's Walt Disney Concert Hall and, as of last month, the new **Broad Art Museum**.

Well-known collectors Eli and Edythe Broad hope to plant the seeds of a museum district in the Grand Avenue area by establishing here the 120,000-square-foot museum, a repository of some 2,000 modern and contemporary works from artists including Jean-Michel Basquiat, Damien Hirst and Jenny Holzer. A significant draw for visitors is the Diller Scofidio + Renfro-designed building itself, covered by a porous veil-like structure that illuminates the galleries via 318 skylights. 213-232-6200, www.thebroad.org.

Adventures in Yachting

In December, the two-ship luxury cruise line **Crystal Cruises** will add a third vessel, the super-yacht *Crystal Esprit*. Trips aboard the 62-passenger ship will offer more active opportunities in a series of new adventure excursions, including deep-sea fishing and scuba diving in the Seychelles, rafting in Croatia and trekking to sacred Delphi at Mount Parnassus in Greece. Many of these Crystal Adventures excursions offer parties of two to eight the option of going private, with a personal guide and vehicle. Through 2018, *Esprit* will spend Decembers in the Emirates, winters in the Indian Ocean, springs in the Holy Land and the rest of the year in the Mediterranean. Weeklong cruises start at \$3,290 per person. 888-799-4625, www.crystalcruises.com.

Editorial Trips

If you've ever flipped through the pages of *Travel + Leisure* and wished to be at one of its featured locales, the magazine now aims to grant your wish. In a new partnership with the custom tour designer **Black Tomato**, **Travel + Leisure Journeys** offers 20 trips laid out by its editors. They range near — including four days in and around Nashville — and mostly far, including Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Mongolia, Japan and Iceland. Like the magazine's stories, the itineraries mix adventure and culture with insider access, as in the nine-day Morocco trip that combines a riad stay in Marrakesh with a trip to the desert and a visit with Berber nomads. Four-day trips start at \$1,960 per person. 646-558-3644, www.travelandleisure.com/journeys.

Sedona Revival

Many travelers visit Sedona, Ariz., and its New Age-inspiring desert, for renewal. Now guests can double-down on renewal at the region's exclusive **L'Auberge de Sedona**, which is overhauling its 30 creek-side and garden cottages with rustic wooden poster beds and brick fireplaces, to be fully completed by year end. The resort also spent the summer building a new lobby reception area and upgrading the bar to offer indoor and outdoor service. The lauded Restaurant on Oak Creek newly offers picnic fare for red rock hikes as well as for afternoons and evenings in by the cottage fire. Rooms from \$325, cottages from \$620. 800-905-5745, www.lauberge.com.

Keep Austin Luxurious

Two new reasons for golf and fashion fanatics to keep Austin spas on their fall calendar:

Tee up a birthday celebration at **Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa** in Austin and receive a round of golf on the house. The 309-room Hill Country retreat hosts a choice-confounding four championship golf courses: one designed by Austin native Ben Crenshaw, another by Arnold Palmer and two by Tom Fazio. Off the courses, book a post-round massage at the spa and a special-occasion meal at either the fine-dining restaurant or more casual wine bar. The birthday freebie is good through next September. Rooms from \$199. 800-336-6158, www.omnihotels.com/bartoncreek.

At **Lake Austin Spa Resort**, fashion and wellness combine in the inaugural Neiman Marcus Style Series. From Nov. 12-14, resort guests will get to mingle with Neiman's style experts, learn what goes on behind the scenes at the venerable Texas company, see a curated capsule of the Ippolita jewelry collection, and get a sneak peek of the store's most coveted holiday gifts of 2015. In between sessions, spa-goers can enjoy the treatments and cuisine for which the spa is known worldwide. Rates start at \$1,720 per person (double occupancy) for three nights, including all meals, classes and activities. 1-800-847-5637, <http://lakeaustin.com/spa-resort>.

The Tropics for Christmas

Few places are hotter at the holidays than St. Barths, but **St. Barth Properties** has made it easier to find a vacation villa in the highest of seasons by launching a link to holiday availability. Choices range from a one-bedroom apartment overlooking Gustavia harbor and within walking distance to the Hermès shop and Shell Beach for \$4,070 per week, to a six-bedroom, two-villa compound in gated Petit Cul de Sac for \$193,670 per week. Most properties during the season have a minimum stay of 10 to 14 days. 800-421-3396, www.stbarth.com/christmas-and-new-year-availability.