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Learning The Buzz



As travel editors, we are constantly hearing excited early chatter about new openings, anticipated properties, changing ownership, up-and-coming chefs. While we like to experience places firsthand before reporting on them for Indagare, we have decided to share these news nuggets in a new column. The Buzz focuses on travel bites, seen and heard by the Indagare editors, contributors, members and friends, that are fun to know about (but have not been tried and approved yet). Ranging from Anguilla's sexiest-sounding new villa to a restaurant between Versailles and Paris (raved about by a Parisian friend), here is a sampling of the best of what we're hearing. Check the column frequently to stay in the loop and read the buzz before places are formally recommended.

Anguilla, Caribbean

Our contacts on Anguilla say that **Le Bleu**, which opened last year, is the most glamorous new villa on the island. Perfect for large groups, it has ten bedrooms, two swimming pools, two private beaches, a tennis court, a gym and a screening room. Christmas is already taken, but spring break dates are still open.

Deer Valley, Utah

This December, long-anticipated newcomer **Montage** will make its Western debut; the California-based company will open a resort that will offer ski-in-ski-out access, a serious 35,000 square-foot spa and an outdoor après-ski terrace slated to become the resort's newest hot spot.

Harbour Island, Caribbean

We'd heard that Harbour Island's Pink Sands had gone downhill lately, but last winter, the resort's owners hired a new GM. Mark Kitchen has a background running luxury retreats in Thailand, Bali and Fiji, all places known for their pampering, so hopefully the property will soon return to its former glory.

Mallorca, Spain

We hear that the month-old **Cap Rocat** is the sexiest new retreat on Mallorca. Located in an old military fortress on a secluded stretch of the Bay of Palma, the hotel has just 24 suites, built into the fortress's former shooting pads and with sea views and private patios. Just remember to leave the kids at home—children under the age of 15 aren't allowed.

Paris

Longtime romantic favorite **Pavillon de la Reine** gets a sister property this fall: **Villon des Lettres** is located in the 8th arrondissement, and each of the twenty-six rooms is individually designed and named after a French writer.

Pera Palace, Istanbul

After years of anticipation, the Pera Palace Hotel finally seems close to opening. Its owners are promising that the doors will open in September, and crews are working around the



clock to make it happen. They are painstakingly restoring the landmarked façade and interiors, as well as the esplanade next to the hotel.

Shanghai

This fall, art aficionados will be buzzing about Shanghai's new **Swatch Art Peace Hotel**, a concept boutique property that occupies a restored building on the Bund. It will include seven suites and eighteen studios in which contemporary artists-in-residence work.

Tasmania, Australia

The just-opened **Saffire**, an ecolodge on the eastern coast, has been garnering rave reviews—thanks in part to the presence of Aussie celeb chef Hugh Whitehouse, who is committed to the farm-to-table concept.

Versailles

Les Etangs de Corot, a hotel-restaurant-spa complex, sits about halfway between Versailles and Paris. Restaurants **Le Corot** and more relaxed **Les Cafés des Artistes** are fantastic options for visitors of Versailles who want to avoid that town's tourist-trap cafés.

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