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Anna Lambe leads  
a cast of creative  
dreamers having  
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## HOUSE CALL

Costa Rica's northwest coast is just steps away from this expansive villa

On Costa Rica's Peninsula Papagayo, Villa Avellana is a beachfront property that delivers on the need for privacy – often a priority for families and groups travelling together. The 33,000-square-foot home in Guanacaste comfortably hosts as many as 23 guests in its 10 bedrooms, each with their own balcony with views of tropical forest and the Pacific coast. Along with paddle boards, surfboards and fishing gear, the villa has its own 42-foot yacht plus a staff of 20, including chefs and adventure guides, who tend to every need. When not lounging by the pool or relaxing with a spa treatment, travellers can play a round at the neighbouring Arnold Palmer Ocean Golf Course, request a chocolate-making class, or head out for a biplane adventure. – **M.S.**

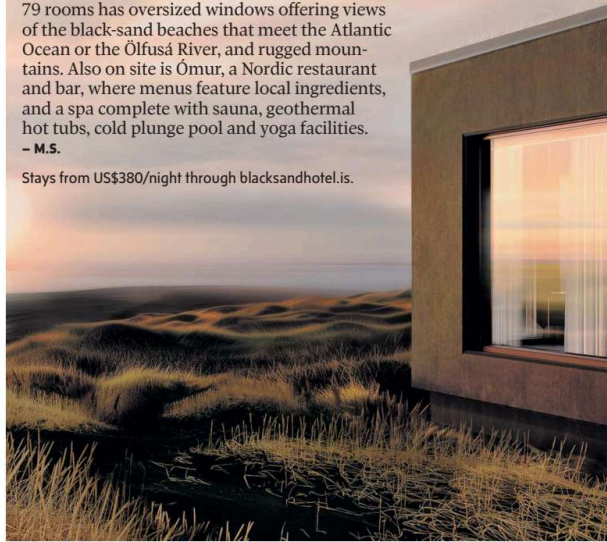
Stays from US\$26,000/night through villaavellana.com.

## DARK MATTER

Iceland can finally boast of a hotel on its legendary black sand

Iceland's newest boutique accommodation and the country's only beachfront hotel, Black Sand, opened in January, offering guests a stunning front seat to the wild wind, waters and terrain that make this destination so unique. Located within an hour's drive of Reykjavik, Thingvellir National Park and the Blue Lagoon, Black Sand is an oasis off the tourist path, while still offering access to the country's most popular attractions. The hotel's minimalist design features textures that hint at the surrounding natural landscape, and each of the 79 rooms has oversized windows offering views of the black-sand beaches that meet the Atlantic Ocean or the Ölfusá River, and rugged mountains. Also on site is Ómur, a Nordic restaurant and bar, where menus feature local ingredients, and a spa complete with sauna, geothermal hot tubs, cold plunge pool and yoga facilities. – **M.S.**

Stays from US\$380/night through blacksandhotel.is.



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## TRACK UPGRADE

Criss-cross Australia in a compartment as vast as the views out your window

Journey Beyond, which delivers some of Australia's most epic rail journeys connecting all four coasts, is launching new luxury suites this April on three of its sleeper trains: the Ghan, Indian Pacific and the Great Southern. Named the Australis and the Aurora, both suites are a significant step up in size and amenities. Australis, the top-tier suite, is 263 square feet – triple the size of its Platinum cabin – and features a separate bedroom within the space, while the Aurora is double the size of the Platinum. Along with the roomy living quarters in a subdued desert palette, cabins include a personalized in-suite bar as well as butler service, the option for in-room dining and exclusive off-train activities such as helicopter flights around Nitmiluk Gorge or Mount Gillen. Together, these suites span one entire car, offering added privacy. – **M.S.**

Rail journeys from A\$1,490/person through journeybeyondrail.com.



## DESTINATION GION

A historic Kyoto tower invites visitors into the city's cultural centre

This month, Imperial Hotel opens its first property in 30 years in Kyoto's historic Gion district. Situated within the restored Yasaka Kaikan, a 90-year-old landmark and nationally recognized Tangible Cultural Property, the hotel blends history with contemporary comfort. Its 55 rooms are spread over seven floors, offering a collection of views that encapsulate what Kyoto is best known for – calming mountains, lantern-lit cobblestone streets – next to Gion Kobu Kaburenjo theatre, where the country's performing arts come alive. Original architectural elements, including restored window frames and wooden pillars, can be found in suites in the main building. Among the unique dining options are Red, an 18-seat “chef's counter,” focused on fine French cuisine; the Old Imperial Bar, a showcase for Japan's thriving cocktail scene; and the Rooftop, a serene guests-only open-air terrace. – **M.S.**

Stays from JPY164,500/night through imperialhotel.co.jp.

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