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JEWEL OF MARRAKECH

Sitting majestically within the old Imperial City walls, with views stretching over bustling kasbahs and the distant Atlas Mountains, La Sultana Marrakech invites intrigued guests to experience the magic of Morocco matched with discreet and uncompromised luxury. Fresh from a recent renovation, this historical hotel still echoes the charms of its past, set within a UNESCO World Heritage Site that entralls guests in the vibrancy and mystique of the red city to discover an oasis flushed with palms, sica and banana trees, flowering terraces, and quiet courtyards. Within five traditional riads, charming patios, sprawling corridors and hidden passages lead guests to 28 individually designed rooms and suites, each adorned with rich interiors, precious woods and marble, and finished with splashes of copper and high tadelakt walls. The Lion's Apartment offers privacy within a 1,000-square-

foot exclusive suite with two bathrooms, a private terrace and 24-hour hosts. Each suite is serviced by a guest experience butler for tailored stays and local immersion. To dine, head to the expansive rooftop terrace, inspired by the hanging gardens of Babylon, where food reflects Moroccan heritage with ingredients sourced from the property's organic garden and a small network of local growers. To experience the treasures of North Africa, guests can dine in the Agafay Desert, take a hot air balloon ride over the Atlas Mountains, and visit Villa Oasis, the private residence of Yves Saint Laurent and Pierre Bergé. Those wishing to linger can enjoy three nights at La Sultana Oualidia, an oceanside retreat just two hours from the city, where guests can look forward to horse riding along the Atlantic coast, spa treatments, stargazing, and more. lasultanahotels.com



DESTINATION WELLNESS

Reborn after a recent renovation, Rancho Pescadero is the newest addition to The Unbound Collection by Hyatt portfolio and the first Hyatt branded luxury resort to debut in Todos Santos. The 103-key property takes destination wellness to new heights with uncomplicated pleasures, beachfront luxury and a wellness philosophy inspired by nature, all set between the desert and the Pacific coast of Baja California Sur. The revived Rancho Pescadero showcases sprawling suites and oceanfront villas decked out with Bohemian-chic décor, day beds and roof decks, nine serene gardens, an ethnobotanical culinary concept, a 25,000-square-foot spa boasting outdoor wellness and meditation, and an onsite apothecary, where guests create their own blends of oil with herbs plucked from the lush gardens. ranchopescadero.com

AMAN SERENITY

Within easy reach from Bali via private helicopter transfer, Amanwana boasts a serene luxury escape on the island of Moyo, Indonesia. Surrounded by the protected Moyo Satonda National Park and the glistening Flores Sea, Amanwana's 15 permanent tents offer modern under-canopy luxury poised to take in sweeping ocean or jungle vistas. To celebrate Amanwana's 30th anniversary, guests can dabble in on and offshore experiences pairing underwater explorations—year-round whale shark excursions and diving on the outer reef—with traditional wellness therapies, culinary masterclasses, turtle observations, and sound healing under the stars. For heightened intimacy, guests can privatize Amanwana by reserving eight or more tents to savor the island's bounty and rejuvenate in seclusion. aman.com



BEACHFRONT BEAUTY

The Boca Raton invites guests to discover The Boca Raton Club, a bold new standard for exclusive membership and unrivaled access to South Florida's most iconic beachfront resort. Along with scaled-up amenities—water sports, boating, a par-71 golf course and a dedicated tennis concierge, to name a few—The Club unlocks priority reservations at 14 world-class restaurants and bars onsite, personal and group fitness classes at the award-winning Spa Palmera, invitations to year-round events held for the discerning Boca Raton community, and a members-only beach destination decked out with elegant lounging spaces, waterfront pools and gourmet eats, suitable for the whole family. thebocaraton.com



CAPE TOWN SPLENDOR

Nestled on the foothills of Table Mountain, Future Found Sanctuary reveals a private mountain retreat and Cape Town's first and only regenerative travel designation set across seven acres. In a philosophy informed by protecting nature, people and the rich cultural identity of South Africa, Future Found Sanctuary connects conscious travelers seeking boutique and ultra-private accommodation with exclusive-use villas, home-harvested food concepts, and personalized well-being practices, including forest bathing, yoga, hiking, and massages at Sensorium Spa. While here, dip into heated and natural pools, test out the fitness center or explore the property's gardens, boasting a flourish of endemic plants found in the surrounding Cape Floral Kingdom and nowhere else on Earth. newmarkhotels.com



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SOUTH PACIFIC JEWEL

On the small island of Tokoriki in Fiji's Mamanuca Islands, discerning travelers can explore paradisaic reefs and regenerated shores in a luxury pursuit that prizes connecting people and the planet

Marooned in the Pacific Ocean, the Mamanuca Islands form a volcanic archipelago known for their natural splendor and breathtaking landscapes. While this region has long captivated travelers seeking tranquility and paradise, these far-flung islands have emerged as a haven for impactful travel.

The Mamanuca Islands consist of 32 islands, seven submerged at high tide, forming a remarkable ecosystem that reveals rich reefs beneath crystal-clear waters. The region is home to an exceptional display of marine life, including 74% of known coral species, 55% of known coral reef fishes, and a myriad of invertebrates that you needn't look far to discover. Here, guests have privileged access to see the Great Sea Reef, Fiji's longest barrier reef, which stretches over 125 miles, harboring 40% of the country's marine flora and 44% of its endemic reef species.

While tourism is Fiji's main revenue earner, contributing around 38% of the country's GDP, the increasing severity and frequency of cyclones, coral bleaching, and rising sea levels pose significant risks to the coastal regions, including the Mamanuca Islands, which are highly vulnerable to climate change impacts, threatening not only the natural and water systems but also the communities and economies that depend on them.

In a bid to protect Fiji's majestic coastline and empower communities, the Mamanuca Environment Society (MES) was formed in 2001 after local resorts, tour operators, and conservation groups raised environmental concerns across the Mamanuca Islands. Today, the women-led MES represents 14 member resorts in four local communities to deliver environmental awareness-raising activities to those living in villages. Hotel members, together with



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other sponsors, fund the conservation and sustainability projects MES conducts in the name of the tourism industry. “We fill the gap. We’re trying to ensure that sustainable tourism works hand-in-hand with sustainable livelihoods through environmental protection,” said Marica Vakacola, MES Project Manager, who works with resorts to conduct bi-annual water quality and sea water quality tests, reef checks for in-house reefs and waste management audits to promote sustainable practices. In turn, member resorts act as a middleman to connect visitors who wish to fund environmental projects with MES as the implementing entity. Resorts are also engaging in regenerative activities, such as coral and mangrove planting, clam farming and reforesting native crops and fruit trees that can withstand changes to soil quality due to poor farming practices and increased heat, consulting with community elders to understand their needs before implementing projects. “Our team is 100% women. In our traditional Fijian culture, there’s a limitation for women to speak in meetings or voice our opinions,” Vakacola commented, but through tireless work on the ground and communication with communities

in their own languages, MES is breaking down barriers, and the ripple effect is staggering.

MES has set up environmental clubs in several schools, providing education on issues such as climate change and land-based sources of pollution, with the aim of inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards. “When we started educating the young ones, we found they were going back to their parents and sharing what they’ve learned. When that happens, it gains parents’ attention and they see the significance of our programs,” Vakacola said. “We’ve gained the trust of communities, traditional leaders and elders who value the work the MES is doing.”

While the Mamanuca Islands beckon travelers seeking more than a luxurious escape, these idyllic islands also offer an opportunity to witness the delicate balance between nature and human existence first-hand, none more so than on the island of Tokoriki, where MES member Tokoriki Island Resort welcomes guests to experience raw Fiji, coupled with adults-only five-star luxury and its coral-rich paradisiac shores.

Above: Working with the Mamanuca Environment Society (MES), Tokoriki Island Resort embraces culture, the natural environment and community in a tangible philosophy that extends from resort to land and sea



At the very heart of Tokoriki Island Resort is a conceit that authentically imbues both people and the planet, offering guests a chance to relinquish life beyond the isle and find a deep sense of place, grounding them in Fijian culture, mindful activities and natural surrounds. Here, guests are warmly embraced by Tokoriki's big-hearted team, who largely hail from nearby Yanuya village, an island just across the glistening reef, bringing with them traditional songs and past times to share with spell-bound visitors. Just 36 bures and villas line the shore, with views rolling out over the glistening beach from every suite perfectly positioned against a backdrop of verdant tropical gardens to reveal its face to the sun. Besides the gentle, rhythmic lapping of the waves and happy melody of the red-vented bulbul, Tokoriki is refreshingly silent and uncompromisingly private.

Working with the MES, Tokoriki is set apart from other tourism operators in the luxury space by embracing culture, the natural environment and community in a tangible philosophy that extends from resort to land and sea. The concept flows through the whole island, not least in the resort's conscious guest experiences ranging from guided diving and snorkeling safaris, local village visits, Fijian medicine walks through the lush manicured gardens, traditional basket weaving, Monuriki Island tours, and treatments within Tokoriki Spa's sanctuary.



Above: Tokoriki's luxury bures and villas reflect a unique fusion of contemporary luxury and Fijian flair, bringing guests closer to the local culture

Left: Offering guests the chance to completely unwind and disconnect from the real world, all accommodations are without televisions and telephones



EMBRAER TIP

When flying from Honolulu, the Praetor family of jets' best-in-class cabin pressurization ensures you arrive refreshed and energized at Nadi International Airport (NAN) in Fiji before transferring to Tokoriki Island Resort via helicopter, speed boat or catamaran.

Ashim Singh is the Nadi-born Chef at the helm of Tokoriki's kitchen, where he delights guests at every turn with his penchant for using local ingredients to put a distinct Fijian spin on classics while elevating traditional dishes to reflect the luxurious surrounds, like Fijian *Jovo*, a method of cooking underground using hot coals. Hits on his menu include fresh heart of palm, *jicama* (sweet root vegetable), bora beans, rosella leaves, and wild cucumbers, all of which he sources directly from farmers in surrounding regions, and *nama* (sea grapes), fresh *walu* (mackerel), octopus, tuna and trevally from the Mamanuca and Yasawa islands from local fisherman.

In fact, everything at the award-winning Tokoriki translates into preserving our planet. There is an onsite glass recycling program, waste management and a desalination system that provides fresh water to the lodge and guest amenities. Beyond the resort, Tokoriki actively engages in regenerative activities, including coral and mangrove planting, replanting rare tropical dry forests and Tokoriki's Giant Clam Regeneration Project. Spearheaded by Will Wragg in 2000, the resort's resident dive instructor and a founding member of the MES, Tokoriki's Giant Clam Regeneration Project became the first for the extinct species in West Fiji after Wragg observed a noticeable decline in the surrounding ocean ecosystem caused by poaching, cyclones and overfishing.





Opposite (top): At the helm of Tokoriki's kitchen, Chef Ashim Singh delights guests by using local ingredients and elevating traditional dishes

Opposite (bottom): Beyond the resort, Tokoriki actively engages in regenerative activities, including a Giant Clam Regeneration Project

Above: At Tokoriki Island Resort, just 36 bures and villas line the shore, with views rolling out over verdant tropical gardens and the glistening beach

Initially, 100 clams were brought to Tokoriki in mesh cages—the soft shell of small clams can be easily preyed on—where they are left to grow to over 12 inches. Now 25 years old, the idea of the project is successful fertilization, which happens when clams grow en-mass and spawn in the right conditions. Sunlight, clear water, and the right currents and depth are essential for the survival of giant clams. The keystone species is one of the most ecologically important organisms in a coral reef, filtering hundreds of liters of water every day to remove nutrients from the sea that can otherwise contribute to an overgrowth of macroalgae that smother and kill coral. To safeguard the clams, which can weigh in excess of 200 pounds and measure five feet, they've been placed 65 to 100 feet below the surface and can be observed by divers at a safe distance, along with a kaleidoscope of colorful fish and coral species, thriving in the newly rehabilitated and self-protected house reef, thanks to Wragg who's drummed up agreements with local villages to protect their reef. "If I could leave a legacy, it would be to have this reef protected."

And that's just what you can expect to find when visiting this jewel in the South Pacific—a story of unbelievable and abundant natural beauty and the people who sustain it. ◀

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INFINITY SKY

Searching beyond the visible, Astrophotographer Mihail Minkov reveals the immense beauty of the universe through images that capture the infinite night sky

The wonders of our universe hold much mystery and intrigue. For the most part, the night sky remains undiscovered by the naked eye. Yet, humans are captivated by the unfathomable stretch of constellations, planets and galaxies that exist in limitless realms beyond Earth.

As a child, Bulgarian-based Astrophotographer, Mihail Minkov was fascinated by the stars, but it wasn't until the birth of his first child that he found his passion, venturing out during the night while she slept to explore the sky along quiet beaches. When he first captured the Milky Way, he had an epiphany, triggering his pursuit to "bring a piece of the cosmos to people's homes," a moment of enormity in the darkness and silence of the night.

To reveal the hidden beauty of our universe and make these cosmic secrets visible to humans, Minkov relies on a light-sensitive sensor to capture light using exposures from 25 seconds to three minutes and a star tracker device that cleverly compensates for the Earth's rotation. "Our eyes are not very capable of seeing in the

dark. In pitch black, we can only perceive black and white, and see only silhouettes," he explained.

"It's impossible to capture stars when shooting from within a city. You must travel at least 60 miles away from large urban centers to avoid light pollution and find a truly dark sky," said Minkov, who knows by month where to find objects in the atmosphere. Often traveling to remote and unusual locations, Minkov can spend hours on the road to witness celestial events or photograph phenomena above. "Last year, in early February, Venus rose early in the morning before dawn, accompanied by the early Milky Way core," he recalled. "It was an amazing celestial event because Venus is the brightest planet in the night sky, creating a stunning reflection in the sea."

Following an Astro tour of Jordan last June, where he discovered the Wadi Rum desert and Petra, Minkov is planning his first exhibition to showcase his out-of-this-world portfolio. "It's the final process—from the idea in my head to capturing it with my camera, post-processing it and printing it—when the digital image becomes alive and materializes in the physical world."





WORLD OF HAPPINESS

Pamela Landwirth, President and CEO of Give Kids The World Village, shares her vision for the big-hearted organization that creates lasting happiness and renewed hope for critically ill children and their families

Fitting a lifetime of experiences into one week is a challenging feat, especially when you get one shot at making a critically ill child's dreams come true. But that's the magic of dreams, as hundreds of thousands of families have discovered at Give Kids The World Village, a whimsical wonderland where the stresses of life are forgotten, and children are free to be just that.

Born in Antwerp, Belgium, on March 7, 1927, Holocaust Survivor and U.S. Army Veteran, Henri Landwirth, was all too familiar with the atrocities of life. In 1952, post-war, Landwirth began a new life in the U.S., where he studied hotel management and worked nights on the desk at Manhattan's Wellington Hotel. By 1954, Landwirth had relocated to Miami, where he managed the President Madison Hotel. But it wasn't until 1969, when he franchised his first Holiday Inn, that his life's work would really begin. Located in Orlando, FL, near Walt Disney World Resort, Landwirth received requests from wish-giving organizations to donate hotel rooms for families visiting the iconic theme park located nearby. Without fail, he'd agree. On one particular occasion, a family canceled their once-in-a-lifetime reservation, only to discover that the young girl had passed away before she could visit.

In 1986, Landwirth founded Give Kids The World Village, a nonprofit storybook resort in Central Florida dedicated to providing unforgettable and cost-free vacation experiences for children facing critical illnesses. “Our fundamental mission is to create happiness and inspire hope for wish families,” shared President and CEO, Pamela Landwirth, who’s worked tirelessly for the organization since 1992, backed by colleagues in the hospitality and tourism industry, making it possible for children and their families to visit, sometimes even within 24 hours of their wishes being granted.

“When Give Kids The World was founded, Henri made a promise that we would never turn away a child whose wish was to experience the magic of Central Florida, including the Village,” shared Landwirth. “We have stayed true to that promise and will always do so. He wanted the Village to be all about the children...surprise and delight at every corner, looking at everything we do through the eyes of a child.” And for every child that enters the gates of the Village, enchantment awaits, leaving behind a world of doctor visits, medical treatments and hospital stays, allowing families to create lasting memories together. “Where else can you celebrate Christmas every Thursday, Halloween every Monday, have ice cream for breakfast or any time of day they want it for that matter,” she explained.



EMBRAER TIP

Save time by flying into Kissimmee Gateway Airport, FL. The short runway is a breeze for the **Phenom 100EV**, equipped with state-of-the-art systems to meet the latest demands of modern air travel.



Opposite: Give Kids The World Village is a nonprofit resort in Kissimmee, FL, that provides week-long, cost-free wish vacations to critically ill children and their families

Above: Founded in 1986 by Henri Landwirth, Give Kids The World Village has welcomed more than 187,000 families from 50 U.S. states and 76 countries

Left: President and CEO, Pamela Landwirth, has worked tirelessly for the organization since 1992, providing families with priceless memories together away from hospital visits and medical procedures

Although Henri Landwirth passed away at the age of 91 in 2018, his legacy continues, with countless heartwarming stories of hope unfolding daily within the Village's 89-acre haven, where families are welcomed 365 days a year from all 50 U.S. states and over 76 countries. "We have served over 187,000 families since 1986, and our reach extends beyond our physical location," said Landwirth. As families return home from their magical experience, they become ambassadors for the Village, spreading awareness and support within their surrounding communities." Give Kids The World Village actively collaborates with surrounding communities, hosting events nationwide where alumni families and partners unite to bolster support and foster partnerships.

To continue operating and meeting the growing demand, Give Kids The World Village relies on vital aids, both human and capital. As the pandemic took a toll on industries historically supporting the organization, such as hospitality companies and theme parks, Give Kids The World Village faces the challenge of securing the necessary resources to sustain its operations. Staff, volunteers and financial support are crucial to ensuring that the Village can continue to fulfill its mission and bring happiness to wish families.

Give Kids The World Village has grown exponentially over the past 37 years. The Village now encompasses 166 villas across its expansive grounds, and the organization is actively planning for expansion to meet the growing demand for wishes. A long-range land use task force



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Left: Today, the Village is an 89-acre resort with 166 villa accommodations, unique entertainment attractions, whimsical venues, and fun activities for children of all abilities

Opposite: Give Kids The World Village is made possible by the support of generous donors, community partners and passionate volunteers, who donate their time and talent to making wishes come true





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has been established to shape the vision for the Village’s evolution, with plans set to be completed this fall, which presents numerous opportunities for both individuals and companies to contribute and support the organization’s goals.

The impact of a stay at Give Kids The World Village extends far beyond the week spent within its gates. “The memories created during this time serve as a source of happiness, optimism and hope for years to come. For families who have lost a child, these memories become a cherished source of comfort and strength,” shared Landwirth.

As Give Kids The World Village looks ahead to the future, the unwavering commitment to Henri Landwirth’s legacy remains at the core of their mission. By continuously providing transformative experiences and building strong partnerships, Give Kids The World Village ensures that the magic of hope, joy and togetherness remains accessible to every brave child and family in need. ◀

To learn more on how to make wishes possible for critically ill children and their families, please visit: gktw.org