



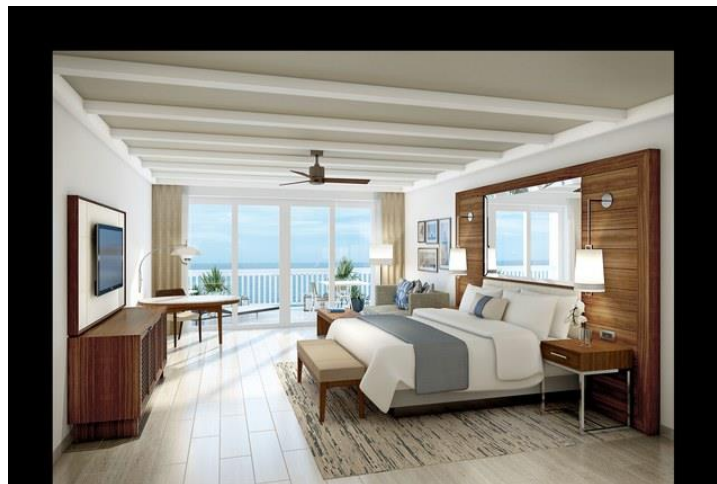
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9 Luxurious Springtime Getaways

AD's roundup of leading destinations that are perfect for a pre-summertime vacation

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The term "spring break" may bring to mind the wild parties of college kids, but even grown-ups long to shun the winter weather for some fun in the sun. Avoiding rowdy bacchanals, adult getaways favor interesting cities, an exciting dining scene, and hotels that offer stimulating design experiences. From the colonial walled city of Cartagena to a pair of relaunched legacy hotels, these nine high-design destination properties are sure to appeal to travelers looking for a more refined spring fling. See you in paradise!

El San Juan Hotel, Curio by Hilton, Puerto Rico

Another old-world stunner has been brought back to life at Isla Verde, one of the world's most lauded beaches. Upon entry, guests are greeted by an imposing chandelier dating back to the original 1958 structure. Under it sits a series of festive bars that immediately set the tone for a "see and be seen" party atmosphere that the hotel's former patrons—the likes of Sammy Davis, Jr., and Tony Bennett—would be proud of. New York-based design firm Jeffrey Beers International deftly brought the hotel's public spaces into the 21st century while maintaining the integrity of its original beamed ceilings and elaborate woodwork. There are 388 guest rooms with azure color palettes and fresh, modern materials, a live-entertainment venue, spa, and a bevy of restaurants. *From \$329/night; curiocollection.com*