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The 101 best hotels in the world



SPOTLIGHT
EDITOR'S PICKS

St Christopher bracelet, £145, by **THEODORA WARRE**

Lurum mule in champagne satin, £895, by **MANOLO BLAHNIK**



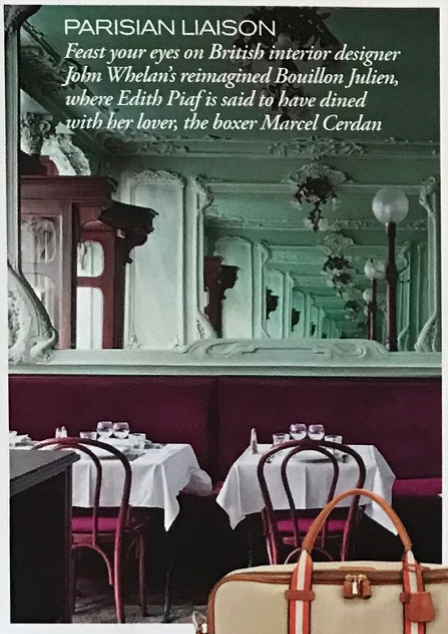
EASY TO LOVE
EAU D'ITALIE

LA VITA É BELLA
Nothing beats lunch at bohemian beach hangout, Da Adolfo, Positano, for the best vongole, jugs of Marisa Cuomo wine and white peaches

Easy to Love Eau d'Italie perfume, £130, available at **LES SENTEURS**



PARISIAN LIAISON
Feast your eyes on British interior designer John Whelan's reimagined Bouillon Julien, where Edith Piaf is said to have dined with her lover, the boxer Marcel Cerdan



IN THE MOOD FOR...

Glamour on the go

Tatler Travel Editor Delilah Khomo opens up her not-so-little black book of dreamy destinations and globetrotting must-haves



Bespoke Walton canvas bag, £950, by **ANYA HINDMARCH**. 0734 Dark Turtle sunglasses, £300, by **CUTLER & GROSS**





HOLLYWOOD FANTASIES
I adore the theatrical opulence of Dawnridge, the LA estate of late interiors legend Tony Duquette



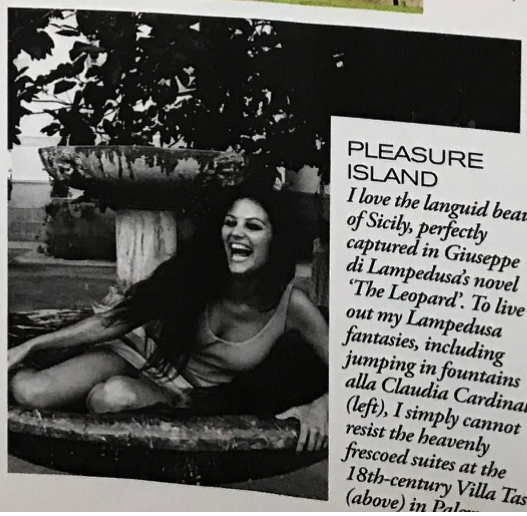
Leo Cardigan No 002, £351, by **LEOROSA**

INDIAN SUMMERS
One of my favourite creative playgrounds is Jaipur. I long to go back and stay at the Hotel Narain Niwas Palace (above), a much-loved saffron-hued landmark





Costa Brazil body oil, £90, at **NET A PORTER**. Beach towel, £70, by **HOTEL IL PELLICANO**



PLEASURE ISLAND
I love the languid beauty of Sicily, perfectly captured in Giuseppe di Lampedusa's novel 'The Leopard'. To live out my Lampedusa fantasies, including jumping in fountains alla Claudia Cardinale (left), I simply cannot resist the heavenly frescoed suites at the 18th-century Villa Tasca (above) in Palermo



A Photographic Life (Rizzoli)





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Beach clubs

From hip hotels to hibiscus bellini bars, palm-shaded pools to languid lunch-spots, here's where to hang out in your Missoni bikini



MEZZATORRE HOTEL

Ischia, Italy

It was inevitable that the reopening of Mezzatorre would make Ischia the ultimate beach hotspot of the year. In only four months the visionary hotel maven Marie-Louise Scio (of Il Pellicano and La Posta Vecchia fame) worked her magic on her latest Italian dream hotel, a turreted beauty on the same estate on the north side of the island where Luchino Visconti used to live at the fairytale Villa Colombaia. Scio's impeccable taste and style (who else could create a sell-out line of Birkenstock chic rattan sandals?), aligned with her thorough understanding of how a dose of tradition mixed with fantasy creates legendary beach-club scenes. Mezzatorre attracts her loyal clientele of glamorous romantics with its Santa Maria Novella spa (where the treatments focus on Ischia's volcanic healing thermal waters) and impressive salt-water pools. There are fabulously maximalist Pierre Frey interiors in the main La Torre restaurant and a swimming pool scene straight out of a Slim Aarons shot with Missoni bikini-clad beauties posing poolside. Every evening white-jacketed waiters waltz on the terrace as the resident musician plays classics on an antique piano. But the highlight of each day is the golden-hour dining experience that starts over a long languid lunch at La Baia restaurant, the ultimate thatched beachside hangout, where you can savour plates of spaghetti alle vongole, grilled mussels in the most divine tomato sauce and salt-baked sea bass alongside Negroni sbagliatos the colour of the customised 1950s-inspired Ombrellificio Crema sun parasols dotted along the cove below. With its intimate clubby vibe and heady atmosphere, this beachside retreat offers a sensory overload like nowhere else: you truly feel like the world outside can wait.

Double, from £310 (pellicanohotels.com).

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