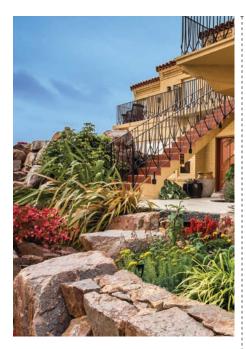


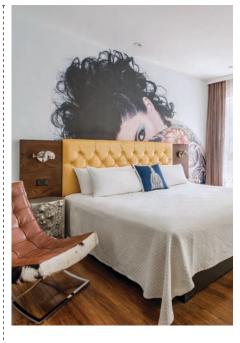


# WARM WELCOME

If you're longing for a reprieve from winter's chill, consider a stay at one of these fine spots, where you'll find sun, sandy beaches and a variety of unique perks.







# **BALINESE BLISS**

## **PANTAI INN**

#### La Jolla, Calif.

Situated seaside in San Diego, beachfront La Jolla is an idyllic jewel box of a suburb, with its ocean views and quaint streets lined with independent eateries and shops. The Pantai Inn is the perfect hotel counterpart to this refined village, offering intimate, boutique-style accommodations featuring Balinese-inspired details that are anything but cookie-cutter. Located directly across from the Scripps Park shoreline close enough, if you leave the windows open, you can hear the waves crashing while lying in bed—the Pantai offers many inviting touches, including complimentary breakfast, locally made Eclipse chocolate bars at turndown and a fragrant private garden with water features and outdoor firepits. Suites from US\$350. (pantai.com) — Alyssa Schwartz

# **ALL-INCLUSIVE ESCAPE**

## **EL DORADO CASITAS ROYALE, BY KARISMA**

#### Riviera Maya, Mexico

Sipping a frozen mimosa served by a friendly beach butler is the perfect way to kick off your stay at Karisma Hotel & Resorts' most romantic property. All-inclusive rates include alcohol, room service and meals at a choice of 10 restaurants. The resort's swim-up suites have private infinity pools and countless swim-up bars. The Mayan-inspired Náay Spa deserves multiple visits to explore its varied treatments, from beachfront massages to mango aloe vera wraps. For a little more action, you can kayak, play tennis or take salsa lessons before retiring to your in-room Jacuzzi tub. This beachfront resort is for adults only, but family-friendly sister property Generations Riviera Maya is right next door. Rates from US\$477. (karismahotels.com) — Amber Gibson

# **SOMETHING DIFFERENT**

## **ROOM MATE LORD BALFOUR**

#### Miami Beach, Fla.

Step into the lobby of this friendly boutique hotel, and you're greeted by a wall of 20 sculptural hands, each holding a vanity mirror, as if to say, "Look at you, wise traveller, staying in this stylin' place." Housed in a 1940 Art Deco building, the extensively renovated Room Mate Lord Balfour is an oasis of calm, and it sits a mere 164 paces (give or take) from the beach on Ocean Drive. The property's 64 guest rooms are on the small side, but they are all smartly appointed and feature "wow" wall murals of a luminously tattooed woman peeking over the beds' yellow headboards. Enjoy a buffet breakfast served in the lobby until noon, as well as complimentary beach amenities and Wi-Fi in the hotel and city. Rates from US\$139. (room-matehotels.com) —Ann Britton Campbell