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The ethereal landscape of Lençóis Maranhenses, Brazil, where immense white-sand dunes cradle crystal-clear freshwater lagoons, offers an otherworldly and unplugged escape. Photo credit - Marian Sol Miranda

Detour Destinations and Untouristed Treasures: Second Cities & Hidden Gems

Dear Friends,

There is a particular pleasure in taking the turn most travelers miss. Discovering that hole-in-the-wall local bakery, most would walk right by, but it has the most sinfully delicious morning buns that you keep going back to each day. Following your feet down the actual “road less traveled” and finding yourself at a view that even the best camera could never accurately capture. This month, we turn to the detour destinations and untouristed treasures that our Rebecca Recommends partners have up their sleeves: places that are easy to pair with the classics, yet distinct enough to feel like a true discovery.

Across Africa, wide-open landscapes invite deeper exploration. In South Africa’s Cederberg, travelers can join guided excursions to ancient San rock-art sites, go on nature drives, and walk through the sandstone wilderness. Along Namibia’s otherworldly Skeleton Coast, days might include tracking desert-adapted wildlife and crossing rolling dunes to the Atlantic.

In the Americas, Oaxaca rewards your clients with smoky mezcal tastings, lively market visits, and meaningful time with local Zapotec communities. In Brazil, wildlife and nature lovers can spend time in unforgettable wilderness as they explore the Amazon by private yacht, spot jaguars in the Pantanal, and discover the deserted beaches and rainforest trails of Costa Rica’s Osa Peninsula and Panama’s Azuero coast. In Napa Valley, guests can hike, unwind in award-winning spa luxury, walk a serene labyrinth, taste garden-driven cuisine, and access private, after-hours winery experiences.

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Kathmandu reveals its living heritage through temple visits, prayer-wheel rituals, and artisan workshops. In Australia and New Zealand, travelers can kayak Hobart's harbor, cruise for seafood off Rottneest Island, snorkel Lord Howe's reefs, swim with sea lions in Port Lincoln, fly into Dusky Sound for a private fiord cruise, and stargaze on Great Barrier Island.

Of course, Europe also rewards the curious: private museum visits and island-hopping in Greece, vineyard tastings and medieval villages in Italy, guided geothermal hikes in Iceland's Highlands, falconry and lake fishing in Ireland, and countryside walks and afternoon tea in gorgeous country-house and castle settings.

These are our favorite journeys for travelers who love the icons but crave something more. Our connections allow them to discover the deeper stories and experiences, without the crowds. The world is still full of hidden doors. Together, we can help them open a few more.

Fondly,

Rebecca



Rebecca and Charlie take a quiet pause in Sonoma between making plans, a reminder to linger a little longer.

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A young guest listens intently as a guide at Bushmans Kloof reveals the stories hidden within 10,000-year-old San rock art.

[Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve & Retreat, Western Cape, South Africa](#) - Wide-Open Spaces Made for Discovery

Just a few hours from Cape Town, the landscapes begin to shift. Vineyards give way to vast skies, sandstone folds, and an almost cinematic sense of space. Set in the Cederberg, Bushman's Kloof Wilderness Reserve & Retreat is the kind of detour that feels like discovering a secret South Africa: a private wilderness where days unfold at nature's pace and crowds are nowhere in sight. The scenic journey from Cape Town is around 270 km and takes roughly 2.5 to 3 hours, making it an easy add-on to a city stay.

What makes this place truly untouristed is its living history. The reserve is a South African National Heritage Site and custodian of more than 130 San rock-art sites, some over 10,000 years old. Guided rock-art excursions bring the stories to life, interpreting symbolism, wildlife depictions, and ancient rituals in their original settings.

Between nature drives, walks, and moments of stillness, guests return to five-star comfort, thoughtful service, and cuisine inspired by the land, often with ingredients harvested from the lodge's own organic gardens.

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Inspired by the haunting shipwrecks of Namibia's Skeleton Coast, Shipwreck Lodge offers an immersive and refined escape into one of the world's most distinctive and remote environments. Photo credit - Shipwreck Lodge

[Exeter Safari Company, Africa](#) - Discover Namibia's Skeleton Coast

Namibia offers a rare kind of beauty that feels both movie-like and deeply untouched, making it a natural fit for those seeking something beyond the well-trodden safari circuit. Vast desert landscapes stretch endlessly across the horizon, from the towering dunes of Sossusvlei to the haunting, windswept shores of the Skeleton Coast, where nature feels powerful and poetic.

Set within this remote and otherworldly environment, Shipwreck Lodge stands as one of Namibia's most distinctive experiences. Inspired by the shipwrecks that line the coast, its striking design blends naturally into the surrounding dunes, offering an immersive, refined sense of place. Guests' days are shaped by exploration and stillness in equal measure. They might track desert-adapted wildlife, venture across rolling sands to meet the Atlantic Ocean, or simply take in the soulful silence that defines this region.

Exeter Safari Company journeys unveil the space and solitude of Namibia through thoughtful, seamlessly arranged trips that venture into even the most remote corners with ease, intention, and depth.

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The majestic Arenal Volcano, a defining landmark above the lush Northern Region of Costa Rica, where nature and adventure converge. Photo credit - Dominik Simecek

[Journey Mexico, Journey Brazil, and Journey Costa Rica](#) - Refreshingly Local Oaxaca Experiences

Latin America has its icons, and rightly so. But some of the most rewarding experiences on the continent come when you recommend your clients look a little further, resist the well-worn path, and let themselves be surprised.

Oaxaca is one such surprise. “It’s a city steeped in living tradition,” notes Zach Rabinor, Journey’s founder, who just returned from a visit. Your clients might taste the smoky notes of mezcal poured by valley families from bottles reserved just for them, get swept up in the hustle and bustle of the daily markets, and meet Zapotec communities who open their homes to Journey travelers and share their stories.

Brazil, named T+L’s Destination of the Year for 2026, is drawing attention for all the right reasons, but Journey reimagines how guests can experience it away from the crowds. For a real pinch-yourself moment: perhaps they’ll explore the Amazon from the comfort of their own private yacht, forest unspooling around them from a 360° sundeck. Now that’s extraordinary comfort, drifting along in extraordinary wilderness.

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A majestic jaguar, perfectly poised on a riverbank, watches over its domain in the untouched wilderness of Brazil's Pantanal—the world's largest tropical wetland. Photo credit - Joanne deGraaff

And for those who want to disappear entirely, the Osa Peninsula in Costa Rica and Panama's remote Azuero coast deliver just that: wildlife at the doorstep, deserted beaches, rainforest trails, and relaxed outings on the water. Properties like Reserva Panamaes feel like one's very own estate — a vast private sanctuary where the jungle meets the ocean and exceptional hospitality takes care of everything else.

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Finding quiet focus in a sacred space. The journey to the center of the Meadowood Labyrinth encourages a reflective experience, helping one let go of distractions and embrace the present moment.

[Meadowood Napa Valley, California](#) - Private Experiences Deep Inside Wine Country

Rooted deeply in Napa Valley history, culture, and heritage, Meadowood Napa Valley welcomes guests into the fold of its private valley and the flourishing way of life it sustains, close to nature, in tune with the rhythm of the seasons. At once wild and refined, pristine and sophisticated, with elegant amenities that recall the civilized simplicity of earlier times, the estate unfolds from the ridges of its surrounding mountains through wooded canyons and rows of vineyards to the Napa River's edge. This tranquil sanctuary epitomizes the essence of the Napa resort and spa experience, offering luxury, relaxation, and rejuvenation amidst breathtaking natural beauty.

Just 90 minutes from San Francisco and moments from the charming town of St. Helena, Meadowood sits at the rare intersection of seclusion and accessibility. Your clients may spend their days on the estate lounging poolside, hiking local trails, walking the serene labyrinth overlooking the lush valley, and slowing down to recover in the Forbes Five-Star Meadowood Spa. Dining at Meadowood means enjoying the area's freshest bounty at Forum, with many ingredients sourced right from the Meadowood gardens. An afternoon spent with The Wine Center team is an immersive, sensory tasting experience led by experts who weave connections throughout the lesson, leaving guests with an authentic bond with the people and the region's great wines.

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A picturesque morning at Meadowood Napa Valley, featuring garden-driven cuisine and breathtaking vineyard views.

Meadowood is the key to Napa Valley's most coveted experiences. The Estate Host team opens doors that simply aren't available to the casual visitor: private after-hours tastings at legendary estates, reserved tables at the valley's most iconic restaurants, and access to intimate, off-the-beaten-path encounters you won't find in any guidebook. Guests here truly feel that they are part of the rhythm of wine country.

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A rainbow of blessings. The simple, raw, and authentic beauty of a Nepalese temple under a canopy of vibrant prayer flags.

[Dwarika's Hotel, Kathmandu, Nepal](#) - Kathmandu: The Hidden Gem Beyond the Himalayas

Long seen as a gateway to the Himalayas, Kathmandu is quietly emerging as a destination on its own – an untouristed treasure where over a thousand years of civilization still shape everyday life. With more than 3,000 temples scattered across its valley, this is a place where Hinduism and Buddhism – two philosophies that are shaping the world – have been entwined for centuries.

Unlike many cities where heritage is preserved in static museums, Kathmandu's thousand-year-old civilization remains alive. Stupas are encircled by pilgrims spinning prayer wheels, temples resound with morning bells, and Bahals (the Newari monasteries and courtyards) still host communal life. Every brick alley and intricately carved wooden window speaks of dynasties and artisans whose legacy continues unbroken. Within the city, sanctuaries such as The Dwarika's preserve and celebrate this living heritage through restored architecture and immersive cultural experiences.

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A thousand years of civilization captured in one frame. The intricate wood carvings around the windows of Dwarika's Hotel celebrates Nepal's living heritage through restored architecture.

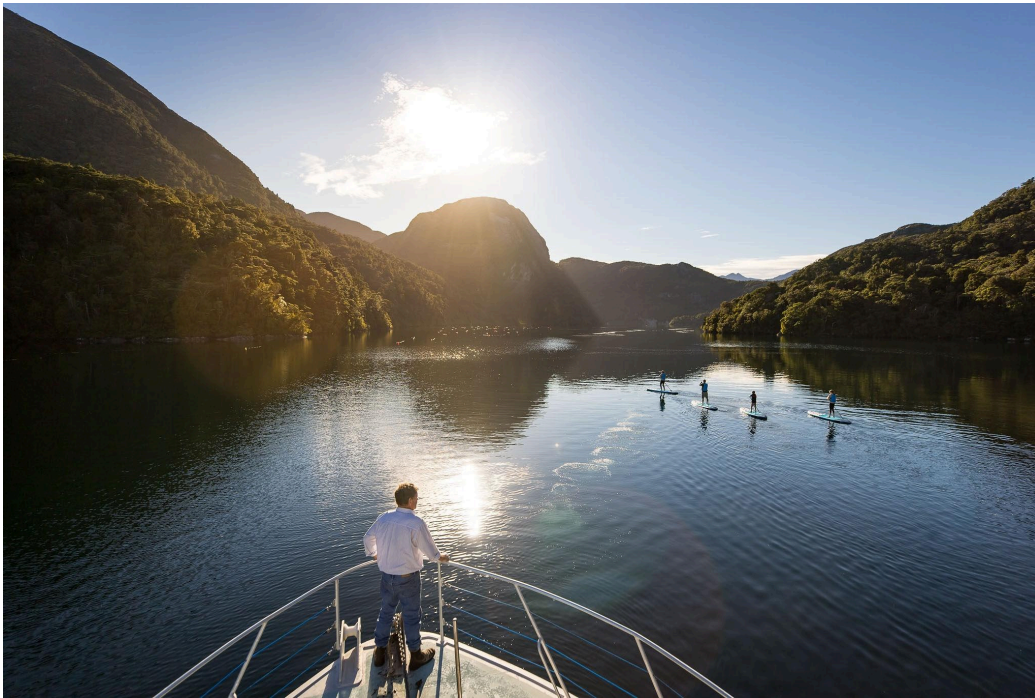
Yet beyond its historic soul, a new Kathmandu is taking shape. Hidden courtyards are transforming into creative spaces, traditional crafts are being reinterpreted by a new generation, and contemporary dining and design are breathing fresh energy into ancient settings. This interplay of old and new gives Kathmandu a distinct character – raw, evolving, and deeply authentic.

For travelers seeking more than crowded landmarks, Kathmandu offers something rare: a chance to experience a city where history is not observed but lived. It is here, in its quiet corners and cultural depth, that Kathmandu reveals itself as one of Asia's most compelling hidden gems.

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The perfect view from a private yacht charter – watching friends and family explore tranquil coves by paddleboard, jet ski, or kayak. Enjoy luxury water adventures in Australia, New Zealand, or Fiji, curated by Southern Crossings. Photo credit - Shadowland Expeditions

[Southern Crossings, Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji](#) - Away from the Icons, and Into Extraordinary

Australia and New Zealand's captivating nature and wide-open spaces provide endless opportunities to escape the crowds. Even in the busiest of cities and these destinations' most popular corners, the Southern Crossings Travel Designers can help travelers uncover uncrowded hidden gems: restaurants the locals love and bars only those in-the-know are onto, to footprint-free sandy beaches and tranquil trails that reveal spectacular, people-free landscapes.

AUSTRALIA

Sydney and Melbourne may often steal the limelight for Australia's urban experiences, but there is, however, so much more to explore for those who venture beyond these great cities.

Send your clients to Hobart to discover fabulous dining, thought-provoking art, unique wildlife, and a colorful heritage. Offer them a kayak tour of the city to explore its picturesque harbor, historic landmarks, and quiet coves. Make reservations to sample fresh seafood and keep an eye out for friendly local seals and dolphins.

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Set up a tour of Perth's fabulous Kings Park and botanic gardens to enjoy stunning city skyline views, see beautiful wildflower displays (August to October), and discover a rich local Indigenous history. Don't miss the opportunity to take a seaplane to Rottnest Island for a delicious seafood cruise and swim.

From colorful foodie markets and wineries just minutes from the city to world-class dining, fabulous shopping, and rich heritage, Brisbane, Darwin, and Adelaide also have much to offer travelers. Each of these cities is also a gateway to a collection of fabulous regional experiences for travelers of all kinds: foodies, nature lovers, adventurers, and more.

Those who venture even further afield and are keen to explore some of Australia's hidden gems are also spoilt for choice, with options such as:



World Heritage views and turquoise lagoons: finding tranquility on Lord Howe Island, where nature sets the pace and visitor numbers are strictly capped. Photo credit - Tom Archer

Lord Howe Island: A wonderful World Heritage-listed island alternative to the Great Barrier Reef. Guests can snorkel the world's southernmost coral reefs, swim in turquoise lagoons, and enjoy the tranquility of an island whose visitor numbers are strictly capped.

King Island: Travelers enjoy a private air-tour to visit this tiny island between mainland Australia and Tasmania to play some of the world's best golf courses and dine on delicious fresh produce.

Port Lincoln: Just a short helicopter flight from Adelaide, Port Lincoln offers your clients the chance to swim with sea lions, come face-to-face with koalas, and sample ocean-fresh seafood and creative gins flavored with local botanicals.

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The Grampians: Send travelers on the inland route back to Melbourne after touring the iconic Great Ocean Road to discover world-class dining, wonderful wilderness hikes, a collection of native wildlife (kangaroos, wallabies, emus, brightly colored parrots, and more), and beautiful boutique accommodations.



An untamed luxury experience: Exploring Tasmania's UNESCO World Heritage wilderness regions aboard the floating luxury lodge, Odalisque III, which accommodates just 12 guests.

Tasmania's South West Wilderness: Adventure-minded travelers can get off the beaten track with a stunning Odalisque small-group expedition wilderness cruise – accessible only by seaplane.

The options are endless, and the Southern Crossings Travel Designers can tailor an off-the-well-trodden tourist trail experience to suit all kinds of interests.

NEW ZEALAND

While iconic destinations like Milford Sound, Waiheke Island, Queenstown, and Rotorua deservedly draw the crowds – especially during the peak summer holidays, Southern Crossings Travel Designers know how to find your guests a more personalized experience to enjoy these destinations, and also know some excellent opportunities to enjoy a collection of less-visited, rewarding alternatives.

Those travelers seeking more out-of-the-way destinations will enjoy places such as:

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Beyond the beaten path: A breathtaking private cruise in Dusky Sound, a truly sensational and secluded experience deep in Fiordland. This day out, which can include a fresh feast with seafood caught straight from the sounds, begins with a scenic helicopter flight. Coordinated by Southern Crossings. Photo credit - Shadowland Expeditions

Dusky Sound: Clients can take a breathtaking scenic flight to land on a floating helipad deep in the Sounds to join a private cruise in some of New Zealand’s most remote and untouched UNESCO World Heritage wilderness areas: deep fiords, cascading waterfalls, and uninhabited islands, enjoying wonderful walks, wildlife, and fresh-caught crayfish served under spectacular star-studded skies.

Matakana: Just over an hour north of Auckland, Matakana delivers a delicious foodie scene, boutique wineries, great beaches, and an authentically warm local welcome – all of which combine well with New Zealand’s newest world-class coastal links golf resort, Te Arai Links.

Great Barrier Island (Aotea): Best accessed and explored with a luxury private charter cruise, this scenic, off-grid island offers spectacular stargazing (it’s an international Dark Sky Sanctuary) and wonderful walks that lead to hidden hot springs.

Lake Hawea: A glassy glacial lake backed by the snow-capped Southern Alps, this is an ideal alternative for those looking to visit Queenstown for a spectacular New Zealand alpine hiking and biking experience shared with fewer fellow travelers.

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Stargazing beneath skies untouched by light pollution, where the Milky Way and Southern Cross cut brightly across the southern sky with absolute brilliance. This is the unspoiled majesty of Craigieburn Valley at Flockhill. Photo credit - Flockhill

Craigieburn Valley: The valley offers dramatic Southern Alps (largely untouched) landscapes and adventures without the crowds. The new Flockhill Homestead and Villas (together with their fabulous Sugarloaf restaurant and brand-new spa and wellness offerings) have made this region accessible to discerning international visitors.

Stewart Island: Those who travel to New Zealand's southernmost reaches are well rewarded with fabulous opportunities to see a collection of wildlife in the wild, including seals, sea lions, Little Blue Penguins, and the rare opportunity to spot native Kiwi birds roaming freely. Lucky visitors who overnight here may even catch the Southern Lights (Aurora Australis).

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Detour destination: Los Port, Greece. The true magic of the country lies beyond the famous landmarks, waiting in quiet corners like this.

[Curated Greece](#) - Three Greek Destinations to Escape the Ordinary

In a country where every sun-kissed stair or hidden path is worth walking, Greece's true magic often lies beyond the famous landmarks. From the northern mainland to the Aegean, there is so much to discover in the quieter corners of the map.

In the north, Thessaloniki is the country's second-largest city, known for its cool urban character and lively street life. This modern energy contrasts perfectly with a private tour of the Museum of the Royal Tombs at Aigai, where your clients can see the golden treasures of Philip II, Alexander the Great's father.

Moving south into the Cyclades, Ios offers the quintessential whitewashed-island vibe without the heavy crowds. A natural stop for island hopping, it sits right on the route from Santorini toward Mykonos, Paros, or Naxos. The best way to see the coast is by boat to reach the turquoise waters of Manganari or sea caves inaccessible by land.

Back on the mainland in the Peloponnese, the focus shifts to the birthplace of the first Olympic Games at Ancient Olympia. After a private tour of the ruins, arrange a stay at Dexamenes Seaside Hotel, an eco-conscious retreat built inside repurposed, century-old wine tanks, blending industrial history with peaceful, minimalist design.

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Discovering a hidden jewel far from the crowds in the magnificent, untouched countryside of Tuscany. This is the quiet joy of finding Italy's most authentic corners.

[Vakay in Tuscany, Italy](#) - Beyond the Crowds: Italy's Hidden Corners

There is a quiet joy in wandering far from the crowds, where Italy reveals its most authentic and unexpected sides. Here, among ancient stones and silent paths, travel becomes something deeper than sightseeing.

Vakay opens the door to Italy's hidden gems, where authenticity and intimacy shape every experience. With their private guides, guests can explore medieval jewels such as the perfectly preserved Tuscan village of Monteriggioni or the elegant Umbrian town of Spoleto, where culture unfolds at a slower, more meaningful pace.

Beyond the well-known routes, Vakay creates moments that connect travelers to place and tradition. A private driver might lead them through the rolling vineyards of Chianti for a tasting in a family-run estate, or to lesser-known countryside settings where time seems to stand still. Villas nestled in nature offer space, silence, and the simple pleasure of a glass of local wine at sunset.

For those seeking romance and discovery, destinations like Terni, birthplace of Saint Valentine, or quiet corners of the Italian countryside reveal stories often overlooked. This is the Vakay difference: They go beyond the expected, curating journeys that uncover Italy's most authentic corners, where quieter paths, local stories, and timeless landscapes create experiences that linger vividly long after the trip is over.

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Leave the logistics to Nine Worlds. They meticulously arrange your clients' itinerary for untamed luxury and solitude at Kerlingarfjöll Mountain Resort, deep within Iceland's undiscovered Highlands.

[Nine Worlds, Iceland, and Greenland](#) - Icelandic Highlands: Untamed Luxury at Kerlingarfjöll

For those seeking Iceland beyond the familiar, the Highlands offer a rare sense of isolation and discovery – a vast, untouched interior accessible only for a short summer window.

At the heart of this remote landscape lies Kerlingarfjöll, a geothermal wonder of steaming valleys, rhyolite mountains, and raw, shifting colors. Here, far from the main travel routes, the experience becomes quieter and more immersive.



A geothermal panorama: Kerlingarfjöll Mountain Resort.

A stay at Kerlingarfjöll Mountain Resort places guests directly within this extraordinary environment. Days unfold with private, guided hikes through geothermal terrain, moments of stillness amid untouched nature, and the simple luxury of uninterrupted personal space.

Reaching the Highlands requires intention, but that is precisely its appeal. This is Iceland at its most elemental, where access is limited, crowds are absent, and the reward is a sense of place that feels truly undiscovered.

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Fishing on Lough Corrib, with Ashford Castle as the magnificent backdrop, is where ancient Irish heritage meets the peaceful rhythm of the water. Watch a glimpse into the unforgettable experiences available at Ashford Castle here: [Ashford Castle Experiences](#).

[Ashford Castle, Cong, Ireland](#) - Indelible Memories on Magnificent Grounds

At Ashford Castle, experiences unfold at a gentler pace, shaped by authenticity, rich culture, and a profound sense of place. Set within a 350-acre estate of ancient woodland, tranquil waterways, and historic grounds, Ashford offers guests space, privacy, and time to disconnect.

Unlike major tourist locations, Ashford Castle is not about crowds or checklists. Instead, it invites travelers to immerse themselves in meaningful moments: a boat trip on Lough Corrib, falconry on the estate, heritage walks through the woodlands, or a garden exploration. These are experiences rooted in heritage and nature, delivered with warm Irish hospitality.

Ashford's setting makes it a natural destination for the growing calmcation traveler, those seeking restoration through nature, water, and stillness. The rhythm of the estate is guided by the landscape itself: woodlands, lakes, and ever-changing seasonal beauty that encourages guests to slow down and savor the moment.

For clients looking beyond the expected, Ashford Castle offers something increasingly rare: breathtaking scenery, immersive cultural experiences, and understated luxury, all without the crowds. It is Ireland at its most authentic and serene.

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Finding the greatest luxury in the unexpected. Hartwell House & Spa, a National Trust stately home and former royal retreat, is Buckinghamshire's best-kept secret.

[Historic House Hotels, Hartwell House & Spa, Buckinghamshire, England](#) - A Taste of English Provenance

There is a quiet charm to Buckinghamshire that reveals itself best to those willing to wander just a little further. Beyond the well-known destinations lie timeless villages such as Waddesdon, Brill, and Great Missenden, where winding lanes, traditional pubs, and countryside views create an atmosphere that feels wonderfully untouched.

Guests can explore the rolling landscapes of the Chiltern Hills or discover nearby treasures such as Waddesdon Manor and Claydon House. Being part of the National Trust, guests can enjoy complimentary access to a selection of remarkable historic houses and gardens, each offering a unique glimpse into England's rich heritage.

For those wishing to venture further afield, the storybook villages of the Cotswolds are just a scenic 50-minute drive away. Here, guests can wander through the golden-stone streets of Bourton-on-the-Water, often referred to as the "Venice of the Cotswolds," explore the charming market town of Stow-on-the-Wold with its antique shops and cozy tearooms, or lose themselves in the postcard-perfect beauty of Bibury, home to the iconic Arlington Row cottages. It is a landscape made for slow exploration, where every turn reveals another picture-perfect view.

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Untouristed treasure: Waddesdon Manor. This magnificent French Renaissance chateau is an essential detour destination, located just 8 miles (a short, 15-20 minute drive) from Hartwell House.

Whether it is a morning walk through Hartwell's parkland, an afternoon spent discovering a hidden village, or simply the pleasure of returning to the calm of Hartwell House, these are the moments that make a stay truly memorable. After all, the greatest luxury is often found in the unexpected.

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The ultimate UK detour from the crowds: discovering unhurried luxury and a tranquil fountain within the vibrant gardens of Summer Lodge Country House Hotel, Dorset.

[Summer Lodge Country House Hotel & Restaurant, Evershot, Dorset, UK](#) - London's Countryside Sequel

For clients who love London but don't love the crowds, Summer Lodge Country House Hotel & Restaurant is a quintessential "second destination" that feels a world away yet is wonderfully achievable without a car. Tucked into the storybook village of Evershot in West Dorset, this elegant country-house escape sits amid rolling countryside and is also just a 25-minute drive from the Jurassic Coast.

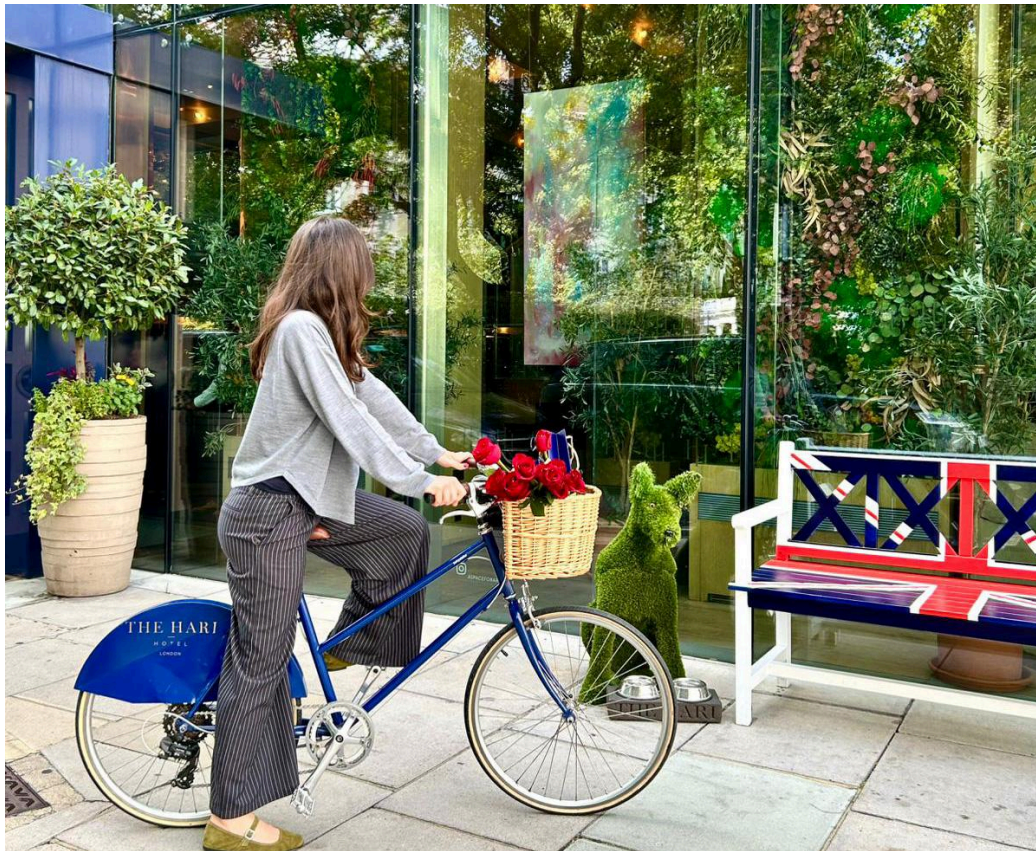
Reaching it is part of the ease: The train from London Waterloo to Yeovil Junction takes about 2.5 hours, followed by a short taxi transfer, ideal for a long weekend add-on to a city itinerary.

Once there, the mood is unhurried: manicured gardens, a serene spa and indoor pool, and the kind of warm, polished service that turns a quick escape into a proper reset. The house has a literary pedigree. Thomas Hardy (architect by profession) drew up plans for an extension in 1893, now the hotel's Drawing Room.

Days can be as active or as slow as guests wish, with country walks and cycling, then a classic afternoon tea, and an evening shaped around local ingredients, a brilliant cellar, and a nightcap in front of the fire in the Drawing Room.

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A moment of stylish anticipation at The Hari, London, before embarking on a local discovery tour of the Belgravia neighborhood aboard one of the hotel's complimentary bicycles.

[The Hari, London, England](#) - Beyond the Book in Belgravia

Settle your clients into Belgravia with The Hari as their base. This corner of London has remarkable, picturesque spots, perfect for avoiding London crowds. They might take a stroll down Motcomb Street, a pedestrian zone with quaint vintage spots and terraced restaurants, perfect for a relaxing day, or head over to Elizabeth Street, brimming with independently owned shops. This beautiful spot is home to an abundance of boutiques spanning homeware, jewelry, and fragrance.

For history fans, Belgravia's rich heritage is best explored via the Blue Plaques, markers that link the past to the present. Travelers may delve into the history of London and its tastemakers and cultural icons, such as Ian Fleming, who lived just around the corner from The Hari.

Perhaps they'll embark on a tour with *Storystock Sounds*, where history is brought vividly to life through an immersive audio journey inspired by the Blue Plaques. Simply put on headphones and discover the cultural significance of buildings and the stories of the wonderful icons who resided in Belgravia.

Open the book on Belgravia, a local hidden gem not to be missed for its quiet streets, well-preserved buildings, and authentic shops.