

MODERN LUXURY

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to Central America,
Maldives and More!*

BRIGHT IDEAS
NEW AND NOTEWORTHY
SUMMER FASHION

STAYING POWER
LUXE STAYCATIONS BRING BOLDNESS
TO THE BELTWAY

PLUS
DC'S POWER DINING MEETS
SOUTH BEACH
DECADENT ALFRESCO DECOR
HAVE COCKTAILS, WILL TRAVEL

GAME CHANGER
KATE MARA SHOWS
HER HAND AFTER
HOUSE OF CARDS

THE OUTSIDERS

SURE, IT WAS A LONG WINTER, WHICH MEANS REVELING OUTDOORS WILL BE ALL THE MORE INTENSE—AND GORGEOUS—THIS SPRING.

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Erika Bonnell (erikabonnell.com) sees so much unrealized potential outside the backdoor. "A lot of people see themselves having fabulous parties outdoors, but they don't know how to set up the space, so they're just back to grilling burgers," she says with a laugh. Bonnell, a Northern Virginia designer, is on a mission to get her clients caring as much about the patio as they do their parlor. Her first suggestion for the spring: Match the quality of your indoor furniture with your outdoor choices—for Bonnell, **Janus et Cie** in Georgetown is one of her favorites for style under the sun. Next, think about how you'll use the space. If you lean toward cocktail fetes, invest in a high-end bar cart and comfortable seats. Or if you favor social gatherings like art and book salons that linger into the night, think about club chairs around a fire pit. And for those evenings of culinary gatherings, Bonnell says to make a statement. "I'm very much for that emotional connection. Is the space making you feel the way you want to feel?" Bonnell unveils her favorite outdoor looks for spring—fire and all.



ALLURE, ALFRESCO! Designer Erika Bonnell was photographed at Georgetown's Janus et Cie, with the furniture boutique's new dining armchair from its Strada Collection. The chair (S1, 176) features handwoven fiber over a powder-coated steel frame.

[TRAVEL & RECREATION]
HOT LIST

CENTRAL AMERICA, RISING

AMONG TOWERING
VOLCANOES, UNCHARTED
ISLANDS AND LUSH FORESTS,
NEW DEVELOPMENTS
ACROSS CENTRAL AMERICA
ARE PROPELLING THIS
BRAVE WORLD TO THE
NEXT LEVEL OF LUXURY.

By Paul Rubin

ENDLESS PARADISE
Dive into the slick
infinity-edge pool at
Mayan Springs, and look
up to see the awe-inspiring
Arenal Volcano.

in-suite rain shower connects to a private balcony, cultivating a surreal experience of an outdoor shower inside the space. Close by, the nine treatment rooms at Onda Spa nestle one of the highest points of this hillside resort, lending bird's-eye views of the bay. While the resort offers access to two beaches at its foothills, both are rather small, so many guests opt for its two voluptuous swimming pools that were skillfully designed as fun-in-the-sun focal points (one adults-only, one family-friendly).

Daily breakfast at Rio Bhongo is as much of an experience as it is a meal. The market-style buffet presentation spans four stations: exotic juices and familiar fruits; hot local breakfast dishes;



cheese, meats and cereals; and bakery-type items, like made-to-order crepes, pancakes, fresh breads and pastries. The hotel's signature restaurant, Ostra, offers a private-residence vibe and specializes in ocean-to-table cuisine. The chef's many variations of ceviche are a fave, while the cocktail lounge, Chao Pescado, plays out as a funky neighborhood

bar with a crave-worthy small-plates menu, sublime cocktails and live music.

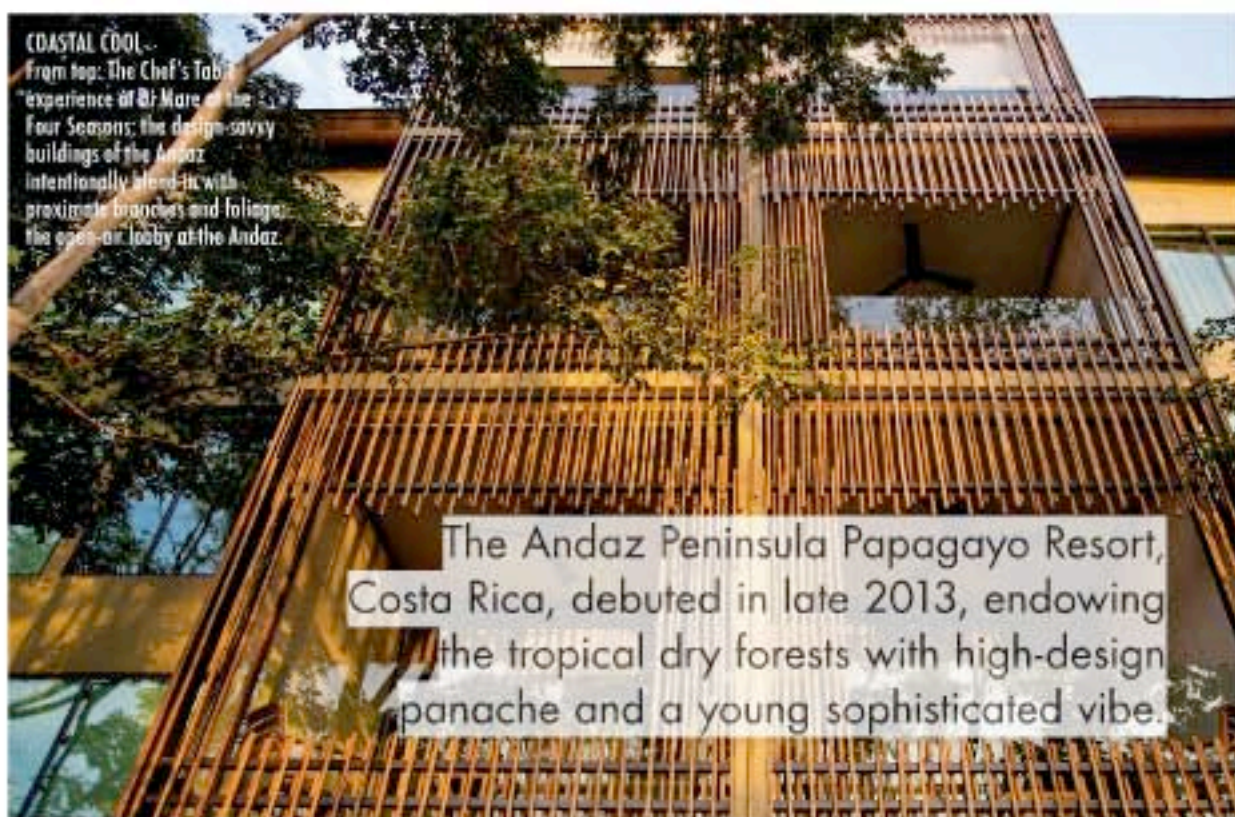
As the Andaz and greater Papagayo Peninsula are separated from the closest town by many miles, guests who are looking for off-property dining options head to the neighboring Four Seasons Resort. Of its five dining options on offer, Di Mare, in particular, perfects the art of coastal Italian fine dining with homemade pastas like sweet potato gnocchi in butter and sage, and mouthwatering roasted chicken breast over artichoke risotto, topped with sweet pepper jam. For something extra special, indulge in the Chef's Table experience, which fosters guest interaction with the chef to



COCO BEACH

Beyond Papagayo Peninsula, a number of charming beach towns populate the greater coast of Guanacaste, like Coco Beach. This quintessential small Costa Rican coastal town is the place to sip imperial beers with locals and practice Spanish for full cultural immersion. And though much smaller than the Four Seasons or Andaz, the two-story, seven-room **Villa Buena Onda** (villabuenaonda.com) provides an upscale base from which to explore Coco Beach, as well as easy access to local culture. This hillside, ocean-facing mansion-turned-boutique hotel is perched on 2.5 acres and has its own fabulous restaurant, spa and chic infinity pool. It also offers transport to and from the beach. Interior designer Luisa Carranza, of Four Seasons Costa Rica fame, is responsible for delivering the vision of an understated beachside sanctuary with Mexican and Balinese influences. Service at this under-the-radar seaside treasure is uberpersonalized, to the point that staff quickly feels like family.

COASTAL COOL
From top: The Chef's Table experience at Di Mare at the Four Seasons; the design-savvy buildings of the Andaz intentionally blend in with proximate branches and foliage; the open-air lobby at the Andaz.



The Andaz Peninsula Papagayo Resort, Costa Rica, debuted in late 2013, endowing the tropical dry forests with high-design panache and a young sophisticated vibe.



prepare incredible, on- and off-menu items. For a nightcap, pop into Tico's lounge to sample the Four Seasons' legendary 18th on the Green cocktail, a nod to the namesake of the resort's oceanfront Arnold Palmer-designed golf course. A few rounds of this mojito-esque drink with lime, mint and cilantro is a surefire way to embrace Costa Rica's national mantra, *pura vida*.