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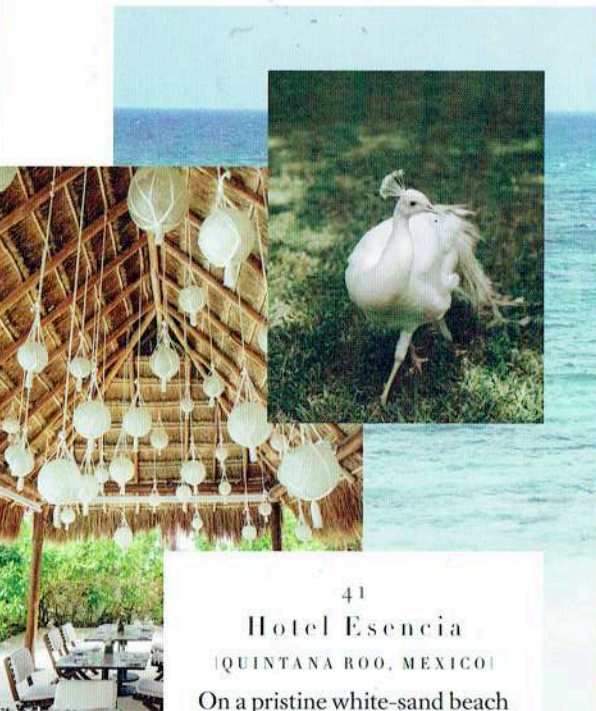
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Hotel Esencia
[QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO]

On a pristine white-sand beach and ringed by Mayan jungle, Hotel Esencia is an art-lover's paradise. Originally the private home of an Italian duchess, the property now boasts impressive artworks from the private collection of its new owner, including paintings by Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol and Eduardo Santier, while outside in the gardens, peacocks roam freely among designs by Pierre Jeanneret, Charlotte Perriand, Serge Mouille and Pierre Guariche. Just 20 minutes down the road from the hotel is the bohemian town of Tulum, where today's creative spirits gather.

Seven nights at Hotel Esencia, from £2,497 a person based on two sharing, including return flights with British Airways, with Red Savannah (www.redsavannah.com).
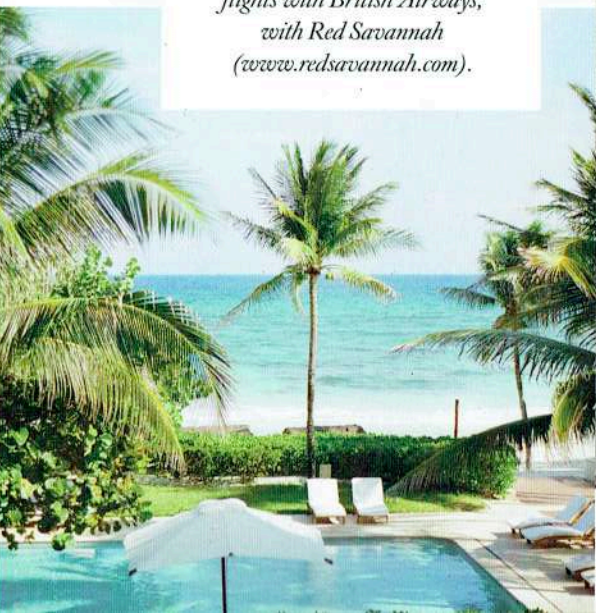
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Aman Venice
[ITALY]

If Venice is the most magical city of all – a fantastical place, floating in the lagoon and wreathed in mist and legends – then the Aman adds yet another element of fairy-tale romance. For it was here that George and Amal Clooney celebrated their marriage in 2014, although the hotel itself – formerly the Palazzo Papadopoli – has been a Venetian treasure ever since it was built in 1580. The grandest of the 24 bedrooms is the Alcova Tiepolo Suite, where the Clooneys spent their wedding night, which has an original fresco by Giovanni Battista Tiepolo on the ceiling and 18th-century painted chinoiserie on the walls.

From about £850 a room a night (www.aman.com).