



Old-world Cartagena's  
Casa San Agustín.

## The ART of Adventure

Take a trip on the cultural side of things—Cartagena, Miami, Downtown Los Angeles—or enjoy a staycation at the oceanfront Ty Warner Villa



# WE TRAVEL IN PARADISE



## Caribbean Queen

Cartagena—Latin America’s latest hot spot—is just a hop, skip, and a barely a jump from Miami (about a two-hour flight). Situated on the Caribbean coast of Colombia, this colorful colonial city will burst your senses wide open—think cobblestone streets with citrus-hued facades, chic fashion boîtes, trendy eateries, and local cevicherias mixed with smoky rum bars and traditional flamenco hidden gems. Stay at the boutique **CASA SAN AGUSTÍN**—a 30-room manor house-style hotel with a courtyard pool and cocktail menu that will ensure you never want to leave. The concierge mystically knows where you want to eat every night and can book you a private boat trip to the nearby Isla Barú without a hitch. *Rates: From \$450. [Hotelcasasanagustin.com](http://Hotelcasasanagustin.com).*

### DON'T MISS

Strolling the street art in the Getsemani neighborhood. Also, the **HAY FESTIVAL CARTAGENA DE INDIAS**, [hayfestival.com/cartagena/home](http://hayfestival.com/cartagena/home), January 30 through February 2. The annual gathering draws up to 20,000 visitors and more than 500 exhibitors of literature, visual arts, geopolitics, environment, and education.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Casa San Agustín's interior courtyard and pool; the see-and-be-seen restaurant Maria; the library at Casa San Agustín; the chic Casa de Chiqui for clothing, jewelry, and housewares; Museo de Arte Moderno; Colombian artist Ruby Rumie's photographs are featured at the Nora Haime Gallery.



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## That Florida Feeling

If Miami is beckoning you to Art Basel or Design Miami this winter—or just for a change of coasts—**THE STANDARD SPA** offers its sleek contemporary take on a midcentury modern hotel. Located on Belle Isle in Biscayne Bay, just 10 minutes from the art and design shows at the convention center, the 100-room Standard has retained its 1960s-era spa facade with glittery grilles, distinctive lettering, and sea-foam green tiles.

Set among tropical gardens, the hotel features an extensive up-to-the-minute hydrotherapy spa, even uniquely providing underwater music in the huge saltwater pool. If you prefer your tunes in the open air, deejays play during happy hour and on weekends at the Lido Bayside Grill, where Mediterranean cuisine predominates. For a change of pace, take a spin on one of the hotel's bicycle cruisers to explore the Miami street scene. *Rates: From \$250. [Standardhotels.com/miami](http://Standardhotels.com/miami). JOAN TAPPER*

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The art world's emerging stars and leading galleries from around the globe showcased at the ever more trendy **ART BASEL MIAMI BEACH**, [artbasel.com](http://artbasel.com), December 5 through 8. Also, peruse the changing lobby art installations at the **FAENA**, [faena.com](http://faena.com), and the glass-enclosed Damien Hirst mammoth in the courtyard.

## L.A. EXPERIENTIAL

The spirit of the Roaring Twenties meets cutting-edge style in **THE MAYFAIR HOTEL**, which reopened last year in downtown Los Angeles. Built in 1926, the 15-story, 294-room property has been reimagined with flair by architect and interior designer Gulla Jónsdóttir and filled with contemporary paintings and sculpture curated by noted artist Kelly "RISK" Graval.

The glamour of the public spaces—including a dramatic glass and black iron-laced atrium lobby—is complemented by intimate rooms like the sophisticated Library Bar and other waiting-to-be-discovered nooks and crannies. Adding to the buzz, the new outdoor pool deck provides cabanas, chaises, and a dining area from which to survey the L.A. skyline. Said a recent guest, "The Mayfair is a hot spot for celebs who want to fly under the radar... definitely a fun downtown spot to stay." *Rates: From \$185. [Mayfairla.com](http://Mayfairla.com). J.T.*



LEFT TO RIGHT: The M Bar with the iconic Mayfair flower; a studio king room.



TOP TO BOTTOM: The spa hallway; the saltwater pool.

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The Logic of Poetry and Dreams series with varying artist exhibitions through mid-February at **THE BROAD** museum, [thebroad.org](http://thebroad.org), and the Instagram-worthy "Yayoi Kusama: Infinity Mirrors" until January 1. Check out downtownartwalk.org for 2nd Thursdays gallery tours every month, live music at **THE THEATER AT ACE HOTEL**, [theatre.acehotel.com](http://theatre.acehotel.com), and the new (members-only) neighbor in the Arts District, **SOHO WAREHOUSE** features street art murals and a hotel.