

## DESIGN HOTELS™



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# Beachy Keen

As the days grow shorter in the northern hemisphere, beaches with extended daylight hours and idyllic sunsets offer beacons of light, both metaphorically and literally. This collection of eight properties features an array of tropical escapes and more temperate seaside getaways—from the Caribbean, Atlantic, and Pacific coastlines, to the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Thailand.

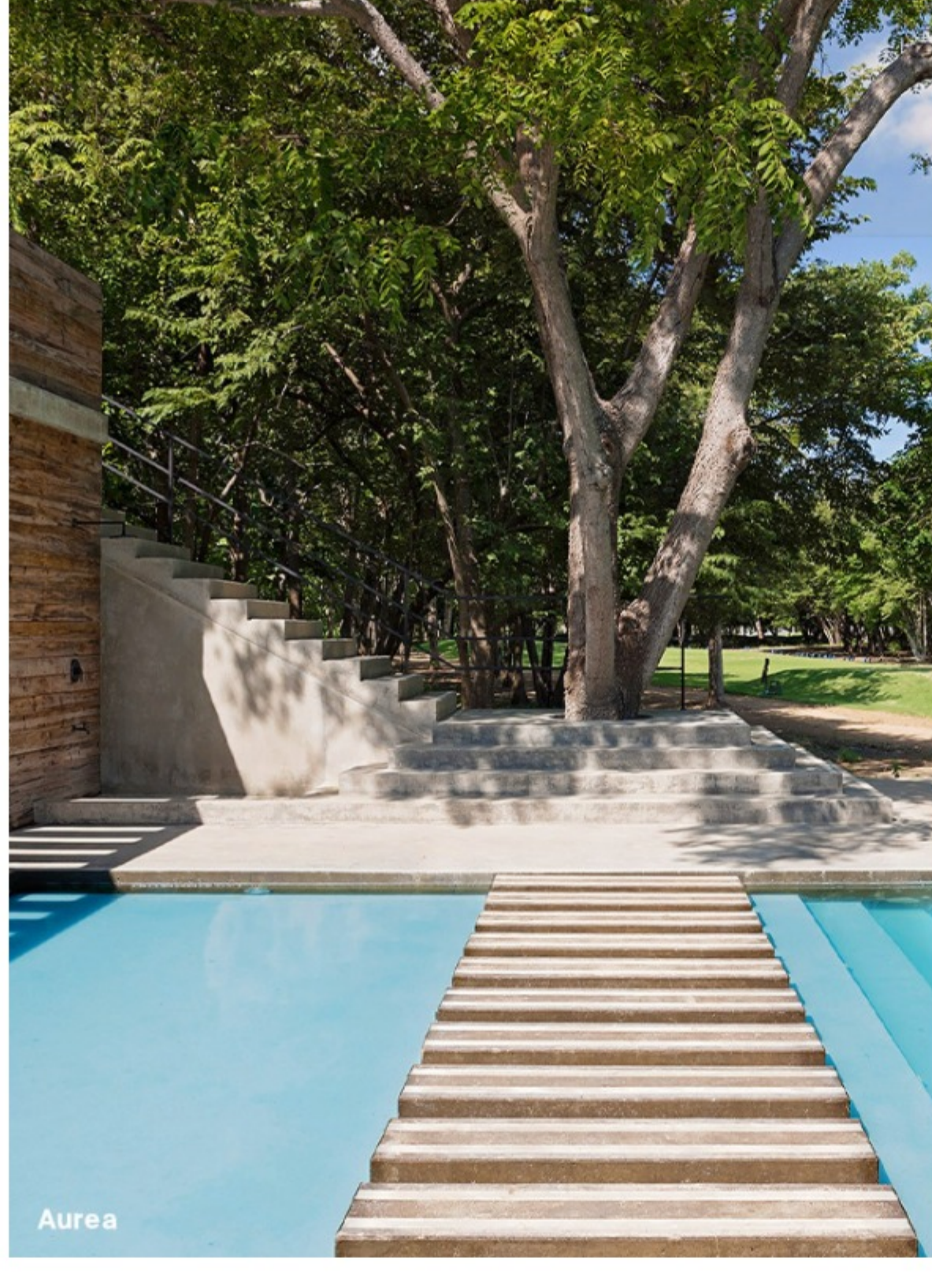


Skylark Negril Beach Resort



Laluna

At **Skylark Negril Beach Resort**, in Negril, Jamaica, almost every studio offers views of the crystal-clear Caribbean waters. Here, guests can take a trip in a glass-bottom boat, enjoy Skylark Spa treatments in beachside cabanas, and dine beachfront at Miss Lily's, the first Jamaican outpost of a beloved New York City restaurant known for its Caribbean fare and flair. Also overlooking the Caribbean Sea is **Laluna** in St. George's, Grenada, the southernmost island in the Antilles archipelago. The tropical retreat combines Caribbean, Balinese, and Italian design elements, and each of the 16 cottages has its own plunge pool. The hotel's main pool, meanwhile, is framed by a wooden deck and ocean views.



Aurea



Santa Monica Proper

**Aurea** in Tola, Rivas, is situated next to the Pacific Ocean, directly along Nicaragua's Emerald Coast, a 30-mile stretch of unspoiled coastline and dry tropical forest. The property seamlessly connects indoors and outdoors through wide glass enclosures, and the area boasts world-class surfing as well as sunset horseback rides on the shore. Further north, **Santa Monica Proper Hotel** in California is home to the only rooftop pool deck on the city's Westside and offers unparalleled views of the Pacific. The beach, famous Santa Monica pier, and an abundance of health-conscious and fine dining options are within walking distance, and the city itself is known as the place "where L.A. goes to swim."



Finolhu Baa Atoll Maldives



The Library

At **Finolhu Baa Atoll Maldives**, 125 luxurious villas are set directly on the beach or on stilts above the UNESCO-protected lagoon. The Baa Atoll is one of the largest in the Maldives and is home to over 105 coral reefs and 1,200 different species of marine life. Beyond the water, the hotel's Fehi Spa treatments are crafted in tune with the local climate and include body wraps, peels, ritual applications, and a range of massages. At **The Library** in Chaweng Beach on Koh Samui, Thailand's second largest island, a palm-fringed beach is accompanied by nearby coconut groves and mountainous rainforest. The minimalist resort provides ample space to read, roam, and reflect. It boasts a signature red pool—a hue given off by its orange, yellow, and red tiling—backdropped by soft waves breaking on the shore as well as a library with a curated collection of over 1,400 books.



Filario Hotel & Residencies



Farol Hotel

Nestled between the sands of Guincho Beach and the picturesque fishing village of Cascais in Portugal, **Farol Hotel** repurposes the former seaside hideaway of Count of Cabral. Most guest accommodations and public spaces—including a saltwater pool—offer endless views of the Atlantic Ocean, and the design is equally as transcendent: Some of Portugal's most renowned fashion designers were tasked with "dressing" each of the rooms. Elsewhere, on the shores of Italy's renowned Lake Como, **Filario Hotel & Residencies** provides an unforgettable exclusive experience. The property is one of very few contemporary lakeside properties, and it also offers the rare luxury of private beach access. In addition, all guest rooms offer private terraces with views of Bellagio, Villa Balbianello, and Comacina Island, while the infinity pool gives the illusion of stretching out into the lake's sparkling waters.

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Design Hotels™ represents and markets a curated selection of over 300 independent hotels in more than 60 countries across the globe. More than a collection of hotels, the company is a collection of stories. Each property reflects the ideas of a visionary hotelier, an "Original", someone with a passion for genuine hospitality, cultural authenticity, thought-provoking design and architecture. Each "Original" stands for the individual, aesthetic and service-driven experience that his or her hotel provides.

In 2017, Design Hotels™ launched Further, a traveling laboratory for experiential hospitality that transforms hotels across the globe into temporal hubs of thematic exploration. The mission behind Further aligns with the values of the future-facing Promad, a new generation of traveler embracing progressive travel and global nomadism. First identified by Design Hotels™ in collaboration with leading futures consultancy The Future Laboratory, the purpose-driven, self-actualizing Promadic movement is set to shape the future of hospitality.

Founded by Claus Sendlinger in 1993, Design Hotels™ offers its members insightful travel industry knowledge, from market trend consultancy to international sales representation. The company has its headquarters in Berlin and branches in London, Los Angeles, New York and Singapore. In 2019, Design Hotels™ joined forces with Marriott Bonvoy, enabling its member hotels to have both a greater and more selective reach while offering its Community the benefit of the industry's leading loyalty program.

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