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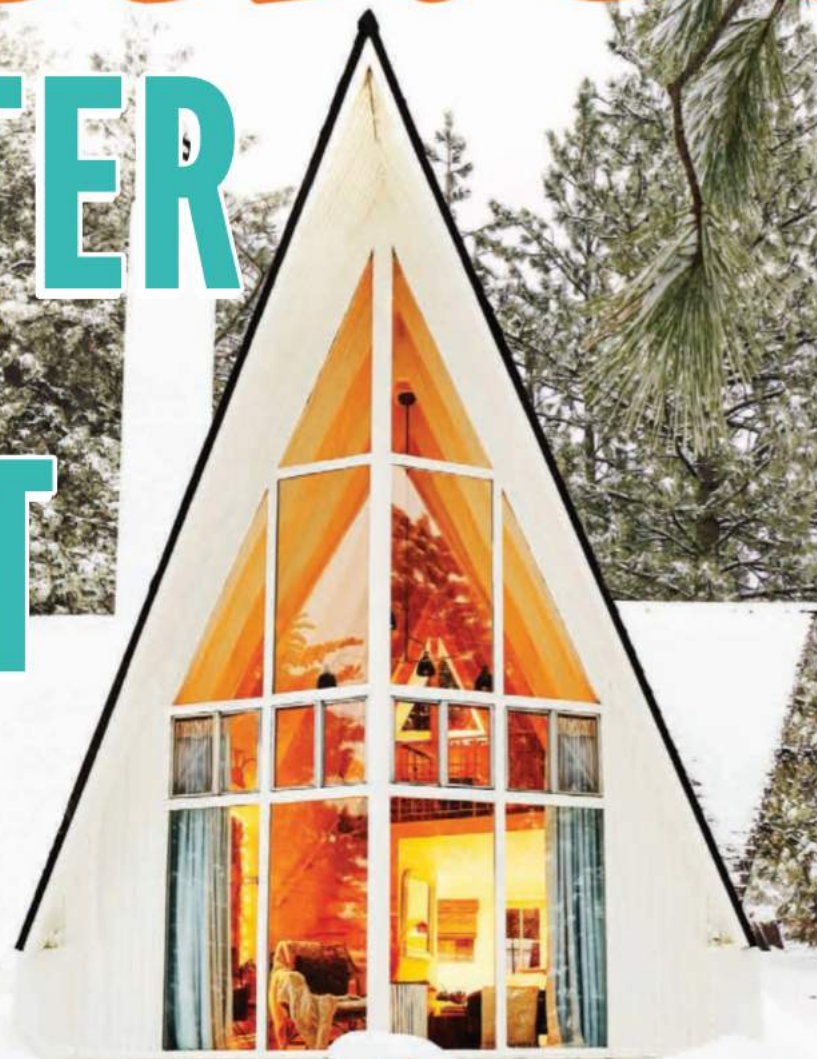
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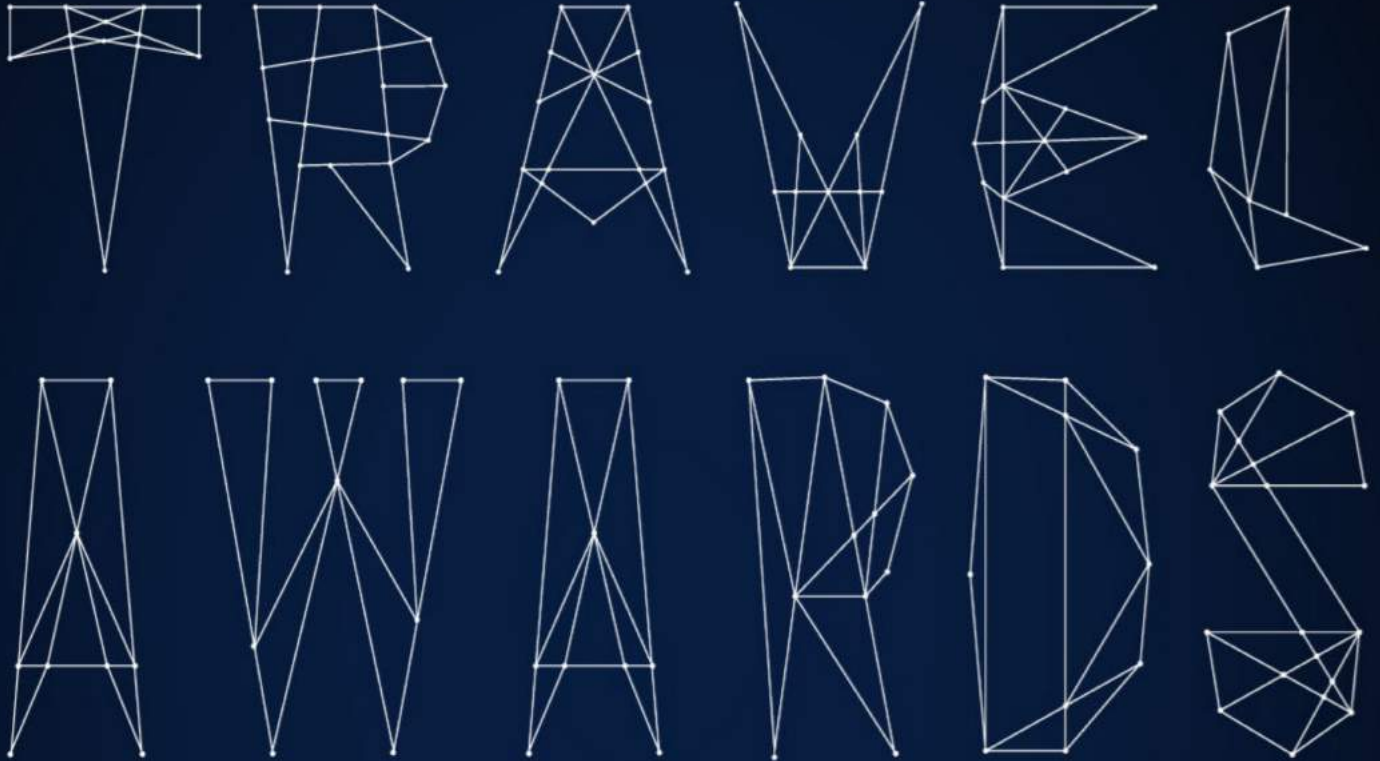
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2021



## 74 WAYS TO EXPERIENCE THE WEST NOW AND IN THE NEW YEAR

Story by **SUNSET STAFF**

**TRAVEL IS CENTRAL TO SUNSET:** It's how we find and photograph the homes and gardens we share with you, taste the food of the chefs whose recipes we print in our pages, and discover, firsthand, the next great little bar, perfectly curated shop, sweet country inn, hidden river or trail, and bucolic winery you need to visit. And then, as it did to everyone, the coronavirus pandemic permanently altered how we move through our own towns,

let alone how we navigate others.

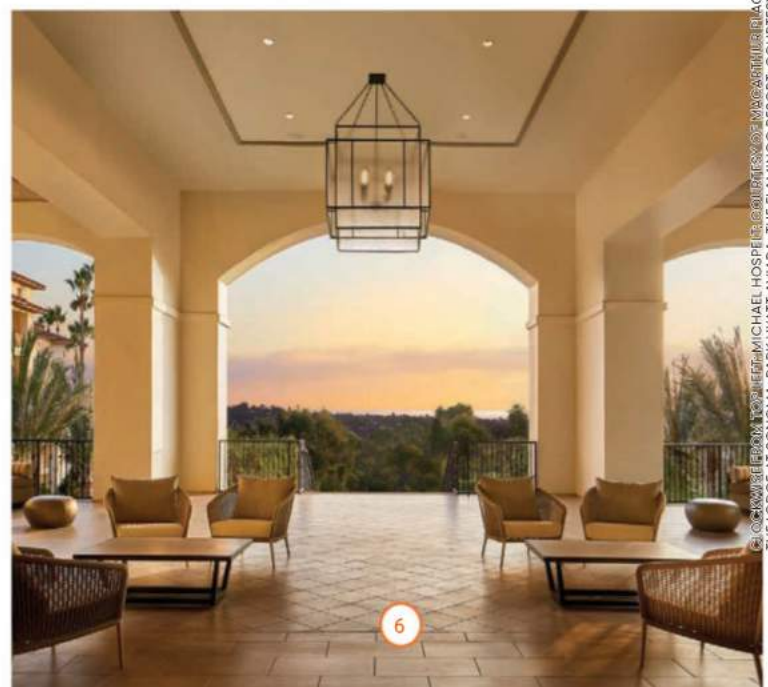
*Sunset* did not publish our annual Travel Awards in 2020. But for 2021 we are proudly presenting the awards to honor the folks in hospitality who continue to provide unparalleled service in the face of persistent loss and uncertainty—whether we are experiencing their generosity now or looking forward to it in the future.

“People are starting to embrace change

rather than arguing about it,” says Brad Odo, director of restaurants for Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa in Hawaii. “The amount of gratitude we’ve been shown by guests for reopening, and for giving them the opportunity to travel again, has really been incredible.”

So many of the changes are positive. New technologies like QR-coded menus are minimizing paper and plastic waste; room keys





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# Rad Hotel Redesigns

Hotels across the West are debuting new looks, expanded amenities, and all-around refreshed hospitality.



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## 1. POETRY INN

At this über-private (and ultra-luxe) five-room getaway, renowned designer Erin Martin says she added “a bit of youthfulness to a classic tale.” You’ll also notice a new hiking trail on the tranquil property.

POETRYINN.COM

## 4. MACARTHUR PLACE HOTEL & SPA

Custom-designed millwork meets heated travertine floors in 64 guest rooms at this Sonoma getaway. Expect Victorian architecture, a Mediterranean restaurant, and an impressive collection of artwork.

MACARTHURPLACE.COM

## 7. ARIZONA BILTMORE, A WALDORF ASTORIA RESORT

Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired architecture is the star here, complemented by a grand resort-wide renovation. A new triple water slide and pool cabanas with private showers mean fun for the family.

ARIZONABILTMORE.COM



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## 2. L'AUBERGE DEL MAR

This seaside resort's \$10.5 million renovation touched its guest rooms, pool, upscale poolside bar, and more. New restaurant Adelaide brings seasonal Pacific seafood to the forefront.

LAUBERGEDELMAR.COM

## 5. THE LODGE AT SONOMA

Guest rooms, cottages, and suites have a new look at this Mission-style hotel, where you can play bocce then grab a drink from the poolside horse-trailer-turned-bar.

HYATT.COM

## 8. KONA KAI RESORT & SPA

Tropical décor and an adults-only pool are only some of updates at this San Diego resort now offering junior suites with private balconies and views of the bay.

RESORTKONAKAI.COM

## 3. FLAMINGO RESORT

Architect Homer A. Rissman designed this Santa Rosa escape in 1957, and its midcentury design has been reimagined. Commissioned art pieces can be found throughout the contemporary hotel, including a stunning wall mural by artist Serge Gay Jr.

FLAMINGORESORT.COM

## 6. PARK HYATT AVIARA RESORT, GOLF CLUB & SPA

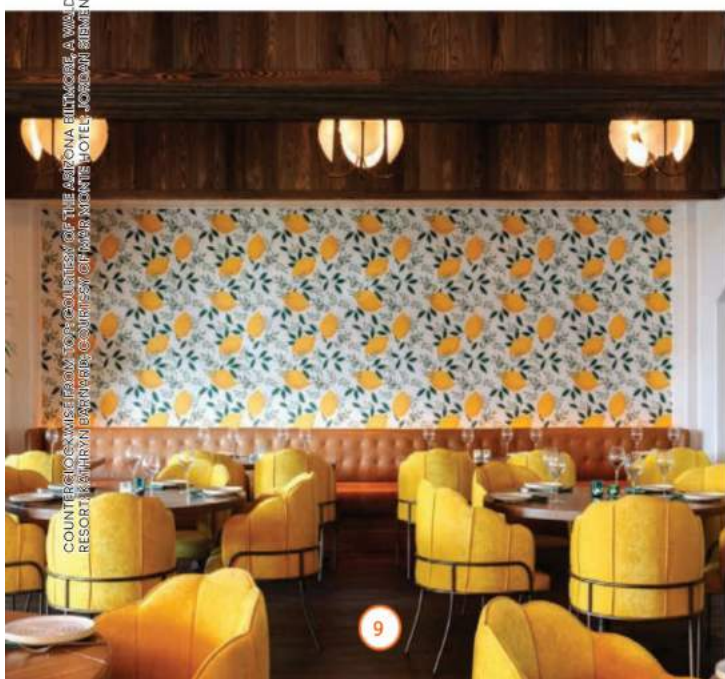
You can play tennis and golf at this Carlsbad resort, where there's something for everyone, including a new two-story water slide plus private cabanas at the adults-only pool with ocean views.

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## 9. MAR MONTE HOTEL

Hyatt capped off a multi-million-dollar renovation at this boutique Santa Barbara property with the opening of an Italian-Mediterranean restaurant, Costa Kitchen & Bar, that celebrates seafood and central coast wine.

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## TRUE ESCAPES

With so many folks flocking to popular national parks, our favorites this year are on roads less traveled.

**Olympic National Park's** old-growth rainforests and coastline offer a peaceful respite. [NPS.GOV](http://NPS.GOV)

