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Travel in Style: 7 Fashion-Filled Vacation Spots You Need to Know About

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The fashion girls are headed to their glam destinations and travel in style this summer, but there's no reason you can't put some style-filled vacation spots on your list too. Yes, there's the Armani Hotel in Milan and the Hotel Missoni in Edinburgh, but maybe consider one of these cool spots that incorporate fashion in an interesting—and possibly unexpected—way.

The Mark and Bergdorf Goodman Collaboration, New York City

Located on the *Gossip Girl* stomping grounds of the Upper East Side of Manhattan, the fancy-pants Mark hotel is a favorite of the fashion set—all the VIPs get primped there before heading out to the nearby Met Gala. (Check out Cara Delevingne's and Jennifer Lopez's recent grand exits, along with their respective dates photographer Mario Testino and designer/TV star Michael Kors.) So it's fitting that the hotel just started working directly with the legendary luxury department store Bergdorf Goodman on basically the best VIP hookup ever. Guests at the Mark have exclusive, complimentary, and 24/7 personal shopping privileges at BG. Scenario: It's 3 A.M. and you have a hankering for a pair of Charlotte Olympia Dolly platforms. Just call down to the concierge—who has a emergency line straight to the head of Bergdorf personal

shopping—for purchase and delivery. Done and done.
The Mark, 25 E. 77th St. New York, N.Y.

Opening Ceremony at the Ace Hotel, New York City



Hotel gift shops can range from OK to serviceable, right? Which is why it's so fabulous that cutting-edge boutique Opening Ceremony revamped the whole gift shop concept for its outpost at the über-trendy Ace Hotel. Yes, guests at the hotel can shop OC's usual range of hot designer labels (Alexander Wang, Carven: check), but the cheerful shop also offers a bunch of travel-themed necessities with some cool hipster flair. We're talking cult-label toothpaste and toiletries, delicious international snacks, and fashionably useful must-haves like this Tumi x Opening Ceremony NYC subway map.

Ace Hotel, 20 W. 29th St., New York, N.Y.

TenOverSix at the Joule, Dallas



Kristen Lee and Brady Cunningham, the cool girls who run one of our fave shops, TenOverSix, in L.A., are partnering with Joule Hotel in downtown Dallas for a chic redesign. Not only will

the ladies set up a TenOverSix outpost in the 1920s landmark hotel, Kristen and Brady will also be reenvisioning a bunch of the community spaces including the lobby (fun hotel lobbies are the best), a hangout spot called Weekend Coffee, a gift shop aptly named TenOverSix Presents, and the Taschen Library at the Joule. The work should be unveiled by the end of this summer, so you might want to consider a trip to Dallas for the fall.

Joule, 1530 Main St., Dallas, Texas

“Strut + Swim W Happenings” at the W New Orleans



The pool and summer are kind of synonymous, plus you have those cute swimsuits to wear and need a place to show them off. Look to the W in NOLA, which is throwing a poolside fashion extravaganza all.summer.long. The hotel's "Strut + Swim W Happenings" series lets guests rock out to DJs, enjoy drink specials, treat themselves to blowouts and makeup seshes, and browse designs from local designers and boutiques while poolside. Extra incentive: "Swim + Strut" is open to the public and totally free. (We hear something about giveaways, too.) Schedule here:

Sunday, June 30:

Fashion from Langford Market, Wish, and Goorin Bro.

Glam Squad treatments by Magnolia Makeup and The Blow Dry Bar

Sunday, July 28:

Fashion from designer Alicia Zenobia and Haute Boutique

Glam Squad treatments by Magnolia Makeup and Maison de Cheveux

Sunday, August 25

Fashion from designers Jolie & Elizabeth, Brooke Lynn Wright, and NOLA Bikini

Glam Squad treatments by Magnolia Makeup and Tranquil Salon & Spa

W New Orleans, 333 Poydras St., New Orleans, La.

Diane von Furstenberg-Designed Rooms at Claridge's, London



Along with designing her iconic wrapdresses, shoes, bags, and the chicest arm sling ever, Diane von Furstenberg also created 20 rooms at Claridge's. The tony London hotel is one of the international designer's favorite places to stay while she's jet-setting around the world, so this collaboration was kind of a no-brainer. Fans of DVF (and the designer herself!) will feel right at home in one of the plush rooms or suites tricked out in stylin' zebra-print rugs, Diane's photography decorating the walls, and signature DVF graphic-printed curtains and bedding. *Claridge's, 49 Brook S., W1K 4HR, London, United Kingdom*

Karl Lagerfeld's "Ulysses' Journey around the Mediterranean Sea" at the Hôtel Métropole, Monte-Carlo, Monaco



If you're jetting on over to ultra-glam Monte Carlo any time soon, pay a visit to the luxurious Hôtel Métropole, which recently unveiled this fashion-meets-mythology poolside art installation

by none-other-than Karl Lagerfeld. The legendary designer created the stunning two-paneled mural by superimposing images of Grecian-outfitted models (togas!) over photos of the Greek coastline taken from his own archives. Can you imagine lounging or dining poolside next to this stunning piece of fashiony art? This might be on my bucket list of places to visit.

Hôtel Métropole, 4, avenue de la Madone, BP 19, Monte-Carlo, Monaco

"Made in Cambodia" at the Shinta Mani, Siem Reap, Cambodia



I can personally vouch for this one. I visited Siem Reap, Cambodia, last month (where the mind-blowing Angkor Wat is located; highly recommend a visit) and stayed in this really amazing boutique hotel called the Shinta Mani. And naturally, the day I arrive, they're throwing a monthly shopping fest called "Made in Cambodia"—because apparently wherever I go, retail-therapy opportunities follow *me*, I swear! It's kind of like a mini Brooklyn Flea or Hester Street Fair, with locally based vendors and artisans, like Eric Raisina's elegant silk pieces (he's created textures for YSL back in the day), expat French designers Mitsou Creation's drapery, architectural pieces, and edgy-cool jewelry by Sao Mao. (I picked up a pair of drop earrings refashioned out of old bullets.) The really fantastic part is that the participating vendors give back to the community in some way, by either providing employment and training or having a nonprofit charity component. Plus, there's a DJ, entertainment, and the staffers give out tasty fresh fruit popsicles. "Made in Cambodia" takes place on the first Saturday of each month.

Shinta Mani, Junction of Oum Khun St, 14th, Mondul 2, Siem Reap DE-99423, Cambodia

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