


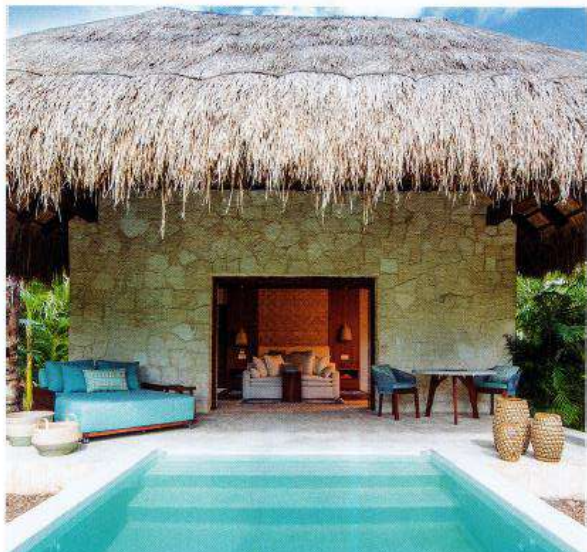
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A woman with a black patterned swim cap and a white towel draped over her shoulders is posing for a spa guide cover. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a plain, light color.

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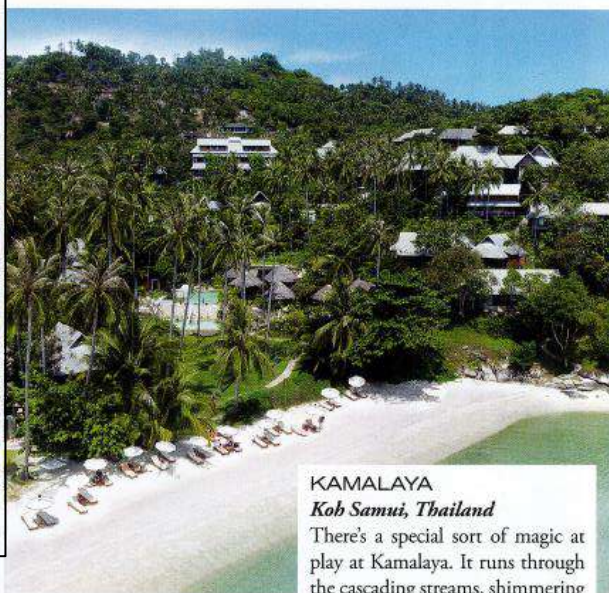
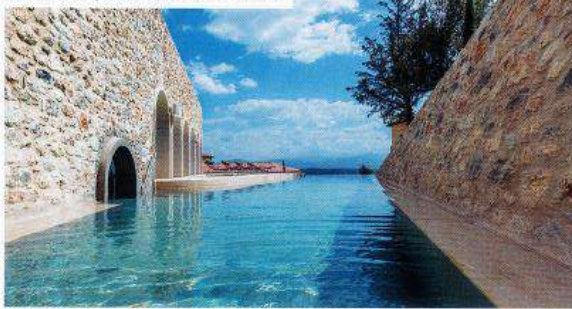


CHABLÉ MAROMA Riviera Maya, Mexico

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EUPHORIA RETREAT Mystras, Greece

Among the orange and olive trees of the Peloponnese peninsula, you'll find Euphoria – quite literally. This haven of wellbeing, which has been several years in the making, is the vision of owner Marina Eframoglou, whose cancer diagnosis led her to quit banking and spend two decades exploring self-awareness and spiritual healing. Treatments blend elements of Traditional Chinese medicine, Taoism and Greek Hippocratic medicine (try the Five Element Balancing massage), while the surroundings are elegantly zen (curving stone walls, sunny terraces and interiors



KAMALAYA Kob Samui, Thailand

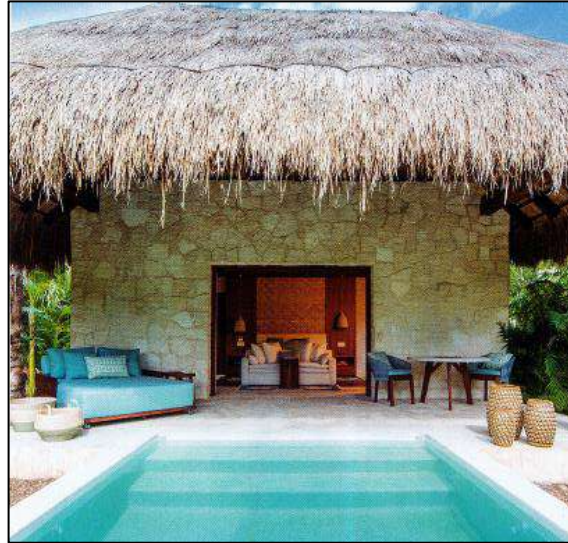
There's a special sort of magic at play at Kamalaya. It runs through the cascading streams, shimmering with fish; it whistles through the trees above the heart-soaringly lovely villas; it glows in the lantern-strung trees at night. It gets into your bones. But so too does the new Structural Revival programme, a fusion of mind and movement that pinpoints skeletal and muscular weakness through physiotherapy, reformer Pilates and myofascial release – plus some fortifying therapies. Such as the Three Treasures: a combination of Tui na (a brisk knuckle-rub, from head to toe); massage (using warm polished crystals); and reiki (to calm). This stimulates energy, enabling it to flow where it's needed – and suddenly things click into place. Not just physically, but mentally too. (Personal mentoring, under the guidance of a former monk, helps to identify challenges in life, and shows you how to overcome them.) But don't underestimate the power of sprawling on a marigold beach-lounger at the water's edge, sipping from a fresh coconut and gazing at the horizon. That's also part of the magic.

Healing Holidays (healing-holidays.com/tatlerspaguide; 020 7529 8551) offers a seven-night *Relax & Renew* programme, full board, from £3,200, including flights and transfers. **Tatler Exclusive offer** see p.75

that blaze in burnished gold and pink). Euphoria's retreats are indisputably in a league of their own, but the one to book is the Emotional & Physical Transformation retreat, which helps you to 'unlock' the secret to inner balance. Of course, the hydrotherapy pool, spectacular 'water tower' Kneipp bath and antioxidant-rich Mediterranean food all help too.

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