



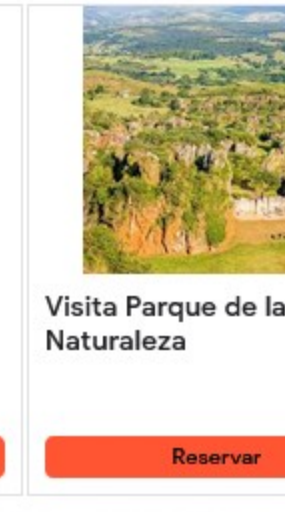
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The Best Hotels in Mallorca, From Hilltop Spa Retreats to Art-Filled Townhouses

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Mallorca has well and truly freed itself of its former Club 18-30 shackles to become one of the Med's most popular destinations for a stylish break in the sun. If it feels like everyone is in Mallorca when you scroll through Instagram, they probably are. Seeing someone you know at the counter in El Camino (book ahead—this writer couldn't get in) is as likely as bumping into a friend on a sunny Sunday in the city.

It seems unfair that one resort town like Magaluf lumbered the largest Balearic Island with a reputation for attracting fishbowl-drinking, glowstick-twirling Brits abroad. Those in the know have been visiting the *real* Mallorca for years. Obscurely pretty towns such as Deià have long attracted bohemians and creatives who pad around making art and music in their photogenic fincas, surrounded by antiques, piles of books and vibrant bougainvillea.

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- **For a City Gem:** [Sant Francesc Hotel Singular](#)
- **For the Ultimate Sea View:** [Can Simoneta](#)

The island isn't huge (it takes around an hour to drive from one side to the other) and yet it has an incredible arts scene if you know where to look. There are mountainous landscapes dotted with olive groves, perfect turquoise coves, and a frankly overwhelming number of ravishing hotels. Plus there's Palma—a city break destination in its own right and at minimum, deserving of a day trip.

Mallorca's popularity is no surprise when it has everything you could want from a holiday destination. If the cat was ever in the bag, it's out now and it's hollering into a speaker. If you're turned off by the undeniably busy summer months, don't rule out the rest of the year. Unless you're visiting solely to sunbathe, you might even prefer the island in the quieter, cooler shoulder seasons, when the crowds are elsewhere and the prices have dropped.

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Curator and art dealer Katharina Herold moved her by-appointment gallery space from Hamburg to a townhouse in charming Felanitx, and she describes Mallorca as "a magical island drawing in creatives from around the world". Katharina agrees that it's a year-round destination and she recommends November or even early December. Some of her insider tips include Sundays at Consell flea market for vintage and unusual homeware finds, outdoor movie nights at Hotel Corazón, S'Horret cafe in Deià for a fresh, locally produced lunch and Arquinesa perfume shop in Palma, for Mallorcan-inspired fragrances in a beautifully curated space.

Aesthetically-minded readers will be elated to know that Mallorca is small but mighty, with a roster of design-led hotels so strong it could only be rivaled by big hitters like London and Paris (alas, with prices to match). You might notice that many hotels on the island follow a similar decorative concept: with swathes of linen, natural stone, oversized lamps, contemporary art and hefty reclaimed wood. Not that we'd complain about too much of a good thing. Especially when they're all so tastefully done, exuding quiet luxury without a scrap of ostentation, but when so many hotels are worthy of a coffee table book, it can be tricky to choose a favorite. In fact, it was genuinely difficult to narrow down our shortlist.

Unlike similarly expensive holiday destinations such as Marbella and Mykonos, where the beds are high and the multi-story yachts are higher, the newgen of luxury hotels in Mallorca lean towards wellness and curated guest experiences. They're more likely to offer breathwork classes and pop-up exhibitions than all-day DJs by the pool.

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Sant Francesc Hotel Singular



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With a top-notch location in the old town, steps from Sant Francesc Basilica, Sant Francesc Hotel Singular is a hot ticket for design-lovers visiting Palma and the hotel is often fully booked. Consistently on the receiving end of rave reviews from guests, this five-star neoclassical mansion is a sophisticated spot for city breakers who want to spend time at their hotel, rather than treat it as a place to crash. The 42 bedrooms are the last word in restrained elegance, with significant artworks and design classics set against a neutral backdrop of black, off-white and grey. There's no bad room choice in the building but most are modern, so if you're looking for history and wow factor, book the Sant Francesc Suite, with its restored 19th-century ceiling fresco and double Juliet balconies. There's also a lobby bar, an indoor-outdoor restaurant and the jewel in the crown—a pool and loungers on the roof.

- **Amenities:** Restaurant, bar, rooftop, swimming pool, fitness room, spa treatments
- **Editor's tip:** Pack a swimsuit. Few luxury hotels in the center of Palma have a swimming pool but this is one of them and it's on the rooftop, with a cocktail bar just steps away.
- **Address:** Plaça de Sant Francesc, 5, Centre, 07001 Palma, Mallorca

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Can Ferrereta

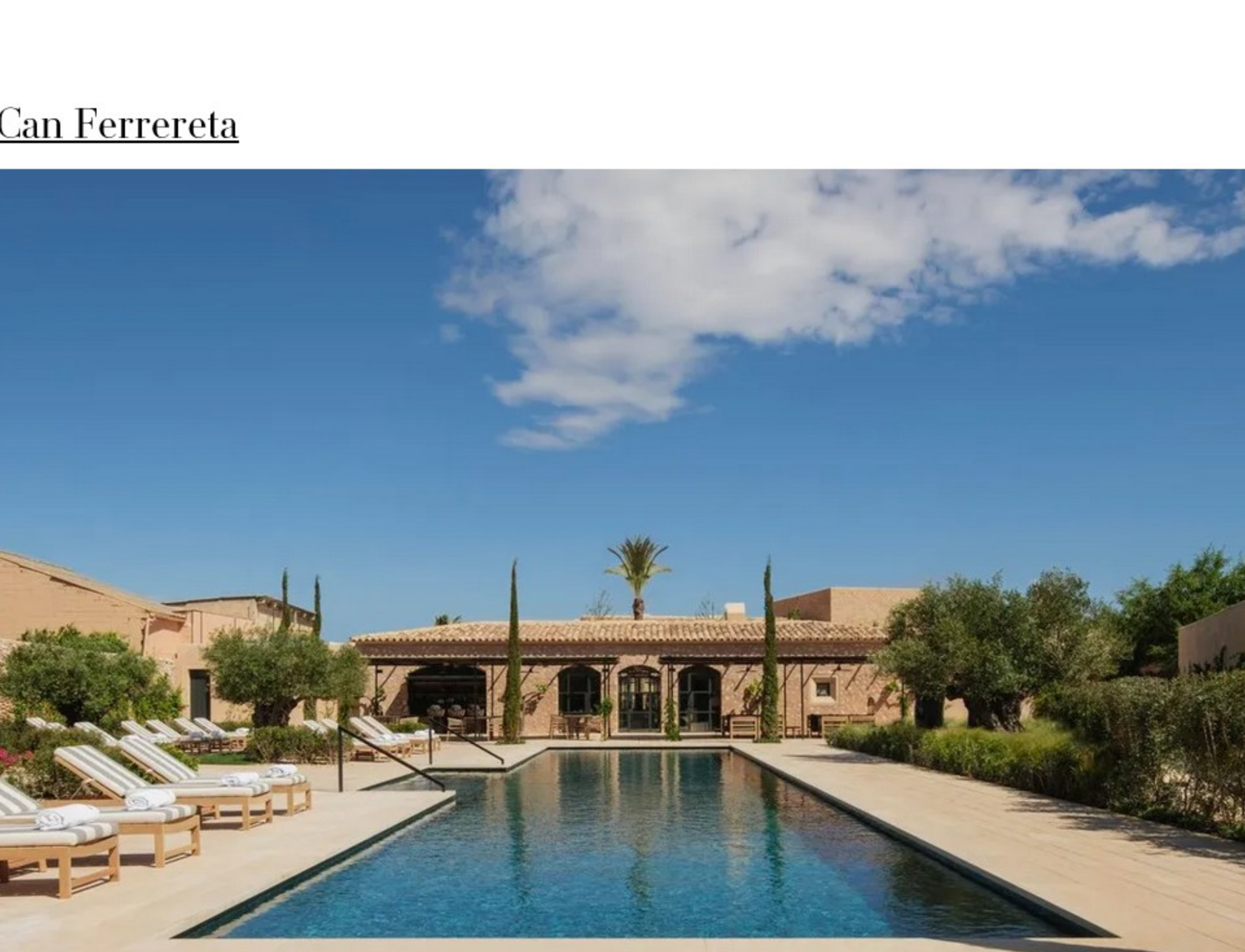


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Five-star Can Ferrereta is a hotel you feel you could have manifested in your dreams, with 32 wildly attractive rooms dotted around a compact estate that started out (like so many hotels in Mallorca) as a 17th-century house. Transformed with exquisite attention to detail and no expense spared by the Soldevila-Ferrer family, Can Ferrereta is the archetypal rustic-luxe retreat, with piles of coffee table books, exposed beams, deep linen sofas, and design classics by Scandinavian and Italian furniture and lighting brands, plus covetable artworks that would cause quite a stir should one go missing.

One attribute that makes this hotel different to its rural competition is the location—rather than being surrounded by miles of fields and little else, its town-center setting puts it within easy walking distance of the cafes, boutiques and twice-weekly food markets in peaceful Santanyi. If you hire a car, the nearest beaches are a short 10-minute hop away and you're in the best corner of the island here for one dramatic pine-fringed cove after another, without the annoyance of thickly cushioned loungers and olive trees, where the sound of crashing waves is replaced by twittering of birds. There's another beautiful pool indoors in the spa, should you stay on a rainy day.

- **Amenities:** Swimming pool, restaurant, bar, spa, adults-only (minimum age 14)
- **Editor's tip:** Can Ferrereta is sister hotel to Sant Francesc in Palma, so if you love one, you'll love the other. They would make the ideal pairing for a beach and city combination.
- **Address:** Carrer de Can Ferrereta, 12, 07650 Santanyi, Mallorca

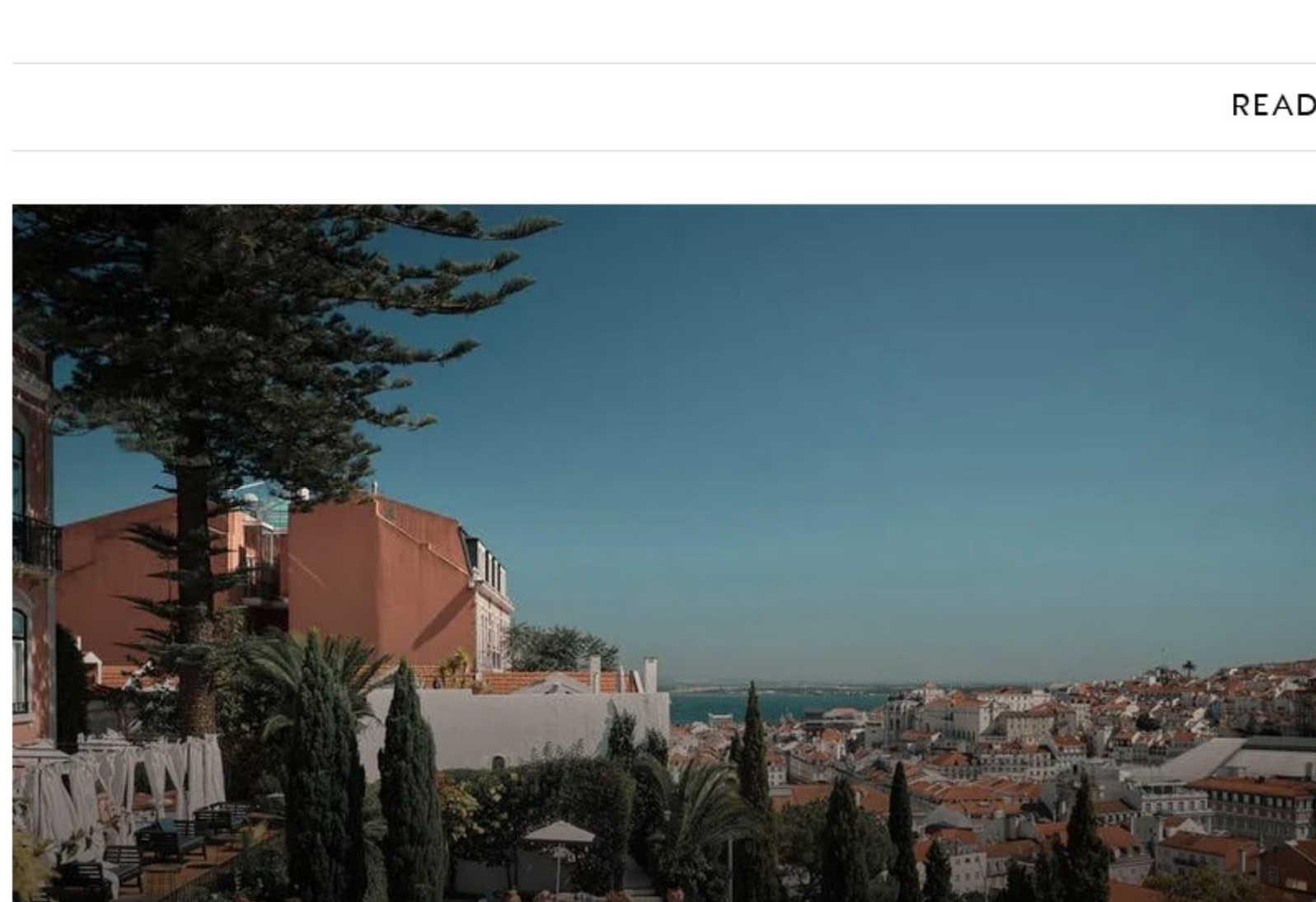
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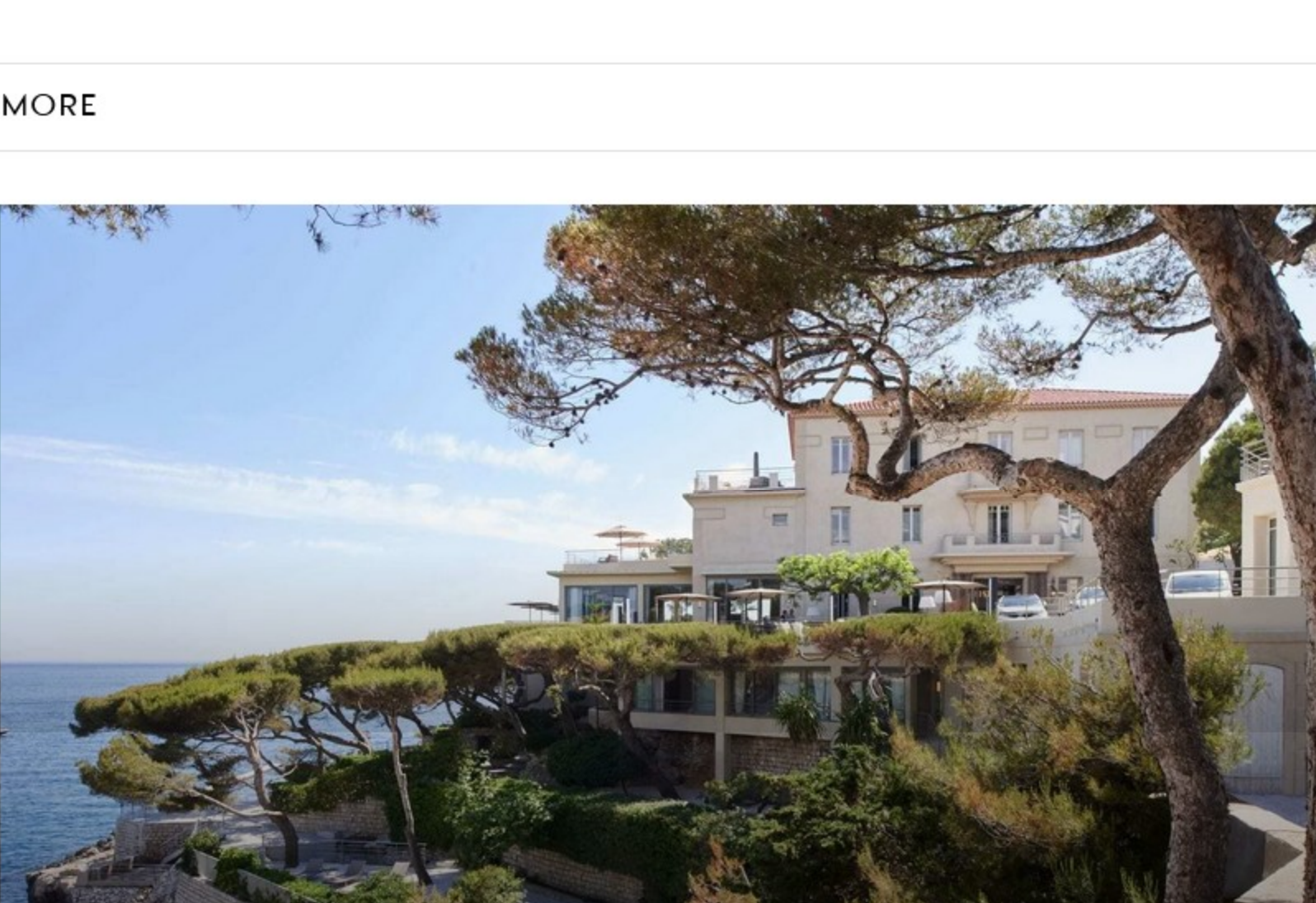
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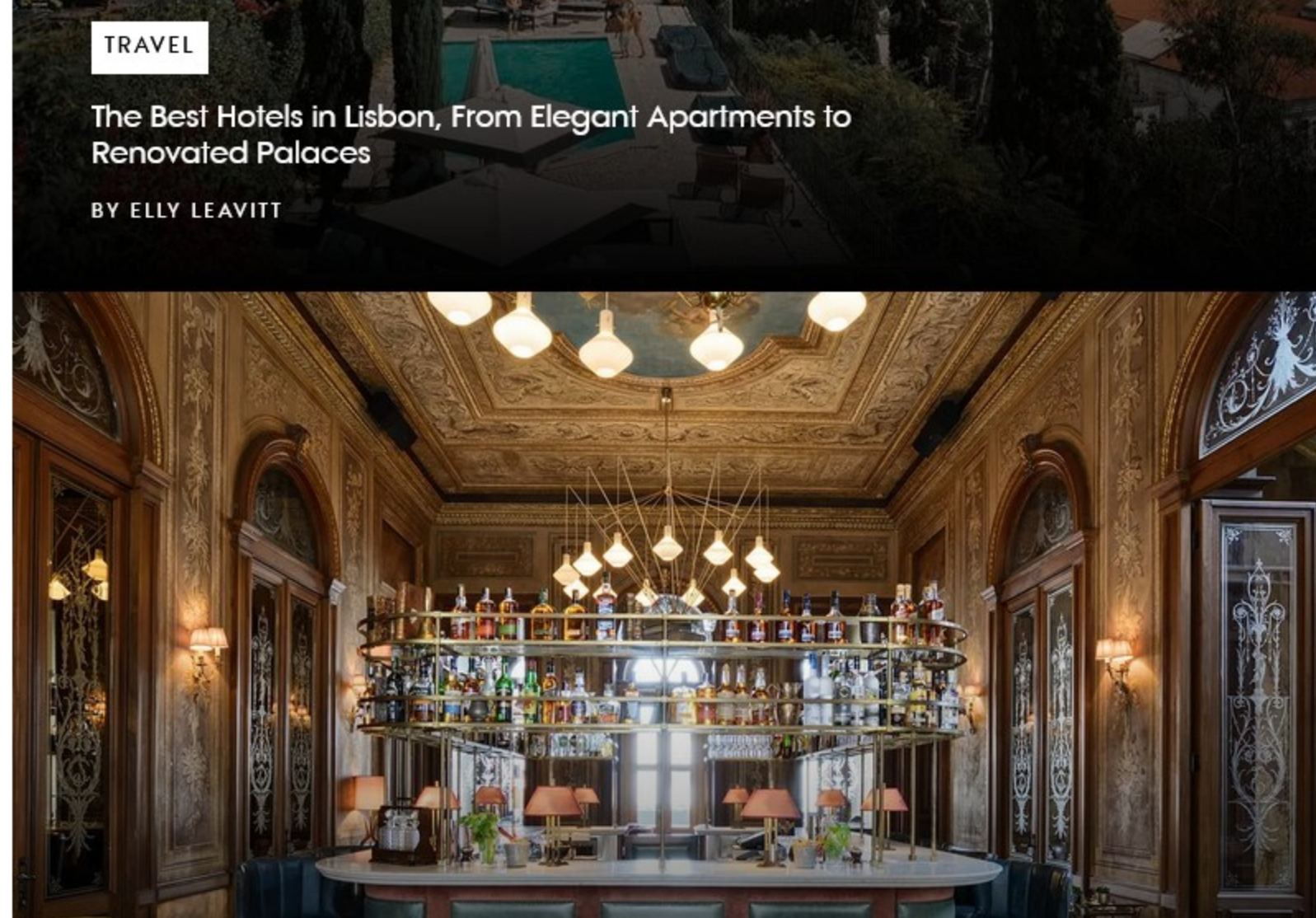
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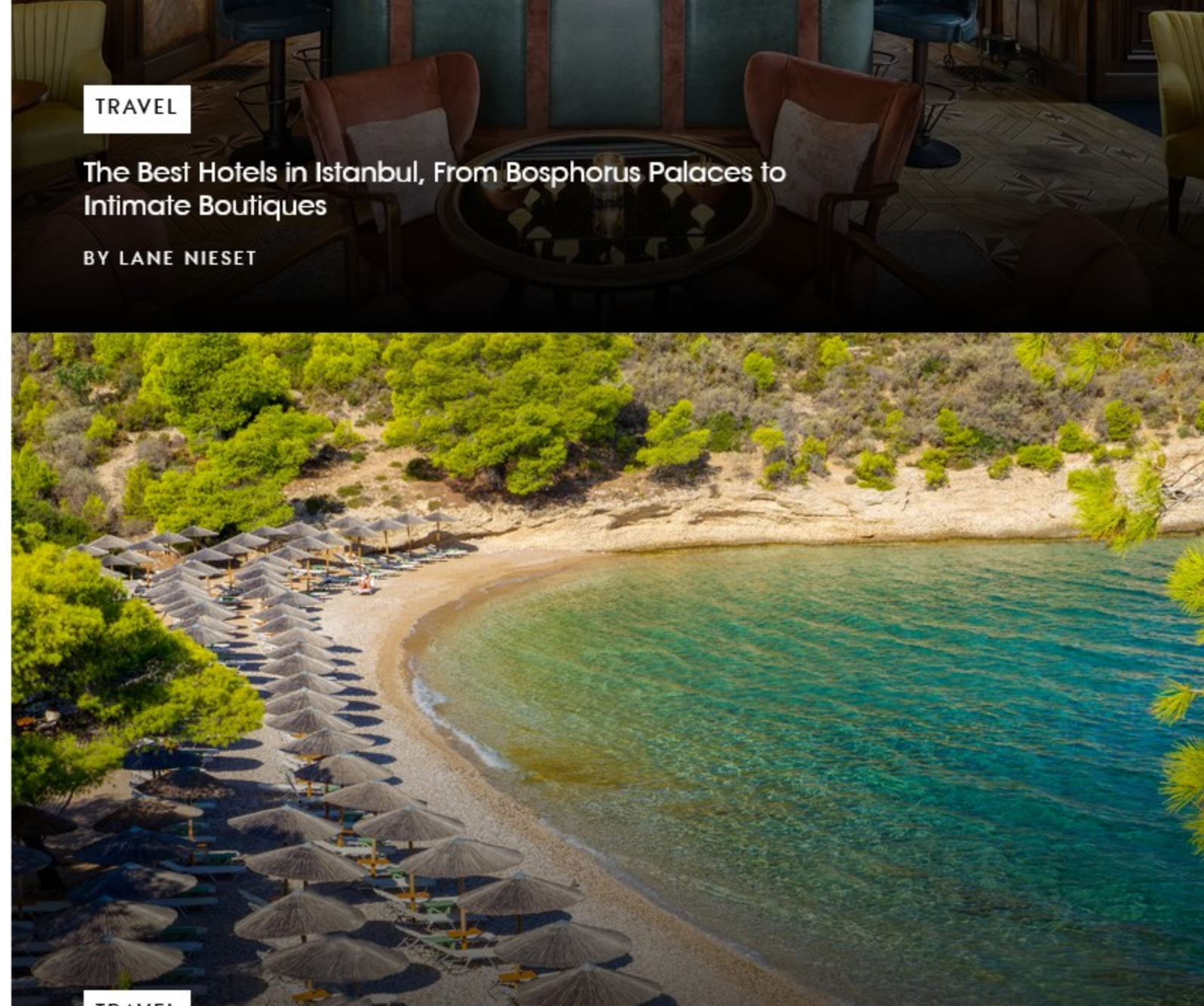
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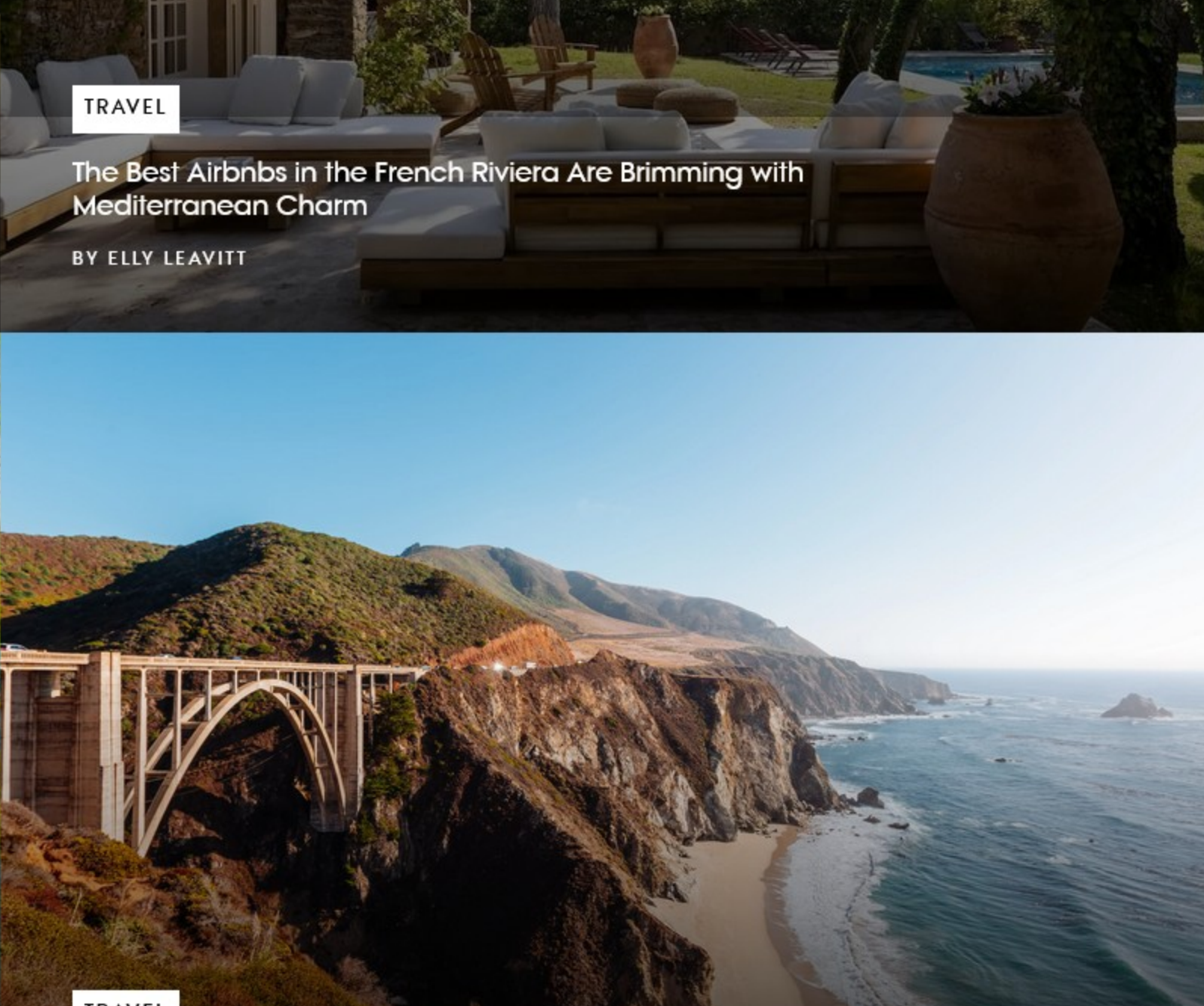
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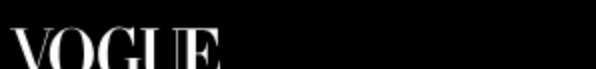
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