

PLACES THAT STILL MATTER

Liz and Dick Slept Here

The Hollywood stars' former home in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, is now a hotel.

uring the 1964 filming of The Night of the Iguana in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Richard Burton set up a local hideaway—two villas connected by a bridge—for himself and Liz Taylor, his mistress and soon-to-be wife. After Taylor sold the property in the '90s, the compound turned into a museum and bed-and-breakfast, and it eventually became empty. Hotelier Janice Chatterton, who owns nearby Hacienda San Angel, took over the space and spent the

past five years converting it into a nine-room hotel called Casa Kimberly, which opened in December. Request Taylor's namesake suite, complete with the original pink marble tub she had commissioned in the shape of a human heart (a miscommunication between Taylor and the craftsmen) and a terrace with a private pool. Dine on the patio at the Iguana restaurant, where one of Mexico's most famous mariachi troupes entertains guests six nights a week. From \$435; Calle Zaragoza 445; 877-218-3248. — J.M.

BOAT TO CHARTER



In 2009, Stefano Barbini and his wife, Giorgia, swapped Rome's fashion world (he was the CEO of Escada; she is the granddaughter of Brioni's founder) for a quiet life in the Dolomite mountains. Wanting to share la dolce vita, they opened an intimate hotel called White Deer San Lorenzo Mountain Lodge. Now they are taking their impeccable Italian hospitality to the Mediterranean Sea with Blue Deer San Lorenzo Sea Lodge, a 74-foot catamaran.

Custom built by Sunreef Yachts, it sleeps up to ten guests in four cabins. In the salon, a chef prepares meals inspired by her Italian grandmother's recipes. The captain (also a scuba and kitesurfing instructor) impresses with an itinerary that includes islands even most Italians aren't familiar with, like Palmarola and Ventotene. In the winter, the boat can do the British Virgin Islands and St. Martin. From \$39,200 for one week; 39-474/404-042. —J.M.

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BELMOND **IN BERLIN**

As of June, Belmond's restored Art Deco luxury train the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express will stop in Berlin. The inaugural two-day itinerary begins June 2 in London on its sister train, the 1920s Belmond British Pullman. Passengers cross the English Channel to Calais, where they catch the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express for dinner and an overnight ride through the German countryside, arriving in Berlin on June 3. Dine in the Côte d'Azur restaurant car, with original glass panels designed by René Lalique. The rooms are small and all have twin beds, so upgrade to a Cabin Suite for the most space. On June 4, the train goes back to London on its last Berlin route of 2016. The 2017 dates have vet to be released. Rooms from \$2,830 per person from Paris, or \$3,360 from London; 800-524-2420. -E.S.

