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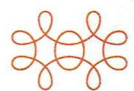
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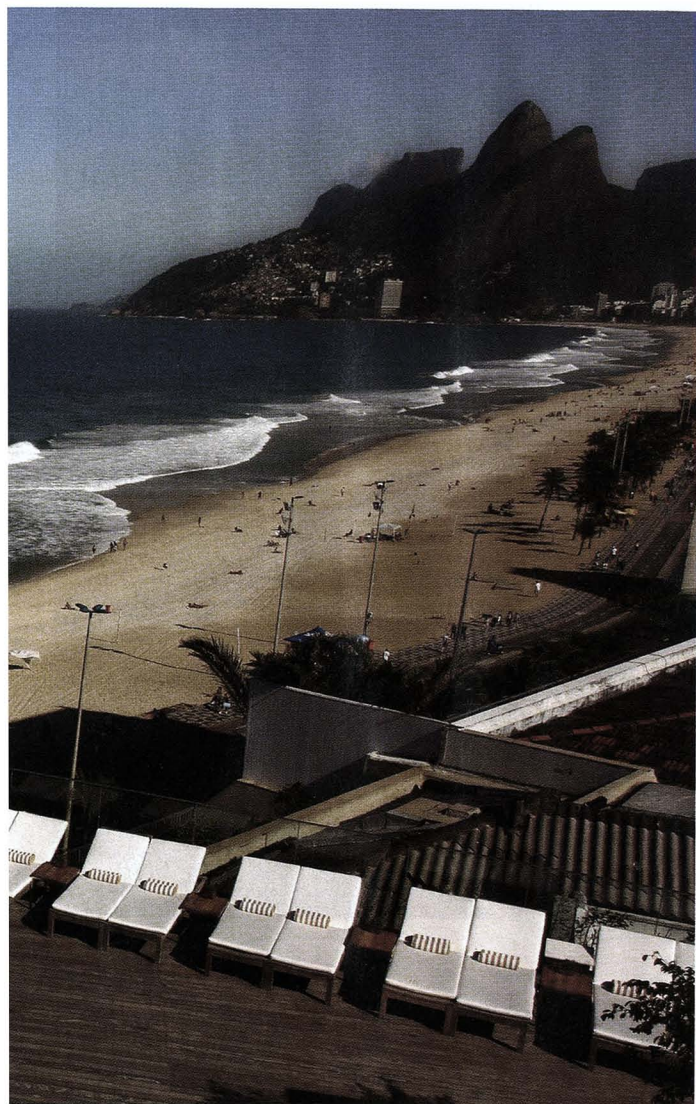
The best part about getting hitched—  
arguably—is the honeymoon. Here,  
25 fabulous escapes for newlyweds

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**Marrakesh**  
The gardens at  
La Mamounia  
palace were a  
king's wedding  
gift to his son





◀ Rio de Janeiro  
Hotel Fasano offers people-watching, ocean access and rooftop exclusivity

luxurious of the Wauwinet's 32 rooms, provides postcard views of the bay. **From \$230 to \$1,429 per night. wauwinet.com.**

## Hotel Fasano Rio de Janeiro

Ipanema is Rio's most affluent neighbourhood, and its namesake beach is arguably Rio's most stunning. The white sand is dotted with sun-scorched tourists, footballers, surfers and Cariocas from every class of the city's society—all levelled by the equalizing power of the thong/Speedo (foreigners hoping to buy full-coverage swimwear, be warned). In the middle of it all is the posh Hotel Fasano, which opened in 2007 to the kind of buzz that wooed holidaying celebs like Madonna. Philippe Starck designed the 91-room resort from lobby to rooftop terrace, and his signature updated mid-century aesthetic, here inflected with a little bossa nova charm, radiates from each piece of streamlined furniture. The rooms are airy and luxe, with massive tubs, hardwood floors and beds on a slight incline, facing the horizon, to optimize the ocean view. The rooftop infinity pool offers gasp-provoking views of the Two Brothers mountain, while the bar and restaurant on the main floor are the centre of social life for the city's young and privileged. **From \$700 to \$3,493 per night. fasano.com.br.**

here are exceedingly friendly and helpful. Club rooms offer lovely views over Saint-Sulpice. Enjoy post-croissant promenades to nearby Jardin Luxembourg. **From \$363 to \$599 per night. hotelrecamier.com.**

## Silversea Cruises

Set sail with this family-owned Italian cruise line and you'll feel like you've boarded a yacht staffed with a fleet of personal butlers and reserves of champagne deeper than the oceans you're plying. Silversea's intimate vessels (from 132 to 540 passengers) have marble bathrooms, remarkably spacious ocean-view suites and unflappable, Jeeves-ian staff. Their routes cross the world's waterways: instead of the Caribbean, consider, say,

a seven-day cruise from Stockholm to St. Petersburg and back to Copenhagen. **From \$4,398 per person. silversea.com.**

## The Wauwinet Nantucket

This mid-19th-century gray-shingled shoreside inn—with access to miles of secluded beach—exudes the wind-tousled romance of a Winslow Homer canvas. Suites are all salt-air sumptuousness, adorned with Pratesi linens and fresh Nantucket wildflowers. Activities abound: sailing, lobstering, a stroll through the chef's herb garden, caviar treatments in the Spa by the Sea, champagne sipping at sunset. Hotel staff are plentiful: two per guest to maximize pampering. The Coatue Suite, the most

## The Giraffe Manor Kenya

Check in to Giraffe Manor, where resident Rothschild giraffes wander gracefully through the manor's surrounding lawns like house pets, and you'll feel like you've wandered into some Lewis Carroll wonderland. This magical, fig-bearded Scottish baronial manor perches at the foot of the Ngong Hills (not far from the famed estate in *Out of Africa*) and serves as both eminently civilized guest house and sanctuary for the endangered Rothschilds. Here, breakfast comes with giraffe visits (they'll poke their heads through giant windows). Book a second-storey bedroom so that you can treat your tall visitors to giraffe kibble from your suite. **From \$449 to \$469 per person per night, meals included. giraffemanor.com.**