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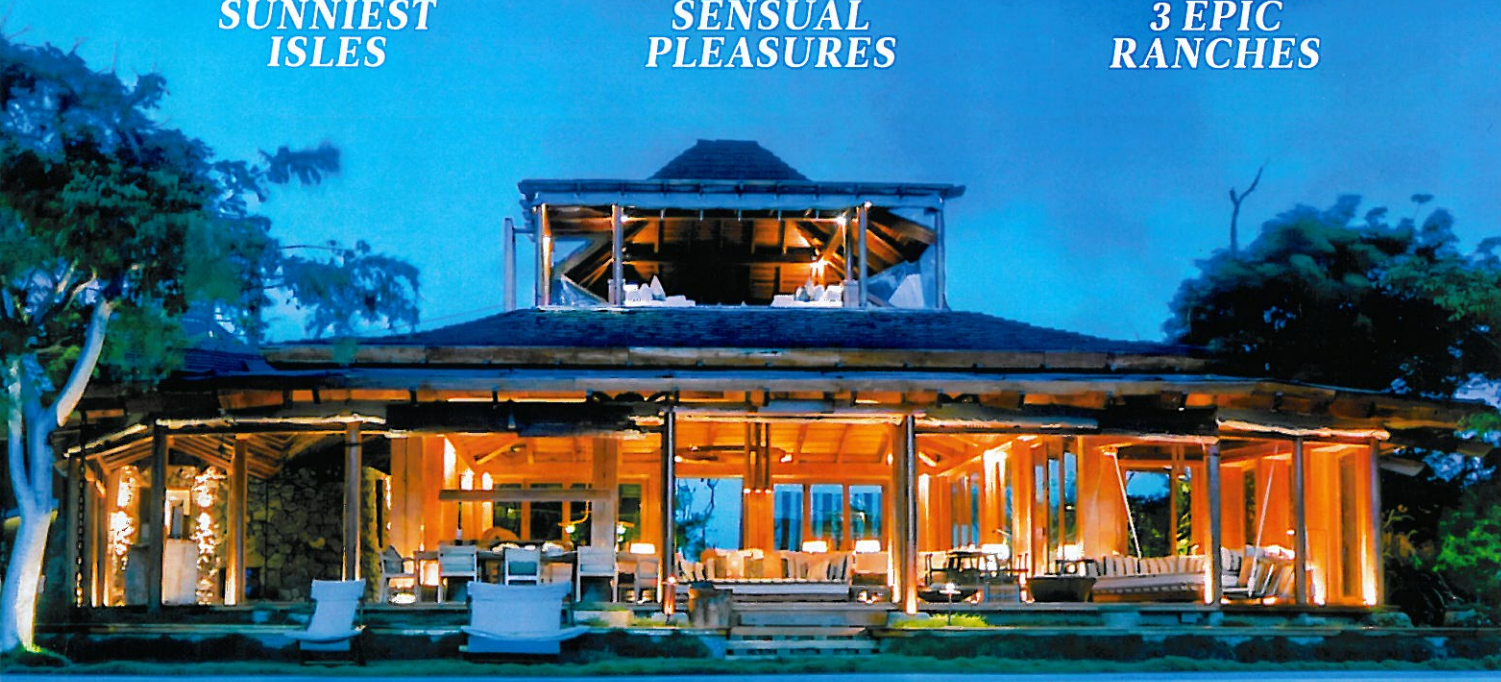
TRUTH IN TRAVEL

APRIL 2011

CARIBBEAN'S  
SUNNIEST  
ISLES

ENGLAND'S  
SENSUAL  
PLEASURES

WILD WEST  
3 EPIC  
RANCHES



26 TIPS FOR  
STAYING SANE,  
SAVING BIG,  
ON FAMILY TRIPS

125  
TOP GOLF  
RESORTS

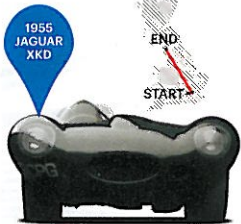
AFFORDABLE (From under-  
\$100 a night!)

VILLA  
VACATIONS

1,000+ DREAM RENTALS  
IN FRANCE, ITALY,  
HAWAII, SPAIN, GREECE, BRAZIL,  
NEW ZEALAND & MORE

BIG EXHIBIT

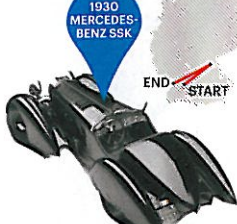
# Driving Mr. Lauren



1955 JAGUAR XKD



1958 FERRARI TESTA ROSSA



1930 MERCEDES-BENZ 55K

"The Art of the Automobile: Masterpieces of the Ralph Lauren Collection" opens this month at Paris's Musées des Arts Décoratifs. The exhibition inspired us to plot three perfect road trips—for Lauren's supermodels, or yours

**PROFILE** A curved hood and pointed shark-fin aileron, foreshadowing the Batmobile. **TECH TIDBIT** Monocoque (molded from a single sheet of metal) body for maximum strength-to-weight ratio. **ITINERARY** Start west of London at the new Co-worth Park country house hotel (44-1344-876-600; doubles, \$344-\$536); then take the M4 to the city. After tea at the new-look Savoy (44-20-7836-4343; \$58), head north on the M1 and take the M6 to the Lake District, where dry conditions (one hopes) and hypnotic blue-and-green vistas will have you composing Wordsworth-worthy odes.

**PROFILE** Coach-building legend Sergio Scaglietti's streamlined version of a torpedo. **TECH TIDBIT** Lightweight V-12 engine with red cam shaft (hence *testa rossa*). **ITINERARY** This fire-engine-red auto is made to slice through Tuscany's green hills. Begin at the sleek new Principe Forte dei Marmi hotel, beach club, and spa (39-0584-783636; doubles, \$685-\$720); then head southeast to Florence; follow the SR 222 to the medieval town of Panzano; and continue south to Siena, where, in July and August, you might intercept the Palio Piazza bare-back horse race.

**PROFILE** A Gatsby-esque roadster with a hood more than half its length. **TECH TIDBIT** Unheard-of (at the time) 300-horsepower engine. **ITINERARY** Hit the German autobahn for a demo of why the marque was nicknamed after Italian speedster Count Trossi. Start at Stuttgart's Mercedes-Benz Museum—you'll be invited to park your classic car out front (49-711-17-30-000); hit Bayreuth for a spot of Wagnerian opera, and cross the finish line in Baden-Baden, where you'll stay at another vintage model, Brenner's Park Hotel & Spa (49-7221-9000; doubles, \$540-\$725). —DANA DICKEY

CHECKPOINT CHARMER

Your passport takes you all over the world—show it some appreciation with a sharp new outfit.

1. Hermès, \$190 (Hermès stores)
2. Graphic Image, \$50 (saks.com)
3. Valextra, \$300 (barneys.com)



REISS

The royal bride plumped this high street mainstay's Nanette dress for her official engagement photo. It's re-released for spring; for an edgier look, check out Reiss's kicks and its retro-1971 line (114 King's Rd.; 44-20-7225-4900).

GEALES

Dubbed Chipnani by regulars, this posh fish-and-chippie opened last September a block from the KR, and Britain's chief commoner Kates (Middleton and Moss) have both dined here since (1 Cale St.; 44-20-7965-0555; entrées, \$17-\$47).

BUILDERS ARMS

Oozing down-to-earth Britishness, this young royal hangout offers a roaring fire in winter and jugs of Pimm's and lemonade in the garden in summer—plus, this being Chelsea, snacks like chateaubrand with foie gras (13 Britten St.; 44-20-7349-9040).

PROUD

The Chelsea outpost of this photography gallery channels the KR's super-cool sixties heyday with an exhibition of rockers and Road regulars in April (161 King's Rd.; 44-20-7349-0822).

RAFFLES

Prince Harry limbers up for karaoke with a dram of Johnny Walker Blue at this members' club; the Middleton sisters birthday-partied here. Put on your best plummy accent and crash the wedding-eye bash on April 28 (287 King's Rd.; 44-20-7351-4964).

FYI

Jet-lagged gents: Leave the straight-razor shave to the experts at Hommage, opening an atelier on N.Y.C.'s Upper East Side in April (605 Madison Ave.).