

TRAVEL AWARDS

BEST POOL SIX SENSES DOURO VALLEY

"It's perfectly suited to its landscape," Temple St. Clair Carr says of the pool at this getaway—a onetime manor house converted by Clodagh Design into a 50-room retreat (plus seven villas)—in Portugal's picturesque Douro Valley. Roxinho-wood decking extends right to the water's edge, obviating the need for coping, while minimalist chaise longues offer breathtaking views of the rolling terrain. Take it from Gilkes: "You can't help but unwind here." sixsenses.com



BEST BAR SOHO HOUSE ISTANBUL

"Exotic, timeless, romantic" is how Douglas Friedman describes the upstairs bar at this hotel and club, set in an 1882 palazzo in the Turkish metropolis. In updating the space, Soho House founder Nick Jones honored the room's historic character, complementing the original murals with sumptuous contemporary touches. Chimes in Bronson van Wyck, "The old makes you feel comfortable, but the new makes you feel cool." sohohouseistanbul.com



BEST RESTAURANT FAENA HOTEL MIAMI BEACH

High drama prevails at this Florida beachfront resort's trio of restaurants, among them chef Paul Qui's Asian-fusion eatery Pao (above). "They're a blend of tropical, Art Deco, and Romanesque vibes," Berkus says of the dining rooms, which were decorated by hotelier Alan Faena with the help of costume and production designer Catherine Martin and her husband, filmmaker Baz Luhrmann. "The design is adventurous but successful." faena.com —LACY MORRIS



FROM TOP: JOHN ATHIMARITIS; TODD EBERLE/COURTESY OF FAENA; COURTESY OF SOHO HOUSE ISTANBUL

THE ITALIAN SENSE OF BEAUTY



TETRIX design Michael Young



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