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Three Exciting Destinations & the Ideal Hotel to Experience Them

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SAND: The Crane Hotel, Barbados

The world-renowned swimming pool at The Crane remains the center piece of this luxury resort, being set at the top of a cliff and framed by a row of columns, overlooking the naturally spectacular Crane Beach.

The Crane is the Caribbean's first resort hotel. First opened in 1887, this truly unique property combines old-world charm and incredible natural beauty. With 252 luxuriously appointed residences and suites, this cliff-top resort looks out onto the powder pink sands of Crane Beach, voted one of the world's best beaches. The Crane goes beyond the typical Caribbean vacation packages, and offers unparalleled service and spacious, luxurious accommodation including private pools, gardens, and rooftop terraces. The resort also boasts award-winning cuisine (five restaurants, two bars), a relaxing spa and six outdoor pools including a cascading waterfall and whirlpool.

Many guests at The Crane visit simply to enjoy the resort's natural beauty and tranquility -- and spend much of their time relaxing on Crane Beach, lounging in their private pools, or tanning at the several pools overlooking the ocean. Nearby nature activities include the "Bat Cave," a natural bat habitat within walking distance of the resort, and Hawksbill turtle watching, just south of The Crane at Foul Bay. For those who wish to have a little more activity during their stay, The Crane also offers a weekly catamaran cruise for guests in residence and can book a variety of additional activities, including deep sea fishing, island tours, golf or dinner theatre shows.

Crane, St. Philip, Barbados
thecrane.com



SEA: Botel Amsterdam

With a typically Dutch sense of humor the boutique Botel is a boat that is a three star Hotel – and much more. Moored alongside the former NDSM shipyard, Botel is located at the center of a thriving arts and social community in Amsterdam. Arriving is easy - a complimentary ferry brings you from Central railway station direct to the pier where Botel is moored.

Rooms are comfortable and well appointed. The novelty however are the five unique suites – which are inside the letters B – O – T – E – L atop the main deck of the ship. Each is obviously different, designed by a different international designer and has a unique feature;

B – Comes with a halfpipe for skateboarders

O – 'o la la' is synonymous with Histoire d'O

T - The Captain's Room with its many hidden gadgets

E - A large screen 'cinema' bedroom: stream films from Eye Film

L - Embodies traditional Japanese serenity, space, quietness, minimalistic design

The Botel serves both English and continental breakfast overlooking the Cityscape and offers a unique base from which to explore this vibrant City.

NDSM-pier 3, NL-1033 RG Amsterdam
botel.nl



CITY: The Life Hotel, New York

The former headquarters of the iconic Life Magazine, this exciting new boutique hotel property is located in the trendy NoMad neighborhood located between Chelsea and Mid-Town and close to the social action ranging from Madison Square Garden to Meatpacking to the up-and-coming bars, restaurants and entertainment in NoMad itself.

The Hotel has 98 rooms with virtually no two the same layout though all boasting a combination of comfort, amenities and art.

The restaurant Henry at Life Hotel, serves up a menu of crowd-pleasing shareable plates from BR Guest alum chef Michael Vignola. Expect dishes like a burrata with kabocha squash, pizzas, pastas, and roasted chicken thighs.

The Hotel also boasts a speak-easy style cocktail bar Gibson + Luce, situated below ground level and carrying on its heritage in an area where staffers at Life Magazine would congregate after a stressful day for an impromptu drink...

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