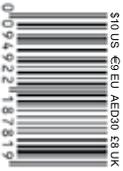


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# FOUR BY FOUR SEASONS



**THE GOING APPEARS TO BE GOOD FOR FOUR SEASONS HOTELS AND Resorts.** The five-star stalwart is plugging four new properties into the Americas in the coming years, with a total of 12 hotels currently in the pipeline for late 2015 and 2016. The 64-room Four Seasons Hotel Bogotá arrives early 2016 hot on the heels of Hotel Casa Medina Bogotá, which debuted just a few months ago. Hotel Bogotá is billed as a destination for gourmands, attracting cultural explorers and travellers wooed by the city’s rich history and contemporary art scene.

The other three new properties are dotted around the US; the largest of which will be situated in Oahu, Hawaii. The 358-room Four Seasons Resort O’ahu at Ko Olina has a beachfront location on the island’s sunset coast, with access to

historic sites, shopping and preferred access to the Ko Olina Golf Club. The similarly exotic Four Seasons Hotel The Surf Club will open late 2016 with 40 beach cabanas within 3.6 hectares of landscaped gardens. The fourth Four Seasons in the Sunshine State will feature 150 Private Residences by Richard Meier & Partners. A little more urban, but just as luxe, is the upcoming Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown, set to open summer 2016. The 185-room hotel will be located in the TriBeCa neighbourhood of lower Manhattan, just a stroll from the new World Trade Center, Wall Street and SoHo. A total of 157 Private Residences will be opened alongside an exclusive spa and fitness facility, event spaces and a street-level restaurant and bar concept.

**DON'T MISS**

**ONE OF JAPAN’S TOP ARTISTS HAS DEBUTED HIS WORK IN THE US FOR THE FIRST TIME – IN THE SEEMINGLY UNLIKELY VENUE OF THE SHOPS AT CRYSTALS IN LAS VEGAS. “HOTO” (2008) – A 5.4-M MIRRORED PAGODA FEATURING 3,827 LED DISPLAYS THAT’S INSPIRED BY BUDDHIST SCRIPTURE – HAS ONLY PREVIOUSLY BEEN SHOWCASED IN JAPAN AND CHINA**

## CRYSTAL CLEARS THE WAY

It’s all about a dichotomous and disparate experience for the newly announced Crystal Cruise itineraries. A host of new voyages around the Caribbean, South America and Antarctica will commence in 2017, which can already be booked – with early-bird discounts on offer until December 30, 2015. The luxury cruise liner is offering its first world tour to alight in Alaska in 10 years. The 94-day journey celebrates 25 years of sailing and will bring back former ship

captains as well as the company’s own VIP guests. The voyage is composed of six segments that range from 10-23 days, setting sail from Miami on January 10, 2017. The tour touches down in Panama, Ecuador, Grenada and Barbados – among many others. The all-inclusive full World Cruise fares begin at US\$35,340 per person if booked in 2015, and includes special on-board programmes, two exclusive shoreside events, and \$1,000 “As You Wish” ship credit.



# HOW TO PERUSE PERU



**THE VAST AMAZON RAINFOREST SPRAWLS** across the South American continent – almost five-and-a-half-million square kilometres of predominantly dense jungle that holds nationality in nine sovereign nations. One of those is Peru, a country perhaps not often associated with luxury travel – although

there is a way to explore the country’s lushly lined rivers in comfort and style. Aqua Expeditions has recently renovated two of its Peruvian vessels: the *Aqua Amazon* and the *Aria Amazon*. With 16 and 12 cabins respectively, both ships offer local cuisine, spacious suites with oversized windows, and outdoor

observation decks where you can spot wildlife on the Ucayali, Marañón and Dorado rivers while breathing in air from within the lungs of the earth. Boat designer and architect Jordi Puig has updated the boats with all-new woodwork, paint, floors, upholstered furniture, wall coverings, light fixtures and tiles.

## PORTLAND’S GOT GAME

**A HIP BOUTIQUE IN OREGON IS LOOKING** to attract gamers with a recently unveiled space touting a grand name: The Colosseum. The Dawson Design Associates upgrade puts a modern aesthetic on an adult playroom, with a pool table, shuffleboard, full-size Connect-4, and vertical corn hole (an American game that involves tossing beanbags onto a board with a hole). “The Colosseum is unlike any other meeting space in downtown and we are excited for the creative opportunity this new event space will provide meeting and event planners in the city and beyond,” explains one of the hotel’s execs.



## THE GREAT F-SCAPES

**FAIRMONT HAS PROUDLY LAUNCHED A COLLECTION OF 42 INSIDER TRAVEL** experiences across its North American properties. The nattily titled “F-scapes” are tailored exclusively for guests and are designed to connect travellers with their locale. One of the programme’s highlights is “Shaken, Not Stirred” by Fairmont Le Château Frontenac. Guests are invited to explore the artistry and alchemy of classic cocktails at the Québec City hotel, with a private 60-minute workshop given by one of the hotel’s seasoned mixologists. Participants top off the evening by creating their very own cocktail, which will be added to their Fairmont President’s Club profile. The means no matter which Fairmont they visit, anywhere in the world, their own personalised concoction can be served – however they like it.