

Adventure & Travel



To'ak, the world's most expensive chocolate (\$270/50g bar), partners with Brown & Hudson to offer a choco-centric trip to Ecuador. **Heart of Darkness: Chocolate's Untold Story.** "It is like a wine trip to Bordeaux or a whisky trip to Scotland," says Jerry Toth, To'ak's founder. Twelve guests travel by private jet from Quito to virgin cloud forests, the To'ak cacao plantation, and a swank retreat on the Pacific where an Alain Ducasse alum helms the restaurant. Chocolate tastings daily (above). \$25,000/person/six nights; brownandhudson.com

Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills launches cultural-and-culinary package **Night of the Arts**, which includes a corner suite, dinner at Jean-Georges Beverly Hills, and a chauffeured Rolls-Royce Phantom to an evening performance at the dramatic Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. From \$1,170/night; waldorfastoria.com

The eyes of the world were on Texas 50 years ago when Neil Armstrong reported



from the moon, "Houston, the Eagle has landed." To celebrate this historic anniversary, **The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston** partners with the Johnson Space Center for an out-of-this-world package (above): a private guided tour of the space center, lunch with an astronaut, and more. \$10,000/three days of VIP treatment; thepostoakhotel.com

In the new global sailing league **SailGP** (below), six national teams compete in short-format, inshore stadium racing to win a cool \$1 million. See the supercharged



F-50 catamarans in action: New York City, June 21–22; Cowes (UK), August 10–11; and Marseille (for the finals), September 20–22. The league has launched an app for spectators to watch the races on their smartphones in real time. sailGP.com

According to legend, golf evolved as an 18-hole game because a bottle of Scotch contains 18 shots. The **Whisky & Iron** package at The Machrie Hotel & Golf Links on Scotland's famed island of Islay combines single malts and rounds of golf on a links course where golfers have been teeing off since 1891. \$1,615/three nights, including Scottish breakfasts; campbellgrayhotels.com

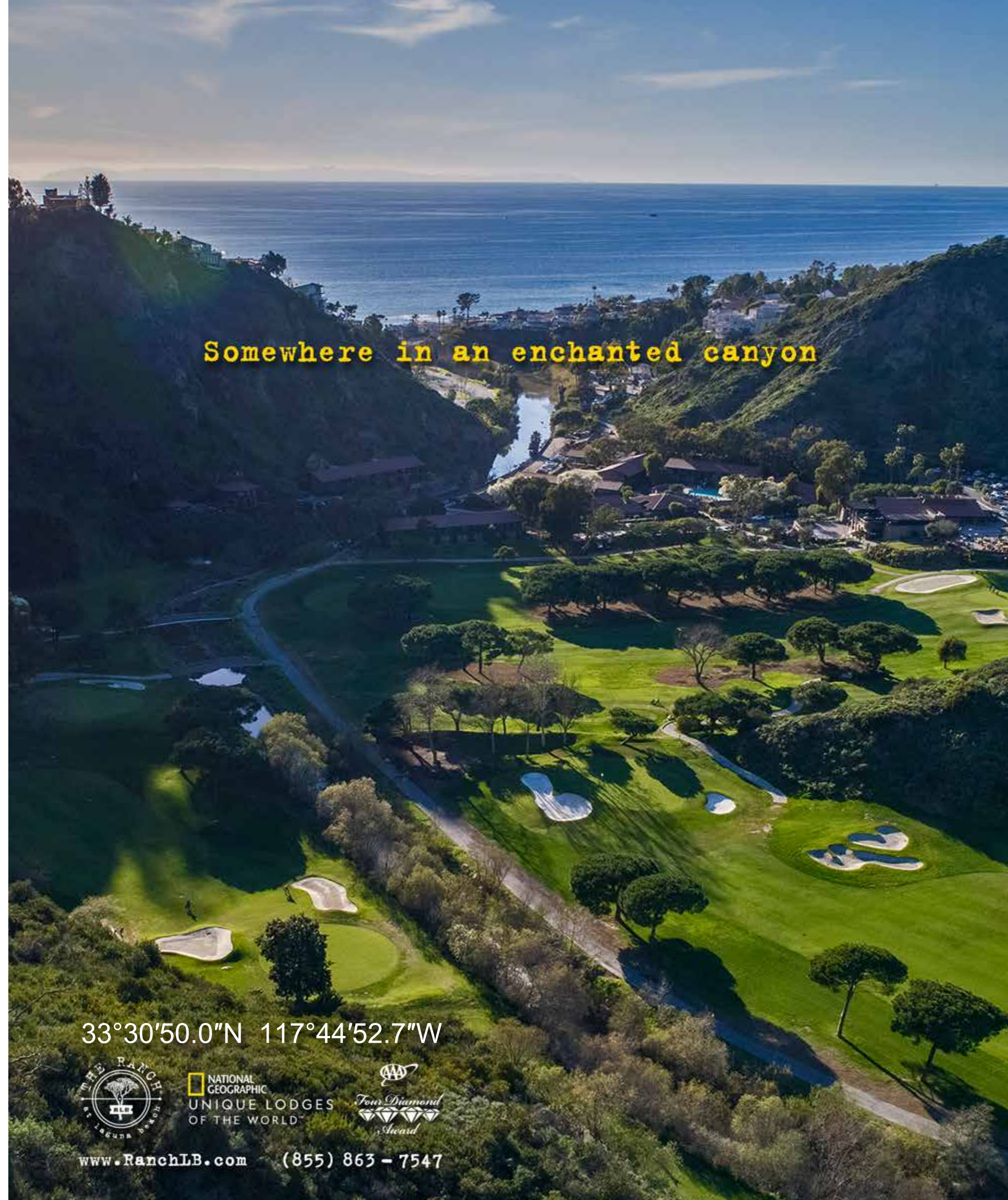
Opening this summer at California's Ojai Valley Inn, **The Farmhouse at Ojai** will host the resort's elaborate culinary events such as a family-style lunch with Ruth Reichl; a multi-course pasta dinner by Nancy Silverton and Evan Funke; a meat-centric dinner by Tuscan butcher Dario Cecchini; as well as winemaker dinners, tastings, signings, and garden parties. ojaivalleyinn.com

Are Everest or K2 on the bucket list? Spend 10 days arranged by operator **Remote Lands** aerial gallivanting through the Himalayas by hopping from peak to peak via helicopter accompanied by experienced Sherpa guides. Nights in high-altitude lodges (with Wi-Fi). From \$35,000/person; remotelands.com

The **Artist in Residence Program at the Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina** showcases the work of Hawaiian artists like Eduardo Bolioli, who began his career in Honolulu painting surfboards for pro surfers. Now, local flora, sea creatures, and people inhabit his richly colorful works. Book a specialty suite for four nights to get a \$1,500 credit toward an art purchase. Suites from \$5,530/night; fourseasons.com

Jackie O and Ari sailed the Aegean aboard their 325-foot yacht *Christina*. Now you and 33 of your closest friends can too—aboard the meticulously restored and rechristened **Christina O**. All the original glam remains intact, including opulent lapis fireplaces, marble baths, and the Steinway where Maria Callas and Frank Sinatra performed. The crew of 38 includes a Michelin-starred chef. From \$626,500/week; yachtcharterfleet.com ♦

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