

Check-in



ART OF THE MATTER

San Francisco's first new luxury establishment in four years sits at the hub of the city's cultural district. The 260-room St Regis Hotel rubs shoulders with the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, overlooks the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts and itself houses the recently opened Museum of the African Diaspora. Rooms start from \$US400 (\$540). 125 3rd Street, San Francisco, USA. +1 (415) 284 4000; www.starwoodhotels.com/stregis



GOOD MANORS

Complete with butlers and housemaids, Hobart's newly restored Islington doesn't skimp on any of the colonial luxury an original 1847 mansion demands. The 158-year-old National Trust-listed building now sports a new wing and glass conservatory. Sip Champagne on the marble terrace and gaze at Mount Wellington. Rooms from \$400. 321 Davey Street, Hobart, Tas. (03) 6220 2123; www.islingtonhotel.com



BALI ROUND-UP

Rachel Oakes-Ash investigates luxury lodgings on Indonesia's holiday isle.

KARMA JIMBARAN BAY

www.karmajimbaran.com

Think 38 seriously stylish villas. Think 24-hour room service and a private butler. Think infinity pools and sunken tubs beneath the stars for late-night soaking. Then add the Di Mare fine-dining restaurant with Warholesque Buddha feature wall and dramatic lighting. And stay for the garden martini.

THE VICEROY-UBUD

www.theviceroybali.com

With VIP transfer from Bali airport, you can arrive at The Viceroy by helicopter. A masterpiece of architectural engineering, the hotel perches on the cliffs over the Petanu River gorge. Rainforest views, private swimming pools and the Lembah Spa. You can choose from 11 suites.

KARMA KANDARA, ULUWATU

www.karmakandara.com

Atop the Uluwatu peninsula with sweeping views and direct access to the cliff-base beach, Kandara will feature a day spa carved out of the cliff, a three-tiered pool with restaurant and 36 villas on stilts with ocean-view pools. Due to open in July 2006.

SWEET SUITES

The massive new presidential suite at the Intercontinental Hong Kong boasts a wraparound terrace, a rooftop infinity pool, jacuzzi and views of Victoria Harbour and Hong Kong Island. Choose between a Bentley, Rolls Royce or Mercedes limousine for your trip to and from the airport. One night in the suite will cost \$HK87,000 (\$15,000) plus taxes. 18 Salisbury Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong. +852 2721 1211; www.intercontinental.com