

NEKAJVI

A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE
PENINSULA PAPAGAYO

WHERE NATURE, CULTURE
& QUIET LUXURY MEET

THE MOST EXCLUSIVE
EXPRESSION OF THE
RITZ-CARLTON

A rare collection of intimate resorts,
each deeply rooted in place

Created for travelers seeking meaning, privacy,
and emotional connection.



First Ritz-Carlton Reserve in
Central & South America.



GUANACASTE, COSTA RICA

A destination that balances accessibility
with untouched nature

Fly into Liberia International Airport (LIR)

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30–45 minutes from runway to arrival

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Adjacent to Área de Conservación Guanacaste,
UNESCO World Heritage Site

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1 A globally protected ecosystem where biodiversity and untouched nature define the experience. **2** Raw landscapes and ancestral trails that reveal Costa Rica’s natural heritage. **3** One of the country’s most important wildlife refuges, ideal for birdwatching and river exploration. **4** A hidden world of caves and limestone formations, offering true adventure beneath the surface. **5** A living volcanic landscape of waterfalls, thermal activity, and dramatic terrain. **6** A quieter volcanic setting known for its geothermal energy and expansive views. **7** An iconic Costa Rican landmark, blending rainforest, hot springs, and adventure.

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PENINSULA PAPAGAYO

A Destination in Itself

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1,400 acres of
protected land

One of the world's
most prestigious
five-star destinations

Destination
Experiences

Arnold Palmer
Signature
Championship Golf
Course

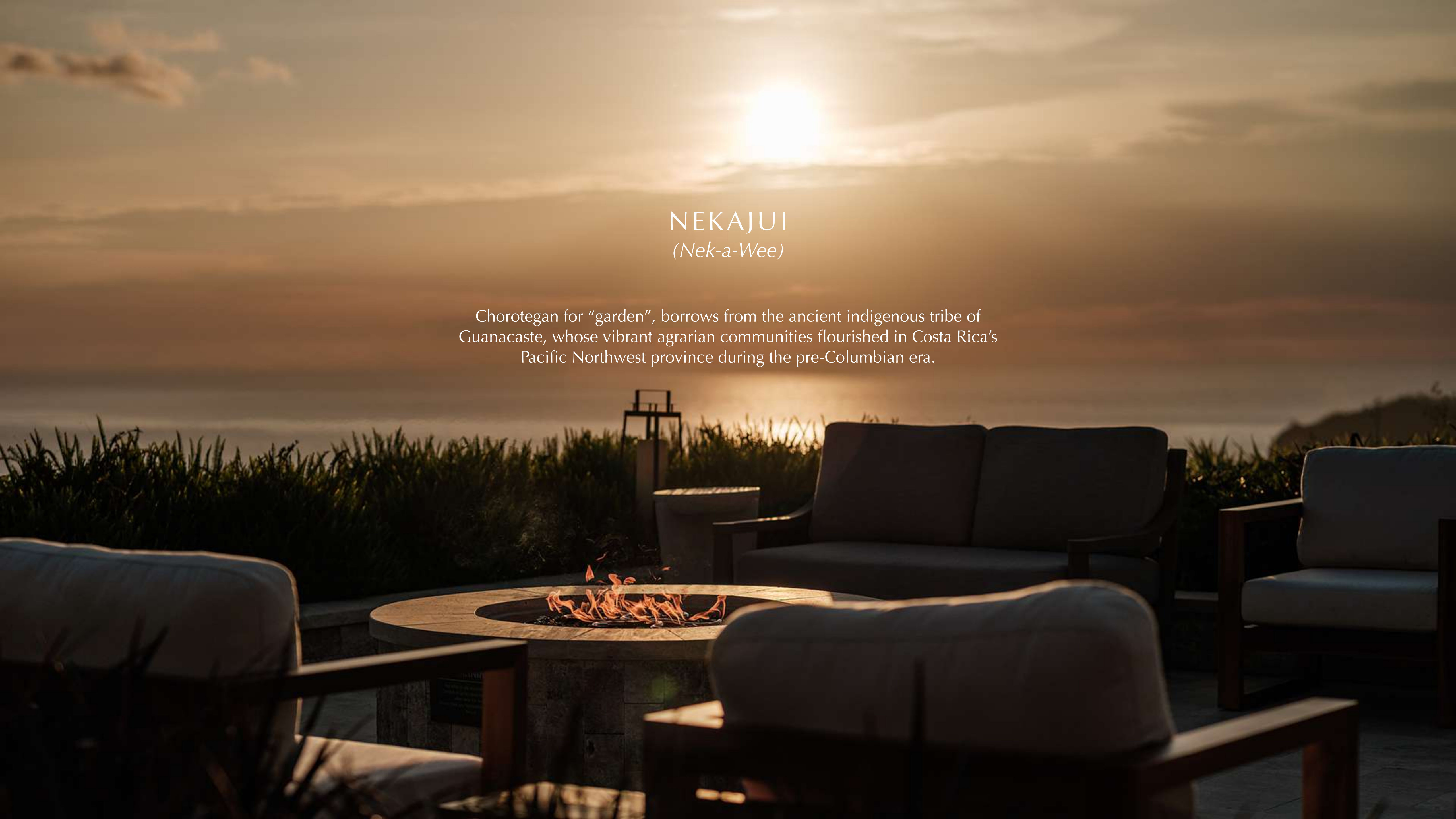
Papagayo Park:
next-generation
recreational and
wellness experiences

Papagayo Explorers:
guided nature &
marine adventures

SurfX curated surf
experiences

Sailing, snorkeling,
paddle boarding &
beaches



A photograph of an outdoor patio at sunset. In the foreground, there is a circular stone fire pit with a fire burning inside. Surrounding the fire pit are several modern lounge chairs with light-colored cushions. In the background, there is a low wall or railing, and beyond that, a body of water and a distant shoreline under a sky with soft, golden light from the setting sun.

NEKAJUI

(Nek-a-Wee)

Chorotegan for “garden”, borrows from the ancient indigenous tribe of Guanacaste, whose vibrant agrarian communities flourished in Costa Rica’s Pacific Northwest province during the pre-Columbian era.

MODERN CHOROTEGA HACIENDA

Every space is designed to foster connection
and belonging.

Architecture inspired by Chorotega heritage

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Sacred Ceiba tree at the heart of the resort

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Social spaces designed to foster connection (Casona,
The Lawn, among others)

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WHY NEKAJUI

Low-density layout designed for space,
silence, and discretion

Cliffside positioning offering natural separation and
uninterrupted views

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A sense of privacy rarely found in destination resorts

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Manzu Personal Host, a single point of contact
throughout the stay

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Architecture inspired by Chorotega heritage,
reimagined through contemporary design

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A living art destination with over 550 curated Latin
American works

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Full access to Peninsula Papagayo's world-class
amenities

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FACILITIES THAT SHAPE THE EXPERIENCE

Seamless comfort and connection,
shaped by the landscape

Pools & Beaches: saltwater pools, plunge pools,
cabanas, and access to protected beaches

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Funicular & Bridge: scenic connections between
the cliffside resort and the shoreline

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Family Spaces: kids club and family-friendly
areas

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Curated retail spaces

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Outdoor Flow: trails, pathways, and open-air
gathering spaces

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ACCOMODATIONS

A Range of Accommodations Designed
for Every Type of Stay

Hotel Accommodations (107)

Reserve Rooms and Suites offering ocean or
forest views, expansive layouts, seamless
indoor-outdoor living

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Signature Stays

Three Treetop Tented Suites immersed in the
forest canopy and the Nekajui Grand Villa, ideal
for families or groups seeking privacy

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Private Residences (36)

Three- to five-bedroom residences designed for
extended stays and multigenerational travel

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Villa Guayacán

An ultra-private ten-bedroom estate overlooking
Pochote Bay, created for exclusive use and
exceptional gatherings

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Reserve
Rooms





Suites





Villas



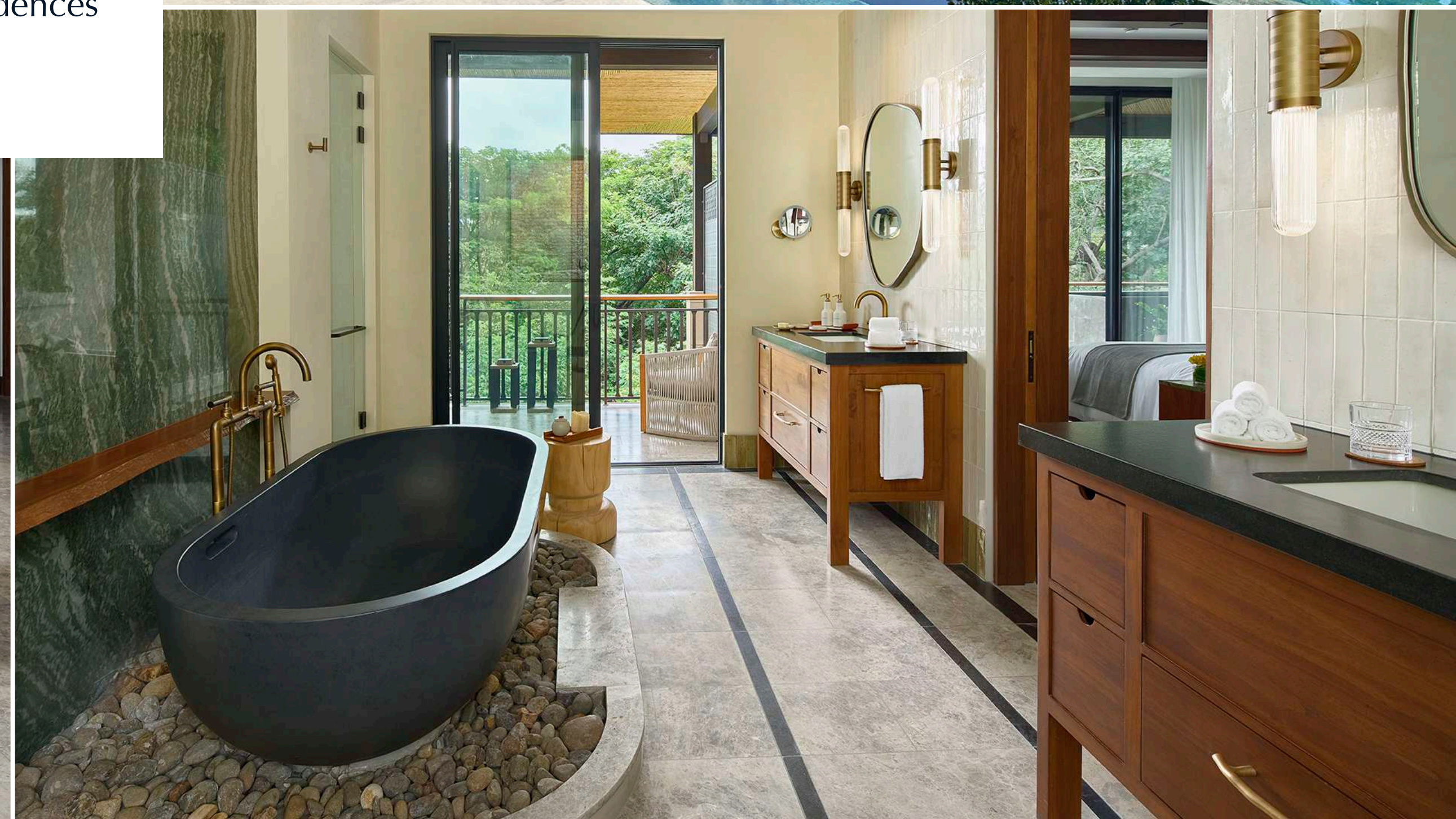
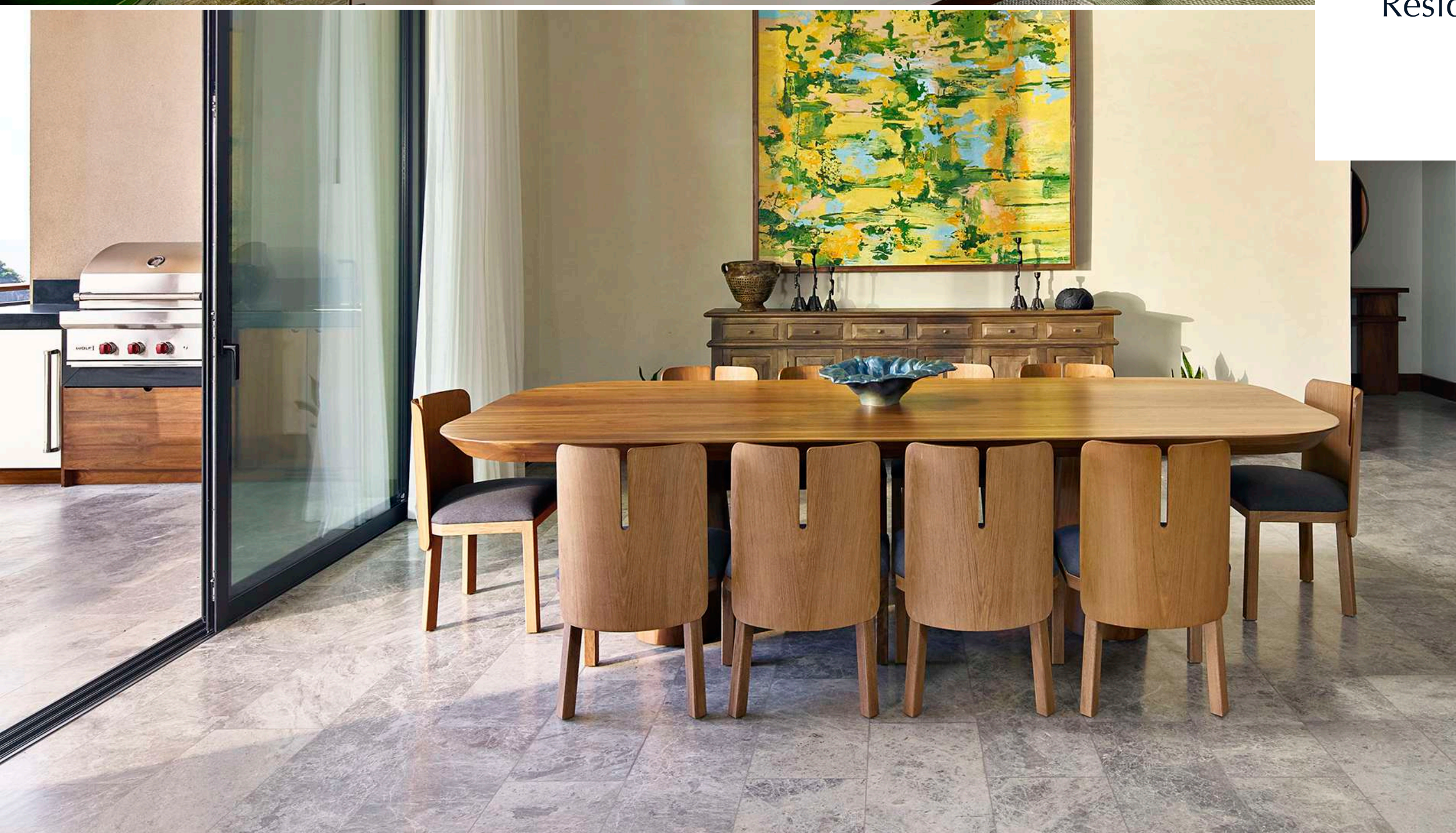


Treetops





Residences

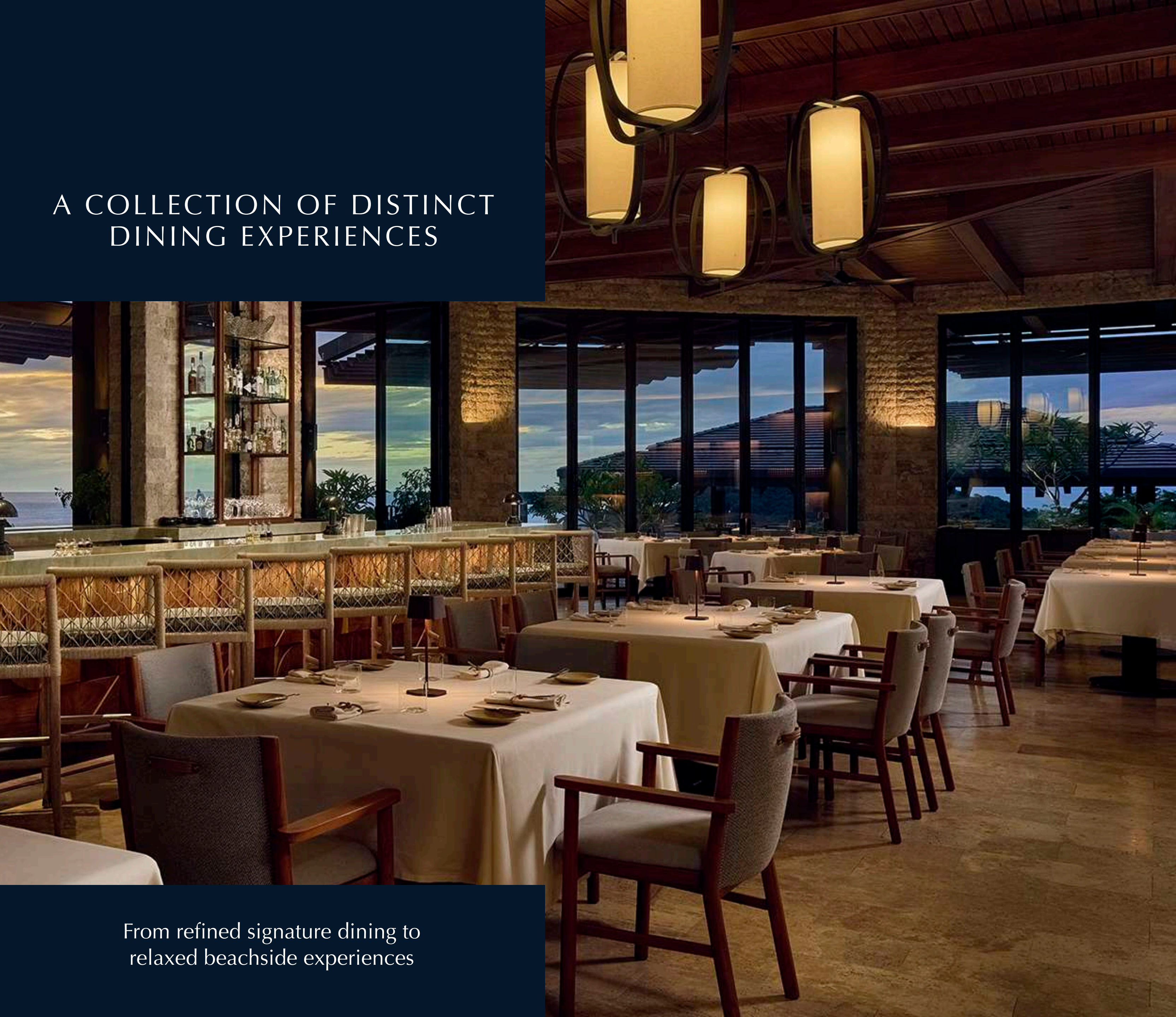




Villa
Guayacán



A COLLECTION OF DISTINCT
DINING EXPERIENCES

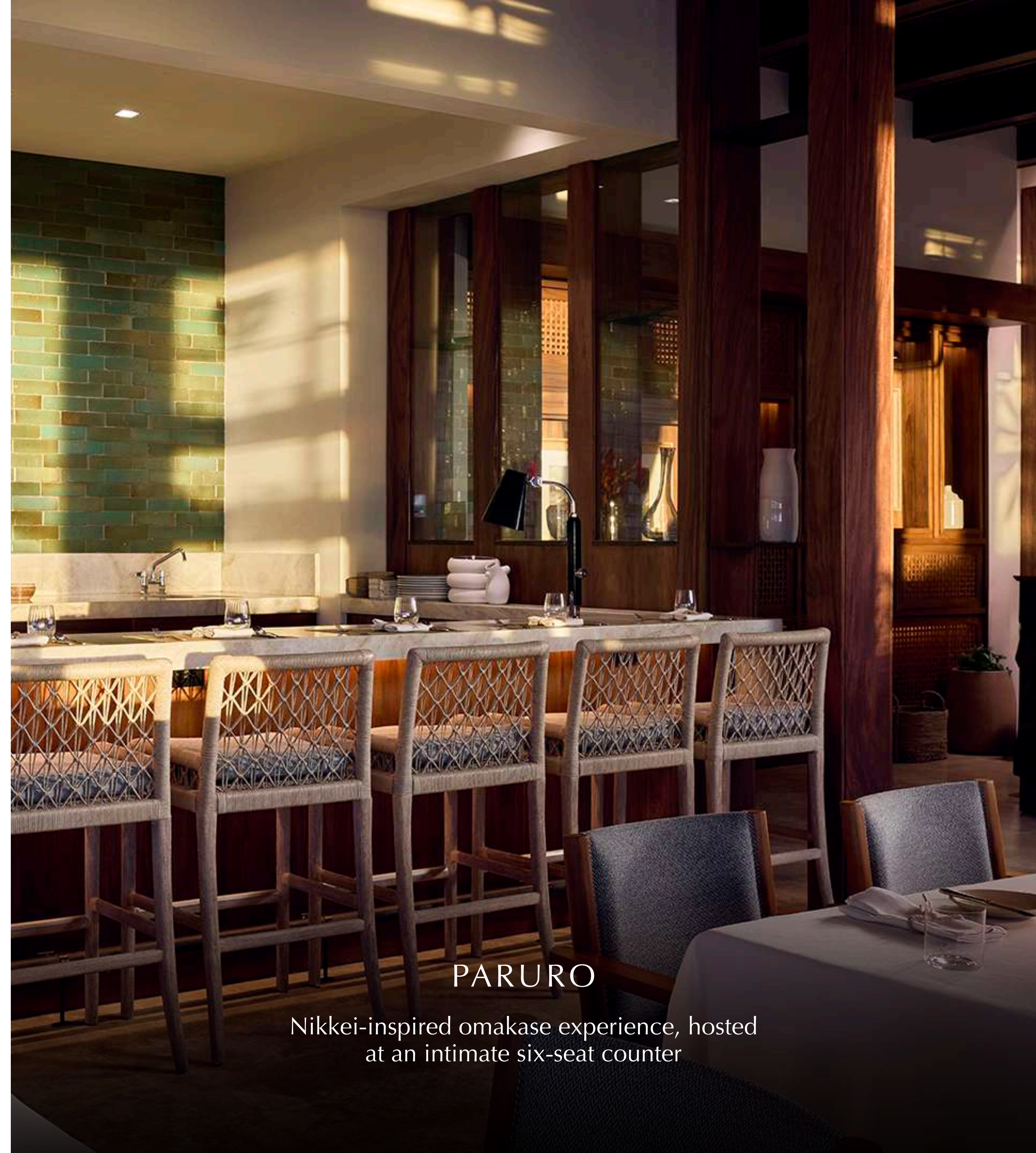


From refined signature dining to
relaxed beachside experiences



PUNA

Signature restaurant by acclaimed Chef Diego Muñoz, reinterpreting modern Peruvian cuisine with wild sophistication and local ingredients



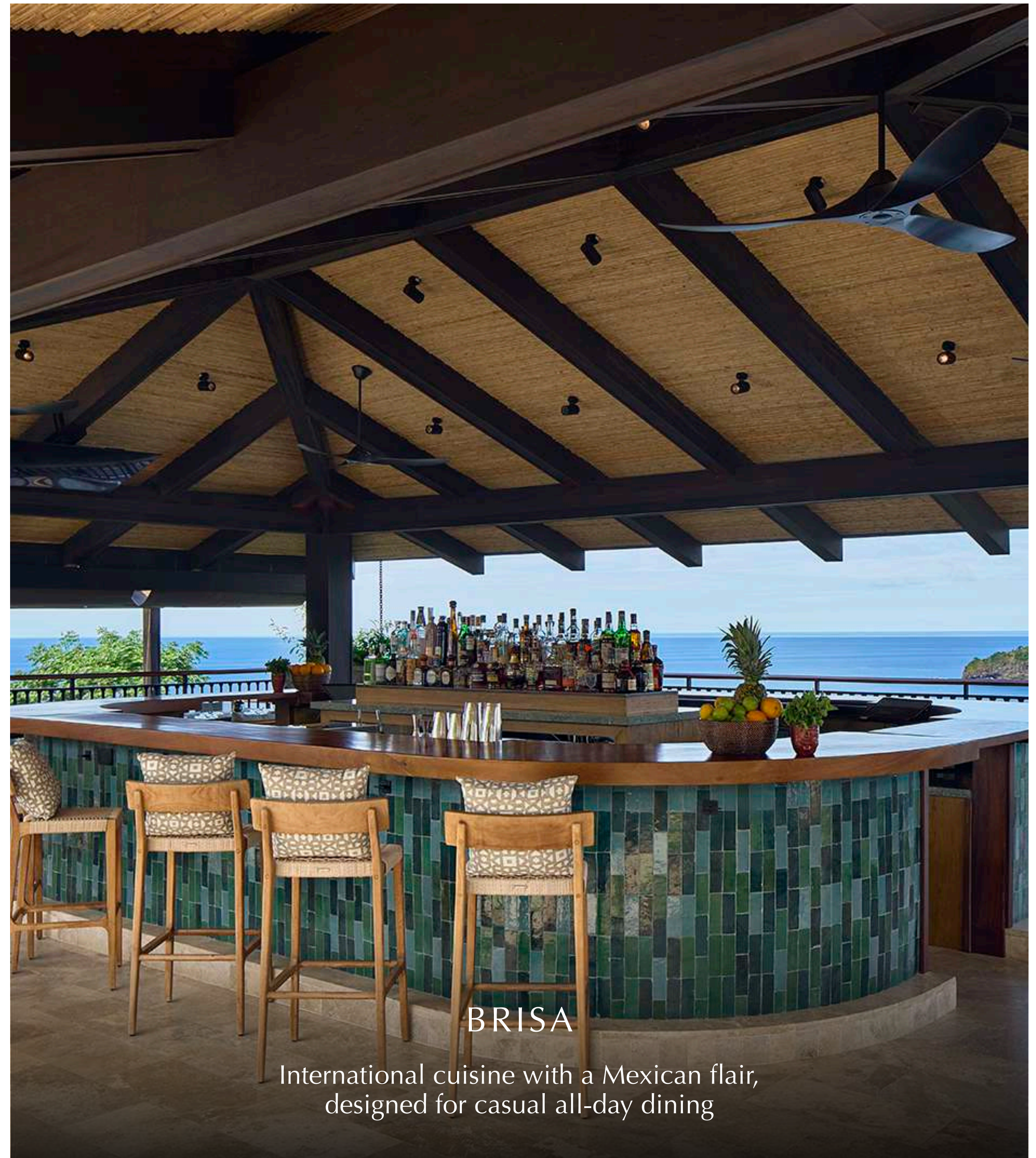
PARURO

Nikkei-inspired omakase experience, hosted at an intimate six-seat counter



NIRI BEACH CLUB

Iberian-inspired beachside cuisine with a focus on fresh seafood and grill



BRISA

International cuisine with a Mexican flair, designed for casual all-day dining



MIRADOR

À la carte international breakfast with
traditional favorites



LA CASONA BAR

Botanical-forward cocktails inspired by
local herbs and gardens



ÁMBAR

Sunset bar offering curated alcoholic
and non-alcoholic cocktails



COOPER'S

Refined speakeasy cocktail lounge
with bespoke mixology



CAFÉ RINCÓN

Coffee, cacao, pastries, and light bites
celebrating Costa Rican heritage

DINING BEYOND

Personalized culinary experiences beyond traditional restaurants, where nature, gastronomy, and meaningful moments come together

A collection of secluded private dining settings immersed in forest, beach, and ocean views

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Designed for couples, families, and small groups seeking privacy and intimacy

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Locations include treetop terraces, beach settings, pool cabanas, and intimate indoor venues

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Menus curated with locally sourced ingredients, tailored to guest preferences and dietary needs

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WELL-BEING ROOTED IN NATURE

A holistic approach to wellness, deeply
connected to the land and its traditions

A 27,000 sq ft spa sanctuary inspired by water,
nature, and ancestral healing traditions

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Home to one of the largest hydrotherapy pools in
Central America, designed for deep restoration

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Signature treatments featuring volcanic mud,
mineral-rich elements, and native botanicals

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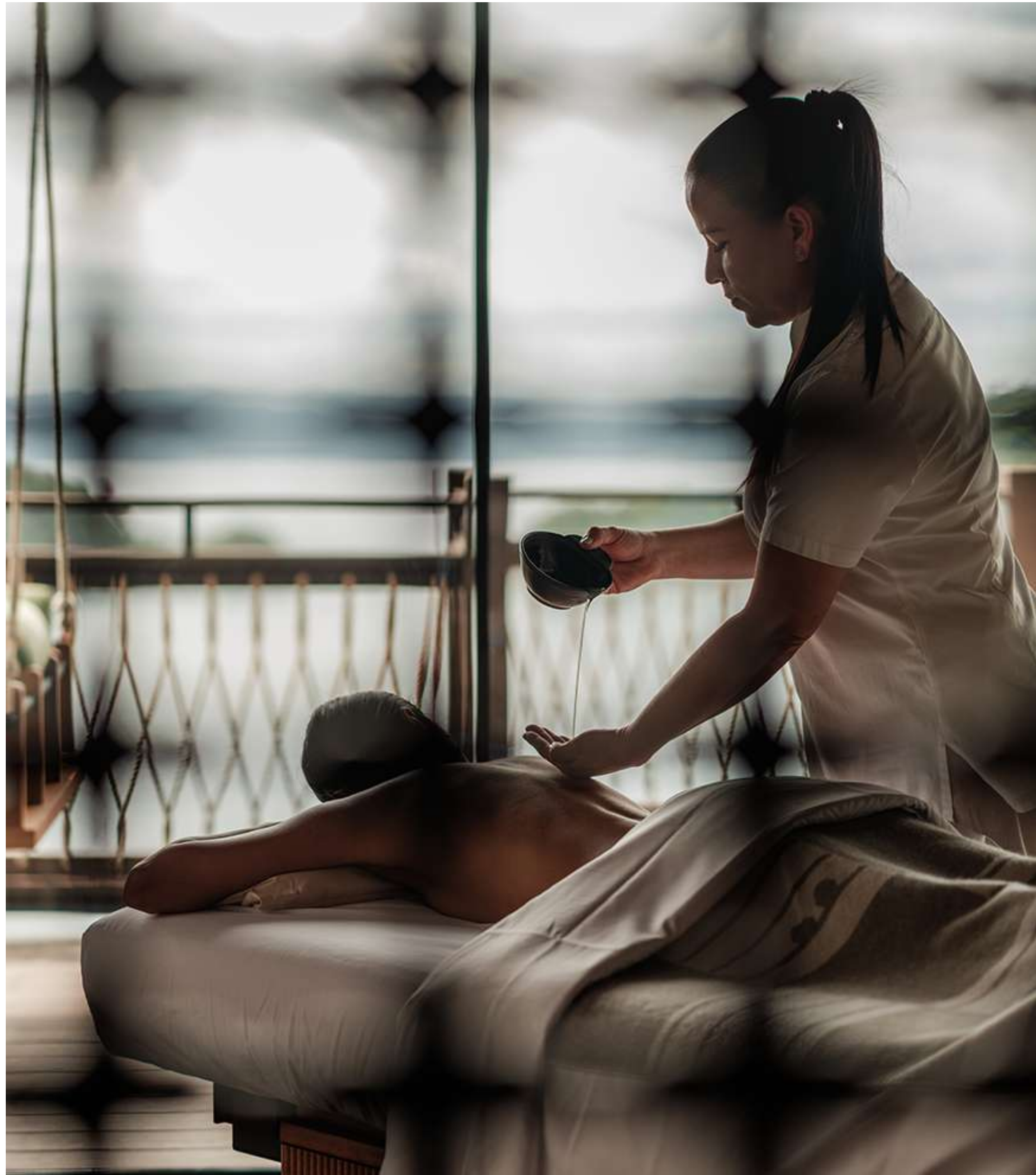
Chorotega-inspired rituals, sound healing, and
vibrational therapies

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Treetop wellness experiences created to reconnect
body, mind, and surroundings

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MEANINGFUL CELEBRATIONS

From life's great celebrations to quiet,
unforgettable moments

Intimate weddings immersed in nature,
designed with a sense of place

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Vow renewals in secluded, emotionally
resonant settings

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Marriage proposals curated in unique
locations across the Reserve

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Cliffside, garden, beach, and cultural venues
for highly personalized celebrations

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RECOGNITION THAT
MATTERS

AHEAD Americas Awards 2025
Design Recognition

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World Travel Awards 2025
Nominated Leading New Resort

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Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards 2025
Recognized Property

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Peninsula Papagayo
Global Destination Awards for Sustainability



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Openings of 2025

be a banner year for hotels.

Guanacaste, Costa Rica

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ld-renowned Peruvian chef Diego
—a never-ending menu of outdoor
canopy tours and horseback riding

VOGUE

This Buzzy New Resort on Costa Rica's Peninsula Papagayo Is Both Intimate and Epic

BY JULIA ESKINS
May 12, 2025



Photo: Rafael Lührs

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RECOGNITION THAT MATTERS

VOGUE

The 26 Most Anticipated Hotel Openings of 2025

Nekajui, Peninsula Papagayo, Costa Rica (Winter 2025)



Courtesy of Ritz-Carlton

Tucked away in Peninsula Papagayo's 1,400-acre canvas of dry tropical forest is Nekajui, a new ultra-luxury resort from Ritz-Carlton. Guest rooms begin at a sprawling 872 square feet (and if you opt to stay in one of the treetop tents, it's even more spacious). Spend your day at the beach or by the pool... or going on an adventure within the jungle, like canoeing through mangroves. Afterwards, indulge in Peruvian-Japanese omakase at the hotel's Puna restaurant.

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The Most Exciting in 2025

The hotel openings to watch this year, a
Reserve resort in Costa Rica, a castle be

Nekajui, a Ritz-Carlton



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restaurant.

TRAVEL+
LEISURE

The Most Exciting New Hotels Opening in 2025

The hotel openings to watch this year, according to nine industry experts—including a Ritz-Carlton Reserve resort in Costa Rica, a castle hotel in France, and a safari lodge in Rwanda.

Nekajui, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, Costa Rica



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THE STAY
VILLA
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THE JUST OPENED Ritz-Carlton Reserve at Peninsula Papagayo brings the brand's iconic combination of nature meets luxury meets sustainability to the coveted Costa Rican resort enclave, while Villa Guayacan offers one of the most decadent and expansive villas in Central America. The sprawling 17,000-square-foot estate feels like its own resort, complete with 10 bedrooms, an Olympic-size swimming pool, five additional plunge pools, four private cabanas, two commercial-grade kitchens, multiple outdoor kitchens, a private screening room, a yoga pavilion, a full gym, and a private spa suite. Outside the compound, guests can charter a boat and explore the numerous nearby pristine beaches, play a round of golf at the 18-hole Arnold Palmer Signature course, dine at Nekajui's seven restaurants and bars, or immerse in wellness at the resort's Nidua Spa, where treatments are inspired by the country's indigenous Blue Zone longevity. [ritzcarlton.com](#)



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THE AGENCY

Condé Nast
Traveler

The Most Exciting Hotel Openings of 2025

Across six (almost seven) continents, it's going to be a banner year for hotels.

Nekajui, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve—Guanacaste, Costa Rica

Taken from the Chorotega word for "lush garden," Nekajui lives up to its name: It's nestled overlooking Playa Pochote on the Peninsula Papagayo development, which under Costa Rican law must remain at least 70% untouched. This hotel is a celebration of everything that travelers love about this part of Costa Rica where the rainforest meets the sea. Local touches abound, from the spa which incorporates philosophies and botanicals of the Nicoya people, to the locally-sourced woods and stones used in building. This being a Ritz-Carlton, there's plenty of luxurious food and beverage to explore too, from coffee and cacao rituals, to treetop private dining venues, to a signature restaurant from world-renowned Peruvian chef Diego Muñoz. You're going to have built up an appetite, after all—a never-ending menu of outdoor activities like deep-sea fishing, snorkeling, surfing, forest canopy tours and horseback riding ensures you'll never have a dull moment.

BOOK A STAY WITH RITZ-CARLTON

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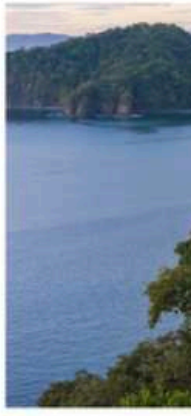


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