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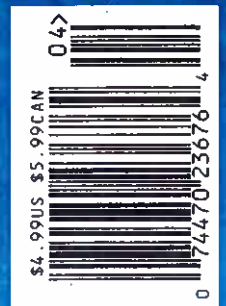
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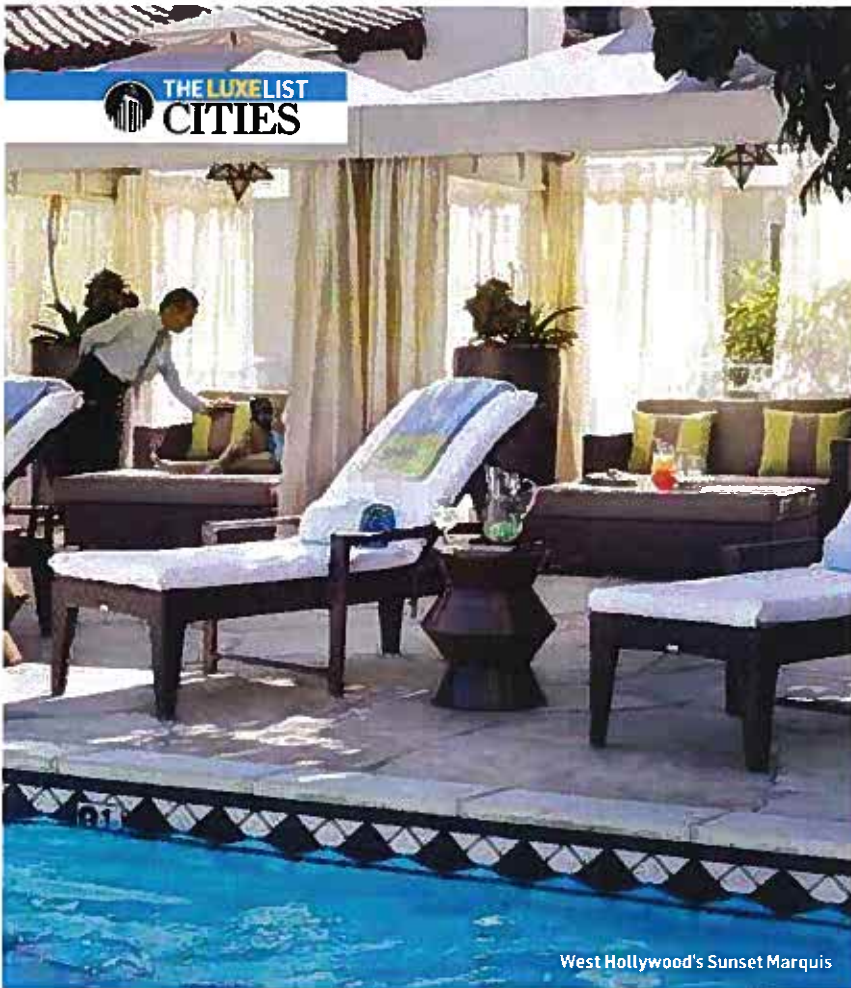
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## AWARDS ISSUE

THE 50 SMART SPLURGES AND  
GREAT VALUES WE LOVED IN 2010

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West Hollywood's Sunset Marquis



Hong Kong



New Orleans's International House

**1 New Orleans**

*Indulge in the Big Easy*  
**SHERMAN'S EXCLUSIVE**

**THE LUXURY** Just blocks from the French Quarter, International House is a boutique hotel that exudes a decadently plush vibe without feeling gaudy or outdated. Johnny Depp's designer of choice, LM Pagano, renovated the 1906 Beaux Arts building three years ago. It now showcases antique velvets, objets d'art from around the world, and room details that tastefully pay homage to the Big Easy's jazz history. The 117 rooms include spalike bathrooms, Aveda bath amenities, and complimentary Wi-Fi access.

**THE VALUE** Book by February 13 for stays through the end of March and get a deluxe queen room for \$199/night, a 25 percent savings. On-site extras for *Smart Luxury Travel* readers include two drinks at voodoo-chic bar Loa and breakfast at Basque-influenced restaurant Rambla.

**THE CATCH** Some dates are not available, including several days before and during Mardi Gras (from late February to early March).

**THE DETAILS** 800/633-5770 (mention Luxe List); ihhotel.com



**2 West Hollywood, Calif.**

*Get the Celebrity Treatment in LA*  
**SHERMAN'S EXCLUSIVE**

**THE LUXURY** The Sunset Marquis is a favorite hideaway for celebrities like George Clooney, Brad Pitt, and Angelina Jolie. The 150 suites and villas located right off LA's Sunset Strip deliver star treatment with Frette linens, marble bathrooms, and balconies; the deluxe suites and villas provide great garden views. The spa pampers guests with Porsche massage beds and Erbe herbal products. Dine on French contemporary cuisine with a California twist at Restaurant, and unwind with Hollywood A-listers at Bar 1200.

**THE VALUE** Readers booking a deluxe one-bedroom suite (from \$330/night) in January, March, and April will get upgraded to a deluxe one-bedroom villa (if available), an extra 30 minutes when booking a 50-minute facial or massage, and daily breakfast, all worth \$290.

**THE CATCH** The package is not available in February, during awards season.

**THE DETAILS** 310/657-1222 (mention Luxe List); sunsetmarquis.com



**3 China and Hong Kong**

*Explore an Ancient Culture*  
**SHERMAN'S EXCLUSIVE**

**THE LUXURY** Top China tour specialist Wendy Wu Tours offers a 12-night sampler itinerary mixing well-known attractions with lesser-known charms. A China Experience for *Smart Luxury Travel* readers includes a mainland visit and a Hong Kong extension, with excursions led by expert local guides. Highlights include the Terracotta Warriors in Xian, the Forbidden City in Beijing, and cosmopolitan Shanghai.

**THE VALUE** Rates start at \$2,880 and include airfare from LA or New York, stays at four-star hotels, most meals, tours, entertainment, transfers, and visa fees. Readers will receive perks totaling \$320, including a spa package and a guided day trip to Macau or a sunset dinner cruise in Hong Kong.

**THE CATCH** The group tours typically include 20 or fewer travelers. An upgrade to a private tour runs an extra \$800 a person.

**THE DETAILS** 877/993-6399 (mention *Smart Luxury Travel*); wendywuschina.com



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