

# Santa Barbara

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# GETAWAYS



The Royal Suite.

## The Royal Treatment

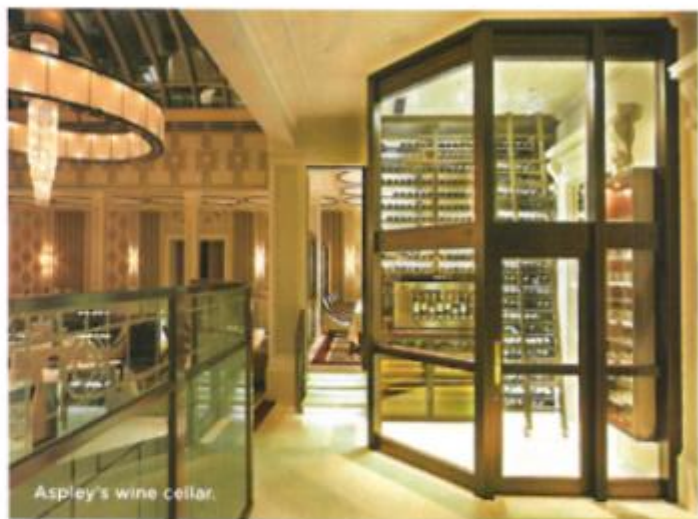
A STONE'S THROW AWAY from Buckingham Palace, London's **Lanesborough** is requisite for a stay as luxurious as it is charmingly British. Located in the heart of the city—opposite from the idyllic Hyde Park Corner and a stroll from famed shopping meccas Harrods and Harvey Nichols—the 19th century estate turned luxury >



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hotel invites guests to relax in its 95 rooms and 43 suites, which are befit with Regency Era-inspired decor. The hotel's Royal Suite enchants with exclusive views of the nearby Constitution Arch, while the Alberto Pinto-designed Lanesborough Suite's four bedrooms, five and a half bathrooms, two living rooms, dining room, and kitchen offer the utmost in luxury, including a complimentary chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce and an around-the-clock butler. Beyond that, the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant, Aspley's, serves up Italian and Mediterranean-inspired fare such as tortelli with duck and black truffle. After a day of sightseeing and shopping, refresh in the Spa Studio with the La Prairie nourishing caviar body treatment, then head to the hotel's intimate Library Bar and sip vintage cognacs or custom cocktails while lounging in wingback chairs amid walls of leather-bound books and a crackling fireplace. —MEGAN MEYER

**THE LANESBOROUGH** Hyde Park Corner, London, England, 011-44-20-7259-5599, lanesborough.com. Rates: From \$643.



Aspley's wine cellar.



## PARISIAN PALACE

Since its opening in 1911, Paris's **Hotel Plaza Athénée** has perfected a delicate balance—its bustling, glamorous spirit accents the refined luxury; the classic architecture emphasizes the modern decor. Inside most of the 146 rooms and 45 suites, the Louis XVI-inspired furnishings are reminiscent of a French château, yet the views of the majestic Montmartre bring you back to one of the most sophisticated cities in the world. Situated between the Champs-Élysées and the Eiffel Tower, the ivy-clad hotel is conveniently located for fashionistas and romantics



alike. Walk along the River Seine, head toward the Arc de Triomphe, or shop along avenue Montaigne (known for such boutiques as Chanel and Valentino). Once you return, indulge in rejuvenating face and body treatments at the Dior Institut (the airy, pristine spa), or choose among the five elegant dining venues, all of which offer delectable contemporary French

cuisine and are supervised by world-renowned, Michelin-starred chef Alain Ducasse.

—LAUREN ALEF

### HOTEL PLAZA ATHENEE

25 ave. Montaigne, Paris, 011-33-5367-6665, plaza-athenee-paris.com. Rates: From \$815.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

A view of Paris's most notable landmark from an Eiffel Suite; La Cour Jardin restaurant; one of the luxurious marble-accented bathrooms; the hotel's Dior Institut spa.





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# A HISTORIC ESTATE

**ORIGINALLY BUILT IN 1895** for Sir Heaton Rhodes—a pioneer of Canterbury, New Zealand—South Island's **Otahuna Lodge** (its Maori name means "little hill among the hills") exudes understated elegance. Inspired by noble English country estates, this Queen Anne-style home boasts seven luxury suites, each with its own flair and 19th century architectural features. Appointed with king-size beds and custom-made linens, ornate fireplaces and comfortable couches, deep bathtubs and rain showers, stained glass windows, and more, the suites radiate tranquility.

Among Otahuna's 30 acres are a breathtaking daffodil field, great lawn, swimming pool, lake, and 117-year-old gardens that produce herbs, fruits, vegetables, nuts, mushrooms, and more used in the restaurant's gourmet seasonal cuisine. Chef Jimmy McIntyre's inclusive five-course dinner menu changes daily and features delicacies such as prosciutto and buffalo mozzarella with vanilla oil and

peach, rack of lamb with puy lentils, and salted cod with tomato conserve and salsa verde—all paired with wines primarily from New Zealand. Diners can choose to enjoy their meal in the sunken wine cellar, formal Victorian dining room, intimate library, drawing room, or one of the estate's other magical settings.

Nearby, guests can engage in quintessential Canterbury experiences such as the Trans-Scenic railway excursion from Christchurch to Arthur's Pass, a coastal cruise exploring the scenic Akaroa Harbour, or a helicopter tour of the Southern Alps glaciers with David Hiatt's

**Canterbury Guiding**, [canterburyguides.com](http://canterburyguides.com). Other activities in the region include cooking classes, fly-fishing, golf, horseback riding, hiking, biking, and wine tasting in the Waipara region (known for its Rieslings and Pinot Noirs). After a long day trip, you can return to Otahuna and wind down with a therapeutic massage at the spa, located in one of the property's historic outbuildings.

—ELIZABETH WAGMEISTER

**OTAHUNA LODGE** 224 Rhodes Rd., Christchurch, New Zealand, 011-03-329-6333, [otahuna.co.nz](http://otahuna.co.nz). Rates: From \$1,292.

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