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Villa Pliniana,
near Lake Como's
southern tip.

Plan Now

Do Como Right

► After my fiancé and I spent a week in Lake Garda a couple of summers ago, hiking the Alps, swimming at Spiaggia Sabbioni, eating our weight in pistachio gelato, and drinking too many Negronis, I've wanted to get back to this Lombardian lake region. Last summer was out, what with all the Christo madness on Lake Iseo, but this year we're eyeing Como. I knew we had to lock down the details for high season earlier than we did with Garda. Specialists like Andrea Grisdale said we should book private boats (most of Como's sites are best approached by water) and guides at least six months out—which will mean being able to get to and from Isola Comacina on our own timetable, and nabbing a terrace seat at *Trattoria del Porto* for *missoltini con polenta*. We haven't decided whether we'll try for a waterfront room at the new *Il Sereno*, a suite at the Art Nouveau *Grand Hotel Tremezzo* (which made our "Readers' Choice Awards" in November), or one of seven modern apartments at the sixteenth-century *Villa Pliniana*, but it's nice to still have options. KATHERINE LAGRAVE, SENIOR DIGITAL EDITOR

Go Now

San Diego 2.0

Long known for Sea-World and family vacations, San Diego has evolved. Some interesting openings—and 70° days this month—bumped it up on our list of late-to-book winter escapes (East Coasters, you can fly direct from JFK and Logan for under \$250). Check out the Mexican-inflected *Barrio Logan*, which pulsates with modern art (of note: *Chicano Park's* colossal murals). Plus *Liberty Public Market* is a new artisanal food hub: The fish taco at *Cecilia's Taqueria* is as good as the classic crab and oysters on the Pacific Beach boardwalk. It may not be warm enough for a dip, but hike *Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve* to see migrating gray whales from the clifftops. Best of all, the new Montage-owned *Pendry San Diego* hotel has 317 California-breezy rooms with images by surf photography pioneer A.R. Gurrey, Jr., and it's right downtown, meaning easy access to it all. ERIN FLORIO, SENIOR ASSOCIATE EDITOR

ALSO KEEP IN MIND...

Back-Roads Cuba

While everyone else is Instagramming Old Havana, you'll horse-back-ride through the countryside and stop in small villages on a *Coast to Costa* tour. Now is likely your last chance to grab a spot for October.

Slow-Boating in France

Belmond will add two new private barges to its fleet on the French canals in July. The *Pivoine* gets you close-enough-to-touch access to riverside villages and vines along the Marne in Champagne, while the *Lilas* glides you through historic Strasbourg.