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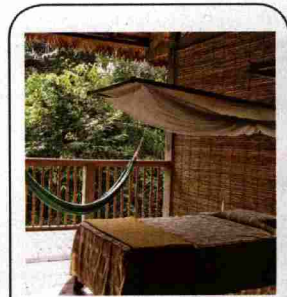
Far-flung and fabulous



Fortress of attitude. Not many resorts can boast of their integration into a 16th-century colonial Portuguese fortress. The 145-room Fort Aguada Beach Resort, on the Arabian Sea in the Indian tourist state of Goa, can. tajhotels.com



Beachfront hideaway. A 20-minute drive north from Australia's Cairns Airport brings you to Kewarra Beach Resort, with 70 freestanding bungalows tucked among the jungle's melaleuca trees. kewarra.com



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Peru's 30-room Posada Amazonas has electricity for only a few hours a day; at night, the eco-lodge is lit by kerosene lamps and candles. Guests can spot giant river otters in a nearby lake and brightly hued parrots at a clay lick. perunature.com



Making a splash. Last year, Southern California's 444-room Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa completed a \$35 million overhaul that added the mini-water park Splashtopia and bluEmber, a restaurant emphasizing fresh, local ingredients. rancholaspalmas.com