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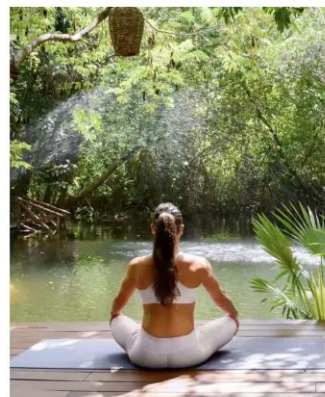
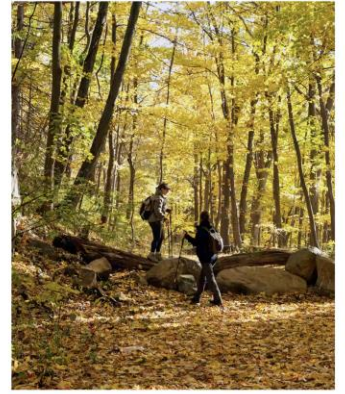
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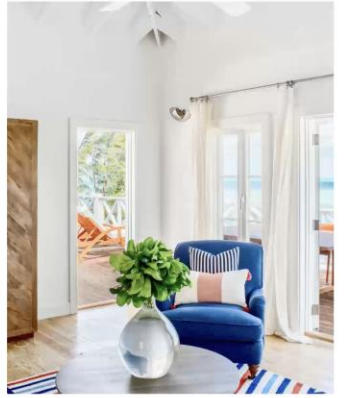
# Trips that transform (and teach)



# The Travel Issue

Introducing  
**THE  
HOTEL  
O-WARDS**





# The Hotel O-Wards

We think travel is the next frontier of self-care. Here, 68 properties that will jump-start your healing journey.

**E**arlier this year, we asked our Oprah Daily Insiders to name the one thing they would do for themselves if time and resources weren't a barrier. An overwhelming number of you put travel at the top of your wish list—and we heard that loud and clear. We understand that you get the many tangible and intangible ways travel changes your perspective on the world and on your life. The way the lift you get from even a weekend road trip with an old friend can get you through a long winter. In the words of Henry Miller, “One’s destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things.” So why, when push comes to shove, is it so hard for us to pull the trigger? One factor might be that we have a hard time prioritizing ourselves instead of everyone else in our lives, to see travel as a pillar of self-care rather than just a “nice-to-have.” We also know that we all have sometimes crippling fear around making the wrong decision about where we should go and where we should stay, a.k.a. what’s worth our precious time and money. Which is why we decided to debut the Hotel O-wards, which spotlights the hotels and wellness resorts that can transform, teach, and serve as catalysts for becoming, in the words of Oprah herself, “the person you were always meant to be.”

These properties touch on every aspect of self-care: physical, emotional, spiritual, social, even sensual. As with all things travel, we wanted to balance the aspirational with the tactical. Sometimes “transformational” means finding a place that unites three generations and keeps everyone happy and well-fed. Sometimes it’s a treat-yourself spa weekend with your closest friends or a family vacation before your last kid heads off to college. And sometimes it’s a solo hike with a barrel sauna waiting for you at the end (and not a whisper of wi-fi for miles). We believe the right trip at the right moment and with the right people can feel like a year’s worth of therapy, meditation, and salsa lessons packed into just a few days.

What follows are 68 of our favorite escapes in and near North America for 2024. From a working ranch in middle-of-nowhere Wyoming to an ashram in the Bahamas, one of these trips could change your life forever.



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Maroma



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# THE VOW RENEWERS

## **Couples retreats, romantic getaways, and anniversary trips.**

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### **Chablé Maroma, Punta Maroma, Quintana Roo, Mexico**

It's easy enough to tick the luxury boxes (infinity pool? Yup. En suite bathrooms the size of a small apartment? Of course) but there are relatively few properties that get the little details right. Like the wicker basket filled with warm pastries and Mexican coffee that arrives on your doorstep each morning so one of you doesn't have to scramble to find your robe when room service rings the bell. In fact, each of the 70 villas at Chablé Maroma is a self-contained sanctuary. Enveloped in lush foliage, rooms have their own terrace and pool, allowing you to take a cooling dip in complete privacy. And then, of course, there is easy access to 650 feet of private oceanfront along the Riviera Maya coastline. The beach is a three-minute walk past the communal pool and restaurants.

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**I am 38, married, and the mother of two amazing children. We prioritize trips to all the places one would expect, like water parks and big splashy family spaces. But what I wish I found more of are the solo retreats where one can sit with nature and be restored. The places that are safe with good amenities and healing scenic views for walks and journaling and breathing in a way that life does not always allow us to when in the hustle and bustle.**

*—Kellie Davis-Patton, Oprah Daily Insider*