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It's Your Turn...

Celebrities aren't the only ones who deserve a little R&R. Check out these seven truly amazing destinations and plan your own great escape

Best Place for a SHOPPING SPREE



Villa Mangiacane, Tuscany, Italy

WHY You'll feel as if you stumbled onto a Bernardo Bertolucci set at this retreat, with its sculpture garden and gnarled olive grove. The 26 guest rooms are located in two villas, but romantics should stay in the 16th-century main villa, whose loggia is decorated with historic frescoes. You can request to have dinner in a new spot each night (try the dreamy vineyard).

WHAT TO DO Florence is a short drive away—spend the day shopping at the city's hottest fashion emporium, Luisa via Roma, and Loretta Caponi for exquisite lingerie, then head to the roof of Hotel Continentale, where the Ferragamos go for sunset cocktails.

WOW! Michelangelo was consulted on the Mangiacane villas, designed for the Machiavelli family.

BRING IT BACK In Florence, find hand-finished leather gloves from the family-run Madova shop; soaps from the historic Santa Maria Novella pharmacy; a bottle of Mangiacane wine (the property produces merlot and Chianti).

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