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WHERE TO GO NOW

From the most stylish rooms in Beverly Hills to the most decadent patisserie in New York, these are the only places to go this month.



The library at Ballyfin houses 5,000 books.

From Michelin-starred, James Beard-winning Fabio Trabocchi comes Washington restaurant **Fiola**, where he's serving Italian meals, including a 13-layer vincisgrassi lasagna, lobster ravioli, and the tenderest short ribs you can eat. **Washing-**
Dish to order: The vincisgrassi, and gelato for dessert. 601 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.; 202-628-2888; dinner for two from \$120.

Uptown Manhattan has two new lunch spots. On the Upper East Side, **FP Patisserie** by Pierre **Payard** offers cakes, tarts, and savory pastries. **Payard** offers cakes, tarts, and savory pastries, monsieurs and salades niçoises—served on fine china by uniformed waiters. Across town, Boulud's **Boulud Sud** (specializing in grilled whole fish) **New York** **Épicerie Boulud**, a new deli, sells charcuterie, breads, and soups by day—and turns into an oyster bar at night. **Dishes to order:** Payard's salty-sweet bacon cake (1330 Third Ave.; lunch from \$15). Boulud Sud's grilled daurade Provençale (W. 64th St.; lunch for two from \$60).

The Ciprianis are heading west for their new hotel brand: **Mr. C**, a modern take on classic Cipriani glamour, has 138 rooms, hardwood floors, private balconies, glamorous white leather furniture—a pool surrounded by private cabanas, an immense gym, **Los Angeles** and complimentary car service down to Rodeo Drive. **Room to book:** A south-facing signature suite, for \$429. 1224 S. Beverwil Dr.; 310-280-2800; rooms from \$429. EIM

Ireland's Ballyfin is set on 600 acres of parkland.

After 10 years and millions of euros, the lavish late-Georgian manor house **Ballyfin** has become the Emerald Isle's most opulent hotel. On a 600-acre private estate an hour and a half southwest of Dublin at the foot of the Slieve Bloom Mountains, the manse has marble-pillared reception salons, magnificent antique **Ireland** furniture, beds hung with 17th-century Flemish tapestries—and only 15 rooms. The guests-only dining room serves meat and produce procured from nearby farms. **Room to book:** The Lady Caroline Coothe Room, with its elegant trompe-l'oeil wallpaper and view of the ornamental lake. 011-353-57-875-5866; rooms from \$750, including all meals and beverages

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Former *Town & Country* editor in chief, Fiori's *In the Spirit of St. Barths* (Assouline) celebrates the island's history—from the gilded crowd to the contemporary gourmet dining landscape—along with the emerald hills and azure waters for which the island is also known.

