



The lobby of the Palace Hotel Tokyo looks out onto its Wadakura moat, flanked by a Japanese maple.

Hello, Tokyo Poised to host the 2020 Olympics, the global epicenter of cool is officially back on the jet-set flight plan BY STEPHANIE STEINMAN

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FROM TOP RIGHT The Tokyo skyline. The Palace Hotel lobby. Evian Spa at the Palace Hotel Tokyo. Two-Michelin-starred Kondo tempura restaurant. Tokyu Hands storefront.



Need more reasons beyond cutting-edge street style, a staggering skyline and breathtaking Buddhist temples to visit the world's gourmet capital (with more Michelin stars than any other city)? Here, your Tokyo short list: **STAY** The recently renovated **Palace Hotel Tokyo** (palacehoteltokyo.com) in the upmarket Marunouchi district features 290 contemporary rooms complete with spacious soaking tubs and views of the adjacent royal residence. Expect impeccable hospitality, fresh flowers at every turn, Michelin-starred *Edomae*-style sushi at Sushi Kanesaka, and the dreamy Evian Spa, where the French-Asian treatment menu includes rose-quartz facials. **SHOP** Football-field-sized floors are stocked with emerging Japanese designers at department store behemoth **Isetan** (isetan.mistore.jp). In Shibuya, the beloved **Tokyu Hands** (tokyu-hands.co.jp) offers a dizzying array of "livingware"—from hamburger-shaped pencil erasers to power tools. The latest from J.W. Anderson and Maison Martin Margiela mingles with exclusive sneaker collabs and museum-caliber art installations at Comme des Garçons founder Rei Kawakubo's concept shop, **Dover Street Market** (ginza.doverstreetmarket.com). **DINE** Capitalize on your jet lag with a 5 a.m. visit to **Tsukiji Market** (tsukiji-market.or.jp) to watch the live tuna auctions, then enjoy a nearby *nigiri* breakfast of *hobo* and *kan buri* at beloved 12-seat **Sushi Dai** (tsukijigourmet.or.jp). After the obligatory *Lost in Translation* experience—a Suntory at the **Park Hyatt's New York Bar** (tokyo.parkhyatt.com)—you're ready (if you've got a reservation) for the two-Michelin-starred **Kondo**, where seasonal *uni*, *anago* and lotus root are battered to perfection. It will ruin you for all other things crispy forever. And it's worth it. •



Bagging Rights

Taking cues from a historic YSL logo and an Art Deco bracelet, **Saint Laurent by Hedi Slimane's** patterned Toile Monogram luggage and accessories line features nearly 30 pieces fashioned

from a durable coated canvas. Each is available for personalization with initials in select stores. ysl.com.

Suitcase in black printed canvas and leather, \$2,220.

PALM SPRINGS Purple Reign

Morocco meets Old Hollywood glamour at **Purple Palm Restaurant and Bar** helmed by chef Gregory Stillman inside The Colony Palms Hotel, newly reimagined by L.A.-based designer Martyn Lawrence Bullard. Forgoing its namesake color, a fresh scheme of red and brown hues appoint the dining room. 572 N. Indian Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, 760-969-1800; colonypalmsotel.com.

The Colony Palms was originally built in 1936 as a speakeasy by reputed Purple Gang mobster Al Wertheimer.

