

IN THE AGE OF LEANING IN, WHO WANTS TO LEAN BACK?
WE DO—SOMETIMES. AND WHEN WE DO, THESE AMAZING SPAS LET US INDULGE
OUR INNER SLACKER OR BE AN OVERACHIEVER (MASTER MEDITATION,
DROP A FEW POUNDS). IT'S ABOUT OPTIONS, PEOPLE

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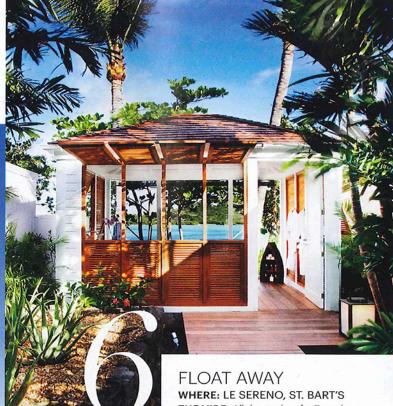


HETHER IT'S TURQUOISE beaches off the Caribbean Sea or woodsy retreats in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, Ayurveda or colonics, we've uncovered some of the most innovative destinations around the globe that offer a completely fresh take on your run-of-the-mill spa services. These standout locations are the perfect places to rebel against been-there-done-that hot-stone massages and routine facial extractions, and to experience as much, or as little, that you're game for (cue the cannabis). Reserve a window seat—we've got the spot for you.



SLIM DOWN WHERE: SHA WELLNESS CLINIC,

ALICANTE, SPAIN
THE VIBE: Where fashionistas go for tough love
when they want to fit into their Lisa Marie
Fernandez bikinis. LEAN IN: The seven-day
Intensive Detox and Weight Loss program starts
with a total physical and psychological workup
from on-staff doctors, who prescribe an intense
workout schedule of circuit training and Pilates
accompanied by a macrobiotic diet low on carbs
and heavy on algae (!). LEAN BACK: Indulge in
daily treatments like facials and massages,
and don't miss the colon hydrotherapy, which
keeps things moving, so to speak, while you
relax. DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT: Loading up on
agar-agar tea, a high-fiber, mineral-rich brew that



THE VIBE: All the perks of a French thalassotherapy spa-in the Caribbean. LEAN IN: Get more out of a massage with less: The 60-minute Eau de Rêve treatment forgoes the padded table in favor of warm, shallow water (the pool, the ocean-up to you), where a therapist guides you through stretches and kneads your muscles as you experience the mega relaxation that comes with weightlessness. LEAN BACK: Sometimes the best thing about water is just lying in the sun next to it. Between the 600-foot beach and the five pools (several are private), there's no shortage of options here. DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT: Kitesurfing. A protected cove and consistent wind make this lookscool-but-impossible sport feasible, even for a beginner. lesereno.com



ROCK OUT

WHERE: PARK HYATT NEW YORK SPA NALAI, NEW YORK CITY

THE VIBE: A sleek oasis in the city where the well-heeled kick up their Jimmy Choos. LEAN IN: Tone up during a swim in the 65-foot pool, complete with underwater speakers that play a soundtrack inspired by the spa's neighbor, Carnegie Hall. LEAN BACK: The signature treatment takes place on a bed of warm, crushed sand quartz, a mineral known for its healing properties. After nestling in, you get an exfoliating scrub, detoxifying green tea wrap, and heated-poultice massage. DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT: Lush bath products from the Le Labo boutique. newyork.park.hyatt.com

FOREST BATHE

WHERE: BLACKBERRY FARM, WALLAND, TN

THE VIBE: Where Nashville's Rayna Jaymes would go to "recover from exhaustion." LEAN IN: Try the Japanese practice of "forest bathing" during the Deep Healing Woods program of expert-led yoga classes, set among the hickories at the base of the Great Smoky Mountains. LEAN BACK: Plan ahead for dinner and a listening session with Country Music Association Award-winning Little Big Town in December. DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT: Meeting George, one of the llamas who protects the property's sheep herd from predators. blackberryfarm.com