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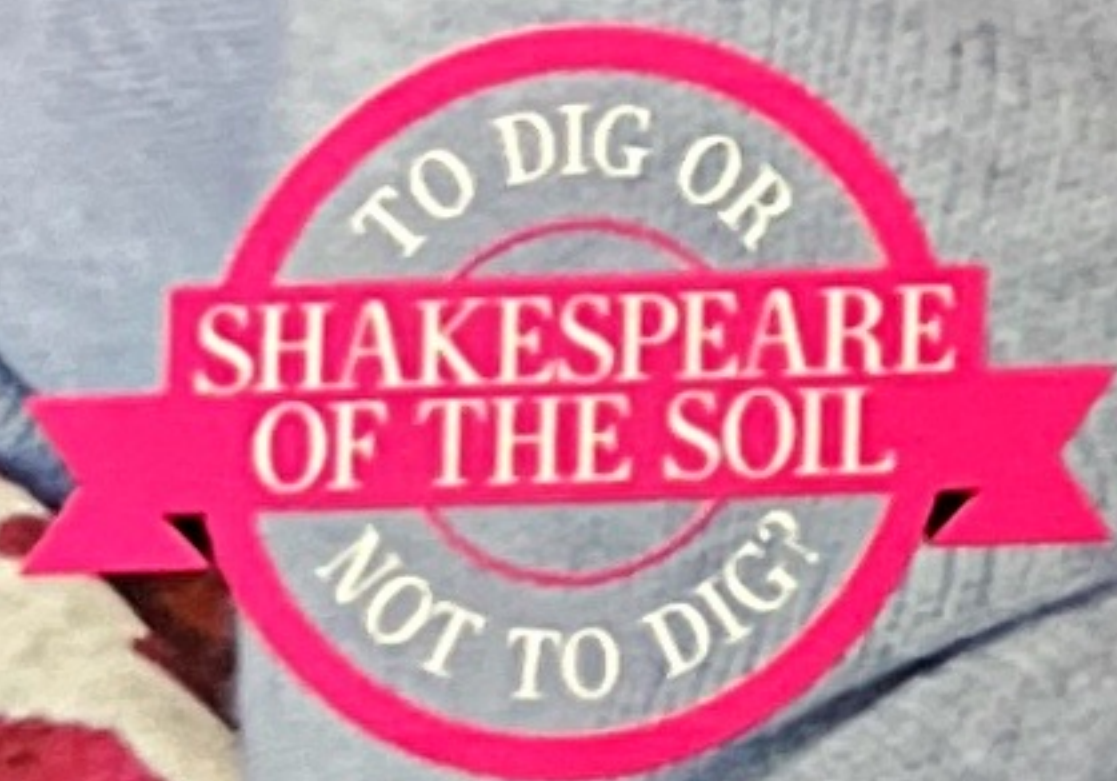
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The Ritz-Carlton, Mexico City

the hotel's Carlotta Reforma Sky Bar, for the views and the scene. (Afterward, fly to the Ritz-Carlton in NYC's Nomad neighborhood; the rooftop bar has become the place to be at the top of the world.)

A clubby place for your Anglophilic fantasies.

Beaverbrook Town House, London Several new London hotels are opting for a clubby feel. We love this 14-room place for its great location, off Sloane Square, near where Kensington and Chelsea meet. It's the sister property of the country house hotel Beaverbrook (former residence of the press baron and social fixture), in the Surrey Hills outside London, and it also has polished service, cozy atmosphere, and interiors by Nicola Harding: bright colors, eclectic design choices, and tons of flair. Lord Beaverbrook would approve.

No location in Istanbul is more eye-popping.

Peninsula, Istanbul Few sites take advantage of this city's magical set-

ting as well as the new Peninsula. On the Karakoy waterfront, it looks out at the ancient peninsula, the Bosphorus, and the Golden Horn. (The hotel is part of the Galataport project, which includes, among many other things, a waterfront promenade and a new home for the Istanbul Museum of Modern Art, designed by Renzo Piano, to open later this year.) While some Istanbul hotels turn to the Ottomans for inspiration, the Peninsula celebrates a different side of the city, with 80 works by contemporary Turkish artists on display. It also enlisted Turkish talent, from celebrated interior designer Zeynep Fadillioglu to landscape architect Enzo Enea.

Italian style in grande-dame France? *Mais oui.*

Bulgari, Paris It's not easy to break into the club of centuries-old Paris hotels, especially if you're an Italian with modern sensibilities. But Bulgari Hotels accepted the challenge in late 2021, moving into the city's Golden Triangle neighborhood to hold its aesthetic own in a sea of Haussmann and Beaux-Arts. It's just across the street from the George V yet seemingly in a different universe, all textured neutrals and sleek lines, with just the subtlest hint of its host country—other than a staggering view of the Eiffel Tower from some of its suites.

The hotel worth leaving the old medina for.

Oberoi, Marrakech It's a trick for a hotel in such a historic city to be both traditional and contemporary, grand and simple. But the Oberoi, 10 years in the making, ➔



The Johri, Jaipur

Welcome to your jewelry shopping enabler.

The Johri at Lal Haveli, Jaipur This transformed 19th-century upper-crust house is the creation of Sidharth Kasliwal, ninth-generation co-owner of India's famed and oldest jewelry store, the Gem Palace. Conveniently, it is steps from the Johri Bazaar, aka the jewelry market, and its five large suites (there's also a courtyard restaurant and bar) are a serene blend of heritage and modernity, in shades of their namesake treasures. We love the Neelam (sapphire). But why not book all of them and have a shopping party?

Two top spots in one of the world's alpha capitals.

Casa Polanco and the Ritz-Carlton, Mexico City It's a toss-up. The intimate new 19-room Casa Polanco sits on Lincoln Park, close to much of the best shopping in its eponymous neighborhood (think of Polanco as MC's Beverly Hills). At the other extreme, the 153-room Ritz-Carlton soars over the city's grand boulevard, Reforma, and overlooks Chapultepec Park. While other luxury brands got here before it, the R-C has found the formula that appeals to both foreign visitors and local patrons. Even if you don't stay here, have a sunset cocktail at

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FOR THE RECORD
 Erik Maza, *T&C*, on the Ritz-Carlton, Mexico City
 “It’s massive but doesn’t feel huge. It’s serene, it’s elegant. It’s the model for a modern city hotel.”