

# BAZAAR

ESCAPE

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## PICTURE THIS

From sculpture on the savannah to Rodins in Singapore,  
take a modern grand tour of the world's most artistic hotels.

Plus: Monica Vinader on hunting emeralds in Jaipur



*MODERN  
LANDSCAPE  
The gardens  
at the Segara  
Retreat in Kenya*

# ART IN RESIDENCE

Infinity pools and Frette bathrobes are no longer enough. These days, hotels are investing in world-beating art collections to tempt discriminating aesthetes to check in

## THE SEGERA RETREAT KENYA

The last thing you expect to find in a block of restored stables in the middle of the vast Laikipia Plateau in northern Kenya is one of the largest private collections of contemporary African art. On the walls are Zimbabwean Kudzanai Chiurai's silent short film *fyza*, a retelling of the Last Supper shown at this year's Sundance Film Festival, playing on a loop; drawings by the Ethiopia-born Julie Mehretu (who recently had a White Cube solo exhibition); video work by the British-Nigerian Yinka Shonibare; and paintings by the Ghanaian Owusu-Ankomah.

Owned by Jochen Zeitz, a former Puma CEO who recently launched Segera, a 50,000-acre reserve with six villas, the collection is groundbreaking – not only for its size, but also for the way it is set off by the landscape. Wire sculptures and bronze figures are dotted around a neat, emerald-green garden – a surreal sight amid the savannah that stretches wild, untamed and tawny to the far horizon. There are plans for events, such as a screening of the artist Isaac Julien's *Ten Thousand Waves* film on the plains.

The curator Mark Coetzee (previously the director of the Rubell Family Collection in Miami), who has been working on expanding the collection for the past four years, will rotate the art every few months so there's always something new on show. All of which is part of Zeitz's larger plan to offer guests far more than the chance to spot elephants. His vision also includes the philanthropic Zeitz Foundation, plus community and conservation projects. More hedonistic guests can relax by the pool, have a spa treatment and take sundowners on the star deck while the moon illuminates a different kind of *Migration* – a series of boulders with text inscriptions by the artist Strijdom van der Merwe.

EMMA LOVE  
Five nights at the Segera Retreat, from £3,445 a person full board, including transfers, with Mablatini Luxury Travel (02890 736050; [www.mablatini.com](http://www.mablatini.com))



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## 2 EDEN ROCK - ST BARTHS

One of the Caribbean's most glamorous destinations is also a treasure trove of art. Rooms are decorated with antiques and watercolours by co-owner Jane Spencer Matthews, who studied at the Slade School of Fine Art. The new Villa Rockstar is lined with Matisse lithographs; in Villa Nina, Terry O'Neill prints face an exhibition of contemporary art. And, if you can tear yourself away from the perfect crescent of white sand, you can pick up a brush and create a masterpiece, with help from the artists in residence. SARAH GILBERT  
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