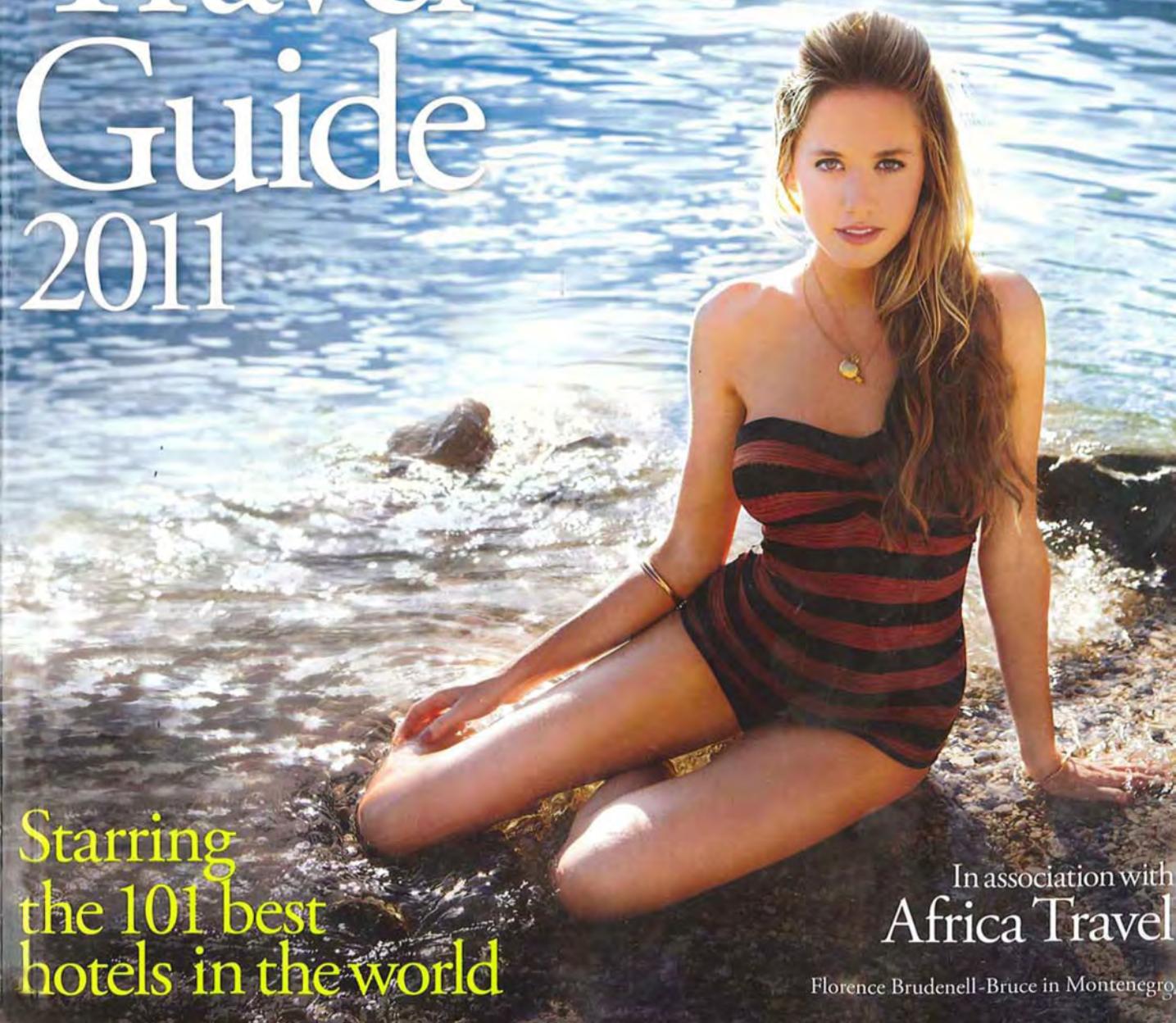


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## Travel Guide 2011



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the 101 best  
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Mandarin Oriental Barcelona



Beverly Hills Hotel



Soho Beach House



# TATLER'S 101 BEST HOTELS 2011

## Prize winners

### Best New Sensation

#### VICEROY ANGUILLA, CARIBBEAN

A big and bold hotel which channels California at its most Rat Pack. The Caribbean finally gets its groove on with the swankiest interiors and the most must-book villas of the year.

### Ultimate Escape

#### AMANGIRI, USA

A beautiful mothership lands in the canyons of Utah. Utterly plugged into the crazy raggedy-jaggedy landscape, this is an alien wonderworld of a hotel where the service already sings.

### Best Kept Secret

#### LA MIRANDE, FRANCE

Charming and thoughtful historical mansion, a little bit *Dangerous Liaisons*, run by a family as a labour of love. Everyone involved here is at the top of their game. Exceptional food.

### Best City Hotel

#### MANDARIN ORIENTAL BARCELONA, SPAIN

Such a fresh, clean urban hit. The location may be grown-up but the vibe is funky, full of Catalan movers and shakers sucking up the cocktails and snappy design. Barcelona at its new best.

### Enduring Excellence

#### LA RESIDENCE PHOU VAO, LAOS

Above the half-hippie, half-spiritual old royal capital of Luang Prabang is this simple colonial retreat. Soups get delivered in great glass fishbowls; floorboards creak. Utterly calm and elegant.

### Most Glamorous Hotel

#### BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL, USA

A glossy pink supernova with pulling power. Deal-making in the Polo Lounge over rotisserie chicken, deal-breaking in the poolside cabanas where Monroe got frisky. Viva the Hollywood diva.

### Best Hotel Group

#### SOHO HOUSE

In the past 12 months this British powerhouse has hit Berlin and Miami. There's no one who distils thrills better: clever, original style with service that packs a punch. Left-field and fabulous, it's the UK's coolest export.

For full reviews, see 101 Best Hotels

Amangiri



Viceroy Anguilla



La Residence Phou Vao

La Mirande



# SUPERBEACH

Turbo-charged seaside attitude



## LAUCALA

Laucala Island, Fiji

A new hotel this year, owned by the Red Bull magnate Dietrich Mateschitz, who has created a pocket paradise with, most appropriately, a rocket strapped to its back. It's unbelievable that there's a beautiful 18-hole golf course here when there are only 25 villas. The food and service are fantastic, the diving is superb and the pool is the best ever: multi-level, with pebbled waterfalls that dash down onto the beach. The philosophy is that it doesn't matter if there's one couple staying or 10, everything is open for business, so there are five restaurants on standby and you can order a three-hour spa ceremony for two at 15 minutes' notice. Laucala owns the air and water rights, so no one can get near the island – the one next door belongs to Mel Gibson – and you can't even zoom in on Google. Pumped-up and private, a serious contender. [Website laucala.com](#) Book it Bailey Robinson (tel: 01488 689700) offers 10 nights from £19,700, full board, including flights and transfers.



## VICEROY ANGUILLA

Anguilla, Caribbean

The best beaches in the Caribbean can be found in Anguilla. And the best hotel in the Caribbean can be found in the new Viceroy. This place is a rock star: big, glamorous, with vision and chutzpah. Even the light is golden, splashing down on your snow-white ponyhide rugs and the black marble lobby and making everything beautiful. It's California breezy, it's the Rat Pack merry on frozen mango martinis, it's Frank Lloyd Wright with beds like pits for bears. Yes, it's bold, but it follows through: unbelievably good sea bass with truffles; a bar where a DJ plays deep dub (not Bob Marley!), dreadlocks so long they trail after him like naughty children. Book a villa with four or five bedrooms right on the beach – the hot ticket this year. Kelly Wearstler, the designer, used to be a Playboy Bunny and is now married to the Viceroy boss. Whatever the budget was, she blew it. [Website viceroyhotelsandresorts.com](#) Book it Cleveland Collection (tel: 0845 450 5732) offers seven nights from £2,635, including flights, transfers and breakfast. ▶