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ON THIS TRIP, YOU DON'T EVEN NEED TO PACK A TOOTHBRUSH.

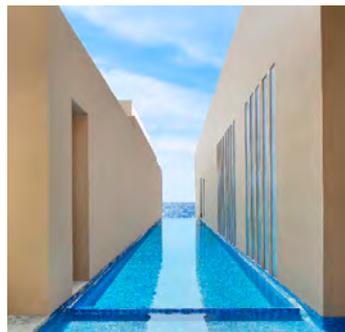
By Mary Kaye Schilling



**DRINK UP**  
The Cape's lobby bar serves the seasonal Guaycura cocktail.

➔ **FOR THE COCKTAIL-LOVING FOODIE**

Bypass the clubs trumpeting two-for-one Jell-O shots in favor of seasonal drinks at the rooftop bar or Glass Box—a windowed watering hole cantilevered out over the ocean—at **the Cape**, a Thompson Hotel. It's the perfect place to await your table at Manta, where celebrity chef Enrique Olvera serves modernist Mexican cuisine in the shadow of El Arco, the ancient rock formation dividing the Pacific Ocean from the Sea of Cortés. FROM \$599, THOMPSONHOTELS.COM/THE-CAPE



## FOR THE SYBARITE

Point your wagon east to the new **JW Marriott Los Cabos Beach Resort**, a sprawling travertine retreat on a sandy stretch of coast with arguably the world's most glamorous hydrotherapy circuit in sea-facing infinity pools. There is also an outpost of Puerto Vallarta's French-Mex Café des Artistes restaurant, access to a private marina, and golf courses designed by Greg Norman and Jack Nicklaus. FROM \$460, JWMARRIOTT.COM ◀



**ESCAPE ARTISTS**  
Clockwise from above: The World in Antarctica in January; dancers from Fatu Hiva, in French Polynesia, perform onboard; a resident's apartment; kayaks on deck.

Finally, an answer to the pressing question: How can you travel the world without leaving the house? And not just travel, but circle the globe every two years, surrounded by your own art and sleeping in your own linens? Perhaps you didn't know this was a problem that needed solving, but, then, you are probably not a pathological explorer.

Consider the something-for-everyone itinerary of **the World**, the largest private yacht on earth, which in 2016 will visit 104 ports of call in northern and western Europe, South America, Southeast Asia, and Australia. The year began in Antarctica, following the path of Sir Ernest Shackleton's legendary voyage; the ship then moved to Rio for Carnival and will spend the rest of the year visiting, among other highlights, wine chateaux in France, castles in Norway, and rainforests on Borneo.

This singular brand of high-end travel porn is enjoyed by the residents of the World's 165 apartments, each custom-designed by its owner. I got a taste of their life when I was invited for breakfast at one of the ship's six restaurants while it was docked in New York. My host, Anne McBride, bought her apartment six years ago. Like most of the passengers she owns multiple residences, jumping on and off the World as the itinerary suits her (or doesn't). A lifelong traveler, she managed to check three destinations off her bucket list in 2015 alone: Sri Lanka, Laos, and Corsica.



"Obviously, if you prefer a circumscribed life, if you want to stick to your demographic, then this is not for you," says McBride, who appreciates the diversity of the ship's community (19 countries are represented). "And having the comforts of home while traveling the world? That is extraordinary." As is the level of service. Virtually any whim can be satisfied by the staff of this floating city, which offers pretty much everything short of brain surgery. But while it is indeed luxurious, "it's more comfortable than ostentatious," McBride says. "This isn't a vacation, it's life, so it needs to feel normal, too."

My favorite spot on the vast ship was the top deck, where beds were set up for sleeping at night. Reclining on one, I imagined the stars above me, the sound of the waves, and the vast horizon before me. It reminded me of something the 19th-century explorer Isabella Bird once wrote of a perfect view: "Everything suggests a beyond." TO INQUIRE ABOUT PURCHASE (FROM \$1.5 MILLION PLUS MAINTENANCE) OR TO VISIT THE WORLD, GO TO ABOARDTHEWORLD.COM. ◀