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SET ON OVER 200 ACRES WITH THE FINEST WHITE SAND BEACH IN RIVIERA MAYA, THE AAA FIVE DIAMOND GRAND VELAS RIVIERA MAYA IS AN ULTRA-LUXURY ALL-INCLUSIVE RESORT. ONE OF THE LEADING HOTELS OF THE WORLD, IT FEATURES ADULTS ONLY OCEAN-FRONT, FAMILY FRIENDLY OCEAN

VIEW AND A ZEN-LIKE TROPICAL SETTING, EMBRACED BY THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF THE YUCATAN PENINSULA. ALL 539 DESIGNER-LIKE SUITES ARE EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, MORE THAN 1,100 SQUARE FEET EACH, ALL WITH BALCONIES, AND SOME WITH PRIVATE PLUNGE POOLS.

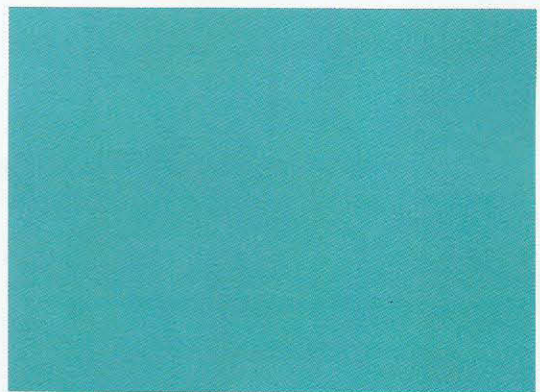


PRISTINE BEACH AND THE SPARKLING WATERS OF THE CARIBBEAN.

A Grand Destination

WEDDINGS AT GRAND VELAS RIVIERA MAYA

We had the pleasure of visiting with the wonderful folks at the all-inclusive Grand Velas Riviera Mayan Playa del Carmen, Mexico. Set among the region of ancient pyramids, the Riviera Maya pays homage to one of the most spectacular of the world's oldest civilizations. Discoverers of corn, chocolate (xocolatl), a solar calendar and many other amazing traditions, the Mayans developed one of the most advanced civilizations in Mesoamerica starting 2600 B.C. When you experience the pristine beaches and sparkling blue waters, you'll understand why the Riviera Maya has been a destination of choice in times past and present.

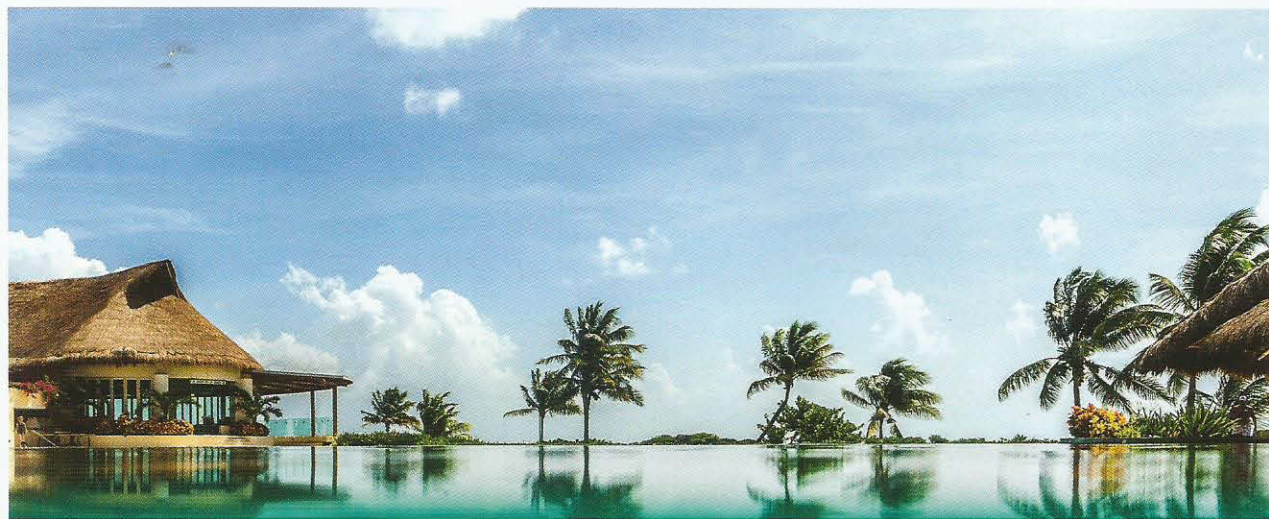
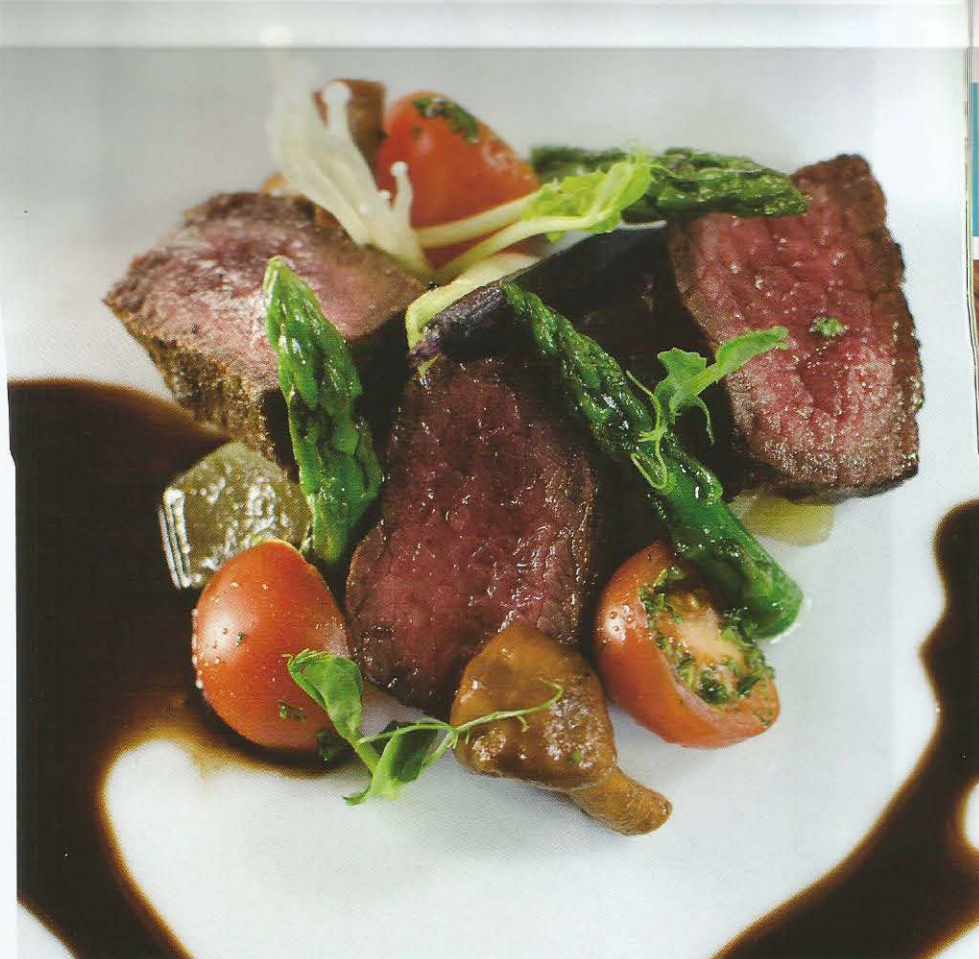




TERRAZZA GRAND CLASS SUITE WITH BALCONY WADING POOL.



DELICIOUS CULINARY CREATIONS
AT PIAF ARE AS BEAUTIFUL AS
THEY ARE DELICIOUS.



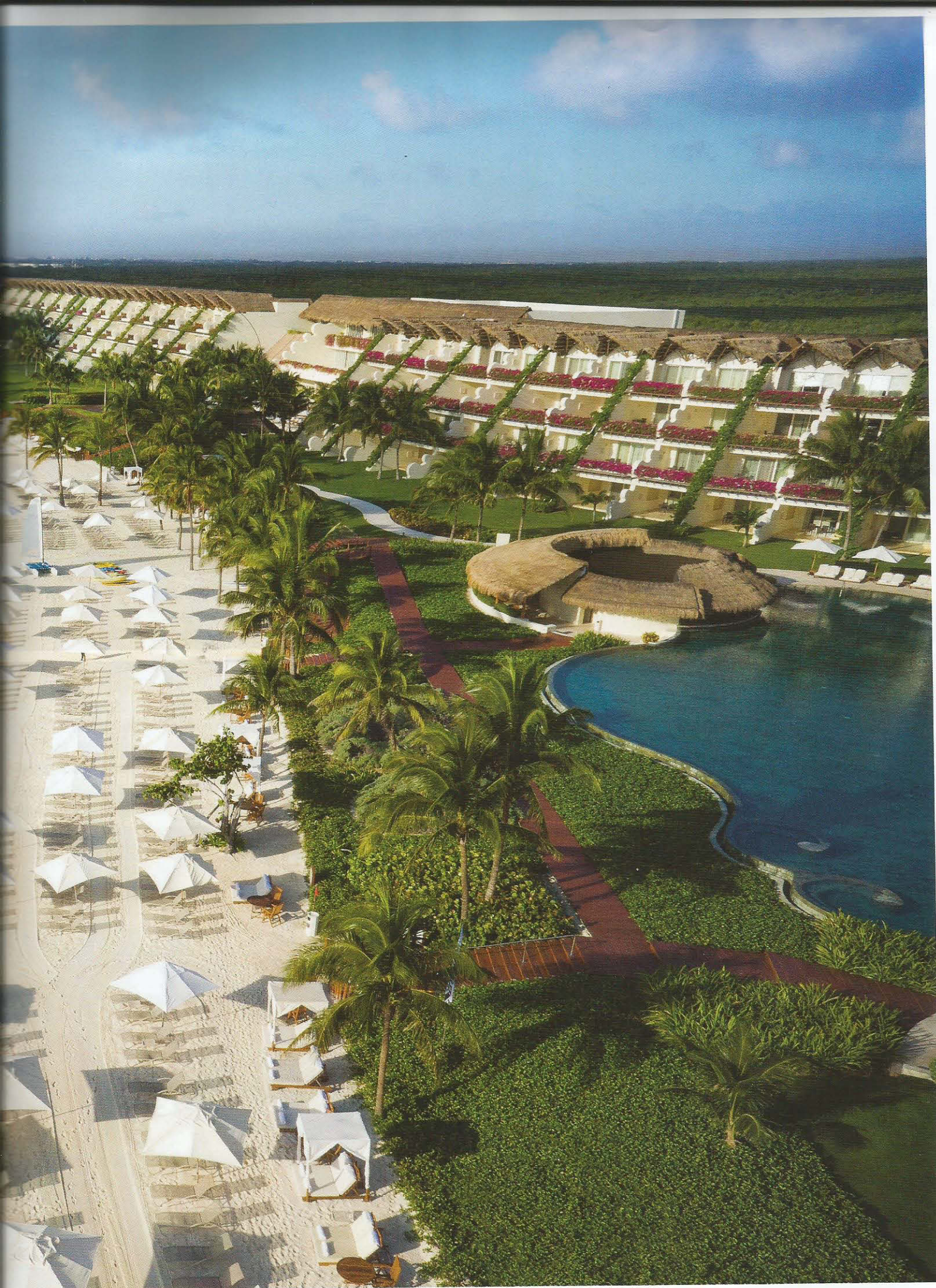
Specializing in Indian Weddings

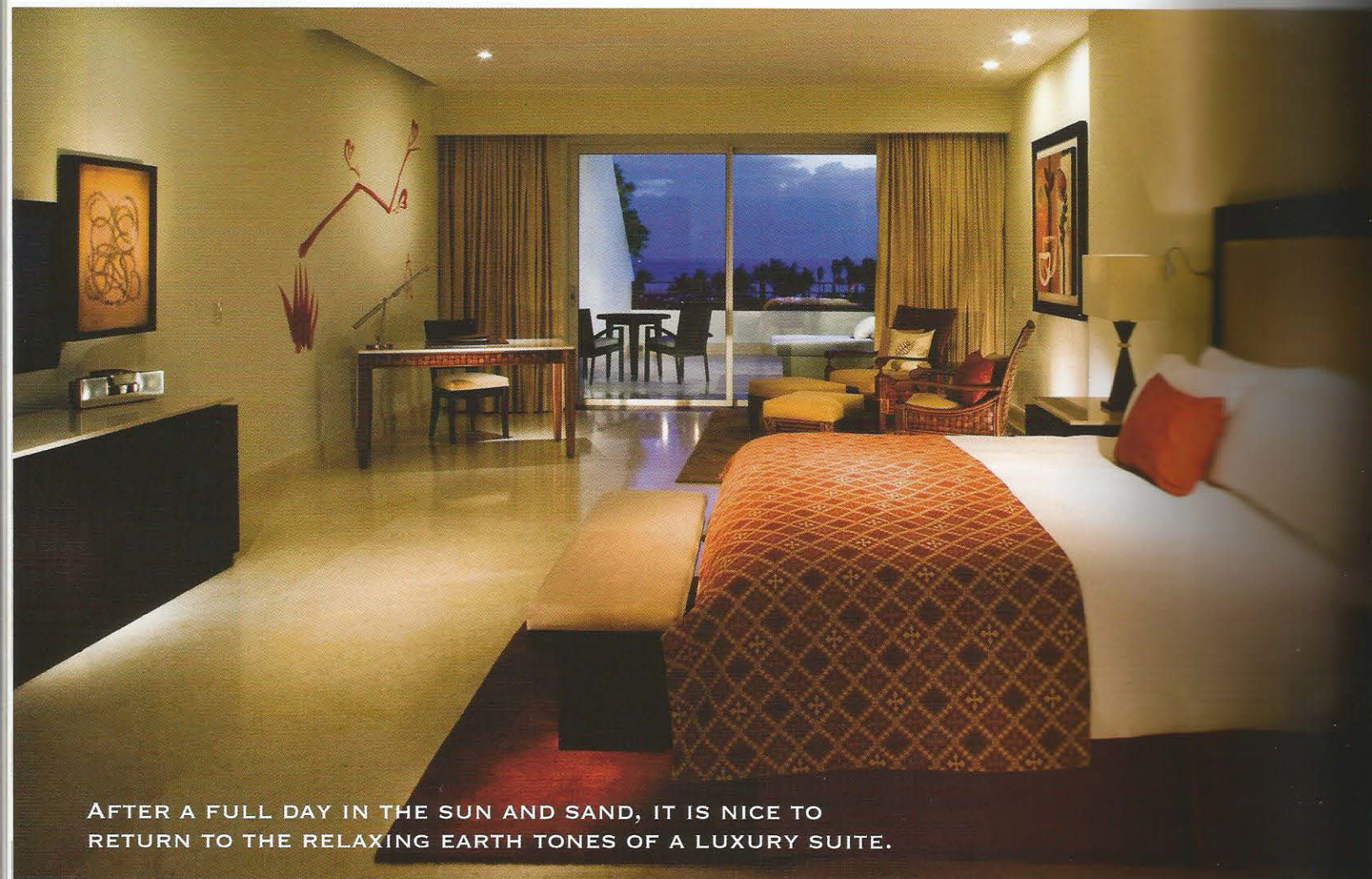
While we were visiting, an Indian Wedding was in progress, with guests enjoying the many amenities that the resort has to offer. "Grand Velas Riviera Maya offers everything

a guest desires, from exceptional service and gourmet dining to the spa experience of a lifetime," Rodolfo Gonzalez, Grand Velas' managing director, told us.

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The top half of the image shows a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. Below the sky is a vast expanse of turquoise ocean water that transitions into a shallow, sandy beach. The beach is composed of fine, white sand with visible tire tracks and footprints. In the bottom right corner, a portion of a white, pyramid-shaped structure is visible. The overall scene is serene and idyllic, typical of a resort location.

Custom catering options are available for planning your wedding event. In addition, the resort offers 24-hour in-suite dining as well as exclusive dining options, dedicated butler concierge services, waterfront plunge pools and indoor whirlpool bathtubs. Onsite wedding professionals help with every detail and coordinate wedding services, from catering to photographers.





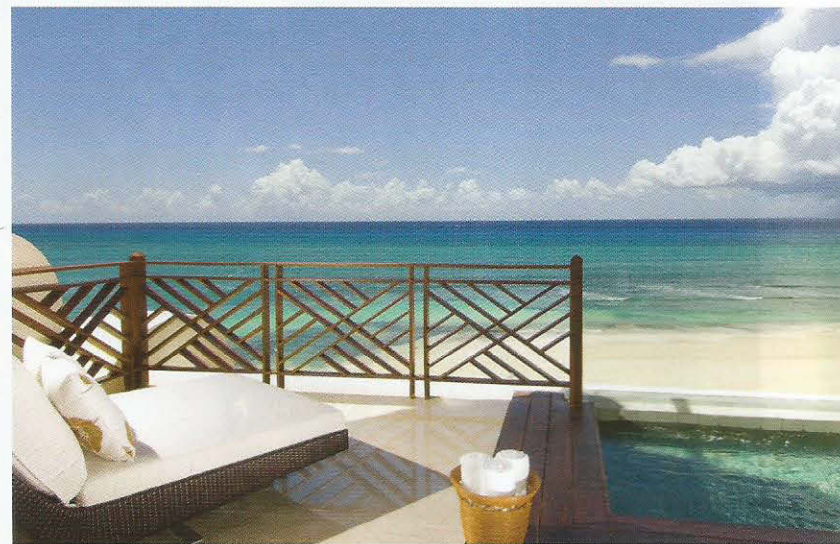
AFTER A FULL DAY IN THE SUN AND SAND, IT IS NICE TO RETURN TO THE RELAXING EARTH TONES OF A LUXURY SUITE.



GRAND VELAS SPA
FORTY TREATMENT
AND A VAST ARRAY
SERVICES. WITH
THAN 90,000
FEET, IT IS THE
LARGEST SPA SPA



ONE OF THE MANY LUXURIOUS POOL AREAS WITH PRIVATE CABANAS.



LOTUS FLOWERS AND PANORAMIC VIEWS ARE PART OF THE NATURAL BEAUTY THAT SURROUNDS GUEST SUITES. BUILT-IN WADING POOLS ON THE BALCONIES TEMPT TOES ON WARM AFTERNOONS.



CAN YOU IMPROVE UPON THIS SETTING? YOU AND YOUR GUESTS WILL ENJOY THE BEST MOTHER NATURE HAS TO OFFER.

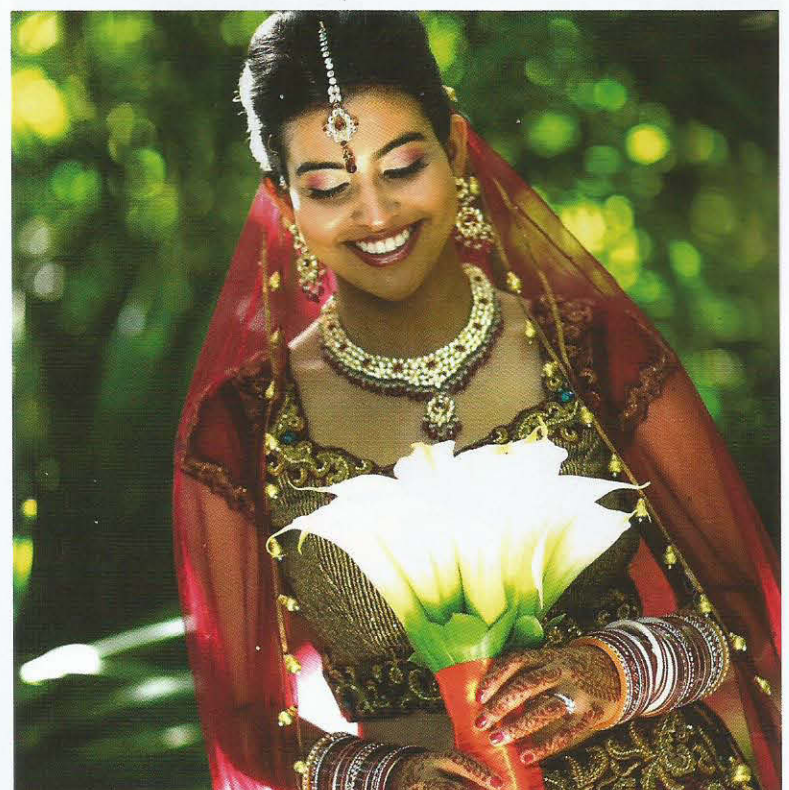




SPEND A RELAXING DAY LOOKING OUT OVER THE OCEAN, FEELING THE TROPICAL BREEZE. A PERFECT WAY TO SPEND TIME AWAY FROM THE DAILY STRESSES AND ENJOY SPECIAL MOMENTS.



THE WHOLE WEDDING PARTY! THERE'S PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES AND LUXURY ACCOMMODATIONS.

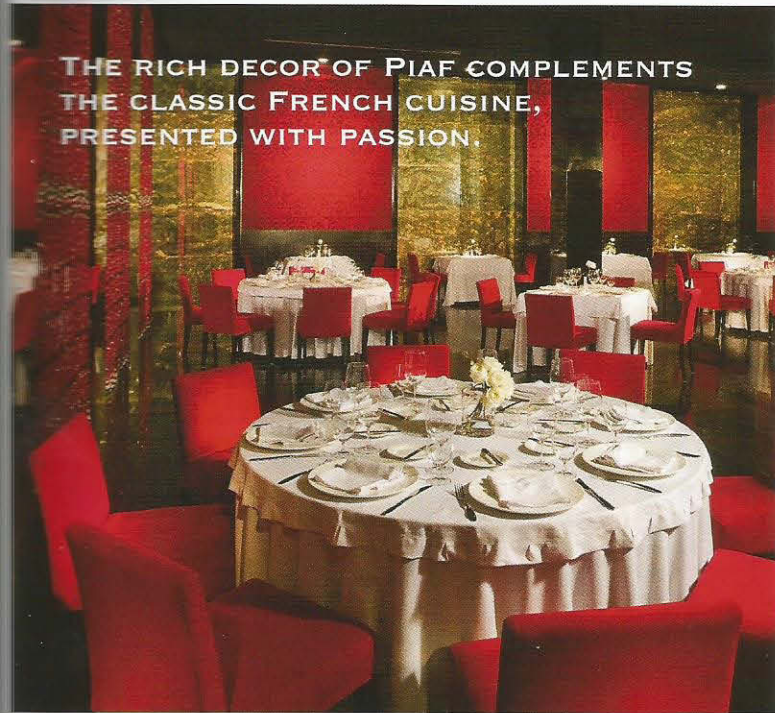


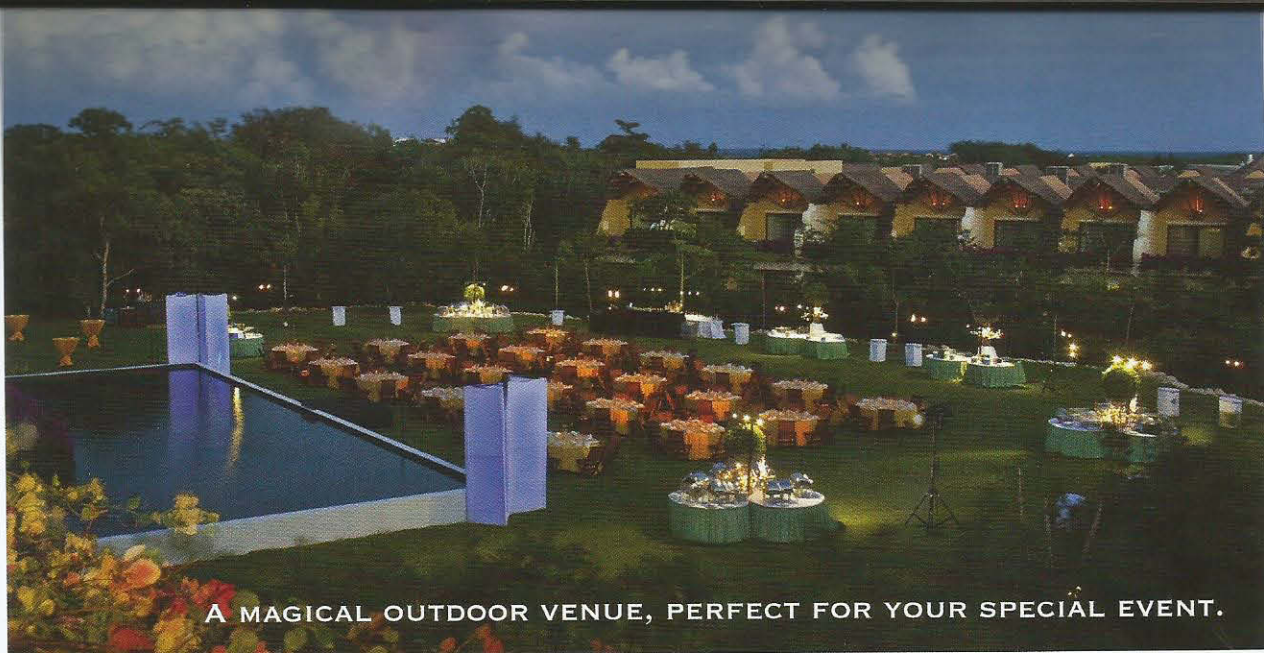
Exclusive Dining

Grand Velas Riviera Maya offers abundant choices for dining, allowing guests to explore and savor a worldly fusion of flavors without leaving the comfort of the resort.



THE RICH DECOR OF PIAF COMPLEMENTS THE CLASSIC FRENCH CUISINE, PRESENTED WITH PASSION.





A MAGICAL OUTDOOR VENUE, PERFECT FOR YOUR SPECIAL EVENT.



DELECTABLE OFFERINGS FROM THE OCEAN AT LUCCA.



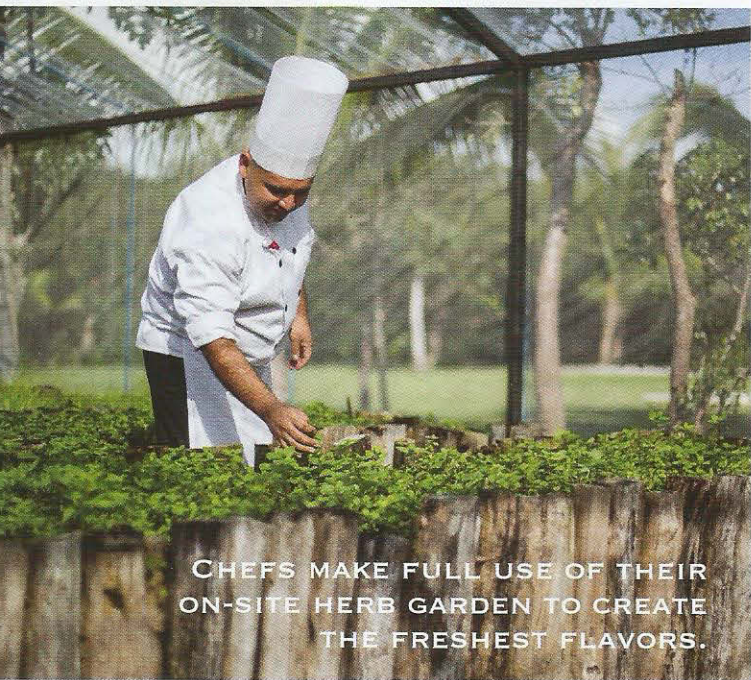
The resort's signature restaurant Cocina de Autor won a 2013 AAA Five Diamond Award for restaurants, the first of any all-inclusive to receive the coveted award. Other fine dining options include French, Italian, pan-Asian and, of course, the best Mexico has to offer.

CELEBRATE SPECIAL MOMENTS
IN ONE OF THE MANY COZY
RESORT NOOKS.

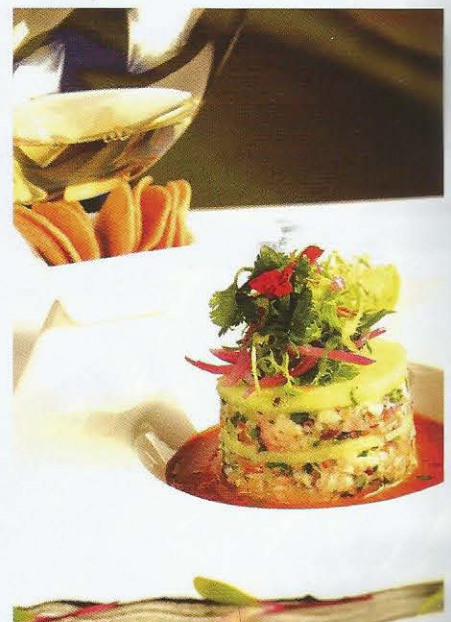
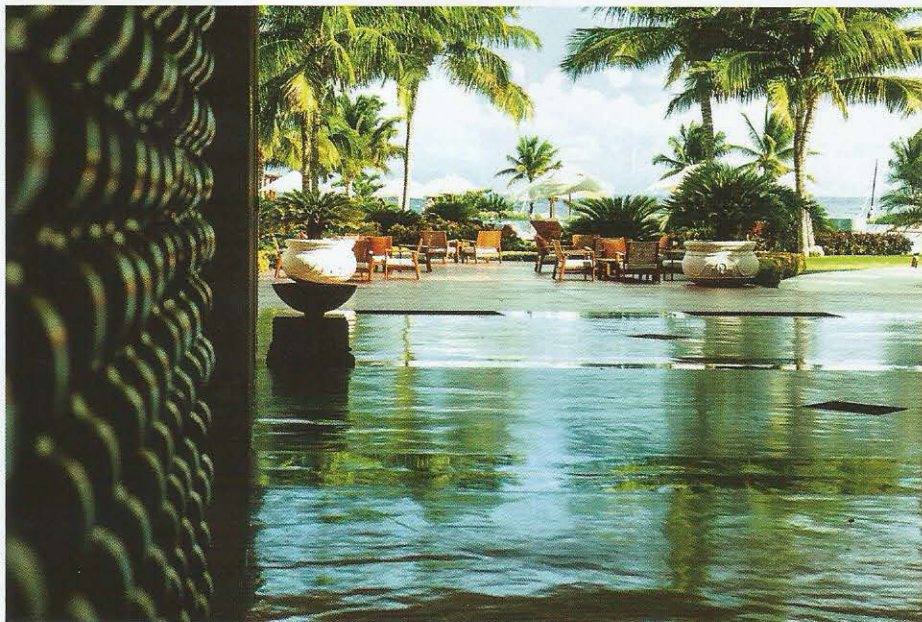
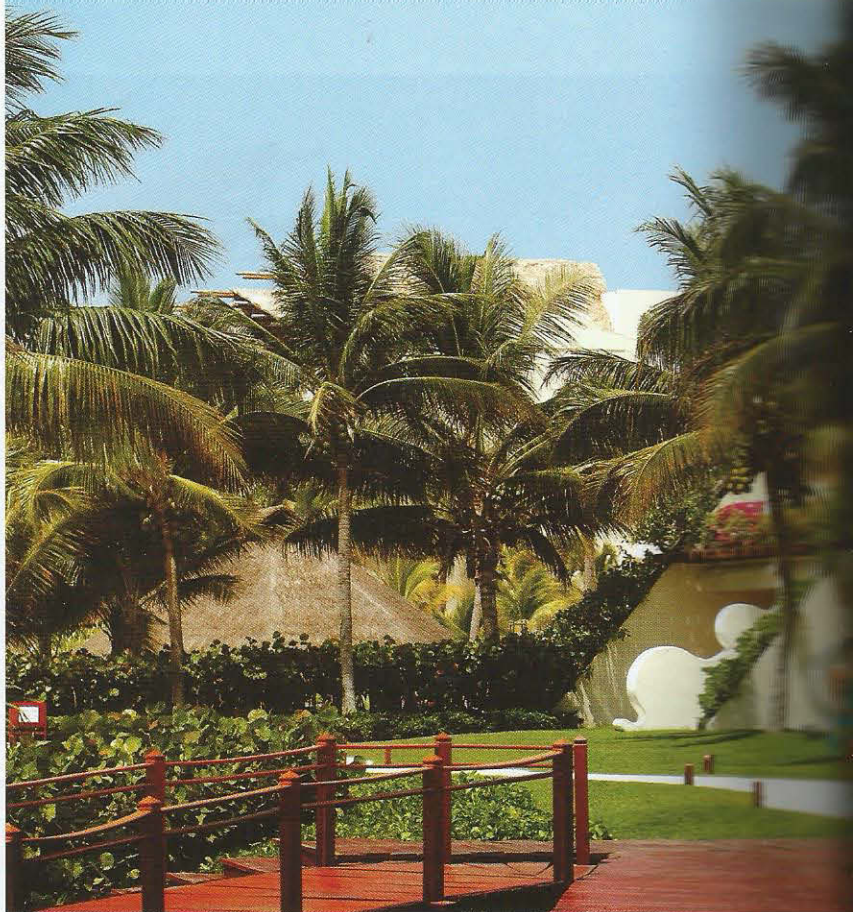




A LUSH TROPICAL OASIS AWAITS JUST OUTSIDE EVERY DOOR IN THE
ZEN GRAND SECTION OF THE RESORT.



CHEFS MAKE FULL USE OF THEIR ON-SITE HERB GARDEN TO CREATE THE FRESHEST FLAVORS.





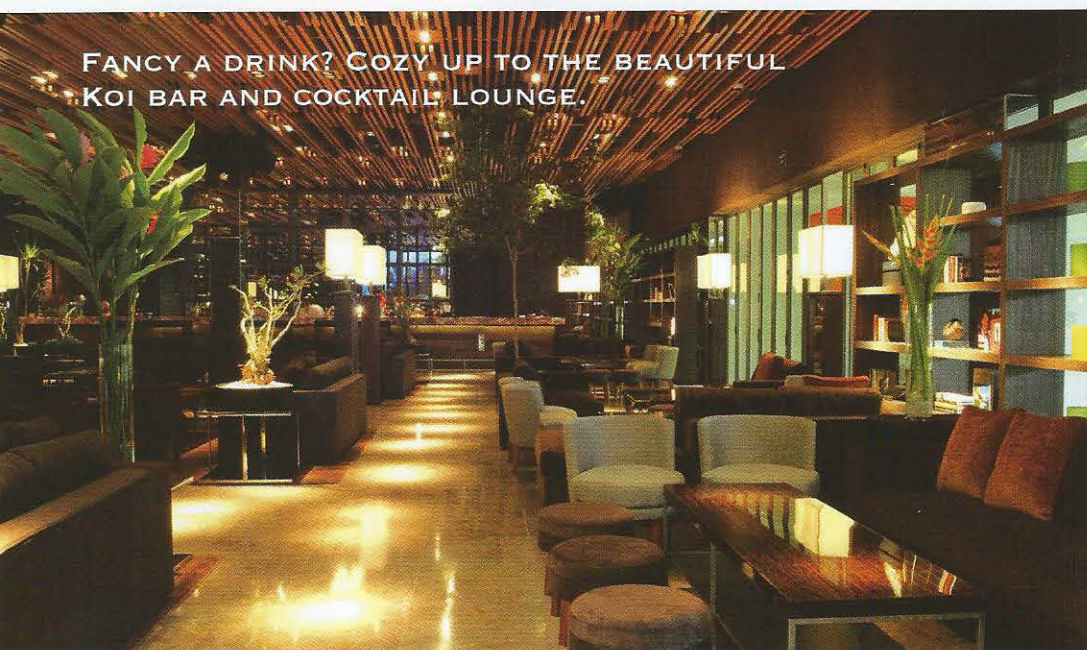
Eco-Friendly Hospitality

With an elite water treatment process and rigorous protection of its current environment, the resort is one of the most eco-friendly places in Latin America. The resort does not depend on any oil-based source of fuel, relying instead on the many roof solar panels. The resort also possesses its own water treatment

facility to recycle water for gray-use irrigation and a coolant-free air conditioning system, which emits zero atmosphere-threatening toxins. These are just a few of the environmental actions Grand Velas has adopted for its social and environmental initiatives.



ICONIC FRIDA RESTAURANT SERVING THE FINEST OF MEXICO'S ELEGANT CUISINES.



FANCY A DRINK? COZY UP TO THE BEAUTIFUL KOI BAR AND COCKTAIL LOUNGE.

All-Inclusive Plan

The all-inclusive approach allows guests to enjoy luxury accommodations, fine dining and premium international beverages in all restaurants, plus 24-hour personalized butler concierge service.

The resort offers three distinct areas of suites for your clients to choose from; it's like having three resorts in one, each with its own lobby, management team and reception area. Zen Grand, Ambassador and Grand Class. Zen Grand is perfect for couples who wish to



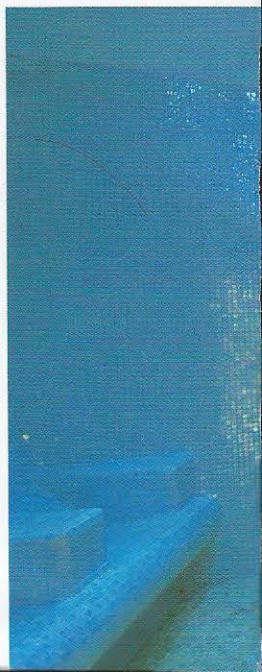
THE VIEW FROM AZUL RESTAURANT MAKES YOU FEEL AS IF YOU ARE DINING RIGHT ON THE BEACH, WITH PHENOMENAL SERVICE

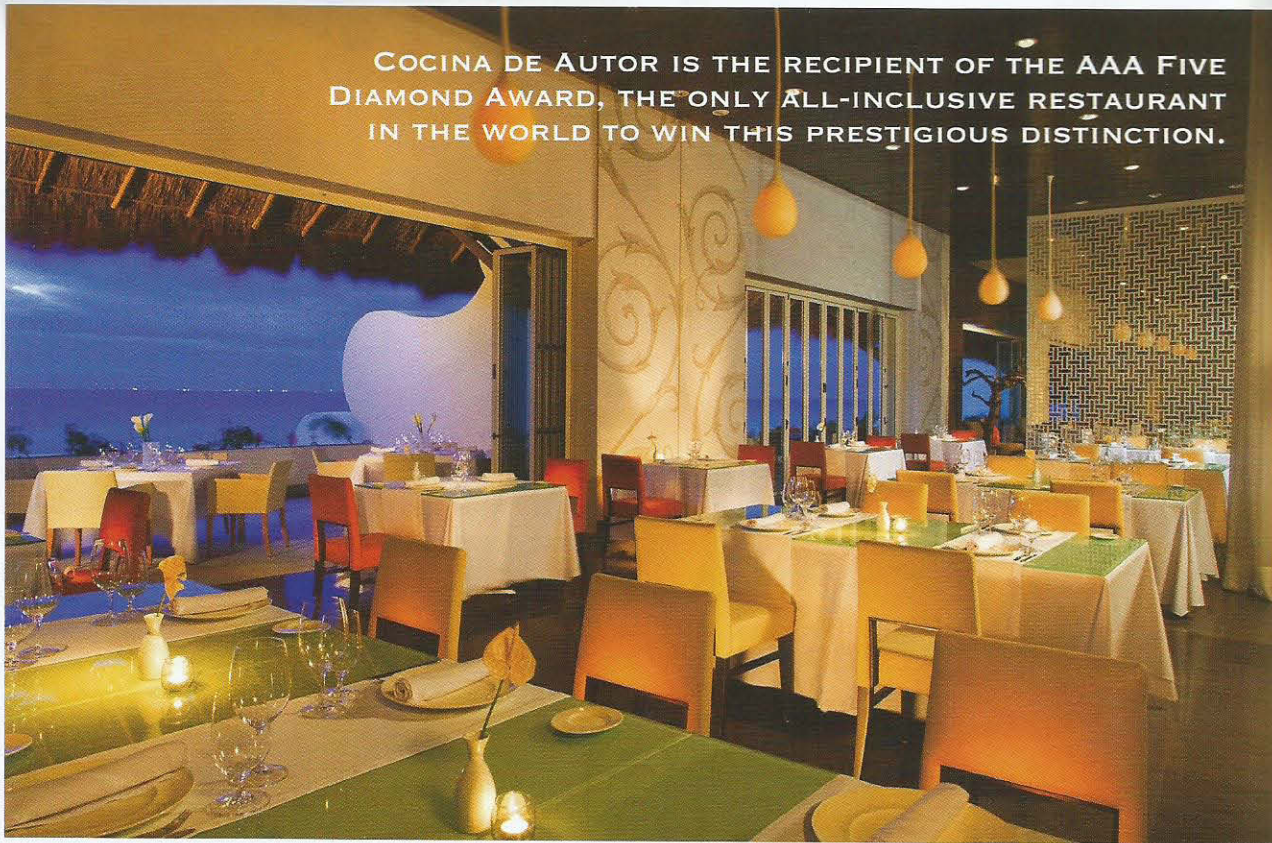
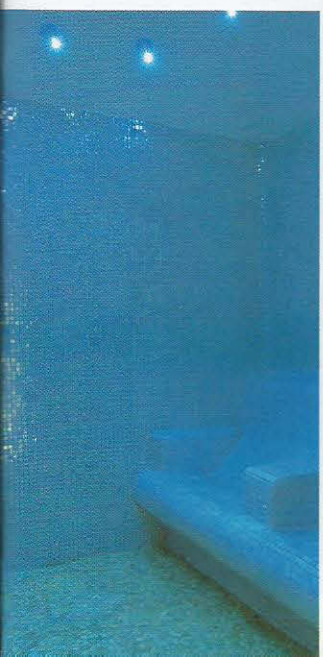




experience an exotic, tranquil retreat. All suites have private terraces overlooking water lily ponds and the natural flora and fauna of the Yucatan jungle. The Ambassador Suites feature oceanfront suites with a private plunge pool and a bathroom large enough for a massage table for private treatments, with a separate rain shower. Designed for optimum privacy, the Grand Class

ambiance is the ultimate in luxury, each of these exclusive suites featuring a spacious terrace with private plunge pool and lounge area just steps from the beach. Other amenities include massage tables for in-suite spa treatments and interior Jacuzzis. At Grand Velas Riviera Maya, you can choose the best suite to make your wedding dreams come true.

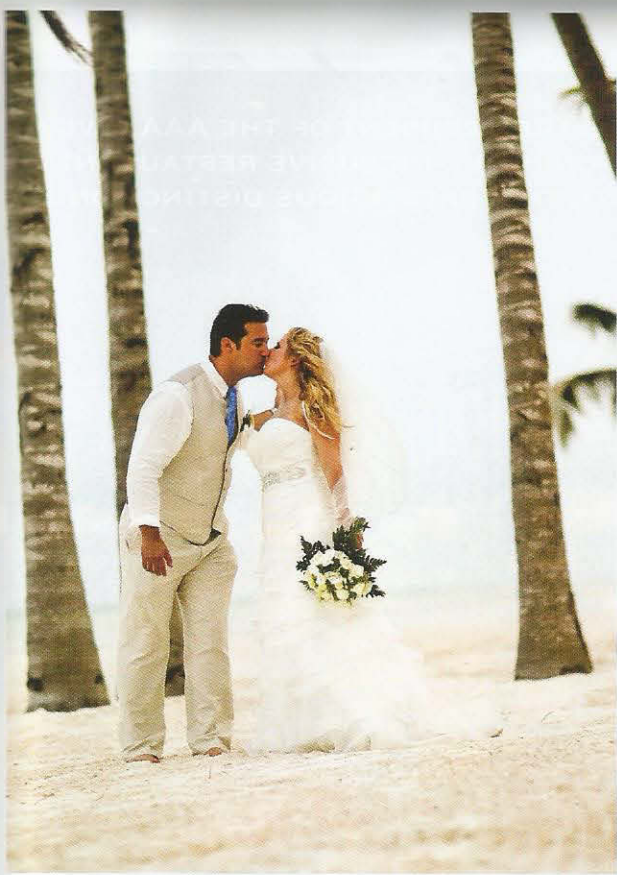




COCINA DE AUTOR IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE AAA FIVE DIAMOND AWARD, THE ONLY ALL-INCLUSIVE RESTAURANT IN THE WORLD TO WIN THIS PRESTIGIOUS DISTINCTION.



REJUVENATE IN THE ICE ROOM, PART OF THE 7-STEP WATER THERAPY JOURNEY, THEN RELAX IN THE BEAUTIFUL WARM WHIRLPOOLS AT THE SPA.



**GORGEOUS GOLD AND PINK
TABLE DECOR REFLECT
TROPICAL SPLENDOR.**



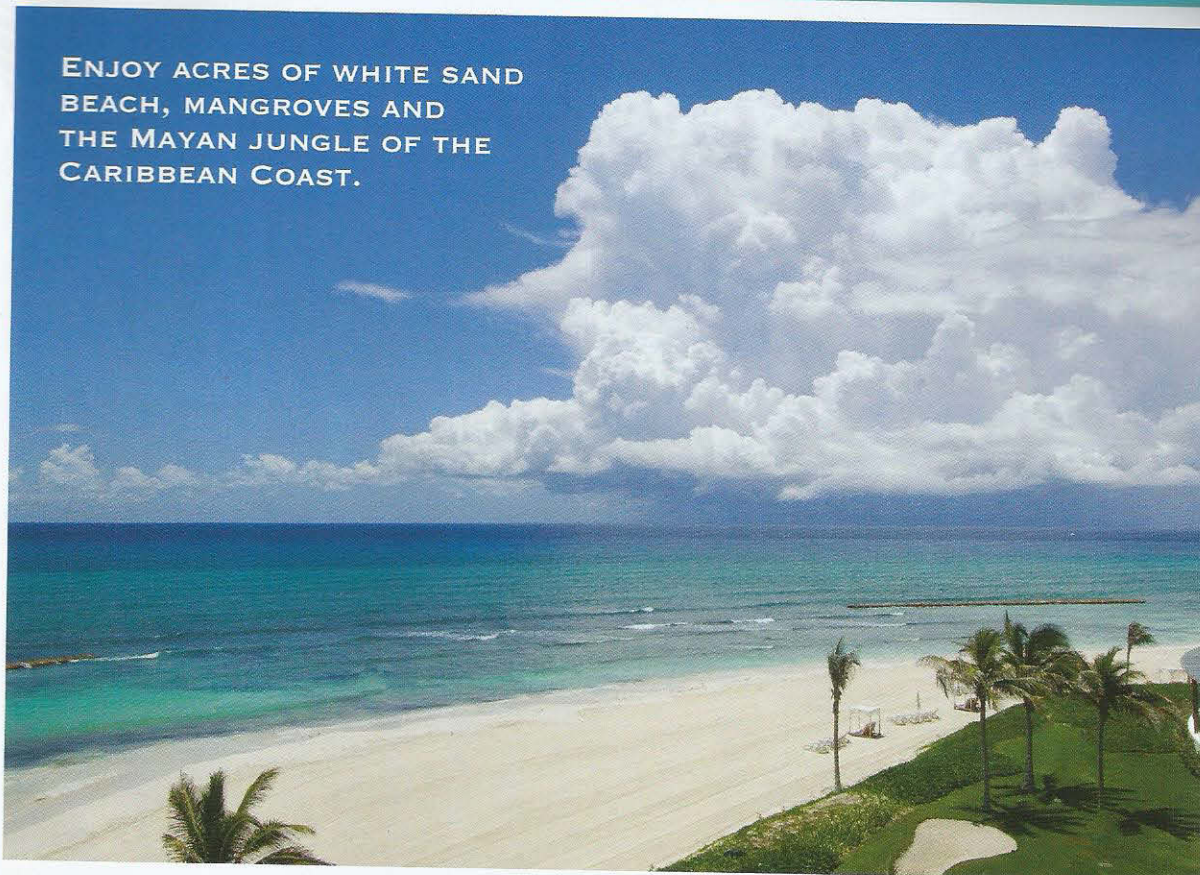


WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY
BY
THE
MAGAZINE
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**PICTURE YOU AND YOUR
GUESTS ENJOYING THE OCEAN
BREEZE AND LUXURY DINING.**



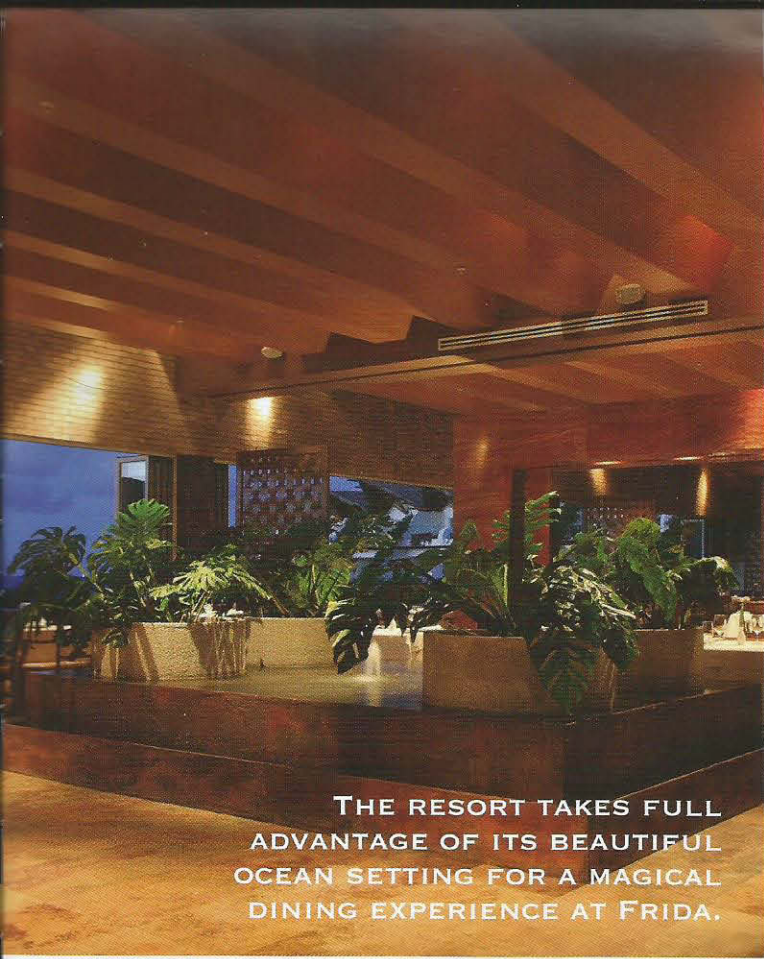
ENJOY ACRES OF WHITE SAND BEACH, MANGROVES AND THE MAYAN JUNGLE OF THE CARIBBEAN COAST.



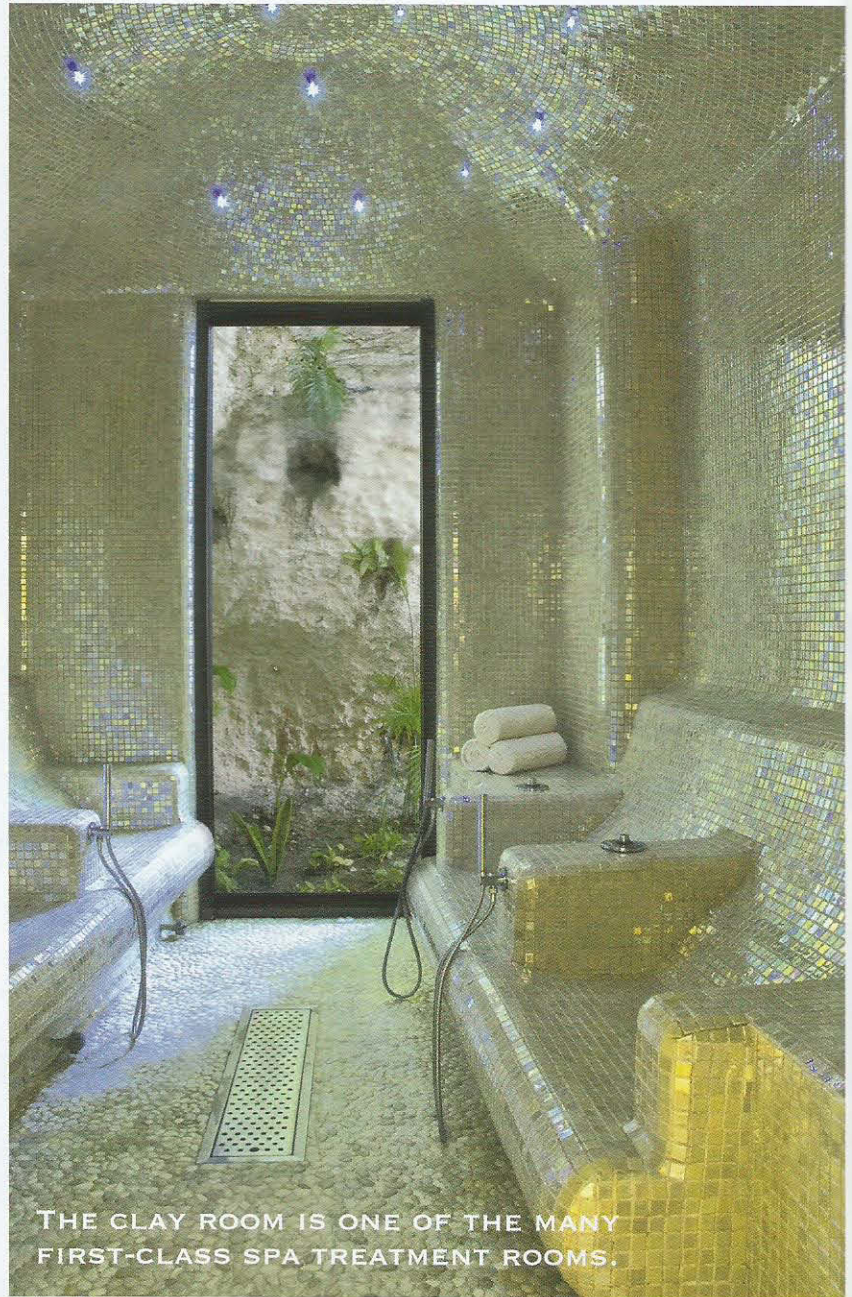
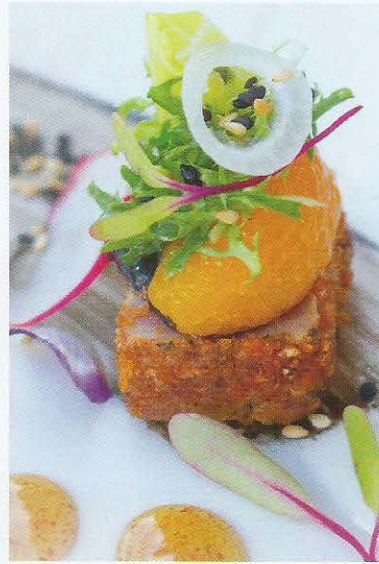
ENJOY REFRESHING POOLSIDE, OR EVEN IN-POOL, COCKTAILS.

A GRAND ENTRANCE AWAITS YOU AND YOUR GUESTS.

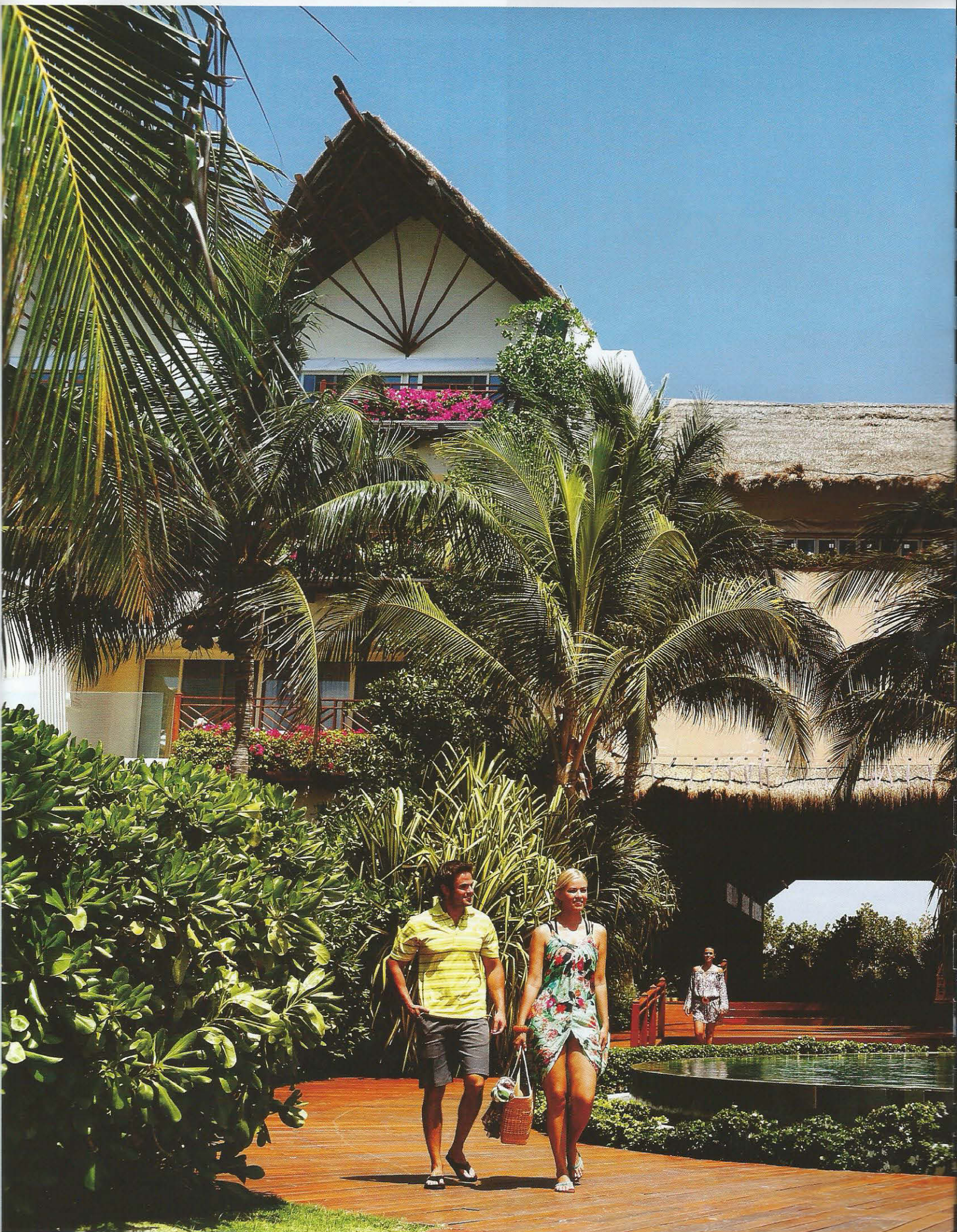




THE RESORT TAKES FULL ADVANTAGE OF ITS BEAUTIFUL OCEAN SETTING FOR A MAGICAL DINING EXPERIENCE AT FRIDA.



THE CLAY ROOM IS ONE OF THE MANY FIRST-CLASS SPA TREATMENT ROOMS.

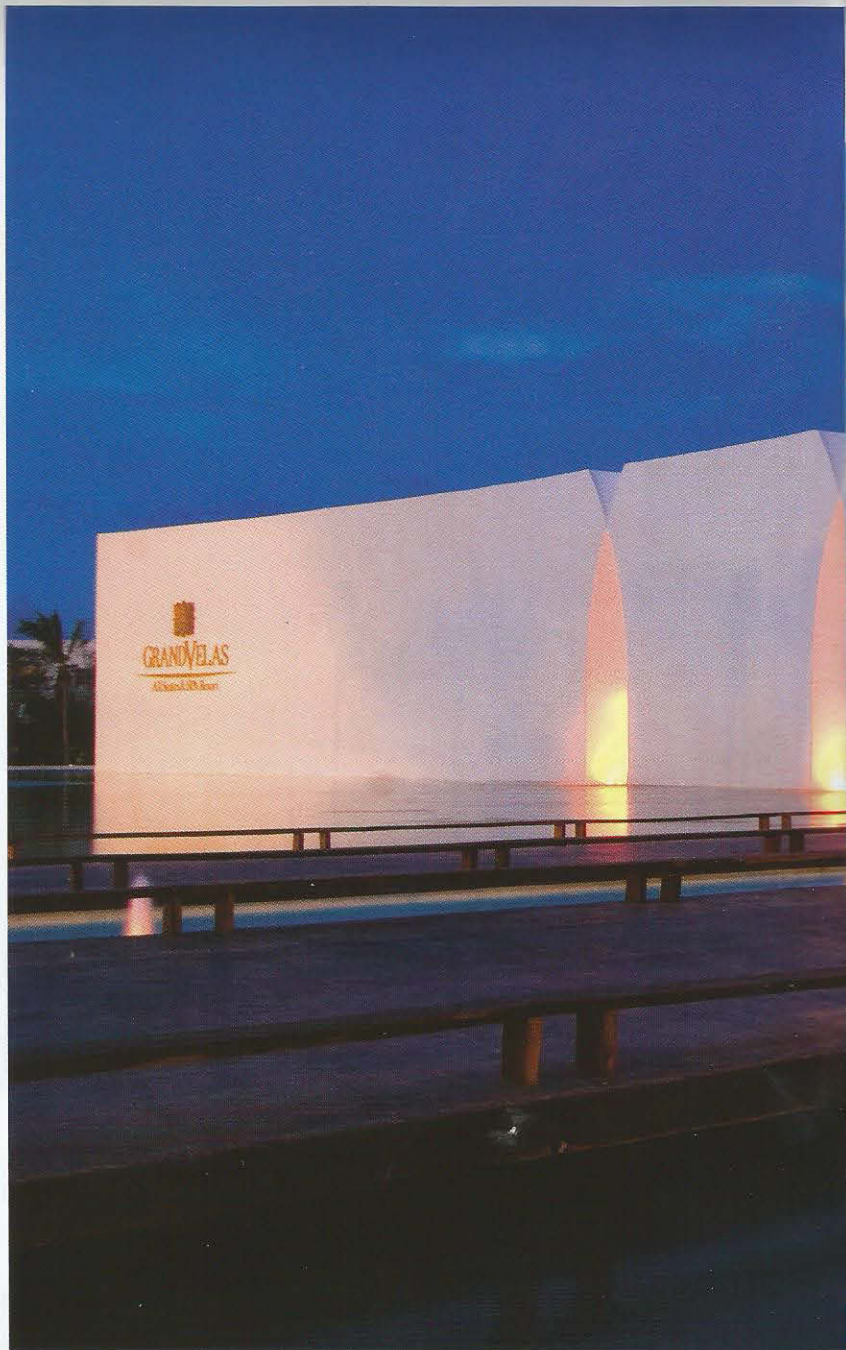


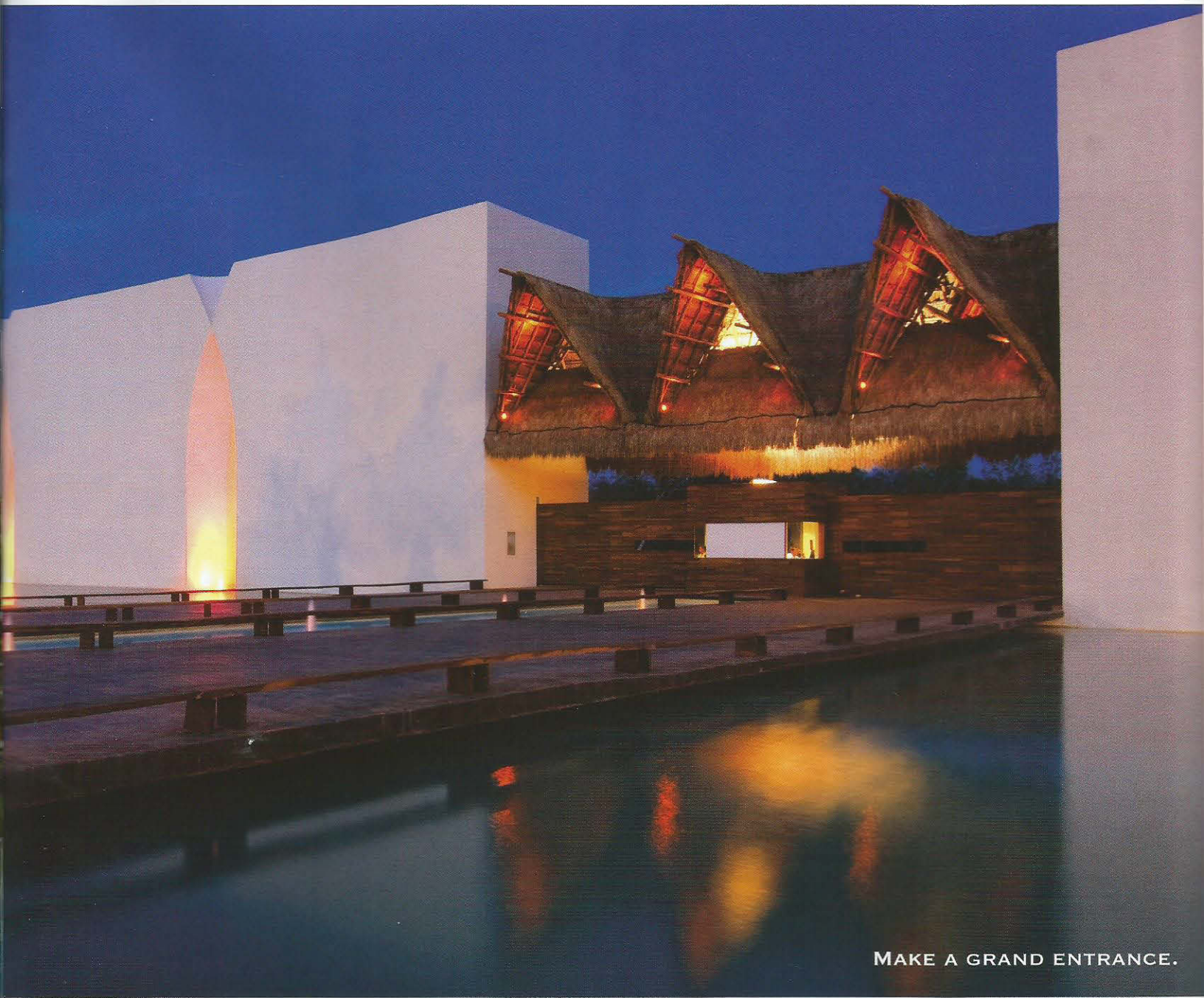
HUGGING THE RIVIERA MAYA COASTLINE, THE LUXURY RESORT IS ONLY FIVE MINUTES FROM DOWNTOWN PLAYA DEL CARMEN.





THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE OFFERS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF COMFORT AND STYLE FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS.





MAKE A GRAND ENTRANCE.



Be Spoiled

At the heart of the Grand Velas vacation experience, surrounded by tropical forest, a unique Sensory Journey of wellness and relaxation awaits your discovery. The world class spa is an adventure for the body, mind and spirit through a unique selection of journeys that transport Grand Velas guests into a world of aromas, textures, flavors and ancient healing rituals inspired by the wisdom of diverse world cultures.

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A 24-HOUR PERSONAL BUTLER CONCIERGE SERVICE IS AT YOUR BECK AND CALL.

