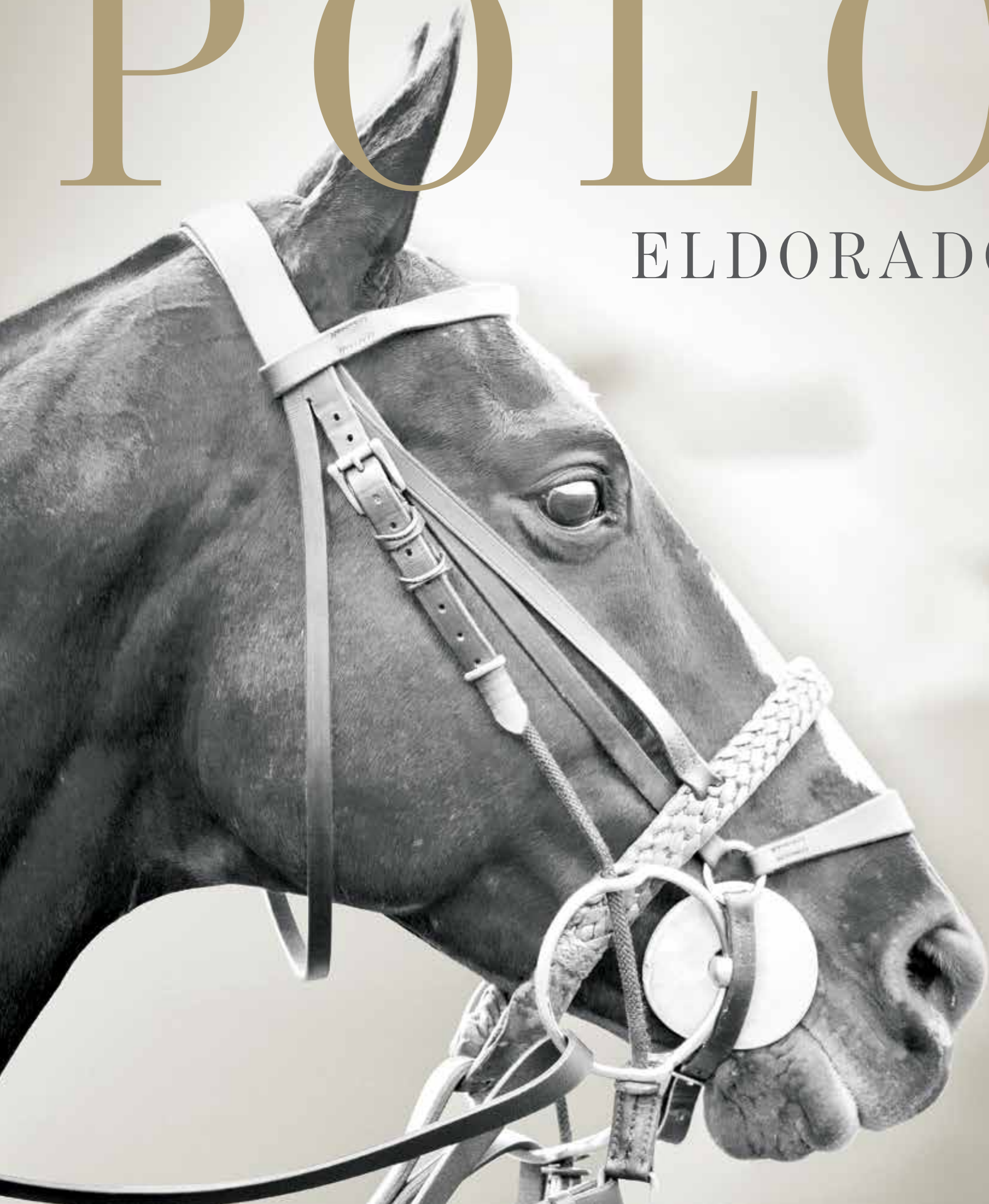


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TO TRAVEL IS TO LIVE

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Fulfill your lifelong dream to ride horses down the beach or cliff jump into a waterfall lagoon. Escape the ordinary with island beach yoga or a day of fishing on the Mediterranean Sea. Complete your travel adventure

with a world-class polo match, or take your very first polo lesson. Look no further than luxury destinations in Indonesia, Spain and Mexico to realize your international travel dreams and live a little more in 2018.

LUXURY ANDALUSIAN RETREAT

Finca Cortesin, Spain

Long ago, there was a traditional, family-owned Andalusian estate, set in the rolling hills of southern Spain. Endless pastures, historic olive trees, and beautiful Mediterranean vistas defined the exquisite private estate, known to be one of the most scenic locales in the country.

One-thousand years later, the estate serves as the home of the present-day luxury resort of Finca Cortesin. Set just outside the coastal settlement of Casares, the resort is a short drive away from Sotogrande—the European playground for polo, golf, and sailing.

What is striking about the Finca is the charming mix of traditional and contemporary sensibility. Spanish culture lives in the rustic white walls, reclaimed stone flooring, shady bougainvillea-clad arcades and peaceful garden courtyards. Yet the Finca also represents the contemporary identity of Andalucía with its upscale guest suites, award-winning spa, and world-class dining and hospitality. The hotel's signature restaurant Kabuki Raw, was awarded one Michelin star for its traditional Japanese fare and progressive cuisine influenced by Japanese and Mediterranean culture.



Finca Cortesin is also widely recognized for its world championship 18-hole golf course as well as its exclusive Beach Club, where discerning guests can enjoy the relaxation of the beach without sacrificing elegance. Activities also offered by the hotel include fishing, sailing, hiking and whale and dolphin watching.

A trip to southern Spain is incomplete without a visit to Sotogrande and the prestigious Santa Maria Polo Club. Every summer season, Santa Maria welcomes the world's best polo players, luxury sponsors, and close to 100,000 spectators to its impressive facilities. The club hosts more than 100 matches between late July and late August and there are more than 50 shops and 15 restaurants onsite. If you visit in August, the Gold Cup is not to be missed. Also plan to tour the Sotogrande harbour and marina, to take in the luxury boats, classy shops and lounges, and the Sunday market.



Images courtesy of Finca Cortesin Hotel, Golf & Spa, and Santa Maria Polo Club



AUTHENTIC ISLAND PARADISE

Nihiwatu, Indonesia

Located 250 miles east of Bali is the unforgettable island of Nihw Sumba. Originally founded as a surf lodge, Nihiwatu is now widely recognized as one of the world's best luxury resorts.

Nihiwatu offers outdoor-style living in terrace villas, each with its own private freshwater pool and panoramic views of the Indian ocean. The calming décor, canopy beds, and exceptional staff of 400+ make you feel comfortably at home yet completely transported. Note: shoes are optional and board shorts are completely appropriate dinner attire.

Water fanatics will thrive at Nihw—there's everything from surfing safaris and stand up paddle board river tours, to snorkeling and sustainable spearfishing. Shore dwellers can master the art of their bunker shot with a round of beach golf, leaving the kids at the Boathouse to paint murals for installation at the local Sumbanese schoolhouse. For land lovers: waterfall and jungle treks, picnics and walking tours to local villages provide immersion in the island's unforgettable geography and culture.

For the equestrian: sunset beach rides, trail rides, pony club and Sandalwood Club beach polo promise to satisfy, no matter of age or ability. And for visitors more interested in R & R than exhilarating adventure, limitless yoga, spa and wellness activities allow for the perfect transition to island time.

The list of experiences at Nihw Sumba is endless. To further the Island's unforgettable appeal is the ongoing work of The Sumba Foundation, which is committed to improving health and education on the island, while also preserving and respecting the culture and traditions of the Sumbanese people.

It's no wonder Forbes describes Nihiwatu as a "tropical-island luxury playground with a soul." Understated luxury meets unregulated freedom at Nihiwatu.



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COLONIAL CULTURE & COBBLESTONES

San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

The claim to fame of this quaint colonial hill town located 150 miles north of Mexico City: rich arts and culture, cobblestone streets, and... no traffic lights! San Miguel de Allende was named for both the monk who founded it, Juan de San Miguel, and General Ignacio Allende, a hero in Mexico's War of Independence. San Miguel is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that offers all the arts and culture of a big city quaintly contained within a picturesque mountain town.



Reflecting the culture and charm of the town is the quiet, sophisticated resort of Rosewood San Miguel de Allende. Set around a tranquil courtyard, the hotel is peaceful and elegant, and is situated just a short walk from the town's main square.

Inside the resort, guests are treated to grand colonial furniture, tall wood-beamed ceilings, wood fireplaces and impressive views of the city. With three swimming pools, an award-winning spa, two restaurants, an art gallery and a wine cellar, one barely needs to leave the resort to experience the perfect getaway, yet leaving the resort is another treat of its own: including tours of San Miguel's famous pink gothic-style church (Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel) and the Centro Cultural Ignacio Ramírez (Bellas Artes), art galleries, cultural centers, and an endless array of authentic shopfronts. A thriving culinary scene also offers amazing restaurants, many within walking distance of the resort. Pack some sturdy walking shoes—the cobblestones lining the vibrant streets are not easily navigated in flip flops.

To gain a better appreciation of the region, travel outside of town to one of the highly regarded vineyards for a tasting tour and gourmet meal. If tequila is your thing, opt for a tour and sampling of San Miguel's most well-known small-batch tequila at the home of Casa Dragones. And don't miss the opportunity to take in the stunning panoramas of San Miguel by way of a hot air balloon tour.

If you need a polo fix, you can travel over to the polo club at La Santísima Trinidad, where they host a series of four international polo games throughout the year, and offer lessons to anyone interested in trying their hand at the sport (no experience required!).



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