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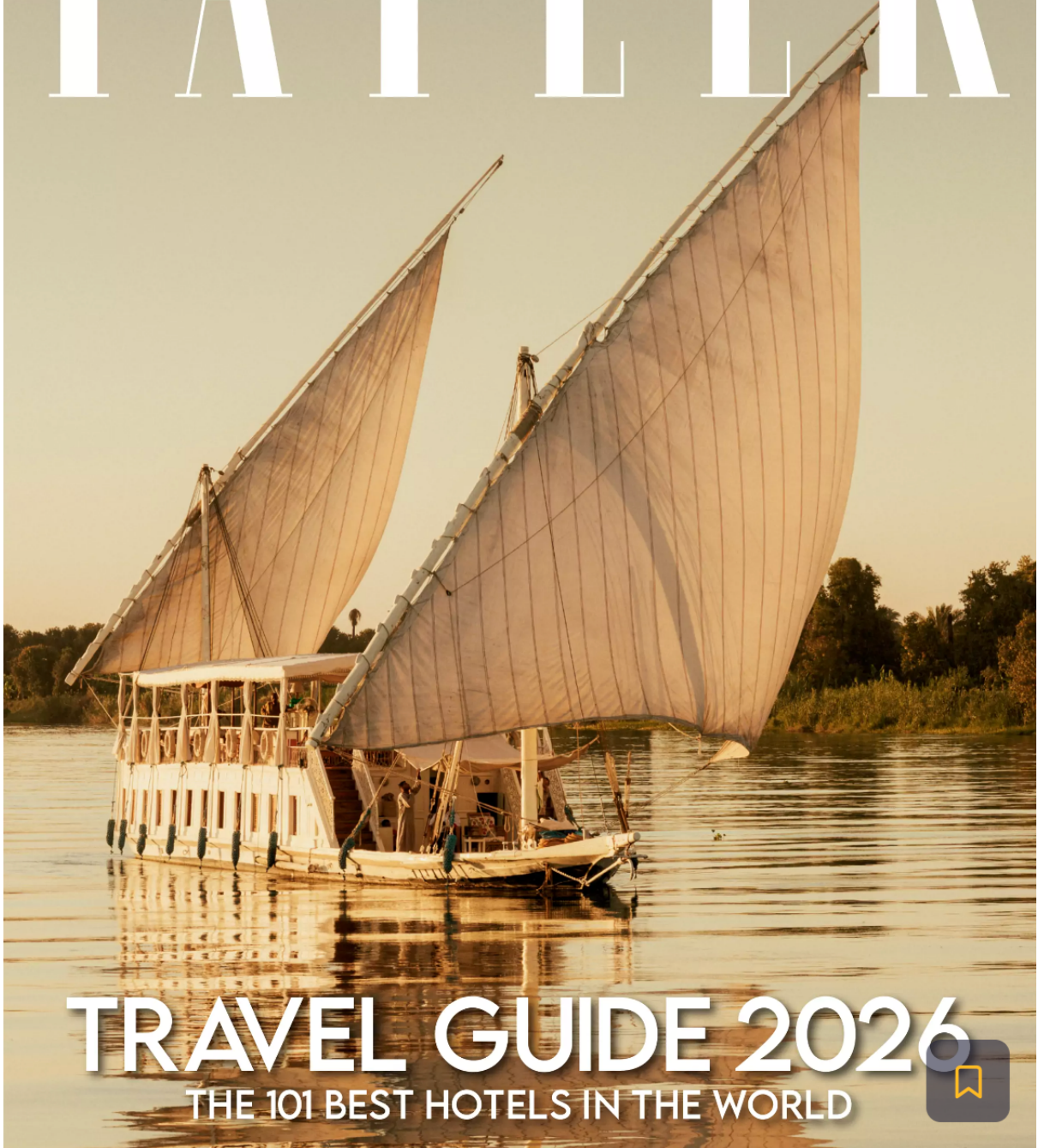
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101 HOTELS

SINGITA LEBOMBO

Kruger National Park, South Africa

Perched high above the N'wanetsi River in Singita's 33,000-acre private concession, Lebombo is a place where nature moves freely. The lodge's 15 air-conditioned glass suites, inspired by eagles' nests built into the cliffside, hover above the riverbank. Animals wander unhindered through the unfenced property, padding along the raised wooden walkways that weave through the bush. You can watch the sunrise over a coffee at the Long Bar before heading out on a game drive, crossing one of Kruger's most wildlife-rich districts as lions doze on the open plains and leopards slip between the shadows. Here, staff combine warmth and discretion, anticipating every need. The kitchen focuses on locally sourced ingredients, prepared in conjunction with the Singita Community Culinary School and served throughout the day. (It's also one of the region's most important wine collectors, with a meticulously curated cellar.) Despite the service, Singita's conservation mission anchors everything here: its Lowveld Trust funds anti-poaching patrols, rhino dehorning and other community-driven projects that protect endangered species while creating opportunities for those living beside the park. The circle of life. *Doubles from £2,281, full board (singita.com).*

With the river below and the sky above, rooms at Singita Lebombo are built into the cliffside, at one with nature

Deep in the Val d'Orcia UNESCO World Heritage Site region, La Posta benefits from thermal waters that run through its spa.

LA POSTA *Tuscany, Italy*

La Posta stands out as a place of deep tranquility and relaxation: in the middle of the Val d'Orcia, under the watch of an ancient castle on the hill opposite. While this backdrop is already enough to melt any tension away, the real star is the natural thermal spring that feeds the property. Bubbling up in the piazza of Bagno Vignoni, its mineral-rich waters rush down to the hotel, where they cascade into the spa and outdoor swimming baths at a pleasant temperature of 38°C; and the pool and its leafy environs are so relaxing that you could easily spend the day there. But the rest of the hotel works its magic, too; as a family enterprise, La Posta boasts old-school hospitality that places guest comfort above anything else. You end up feeling welcome wherever you go, whether selecting records from the owners' impressive vinyl collection in Bar Verde or making new friends over a game of chess in the sitting room. At La Rocca restaurant, expect a delicious mix of modern and classic dishes, from exquisitely prepared raw scampi to delicate pecorino ravioli, all paired with wine from the nearby vineyards. *Doubles from £259, including breakfast (lapostahotel.it).* □

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