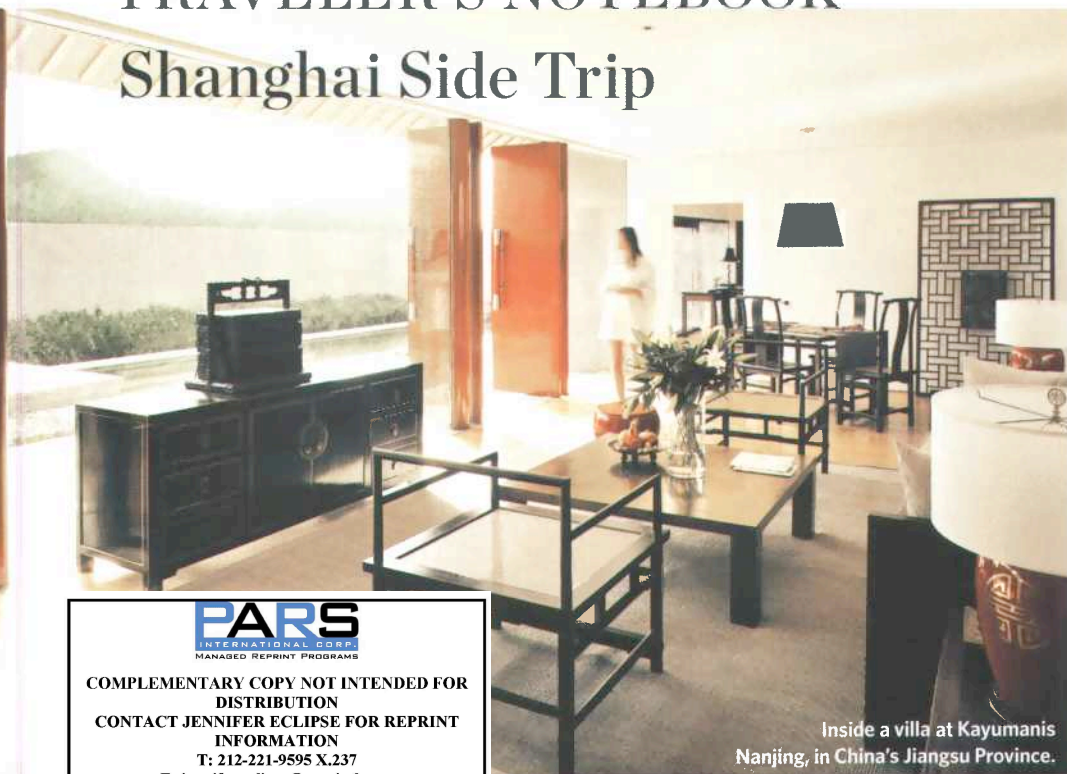


Shanghai Side Trip

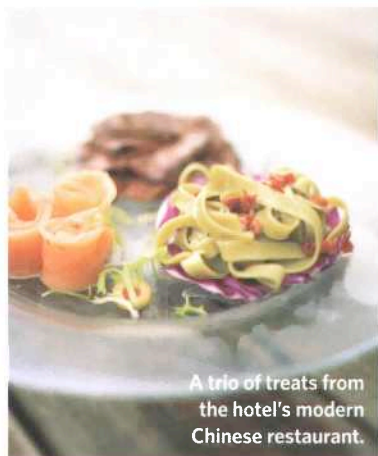


Inside a villa at Kayumanis Nanjing, in China's Jiangsu Province.

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CHINA Live like Ming Dynasty royalty at **Kayumanis Nanjing**, the lone Chinese outpost of the cult-favorite Bali-based Kayumanis resorts. Once an imperial retreat, the lakeside property is less than four hours by car from Shanghai and caters to modern monarchs with personal-butler service, private plunge pools and open-air natural hot springs. Each of the twenty-one villas is constructed of gray slate with sliding glass doors to blur the lines between the lush landscape and the sophisticated interiors, which blend traditional Chinese style (red lacquer furniture) with contemporary design (Saarinen-inspired chairs). Tai chi and yoga lessons are offered at the Spa & Wellness Center, and hikes to nearby mountains are scheduled daily. Should your wanderlust lead you farther afield, ancient sites like the Ming Tomb (circa 1381) are just a short drive away. *Villas from \$599. Sizhuang Village, Tangshan Town; 011-86-25-8410-7777; kayumanis.com.*



A trio of treats from the hotel's modern Chinese restaurant.

MEREDITH FISHER



Viticulturists teach students pruning techniques at Chêne Bleu wine camp.

SIP-AWAY CAMP

PROVENCE Frustrated by what she felt was a lack of intensive and effective wine courses in Europe, former international investment banker Nicole Sierra-Rolet decided to create her own. She calls her **Chêne Bleu Extreme Wine Experience** a "luxury boot camp for wine enthusiasts," and the five-day course on her wine estate, La Verrière, in Provence, does feel a lot like a grown-up summer camp. Designed by Sierra-Rolet and Clive Barlow, a master of wine (of which there are only 278 in the world), the annual June boot camp, as well as the custom programs offered throughout the year, consists of daily classroom time, vineyard walks and food-and-wine-pairing sessions, all set in and around the property's medieval priory, where guests also spend their nights. Students typically taste well over 100 wines—valued at more than \$4,000. Plus, they all go home with diplomas and enough knowledge to dazzle any sommelier. *June 14-19, 2009. From \$6,500 for six nights, full board and tuition. 011-44-7976-399-998; chenebleuextremewine.com.* ELENA BOWES

MICKEY'S MAGIC PASS



Most people in America—with or without kids, whether they like it or not—wind up at a Disney theme park at some point in their lives. If you fall into the begrudging camp, Walt Disney World, in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, offers some salve with a VIP tour guide, starting at \$125 an hour (six-hour minimum). No, you cannot cut the lines. But your guide can help you optimize your day by staying a few rides ahead of you and collecting strategically staggered timed-entry tickets dispensed by Disney's FastPass system, keeping most of your waits to under fifteen minutes. *407-560-4033; disneyworld.com.*

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FAST FACT
The author's guide accompanied Johnny Depp and his family on the Pirates of the Caribbean ride.