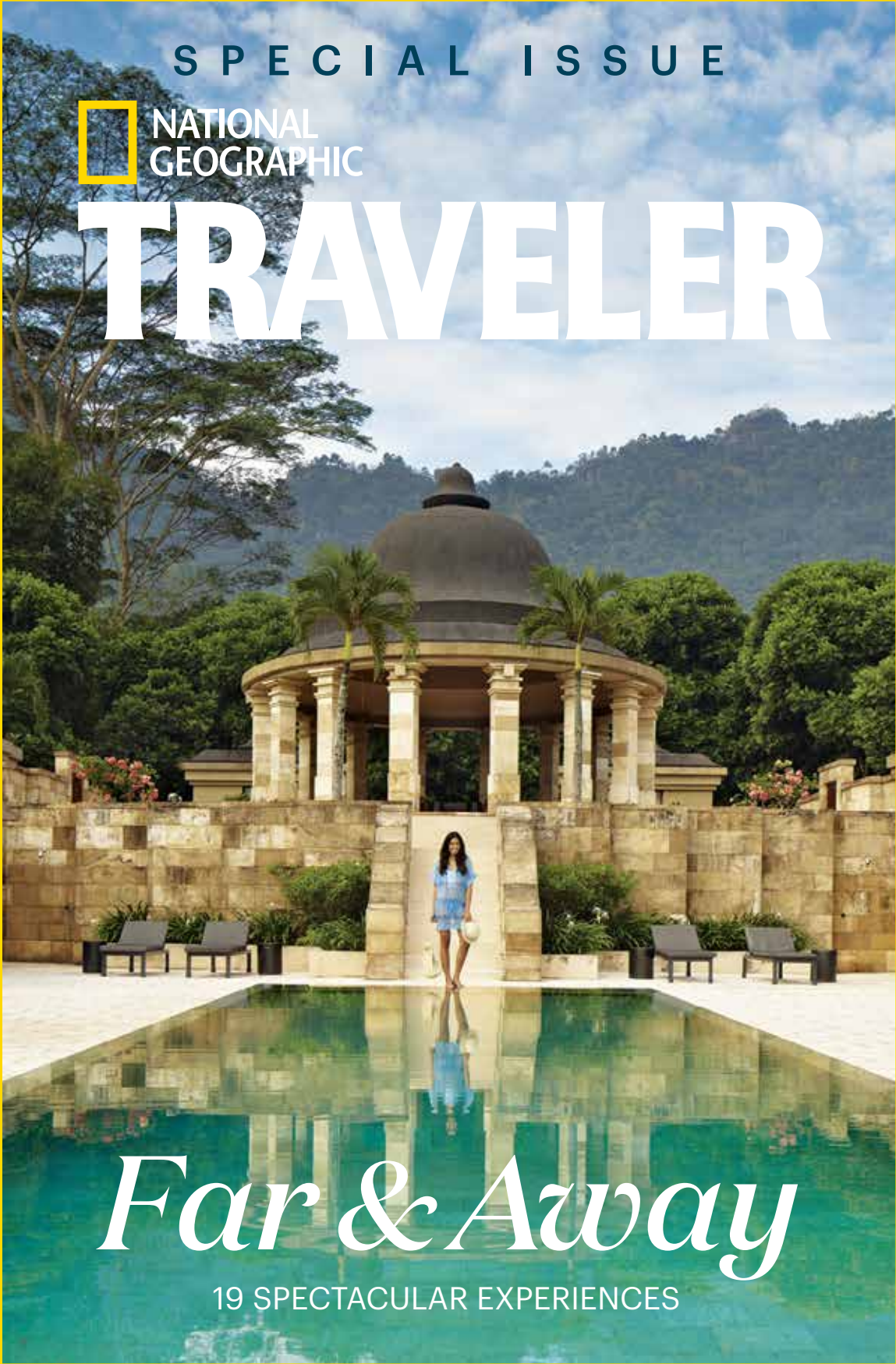


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Round out your global journey by heading for some R&R in Southern California's exuberant Palm Springs. The Coachella Valley's collection of mid-century modern architecture is a throwback to an era of toreador pants and Strontium-90, but it's also an expression of an unbounded, optimistic time when jets would zip us everywhere and travel knew no limits. Park at the Parker, a glamorous 1950s-era hotel that just underwent a brilliant facelift by interior designer Jonathan Adler, who injected luxe materials and eccentric design elements (spot the seven-foot-tall bronze banana sculpture on the main lawn). Embark on a tour of ritzy homes, including Frank Sinatra's dazzling digs. On this new grand tour, you did it your way. Head home happy.



TOP: JESSICA SAMPLE/GALLERY STOCK; BOTTOM LEFT AND RIGHT: WINNIE AU

The newly revamped Parker hotel in Palm Springs, with its mid-century entrance (top), staircase with carpeting inspired by the halls of the fictional Overlook Hotel in *The Shining* (bottom), and lobby with bold and cheeky decor (opposite page).

