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Nature is a wonder.

When you spend a bit of time immersed in total nature, you realize just how great it is and just how small you are.

Every breath is deeper, sleep is sounder and strength is renewed. It is no surprise why we hear so many stories of people being healed just by moving to the country.

What is it about nature that draws us, makes us feel rejuvenated and at peace?

We are still no match for the creativity and awesomeness that is nature. Until you go to a place like Wyoming and surround yourself with it, you do not realize how much of a wonder nature is. I never knew how much I missed it until I was there. All that man has made is minuscule in comparison to the magic in nature.

We have no choice but to feel awe when we experience nature, taking as much of it in as we can. It is not only its beauty that is so enthralling but the connection we feel when we are surrounded by it. To lie down in a green meadow with your eyes closed, you can feel life teeming and the oneness that we all share. Deep inside it is like a homecoming, a return to the very root of our being. A true luxury we all can afford.

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Wild West

We often forget how big and diverse a country the size of the United States could be, not to mention just one state like Oregon or Wyoming.

This summer, we set out for our road trip by flying to Portland and driving across Oregon through Idaho and ending in Jackson, Wyoming.

After landing in Portland, we made our requisite stop for Thai food at Pok Pok (which I would have to say may be the best e-sarn you can find stateside). Our first night was at Hood River, about an hour out of Portland and one of the best windsurfing and kite surfing spots worldwide.



Making our way southwest, we passed around Mount Hood with its snow capped pinnacle and beautiful rivers and forests that surrounded it.

As we got closer towards Paulina and a family's friend's 500,000 acre ranch, the forests got less and less with more sage brush and dryer terrain, like the landscape of Nevada. What we did not expect was that we were all of a sudden in cowboy country in Oregon. Small towns straight out of a wild west movie, with one main street, a small post office and a general store in the middle of nowhere and a stack of guns in most pickups. We even had the chance to spend an evening with real cowboys and a rodeo champion.

Luckily for us, city dwellers who have been a bit spoiled by convenience and comforts, there are places like Flat Creek Ranch and Amangani that open the doors to the Wild West for us without having to be campers.





Heavenly Retreat

flatcreekranch.com

About 15 miles northeast of Jackson, Wyoming along a rocky path that winds its way through hills and creeks over National Elk refuge, past confident silver fox and sage brush lies a hidden valley that through an unusual set of circumstances is what it is today. It is a place of absolute peace. Flat Creek Ranch, a place where luxury is really the nature itself.

Around the turn of the century a horse thief named Cal would bring his horses to this land for their rebranding scars to heal before he resold them. When an out of town countess and heiress of the Chicago Tribune comes to town for some relaxation after a messy divorce she runs into Cal who takes her riding to his special hiding place. As fate would have it, they fall in love and the pursuit of the National forest land begins. Years later



after leveraging and lobbying her contacts in Washington, somehow or another, this heavenly wedge of land surrounded by hundreds of acres of National Forest falls into the hands of Cal and then not so long after that to Eleanor 'Cissy' Patterson, the countess.

Today, the land is much the same as it was before. 5 beautifully furnished log cabins, a clubhouse, a sauna and horse stable lay naturally around the lake and creek. A bald eagle and her young occupy a large nest just near the water's edge and moose are often seen having a drink. Some time back a small dam was built to gather the water from the melting snow and the lake took shape. Recently when the forestry found out, they realized that removing it would cause the whole town of Jackson to flood, so destiny won again.

This is not where one goes to luxuriate with spa treatments, or, by being served hand and foot. It is a place you are welcomed as family, you have meals together at the communal table, share stories, help out here and there, build fires and eat marshmallows. Days can be spent doing everything from hiking, horseback riding, canoeing, and fly fishing to really nothing like reading, sleeping in or having a sauna while the water flows by.

Taking in the views as the day passes can easily be a full time occupation at Flat Creek Ranch. If you want to really be with nature, to a place where you would be lucky to get one bar on your phone but touch a glimpse of heaven, this is it.



Rustic Luxury

amanresorts.com

With days spent fishing, trekking, rafting and ballooning, or skiing in the winter, it is a great pleasure to return to a place of such natural yet modern luxury like the Amangani. Designed by the masterful Ed Tuttle, the resort is a beautiful balance of the Aman philosophy, nature and local native American elements that is so integral to the area.

As with most Amans, the site has to be spectacular. Given that you are surrounded by the Grand Tetons, it is not difficult to do but it would be hard to find a view in the area that matches this one. Amangani sits elegantly at the top of a butte just a few minutes away from Jackson town. We highly recommend the Sena Suite, as it has its own private patio with 180° views of the Tetons and ranch below, a truly magical experience.

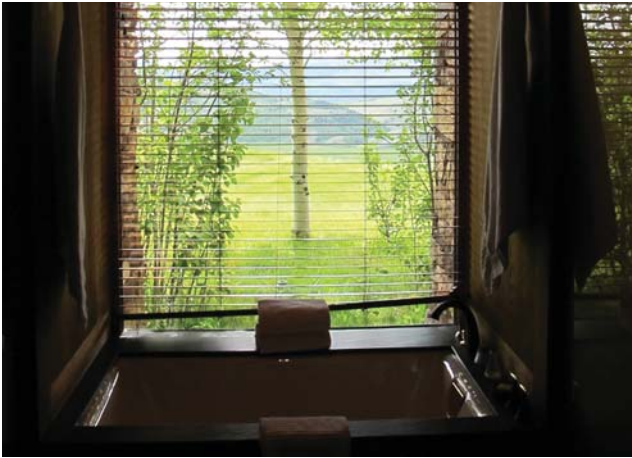






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RIDE TO RECOVERY

This summer we witnessed 8 passionate high school seniors from the St. Paul's school join forces to cycle across the United States, raising over

\$162,000

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Dipping their wheels first in Netarts, Oregon

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STATES

DAYS

They just kept going and dipped their wheels in the water again in Northampton, Maine on July 27, 2013. A big congratulations to all of them. They are an inspiration to all of us.

To read about their journey, please go to stpaulsschoolcyclists.blogspot.com



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The Sound of Silence

fauikenmagasinet.se

In the dead of winter just below the Arctic Circle, the sound of silence is made up of a cacophony of sensations: the caressing whoosh of wind, the bleached snow-blanketed landscape, the melting flakes on the tip of your nose. You hear nothing, but you feel everything.

It was in this isolating environment that we partook in award-winning Magnus Nilsson's sublime cooking. Fäviken Magasinet is located in the center of Sweden, close to the Norwegian border. Although trained in the best French restaurants, to call Magnus a 'chef' is an understatement, he is farmer, forager, hunter and philosopher.

Set in the original barn of a late 19th century farm estate, Magnus' dimly lit twelve seater dining room looks almost primitive, with slabs of meat drying from the rafters. Devoid of any ostentation, it focuses your attention on the food.

The ingredients are grown on the farm or sourced from the surrounding Jämtland (only salt, sugar and vinegar are imported). The menu changes depending on the season and availability of produce, with careful management, very little is also wasted by the kitchen.

Yes, the irony of travelling more than 6,000 miles to eat locally sourced food is not lost on us, but perhaps this idea of sustainable eating should be practiced in our daily lives, wherever we live.

-S.F.



culled from the collections of the Eames family, Eames Office and Herman Miller archives.

Included in the exhibition is an extensive showcase of the iconic furniture designed by the pair during their prolific career together. Among the authentic pieces represented in Essential Eames is the couple's recognizable Lounge Chair which Times Magazine proclaimed this specific piece "The Chair of the Century".

Also on display is a special chair uniquely designed by the couple for Pope John Paul II. Additional timeless furniture pieces include Moulded Plastic Chair, Eames Shell Chair, Eames Executive Chair and Eames Lounge Chair and Ottoman, among others.

Their spirit, philosophy and creations have provided the visual backdrop in homes and offices around the world for the last 60 years. Yet their influence and innovation



PHOTO COURTESY OF HERMAN MILLER & EAMES OFFICE

“Changing the way the 20th Century sat down”

- The Washington Post

extend far beyond furniture – their distinctive work in architecture, exhibition design and toy making is exceptional. Visitors to Essential Eames will be able to explore and interact with a variety of the couple’s unmatched creative output, including a number of films selected from over 125 produced by Charles and Ray Eames.

Essential Eames runs from now until January 5, 2014. Admission is S\$15 per person.

reach.hermanmillerasia.com/eames





Old School Brew

stumptowncoffee.com

It's always great to see a company that focuses on doing it right realize great success. Our experience with Stumptown came purely from the end result of such a long chain of efforts to make a good cup of coffee possible.

We knew nothing of the brand but were lucky enough to order a cup from a coffee shop featuring Stumptown Coffee many years ago. From the first sip we realized we had come across something very special and when we saw it on some shelves of better gourmet markets we would bring back several packs of whole beans of different varieties to try. At this point, our interest took us to exploring more about the company.

Established in 1999 by Duane Sorenson, Stumptown Coffee is part of what is often called the 'Third Wave' of coffee and can claim to be one of the leaders of this

movement for higher quality, artisanal product. It takes a holistic view of the overall process of getting to that great cup of coffee by focusing not only on quality beans and sources but also on the welfare and success of the growers and creating a sustainable process that supports their continued progress.

This is the birthplace of terms that are now commonplace like 'direct buying' from the growers, or, 'single origin' rather than blends. It also re-introduces old methods of making coffee like the hand pour, vacuum techniques and cold brew.

To visit their shops in Portland is to look into the heart and soul of the company. Stumptown is Portland and its character stays with the brand wherever they go in the world, including some great new locations in New York city.



Women with baskets in Vineyard, Reims, France, 1997

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Pleasant Pheasant

bakerfurniture.com

Baker has introduced a 75-piece collection of furniture, lighting and accessories marking Thomas Pheasant's 10th anniversary and fourth collection with Baker. Additionally, his signature pieces are now being offered in polished nickel, including his iconic Constellation Mirror, Paris Coffee Table and Bracelet Chandelier.

Just over one year in development, the direction and focus of the designs articulate Pheasant's personal and professional evolution. It is his mastery of understatement and unexpected detail that creates a sensuality of classic form and modern luxury together.

"I am motivated by the evolution of classical ideals," said Pheasant. "While travel and museums continue to offer me a treasure trove of stunning examples to incite my designer gene, I am not interested in reproducing the past."

Pheasant remains steadfast in his wood selection, again choosing mahogany solids and finely executed veneers. Decoration is kept to a minimum, allowing the form and the wood's coloration and figuring to express the intricate design elements that set each piece apart. "Mahogany is a thoughtful choice, its composition allowing for a wide range of figuring when in skilled hands, and finishes beautifully," continued Pheasant.

One example is the Pompeii Coffee Table, a rare building block that mixes with almost any modern interior. In an effort to design a more versatile coffee table, Pheasant further pared an already spare waterfall form, only to add back a cast brass frame with an organically textured face and a polished interior, and a floating clear glass top.

"My approach to design has always been to strip away unnecessary decoration, to me there is great beauty in refined simplicity," said Pheasant.

"To design objects that are elegant, maintain value, are stimulating to the senses, and visually beautiful. This goes against the trend today, but it is this exploration of new ways of expression, using simplicity, bold silhouettes and clean finishes that look forward, not back, that excites me."

The latest collection of Thomas Pheasant is exclusive through Chanintr Living and now available at the new Baker showroom, 3rd Floor, Siam Paragon.





Picnic En Masse

Imagine a perfect late summer afternoon, a picnic basket, a bottle of Rose, saucisson, chevre, a crispy baguette and the tunes of Tony Bennett filling the air. Many years ago, that is what made Ravinia a special place in our hearts. This summer we went back for Sting, and despite being a full house, we still loved being able to lay in a green lawn listening to our favorite songs. We would recommend it to anyone flying through Chicagoland over the summer months.

Find out more at ravinia.org



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Eames Molded Wood Chair

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White

Design by Rodolfo Dordoni

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Structure and proportions usher in a new architecture of the sofa. White seems to be a composite of perfectly balanced shapes and sizes. The repetitive overlapping of horizontal lines forms a highly distinctive aesthetic pattern that is further emphasized by the use of several different materials.

Baht 758,000

Surveyor Floor Lamp

Design by Thomas O'Brien

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Vintage modern lighting from the influential New York designer and home furnishings merchant Thomas O'Brien. Retro and industrial styles meet up with chic glamour and sophisticated finishes, ideal for town or country.

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Refined Reeded Server

Barbara Barry

Delicate ribbing wraps the face of this elegant server/sideboard. Modern in Pearl or Quill lacquer ribbing with Brunette finish on walnut - or dress it up with a combination of silver or gold leaf ribbing. A slightly raised top with curved front corners, custom bronze scroll hardware and tapered legs bring sophistication to the dining room, entry or bedroom.

Baht 726,000



Blossom Mirror

Design by Thomas Pheasant

Baker

Loosely inspired by a kimono with cherry blossoms rendered in an Art Deco manner, Thomas Pheasant views the Blossom Mirror as one of those rare but riveting objects that finish a room. The mirror has a textured banding immediately around it. A much larger and more dramatic, but still somewhat organic, Brass frame requires more than 100 welds to secure a sculpture consisting of five-sided flowers. A total of 18 lead crystal blossoms, in two sizes, are then positioned for dimensional effect.

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Luggage Tag

Color Chart



Ditch your old colorful ribbons and plastic tags and replace them with Color Chart's luggage tags. An ideal solution for those seeking to distinguish their Rimowas amongst the priority luggage.

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PH50

Design by Poul Henningsen for Louis Poulsen

Craft

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Lox

Design by PearsonLloyd

Walter Knoll

The next generation. The new bucket seat Lox reflects the spirit of the times. The clear silhouette with its flowing lines is pleasantly inviting; sculptural in shape, minimalist in materials, comfortable for the owner. On the outside, the sweeping bucket supports your back. Inside, the seat and back pads ensure comfort. Whether classy in leather or colourful in fabric, the pads provide an individual touch to your lifestyle.

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BOOK REVIEW:



Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan

Dynasty meets Gossip Girl.

Old money vs. Nouveau rich.

In this semi-Roman a Clef, Kevin Kwan brings a juicy journey of Rachel Chu, an ABC (American born Chinese) girlfriend of Nicolas Young, who travels from New York to Asia for the first time to attend “The Wedding of the Decade”. She is not prepared to experience the lavish parties and opulent lifestyles of this side of the world. Not to mention, she has no clue that her boyfriend is the only heir of one of the oldest and richest families in Singapore.

Along the way, she would face some plotting, scheming and backstabbing from young wealthy socialites that make Park Avenue ladies look tame. This novel will take readers to explore the modern world and high society that really exists in Asia today.

Kwan knows how to discreetly and smartly name drop that makes his debut wickedly funny and addictive. Get ready to learn some prime addresses and real estate of the super rich in Hong Kong and Singapore.

We heard the production company behind The Hunger Games has snatched the movie deal. Stay tuned and see who will portray Nick and Rachel. But ultimately, we can't wait to see who gets to play the glamorous Astrid and which designers make her fabulous costumes.

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