

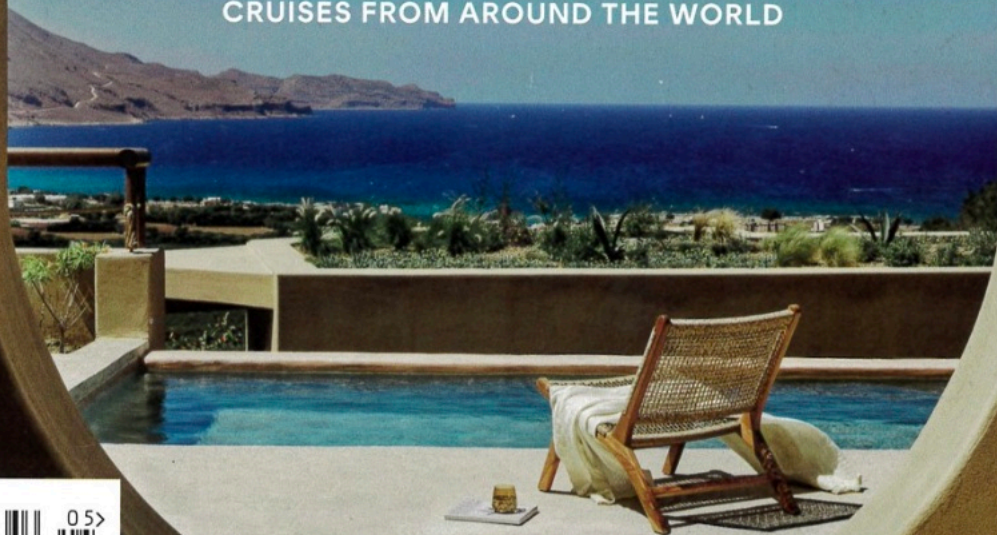
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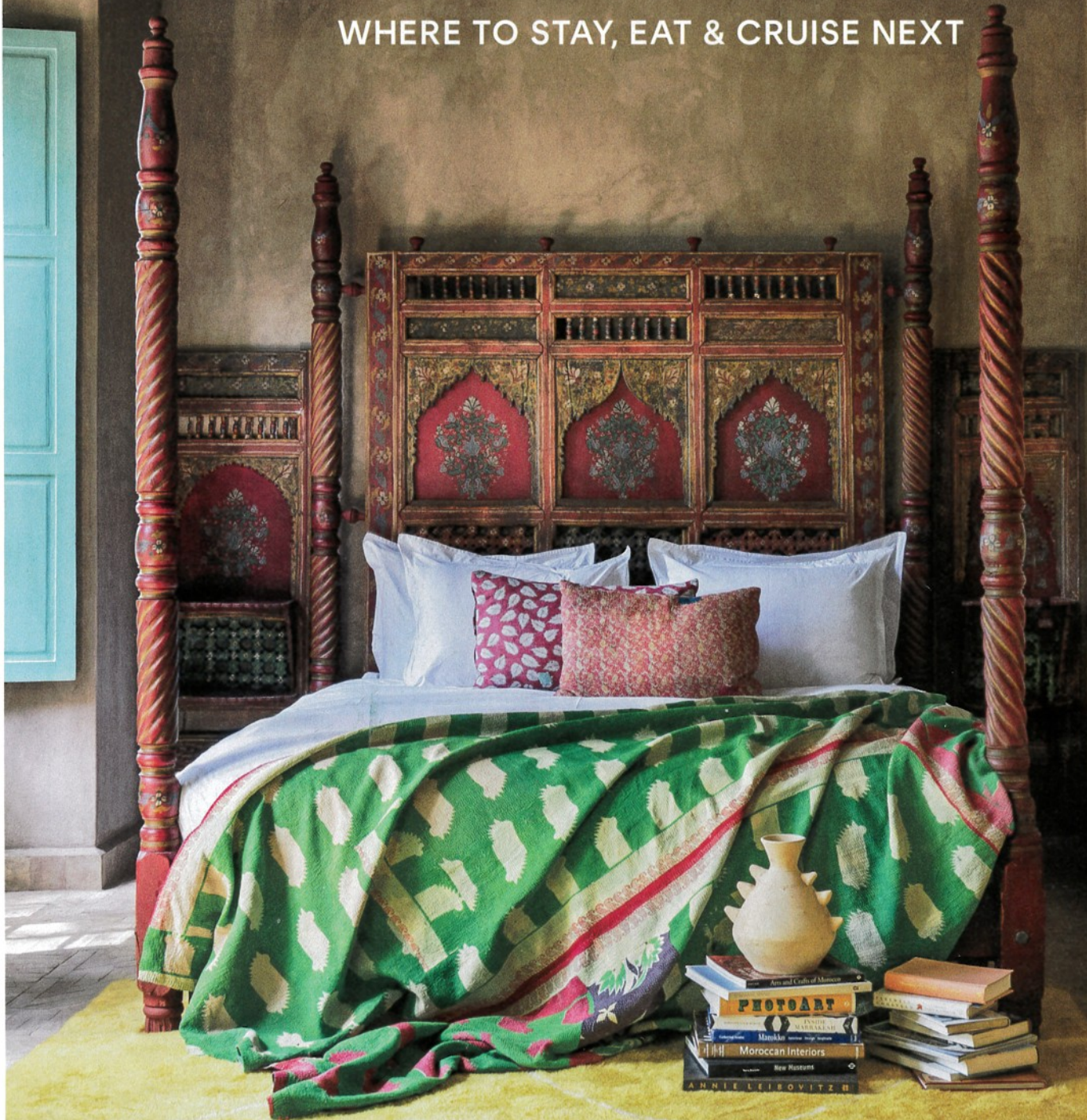


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Purpose-built for exploring the Galápagos, National Geographic—Lindblad Expeditions' **National Geographic Gemini** is a shallow-draft vessel equipped with a fleet of versatile Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, and kayaks; don the snorkeling gear to get up close and personal with curious sea lions that rarely see humans. The outdoor pool deck of Aurora Expeditions' **Douglas Mawson** (left) is the perfect spot for watching snow petrels and south polar skuas that follow the ship in Antarctica's seldom visited Ross Sea (be sure to pack plenty of layers); for nature appreciation indoors, guests can peer at microscopic creatures collected by scientists performing research at the onboard citizen science center. For warmer climes, hop aboard **Pure Amazon, an A&K Sanctuary**, a riverboat from luxury travel operator Abercrombie & Kent. The floating oasis ventures along remote tributaries and into riverine communities in Peru's Pacaya-Samiria National Reserve. Skiff excursions are front-row seats to Amazonian wildlife as guides point out catfish holes in the muddy banks and cocoi herons spearing their breakfasts. Or get on a boat that can do both: Aqua Expeditions' **Aqua Lares** (above), a 15-cabin superyacht and icebreaker that's bookable by the room, splits its year between sailing around Svalbard in the Arctic Ocean to spot polar bears and glaciers, and going to the Seychelles off the coast of Africa to explore biodiverse islands like Aldabra, home to its eponymous giant tortoises. How's that for bicoastal?