

PACIFIC STANDARDS

Designer Thomas Hamel divulges the must-see spots in his adopted city and his part-time perch in the States.



Therien

Sydney

RESTAURANT Most people arrive at **Cottage Point Inn**, outside the city, by boat or seaplane. The food is smart, and the location, on a gorgeous tidal inlet, is incomparable. 2 Anderson Pl., Cottage Point, cottagepointinn.com.au.

SHOPS **Paspaley** is a family jewelry business that has given pearls a modern aesthetic with chic, creative settings and unexpected materials. 2 Martin Pl., paspaley.com.

- Shipments of art from around the world—Africa, Thailand, Bali—arrive at **Orient House** all the time. I recently found enchanting stone Indian window frames there. 45 Bridge Rd., Glebe, orienthouse.com.au.

- In the posh district of Double Bay, **Ondene** carries pared-down furnishings with a clean, edited feel. The neighborhood is also great for strolling. 12 Transvaal Ave., ondene.com.au.

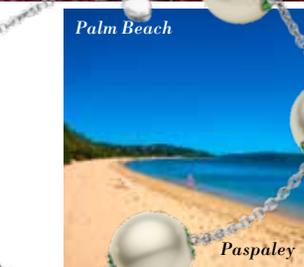
OTHER ATTRACTIONS **Mayfield Garden**, set on more than 160 acres, includes water features, an aviary, and a chapel. It's a three-hour drive from Sydney through the Blue Mountains and a lovely day trip. 530 Mayfield Rd., Oberon, mayfieldgarden.com.au.

- The houses in the charming seaside enclave of **Palm Beach** cling to cliffs overlooking the ocean. It's kind of like our Hamptons—without the traffic.
- As soon as there's a whisper of tickets on sale for something at the **Sydney Theatre Company**, they sell out.

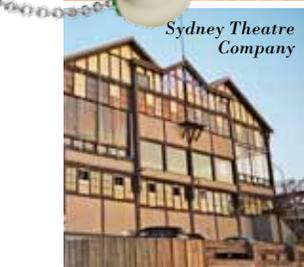
It's on a wharf beneath the Harbour Bridge and a fabulous place to see a show. Pier 4, Hickson Rd., sydneytheatre.com.au.



Mayfield Garden



Palm Beach



Sydney Theatre Company



Orient House



Cottage Point Inn



Ondene

Los Angeles

RESTAURANT I love eating poolside at the **Chateau Marmont**. Celebrities are all around you, but it's so discreet, you can't tell. 8221 Sunset Blvd., chateaumarmont.com.

SHOPS I can take my clients to **Therien**, and they instantly understand the art of the mix. Antiques, vintage pieces, and contemporary art mingle here in such a beautiful way. 716 N. La Cienega Blvd., dessinfournir.com.

- Arcana Books** in Culver City is a pleasure to browse in. The selection is artfully curated, with a nice architectural focus. 8675 Washington Blvd., arcanabooks.com.

- The men behind **Jean de Merry** have an extraordinary vision. They really push design and materials; every object has a bespoke feel. I designed a small line for them, and I couldn't be in better company. 8417 Melrose Pl., West Hollywood, jeandemerry.com.

- The furniture and accessories at **Gray Gallery** are stellar, and so is its jewelry collection—when I go there with clients, it's hard to keep them focused on the home goods! 8751 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood, graygallery.com.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS The **Craft & Folk Art Museum** is always enlightening, and everything in the shop feels handmade and special. 5814 Wilshire Blvd., cafam.org.

- The **Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden** has a whole section dedicated to Australian plants. It reminds me of home. 100 Stein Plaza Driveway, botgard.ucla.edu.



Arcana Books

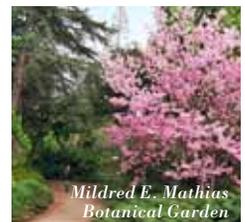


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