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INDAGARE MOST BOOKED TOP TEN

Banyan Tree, Riviera Maya, Mexico
Estancia Vik, José Ignacio, Uruguay
Four Seasons Bosphorus, Istanbul, Turkey
Four Seasons Costa Rica, Costa Rica
Hôtel Le Bristol, Paris, France
Il Pellicano, Porto Ercole, Italy
Le Sereno, St. Barth's, Caribbean
Parrot Cay, Turks and Caicos, Caribbean
The Connaught, London, England
The Setai Miami, Florida, U.S.A.

URUGUAY: Estancia Vik & Playa Vik

Both Estancia Vik and Playa Vik, in Uruguay's José Ignacio, are true labors of love. Owners Alex and Carrie Vik had a vacation home in the area for years before buying the 4,000-acre property on which they built the estancia, a traditional Spanish colonial structure with white adobe walls and a red tin roof. Working with some of Uruguay's top architects, artists, designers and craftsmen, they created a property whose exquisite interiors showcase true individual passion. Their collaboration with local artists is also showcased at Playa Vik, on a wide, undeveloped stretch of beach. With only nine suites, Playa Vik feels like an art aficionado's ultimate escape, featuring rooms so artful that a room tour should be offered as a daily activity. Both properties beautifully showcase their owner's taste and artful sensibility. www.vikretreats.com.



Indagare founder and CEO **Melissa Biggs Bradley** spent many days on the road in 2010, from far-flung adventures with her children (Greece, Chile, Montenegro), to getaways closer to home, to some of her favorite destinations, like St. Barth's. "If I had to pick my favorite trip this year, it was going to Estancia Vik, in Uruguay, with my family and friends," she says. "Also, discovering the Atacama Desert, in Chile, was memorable." While exploring new destinations is part of Melissa's passion—and job—she maintains that there are things more crucial: "Who you are with and how you go are more important than where you go."