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And over in Uruguay, the beach village of José Ignacio is now home to **Playa Vik**, whose stone, glass, and curved-titanium structure was built by world-class Uruguayan architect Carlos Ott; its nineteen suites boast works by local artists. Besides swimming—cantilevered above the sea, the 75-foot black-granite pool is a stunner—surfing, and kayaking on the property, guests can go hiking and horseback riding five miles inland at Estancia Vik, Playa Vik's sister hotel. Rates at Playa Vik, from \$750; [vikretreats.com](http://vikretreats.com). □