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BAHIA VIK JOSE IGNACIO, URUGUAY

The Uruguayan coast bears a striking resemblance to the French Riviera these days, since it is now nearly as indispensable to many a jetsetter's holiday itinerary. It started with Punta del Este, the South American St.-Tropez, and now there is José Ignacio, a tiny fishing village where an influx, in the past few years, of high-wattage personalities has been cluttering its dirt roads with Porsches. Some credit goes to Alexander and Carrie Vik, hoteliers and art collectors who champion local contemporary artists, whose work they display at their three hotels here. Bahía Vik, in the dunes in José, is the newest, with 11 bungalows and 10 suites in the main building to take you far off the grid—but not so far that you'll miss out on the asado and the cavorting at Parador La Huella (it's the sceniest place, but the food is great) or a private boat trip to La Caracola, a beach club on Laguna Garzón. When it's time to put on shoes again, try Argentine chef Francis Mallmann's nearby El Garzón or sushi spot Namm, where you might mingle with photographer Mario Testino.



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PACKING LIST

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
BALENCIAGA BAG (\$2,175);
DUNHILL PEN (\$690), RIMOWA
DELUXE MULTIWHEEL IN RED
(\$795); LONGCHAMP WHEELED
SUITCASE, LARGE (\$595);
BRIGGS & RILEY CARRY-ON
(\$429); RIMOWA MULTIWHEEL
SUITCASE, 53CM (\$980);
DIOR HOMME SNEAKERS
(\$1,050); RIMOWA BEAUTY
CASE (\$595); LACOSTE EAU
DE LACOSTE (\$70); MICHAEL
KORS COLLECTION TOTE
(\$1,490); OXYDO SUNGLASSES
(\$118); LONGCHAMP WHEELED
SUITCASE, SMALL (\$440);
RIMOWA MULTIWHEEL
SUITCASE, 52CM (\$980);
BOTTEGA VENETA SANDALS
(\$660); CHANEL LE VERNIS
NAIL COLOR IN VIBRATO (\$27);
TOMAS MAIER HAT (\$250);
CARTIER CLOCK (\$1,100);
CELINE SANDALS (\$1,300)
AND CLUTCH (\$560);
LONGCHAMP WHEELED
SUITCASE, MEDIUM (\$550).