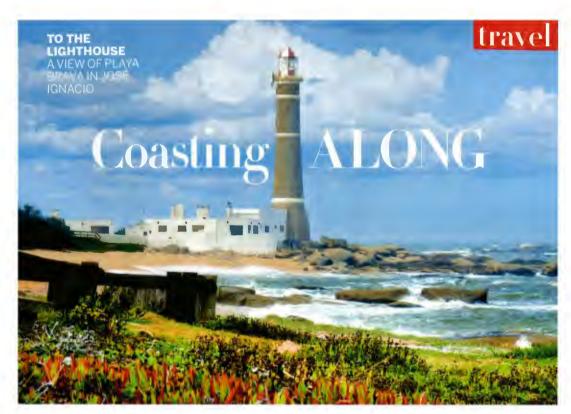


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The best time to visit José Ignacio, the Uruguayan fishing village turned resort town, might just be before its glamorous winter season, when the pristine coastline offers up its charms without the attending crowds. Now comes **Bahia Vik**, the third José Ignacio property from art collectors Alexander and Carrie Vik. Hidden among the dunes of Playa Mansa, the hotel, with four granite pools and a central courtyard, sits next to La Susana, where fresh seafood is prepared on an outdoor parrilla. There are also eleven beachside bungalows, the most stunning of which has walls of glass that are, uncharacteristically, without contemporary art. The sunset views are spectacular enough.—gisela williams