



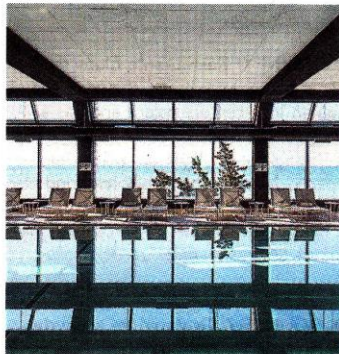
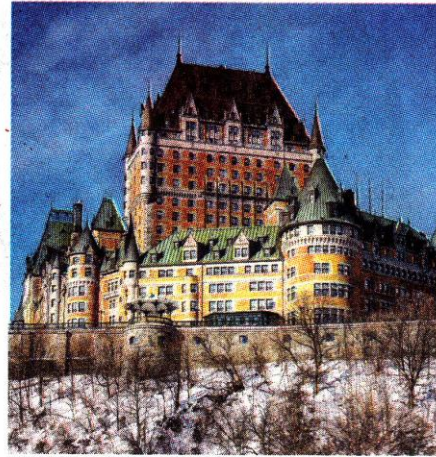
SIGHTS & SIGHTINGS

CLASSICS, REBORN

Three storied hotels are starting the summer season with major renovations

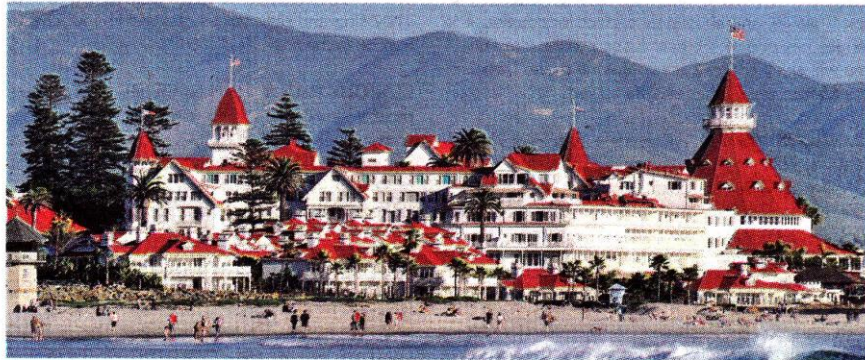
Quebec Castle Redo

It's been a big couple of years for one of Quebec City's most recognizable hotels, the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac. The property, which overlooks the St. Lawrence River on one side, Old Quebec on the other, recently celebrated its 120th birthday and just completed a two-year, \$75 million refurbishment. The project preserved signature features of the hotel, but also added new ones, like marine-blue onyx wall panels in the reception area and a 15-foot-high, icicle-inspired chandelier over the grand staircase. The spa is completely new and the guest rooms were treated to redesigns, in modern and traditional styles. The Frontenac's eateries now include the casual Bistrot le Sam, the sleek 1608 Wine and Cheese Bar and Le Champlain, which retains its original name and serves a rich take on Quebecois fare in a polished-wood setting. *From \$299 a night, fairmont.com*



Montauk Makeover

A freshening was long overdue for Gurney's Montauk Resort and Seawater Spa, which occupies 1,000 feet of beachfront near the eastern tip of Long Island, N.Y. Last year, real-estate developers George Filopoulos and Lloyd Goldman finished buying out the property's 800-plus timeshare owners. Now Gurney's, which dates back to 1926, has unveiled the first phase of its overhaul. The guest rooms in its Forward Watch building were gutted and redone with wood furnishings and floor-to-ceiling windows framing the ocean view; other rooms were also updated. The 40-room spa has been updated and the pool—said to be the only ocean-fed one in the U.S.—rebuilt with a 1920s Paris feel. The formal dining room, the Seawater Grill, was made over; there's a new executive chef; and a kids' club, complete with an oversized Jenga game, will open soon. *From \$360 a night, gurneysin.com*



California Dream

Some of the Hotel del Coronado's recent \$13 million remodeling was about the past. The lobby of the resort, which opened in 1888 near San Diego, Calif., saw its intricately coffered ceiling restored and vintage-style lighting installed. A Victorian window that had been removed was reinstated, and the new carpeting has a period-appropriate

pattern. The 757 guest rooms were another matter—they were redone in contemporary, beachy style. The resort also added family suites to its Ocean Towers, with kids' rooms kitted out with beanbag chairs and bunk beds, and the eateries got upgrades, too. *From \$329 a night, hoteldel.com*

—Sara Clemence