



WHIRLWIND TRAVELS

It wasn't til I returned that I realized I had taken a trip around the world! I told my itinerary to a friend and she said, "Wow, you just went around the world". That finally explained my serious jetlag. My poor body did not know where it was.

I traveled east from **Miami** to **Qatar**, **Denapasar**, **Hong Kong**, **Sydney**, **Dallas** and back to **Miami**.

Here's the 'play by play' of my itinerary from sunny **South Beach** to the **Middle East** to **South East Asia** to **Down Under** and back.

Leg 1: Miami/Qatar/Bali

ISLAND OF THE GODS

I departed Miami mid-May, overnighed in Qatar in the Middle East, and arrived to my first destination, in Indonesian; Bali. **Bali is booming!** Tourism is growing exponentially. The country has built a new airport, new highway and many new luxury resorts have popped up here. Opportunities for investment properties are increasing in popularity and profitability. This was my third trip to Bali over 15 years and like Miami, I have seen many transformations over time.

Upon arrival, I was shuttled to Seminyak to the seaside **Anantara** luxury resort. I came to visit the sight of the new 5-star resort development, **New World Grand Bali Resort**. This resort is being built by the same developer who created the **Anantara Seminyak Bali Resort** and made it the first "condo/hotel" concept in Indonesia where individual owners could own suites in this boutique hotel.



AROUND THE WORLD IN 20 DAYS



The idea was a big success so now this developer is repeating it on a grander scale, thus the name "Grand" for New World Grand. It will also be the first New World brand in Indonesia.

New World Grand Bali Resort



New World is a flag from **New World Hotels & Resorts** by **Rosewood Hotel Group** which is owned by a prominent Hong Kong entrepreneur. The Bali resort will be their first "Grand" property. It is located on the **Bukit Peninsula** in a gated cliff-top community, **Pecatu** overlooking the Indian Ocean above **Dreamland Beach** and adjacent to the top ranked Indonesian golf course, **New Kuta Golf** where the Bali Open is held. Guests can arrive by land, air or sea to New World Grand Bali Resort. It will have it's own heliport and plans are in the works for ferry service. By car, it is only 25 minutes away from the Denpasar International Airport.

Suites in the **New World Grand Bali Resort** start at \$300,000 and villas start at about \$800,000 up to almost \$4 million. The resort is being built like a rice field, terraced with rows of residences each with a direct view of the Indian Ocean. Amenities will include the first "Dancing Fountain" in Indonesia as well as pools, beach club, restaurants, destination rooftop lounge, spa, fitness center, wedding chapel, convention center and more plus, the adjacent golf course, thus providing an all-inclusive resort environment. New World Grand Bali will open its doors the end of 2017.



Bali New World Grand Resort Marketing Materials

E-brochure: www.ehopeinternational.com/NewWorld-GrandResortBaliPresentation.pdf

Fact Sheet: www.ehopeinternational.com/NewWorld-GrandResortBaliFactSheet.pdf

Groundbreaking Video: <https://vimeo.com/170863177>

Intro Video: <https://vimeo.com/158683632>

Anantara Seminyak Bali Resort

My home for my week in Bali was at **Anantara Seminyak Bali Resort**. I was warmly welcomed Balinese style and taken to my room which was a gorgeous suite complete with an outdoor jacuzzi for 2, too bad it was just me. This oceanfront resort has just 59 suites and 1 spectacular penthouse. The rooftop **MoonLite Kitchen and Bar** was my favorite where I dined for both breakfast and dinner overlooking the Indian Ocean. The breakfast buffet was extraordinary with both Indonesian fare and some gourmet fusion delights including big veggie burritos. Dinner was also flavorful and delicious with unique spice combinations. It's a good thing I was motivated in the mornings to get up early and run for an hour along the beach. One day I even added a sunrise yoga class.



Here are a few of my Moonlite favorites:

- Crispy Roasted Pork, Pineapple, Capsicum, Calamansi, Chili Caramel Sauce
- Crispy Tofu, Long Chili, Shallots, Black Pepper Sauce
- Chili Garlic Cassava Fries, Tomato Sambal

For those with a sweet tooth drool over these desserts:

- Bali Chocolate & Chili Brownie: Cashew Brittle, Caramelized Banana, Snickers Ice Cream
- Crispy Banana 'Kremes': Chocolate & Butterscotch Sauce, Peanuts, Vanilla Bean Ice Cream
- Duck Egg and Lemongrass Crème Brule

Signature spa treatments are derigeur in Bali and Anantara did not disappoint. I had the Anantara Massage to soften and relax my muscles. I also had a private tour of the Anantara penthouse... next time I'm staying there and inviting all my friends for a party!

Checking out the 'Scene' is easy from Anantara as trendy night-life and hip shops are just steps away. One unique personal touch I really liked at Anantara was the "turn down" service when each night a different personal note was left on my pillow from children of the employees. I loved the one written by Jordan & Diego, sons of the hotel GM, Terence saying their dad was a workaholic and to let them know if he did not make quality time to personally meet and greet me.

Luna2 Studiotel & Private Villa Hotel

Another unique hotel in Seminyak is **Luna2**. A talented British friend of mine, **Melanie Hall** designed this hotel with an 'Austin Powers meets Twiggy' in Bali vibe. I got a hard-hat tour several years ago and now finally got to see the finished product. It is definitely 'out of this world'. If you don't believe me try the space drink at Orbit Bar and you'll become an instant believer. I had the "Sunday Roast" at Luna 2 and it was a tasty delight. **Luna2 Studiotel** is a boutique hotel in the heart of Seminyak near plenty of the action. Adjacent is their VIP **Luna2 Private Villa Hotel** which could be a sister to any of the sexy South Beach waterfront homes with it's hip style all set to start the party.

Luna2 Studiotel: www.ehopeinternational.com/Luna2Studiotel.pdf

Luna2 Villa Hotel: www.ehopeinternational.com/BaliVillaHotele-Brochure2.pdf





Leg 2: Denpasar/Hong Kong

HONG KONG HERE I COME

New World Millennium

After a week in the “Island of the Gods”, it was time to hit Hong Kong, the happening harbourside city. The purpose of my visit was to do a launch event for the Bali New World Grand Resort. Our event was held at the **New World Millennium Hotel** in Kowloon where we also stayed. I was the keynote speaker along with the COO of Rosewood Hotel Group. We had a hand-picked group of 50 VIPS for our cocktail dinner event that included people from around the world. Since Hong Kong is such an international city with many expats living there, our VIPS were from far off places like Abu Dhabi, Germany and the UK to even Sweden and Iceland as well as Australia.

Hong Kong Launch Event Evite:

<http://www.ehopeinternational.com/HongKongevite2.pdf>



EAST Hotel

Since it was my first time to Hong Kong, I decided to spend the weekend there. This vibrant harbor city is different than I anticipated. For starters, I thought no place could be more hot and humid than Miami, but Hong Kong wins. I could barely make my full morning run harbor-side. I stayed at **EAST Hotel Hong Kong** which was on the Hong Kong side where their parent

company, Swire is based. My hip room had a great harbor view. Breakfast was a big buffet along with tasty ala carte entrée items that I couldn't resist. Drinks on the top floor at **Sugar** are also worth a stop. The hotel is conveniently located next to a subway station which I was not brave enough to try. With Uber everywhere, that was my transportation mode of choice. I also checked out Swire Group's other luxury property, 6-star **Upper House** in Hong Kong Central. Here I got a tour of the luxurious suites and sat for tea service at sunset in **Café Gray Deluxe** on level 49 overlooking Victoria Harbour. I also strolled through **Pacific Place** shopping center nearby which is full of super chic designer brands with several whimsical store windows and a cool contemporary design. Meanwhile back at home, **EAST Hotel Miami** arrived while I was in Hong Kong, opening in **Brickell City Centre** by **Swire Properties**. Stay tuned for **Upper House Miami** in a few years.



COURTESY EAST HOTEL

Out & About in Hong Kong

My new Abu Dhabi friend and his wife graciously invited me to the private membership club, **Kee Club** for a special prix fixe dinner with a live French/Asian singer. Another night we ate at **Zuma**...which seems to be in every chic city around the world these days. For cocktails with a view we went to **Sevva** and after to a new edgy, erotic hotspot, **Ophelia**.





VIVID SYDNEY

Leg 3: Hong Kong/Sydney DOWN UNDER TO OZ

Leaving from the Hong Kong Airport is challenging for a fashionista like me. They allow only 1 carry-on and that includes your laptop. Sweet talking the airport staff there is nearly impossible. Thus, my extra carryon suitcase cost almost more than my flight.

Reunion Time

I had not been back to Sydney in more years than I care to mention....let's just say it was ions ago. My dear fashion friend's husband picked me up at the airport and then introduced me to one of his gorgeous daughters who was now in her 20's. Last time I was there, she was not even born and the older daughter I use to babysit for, now has her own baby. Time flies! My friends created a brand called **Estilo Emporio** that consists of fabulous boots and belts and some clothes as well for both men and women in natural fibers. It's a family business and the 2 gorgeous daughters are perfect role model ambassadors for the brand.

My first night back in Oz was at the same quaint home in the burbs I stayed at my last trip to Sydney, Australia light years ago. Then for the rest of the week, I played musical chairs or beds and slept in a new place each night. Not only did I come for a reunion with my wonderful fashion friends, Mardee & Mac, and their daughters, Kira and Michaela, but also to meet some real estate colleagues to present the **Bali New World Grand Resort** development. Australia is number 1 for visitors to Bali.



Establishment Hotel

I left Hunters Hill for the big city of Sydney on day 2. My home for my first night in Sydney was the **Establishment Hotel** by the Merivale Group in a converted warehouse in Centre City with 3 hip restaurants and bars. The hotel entrance is hard to find down a little "alley", but well worth it. The GM greeted me at the front desk and personally showed me to my room. My room turned out to be the best in the hotel! It was a duplex with awesome contemporary clean lines that I absolutely loved. It was just too good not to share so I immediately called another Aussie friend, Sonia to join me to crack open the bottle of fabulous red Australian wine that the hotel gifted me. Then we headed downstairs to their famous **Mr. Wong** Chinese restaurant which normally



getting a table at is an impossible feat. But with my new best friend, the hotel GM, it was arranged pronto. The gourmet Cantonese cuisine along with plenty more Aussie wine put us in a party mood so we had an impromptu "After Party" in my killer suite where my fashionista family friends joined us. The next morning I had breakfast in the skylight garden room with cool columns. Before departing I took a jog around the Sydney Opera House and saw all the signage for the annual city-wide light show called **Vivid Sydney**.



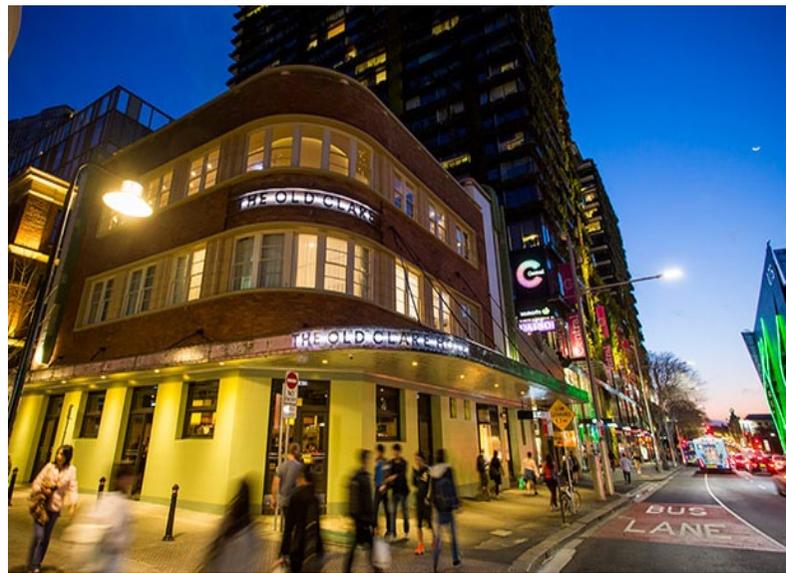
The Old Clare Hotel

My third night in Sydney, I ventured off to the newly emerging hip neighborhood called **Chippendale** to stay at **The Old Clare Hotel**. This hotel has been created with tender loving care by the owner who was not even originally a hotelier. This Singapore man loves collecting chairs and recycling. Almost everywhere you twist and turn you see a funky recycled item with a new use or a one-of-a-kind chair. There are many details that went into the restoration of this 19th Century pub property like the carpeting in the lobby bar showing “beer stains” on it to maintain its integrity. The tongue in cheek tone of all the text is quite entertaining like the hotel room guide book that is titled “Random Crap: a curated collection of informative stuff”. I really like the room door tags that had messages like “I’m Lonely”, “I’m Busy”, “I’m Dirty”, “I’m Clean”. The loft-style rooms have high ceilings, unfinished raw walls and a utilitarian recycled lamp along with vintage chairs and artist print pillows. My bathroom had an open-floor plan with no separate shower which was a first for me. Food, is something to be reckoned with at this hotel. There is Sam Miller’s **Silvereye** restaurant with a tasting menu that is divine for foodies with the chef from the # 1 restaurant in the world, Noma in Copenhagen. I arrived too late for dinner. However, I ate a casual breakfast the next morning at **Kensington Street Social** from the hands of Michelin-starred chef Jason Atherton.



The Darling Hotel at The Star

My second night in Sydney, I moved to **The Darling Hotel at The Star**. It’s just 10 minutes from the Central Business District overlooking Darling Harbour. The hotel is actually part of **The Star Casino** complex. But don’t let that deter you... it’s an amazing property. I loved everything about it. The lobby is ultra-contemporary, the staff seamlessly professional, attentive and friendly, the amenities amazing, especially the spa and restaurants with so many different cuisines and world-class chefs, plus the views are superb. I stayed in a spacious suite overlooking the water. My spa treatments were probably the best ever! I had both an aromatherapy massage and a caviar facial given by an extraordinary spa staffer. Since there are so many cuisines to choose from, I chose the Aussie grille, **Black by Ezard**, Teagle Ezard’s first Sydney outpost. Here I grazed on the finest steak sampler personally prepared by the chef over a wood burning stove so I could try a bite of all the different cuts of meat. The mac & cheese side dish was decadent as was the surprise dessert. Fine Australian wines were the perfect accompaniment to my meal. For breakfast, I dined at **Sokyo** where Japanese chef, Chase Kojima blends the East with the West perfectly. It was my first Japanese-influenced breakfast buffet and my entrees which I ordered separately were beyond compare in creativity as well as presentation. I couldn’t make up my mind so they served me both a wild mushroom “omelet” (char-grilled king browned mushrooms, pickled radish, truffled porcini emulsion & konbu dust) as well as a pork “sandwich” (honey mustard mayonnaise, miso tonkatsu, sauce, red & white cabbage & yuzu goma dressing). My cappacino came heart-shaped. Plus, the green tea was divine and of course a healthy way to wash down all these delightful calories.



QT Hotel

One more meal in Sydney worth mentioning, I had at **QT Hotel** in the historic Gowings building at their **Gowings Bar & Grill** restaurant with Aussie inspired food by acclaimed local restaurateur, Robert Marchetti. It was girl's night out for me and my friend Mardee, so lots of good Australian wine was consumed while catching up on decades past. **Gilt Lounge** is the perfect place for pre or post dinner cocktails here. The QT common areas are the opposite of minimalistic. They are filled with museum-like glass cases of weird stuff to see as well as artsy mannequins and barstool feet, plus much more like a wall of vintage suitcases. The place has a 'retro gone mod or mad' feel to it. I also had a massage in the Spa here that was more like a Millennial meeting place for hipsters than a sanctuary for tranquility. QT is certainly worth a visit for a visual sensory explosion. QT has outposts up North on the Gold Coast in **Surfers Paradise** and **Port Douglas**.... so next time that's where I will catch the scene for a few days when I head towards the **Great Barrier Reef**. I'm planning a trip back Down Under during the **Melbourne Cup**....so my Aussie friends look for me on race day!



Another dining delight, **Automata** is housed in a 1930's warehouse with Clayton Wells of Momofuko Seiobo fame at the reigns. **The Old Clare Hotel** owner is quite brilliant attracting top chef talent by giving them their very own first restaurant and making them a partner.



I loved the **Chippendale** area which is filled with contemporary art galleries and funky restaurants like **Spice Alley** mimicking a row of Asian street food vendors. There is also a shopping mall nearby where I discovered a sensation for sweet teeth called **Doughnut Time** where you buy a single decadent donut that comes in a nifty box, probably containing a thousand calories or more. Across from my hotel, a **Norman Foster** residential tower called **Duo** by **Foster + Partners** was being built and had a flashy sales office....just like Miami. These buildings were

quite cool in shape and design. One was called **Central Park Sydney** and had colorful contemporary art the length of the entire lobby and green gardened exterior building walls.





THE MAGIC CITY

Leg 4: Sydney/Dallas/Miami

HEADING HOME SWEET HOME TO SOUTH BEACH

The Sydney airport was a breeze with friendly Aussie hospitality so no further excess baggage fees, thank goodness. I was headed home on a long flight across the global dateline. I arrived back to sunny South Beach from a rainy Sydney.

MAGIC CITY MIAMI

I love to travel, but it's always a pleasure to return to Miami. I truly live in a "Magic City". There's no place like home.

It may be summer in Miami and many may be in St. Tropez, Ibiza or the Hamptons, but Miami is still rocking. It has become a year-round destination and place to live. World happenings like BREXIT and sadly bombings around Europe, make Miami even more attractive these days. Miami residential real estate is about half the price of NYC and about a tenth of London's top luxury building prices.

BREXIT benefiting Miami

"What has happened is there is a whole lot of uncertainty introduced to Britain, and in particular the London property market, and London being a key gateway city that has attracted a lot of international interest, now seems a lot more insecure," Gerard Yetming, executive vice president of Colliers International South Florida told The Real Deal. "So a lot of those international investors that had flocked to London are going to explore other global gateway cities like Miami and New York."

Real Deal:

http://therealdeal.com/miami/2016/06/24/brexit-panic-pervades-yet-miami-may-benefit/?utm_source=The+Real+Deal+E-Lerts&utm_campaign=5f5a9b2b44-SF_DAILY_02_17_20162_16_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6e806bb87a-5f5a9b2b44-385825353

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Photo:Tomas Loewy

The Miami skyline is still full of cranes. New developments are in the works everywhere. It is hard to keep up with all the Miami activity. Below are a few of the latest new projects at a variety of price points in both Miami and Miami Beach.

NEW MIAMI PRE-CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS



Missoni Baia (Edgewater, Miami)

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Auberge Miami (Downtown Miami)

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NOTEABLE NEW MIAMI PLACES

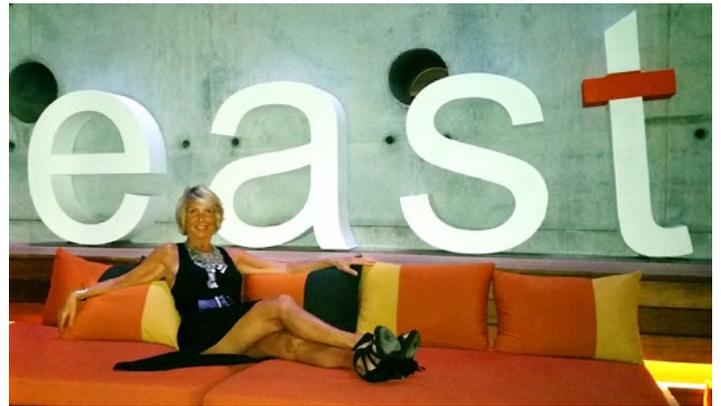
Miami

Brickell City Centre, the \$1 billion nine-acre mixed-use project was modeled after Pacific Place, a complex of office towers, hotels and a shopping center that Swire Properties built in Hong Kong 27 years ago. First to open at the site was **EAST Hotel Miami** in May which has a hip rooftop lounge, **Sugar** as well as **Quinto La Huella** restaurant, a popular Uruguay par-rilla outpost from Punta del Este serving grilled meats and fish in a rustic setting,



One River Point (Miami River area)

www.ehopeinternational.com/OneRiverPointEbrochure.pdf



South Beach

Sushi Garage is a sushi haven housed in a former garage space in the Sunset Harbour neighborhood of South Beach brought to us by the owners of Juvia.



Faena Versailles & Classic (Miami Beach)

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NaiYaRa provides Thai fare paired with crafty cocktails also in the Sunset Harbour area of South Beach.



MIAMI SUMMER EVENTS

Miami Swimwear Week

Even though Miami is a sun-soaked town filled with bikini clad babes 356 days a year, once a year it's the "Official Miami Swimwear Week" mid-July. This is when all the bikini models land here to strut their stuff on runways wearing the latest swim-suit styles from top brands. Everywhere you turn there's a tent featuring a swimwear show and all the hotel pools get in on the action too.



Photo:Tomas Loewy

NEXT SPOTS FOR HOPE HOPPING

This summer I preferred to stay away from Europe for safety reasons and stay based in South Beach. This month I'm headed to **NYC, Montauk & Southampton** for business and pleasure. September I'll experience **Costa Rica** and **Nicaragua** for some eco-travel. **Then Punta del Este** in Uruguay to visit some hospitality clients. And finally **Seattle/Bainbridge Island** and **Vancouver** for family visits.



Nicaragua Mukul Resort



Punta del Este fingers on beach



Chalk Art: Marcello Ibanez

Hope to see members of my 'Global Tribe' soon in sunny South Beach!



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