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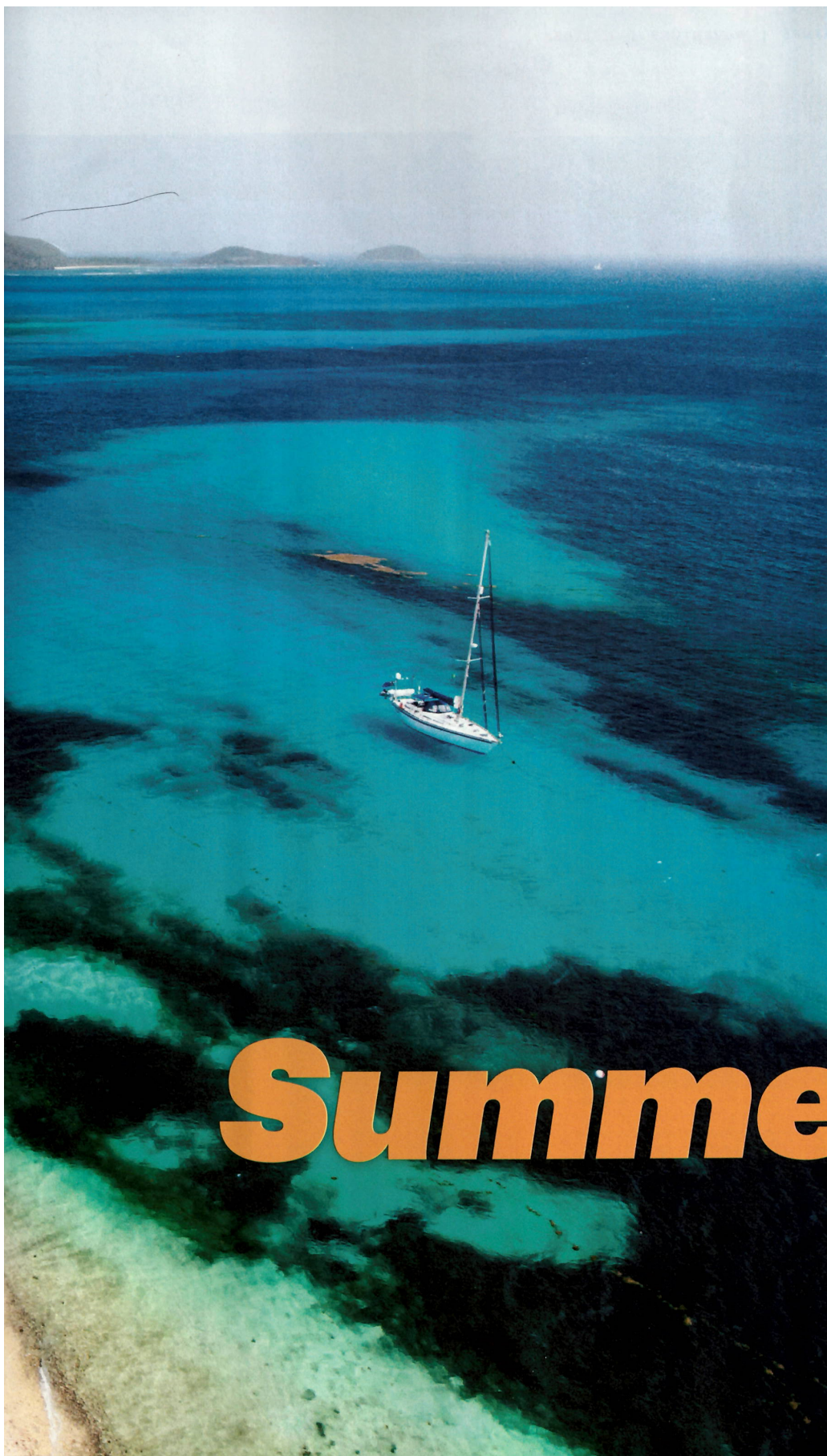
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An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The foreground is filled with numerous palm trees and lush green vegetation. A white sandy beach curves along the left side of the frame. The water is exceptionally clear, showing various shades of turquoise and deep blue, indicating a shallow reef flat. A small boat with a red canopy is anchored in the water near the beach. In the distance, more islands and mountains are visible under a clear sky.

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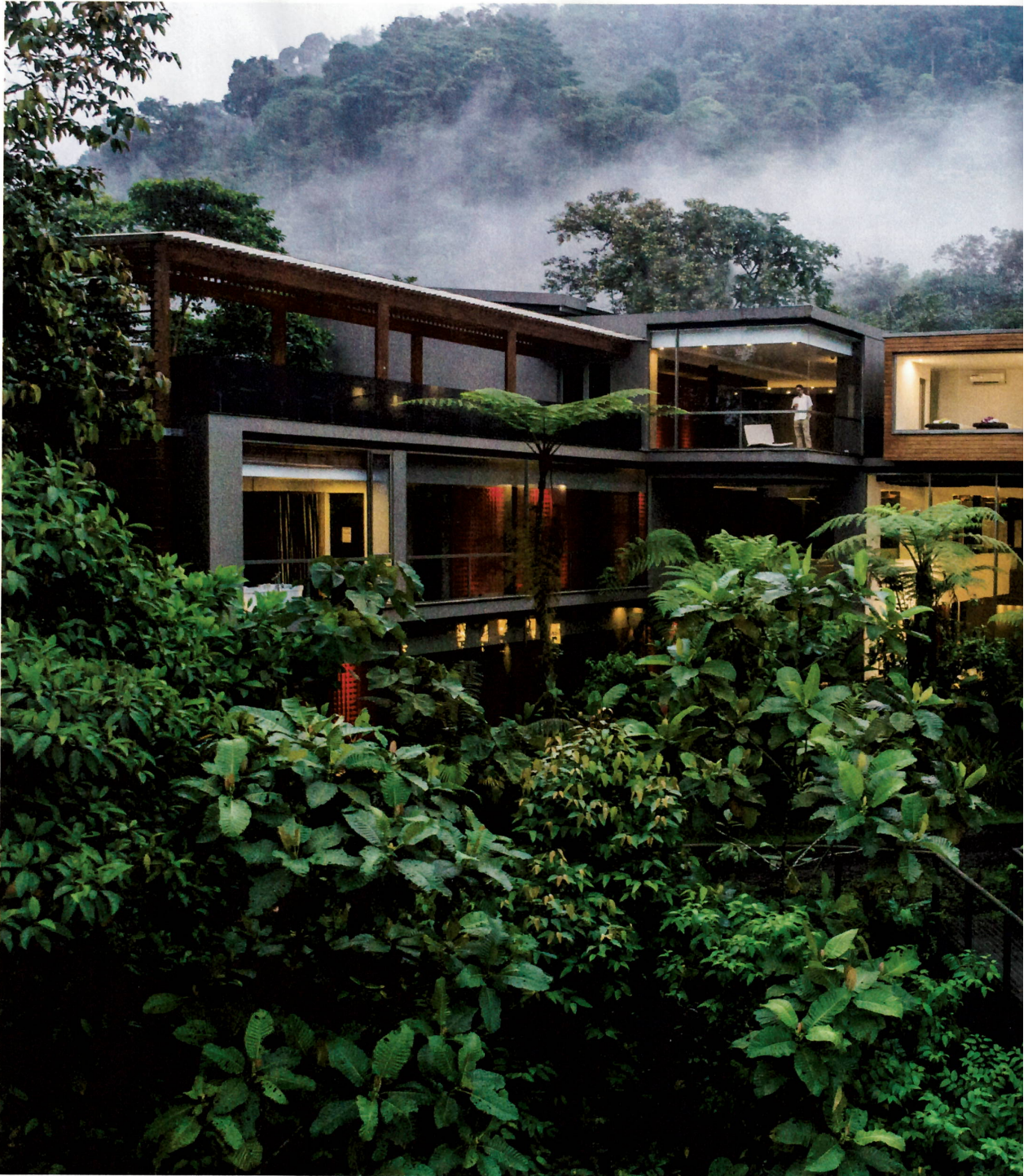
The Tobago Cays, an uninhabited archipelago of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, are surrounded by turquoise waters and coral reefs.



**Hike, bike,
and dive
into history
on these
15 global
adventures
for all ages**

*By Heather
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Summer!



Mashpi Lodge is nestled in Ecuador's cloud forest, home to hundreds of species of birds, frogs, orchids, and butterflies.



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BOTSWANA

Safari Spectacular

With access to wonders such as Victoria Falls and the Zambezi River, Botswana appears on many bucket lists. Take the country at a slower pace on a guided walking safari in the

Okavango Delta. Kids who may struggle on traditional safari experiences will like the 12-day "Botswana with Kids" itinerary from Deeper Africa. Designed by director and former school

teacher Karen Zulauf, it features activities, such as animal tracking, drumming, and basket crafting, in between the hippo, elephant, and meerkat sightings. deeperafrica.com

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OZARKS, MISSOURI

Lake Breaks

The Lake of the Ozarks region offers families easy choose-your-own adventure options that include 32 area trails, two state parks, and four explorable caves. Farther south, relax in a log cabin at Big Cedar Lodge before horseback riding or biking at Dogwood Canyon Nature Park. funlake.com; bigcedar.com; dogwoodcanyon.org

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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Heritage Trail

Just outside Savannah, the Pin Point Heritage Museum explores the history of the Gullah, or Geechee, people through scavenger hunts, videos, and audio exhibits. The Pin Point community, on the Moon River shores, was founded by free Africans whose ancestors first came here (and to nearby barrier and sea islands) as slaves. The Creole dialects they developed are now rarely spoken. Visitors can still learn some Gullah words and phrases from descendants in communities, such as Hog Hammock on Sapelo Island, along the 490-mile Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor. chsgeorgia.org; gullahgeecheecorridor.org

15.

ECUADOR

In the Clouds

The Sky Bike at Mashpi Lodge allows riders gliding treetop views of the Chocó cloud forest. Inside this National Geographic Unique Lodge, loggers turned staff conservationists give talks on preservation efforts. For multisport adventures, Andando Tours offers new family-friendly itineraries. visitgalapagos.travel/ecuador-itineraries; natgeolodges.com/explore

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