

**ON LOCATION**

# Shooting Stars

A few of our favorite Hollywood players are doing some serious global gallivanting in the name of art, action, and adventure this spring. Telling them where to hang in between takes was the least we could do

FYI

Where did Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin rent a hacienda for stargazing and surfing with pals Beyoncé and Jay-Z?

Casa Papelillos, Punta Mita, Mexico (214-924-6427; from \$10,000 per night).



**LONDON**



**THE PLAYER** Keanu Reeves / **THE FILM** *47 Ronin* / **THE CNT TIP** The St. Pancras Renaissance London Hotel, a restored Victorian masterpiece with gold leaf and frescoes abutting London's answer to Grand Central, is a suitably starry crash pad. The 95-foot-long Booking Office bar should see many a Brief Encounter (44-207-841-3540; doubles, \$473-\$946).

**STOCKHOLM**



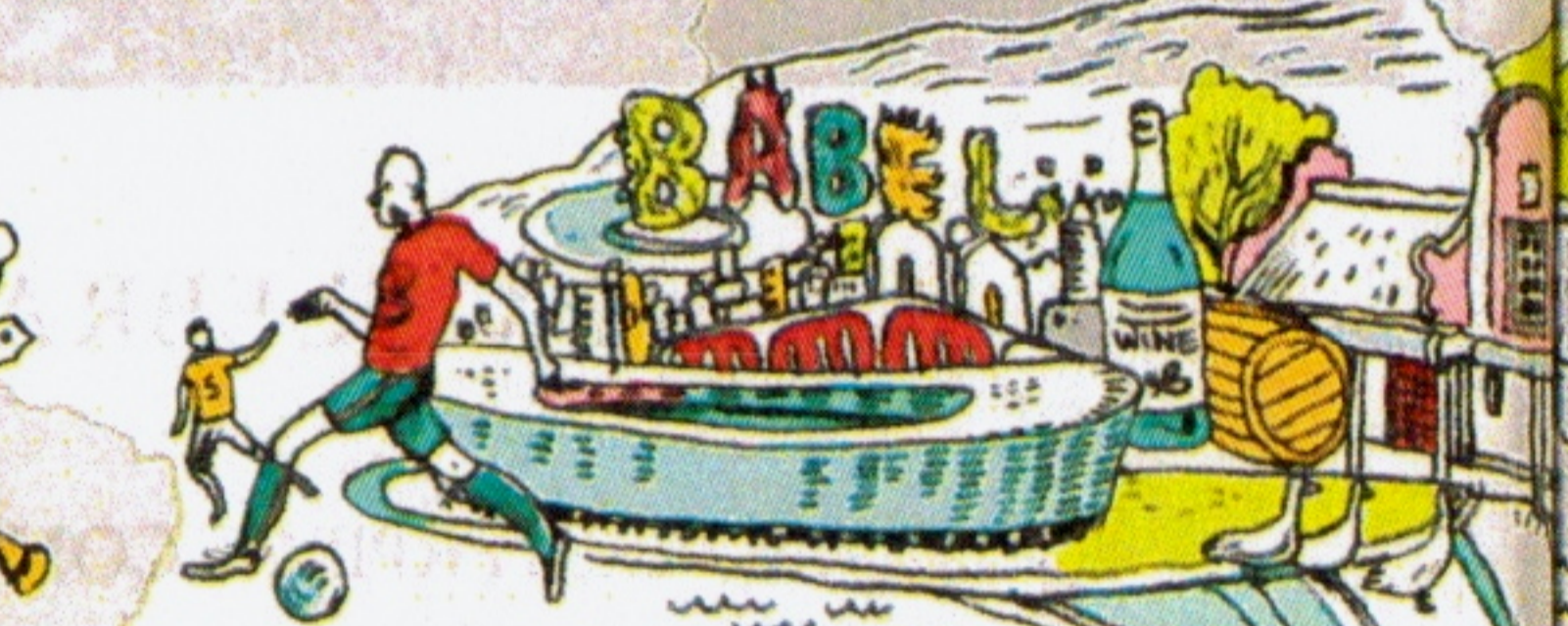
**THE PLAYERS** David Fincher, Daniel Craig / **THE FILM** *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* / **THE CNT TIPS** The Nobis Hotel (scene of the 1973 Stockholm Syndrome heist) has suitably criminal roots and a Frank Gehry installation (46-8-614-1000; doubles, \$320-\$335). For a taste of *sauvage* Sweden (local fish, wild garlic), dine at Oaxen Krog before famed chefs Magnus Ek and Agneta Green depart (Oaken Island; 46-8-551-531-05; prix fixe, \$134).



**NEW YORK CITY**



**THE PLAYERS** Robert De Niro, Jake Gyllenhaal / **THE FILM** *New Year's Eve* / **THE CNT TIPS** Sorry, Bobby—your Greenwich Hotel has a contender: Rooms at the Mondrian SoHo have bespoke chrome desks, skyline views, and a vanity cum wet bar for mixing Manhattan (212-554-6120; doubles, \$619-\$759). Back in De Niro's TriBeCa stomping ground, Dans le Noir offers fine French dining—and a guarantee that your meal won't be interrupted by pesky fans (54-56 Franklin St.; phone number unavailable at press time; prix fixe, \$65).



**CAPE TOWN**



**THE PLAYERS** Ryan Reynolds, Denzel Washington / **THE FILM** *Safe House* / **THE CNT TIPS** Swap CIA stinging for local wine sipping at the new cellar of Karen Roos's Cape Dutch manor house at Babylonstoren Farm. Then head to the property's cowshed turned culinary treat Babel for fresh nosh straight from the garden (27-21-863-3852; doubles, \$68-\$138; entrées, \$12-\$20). Wrap party, anyone? The penthouse suite at the Queen Victoria Hotel has a terrace with killer harbor views (phone number and rates unavailable at press time).

**NEW ZEALAND**

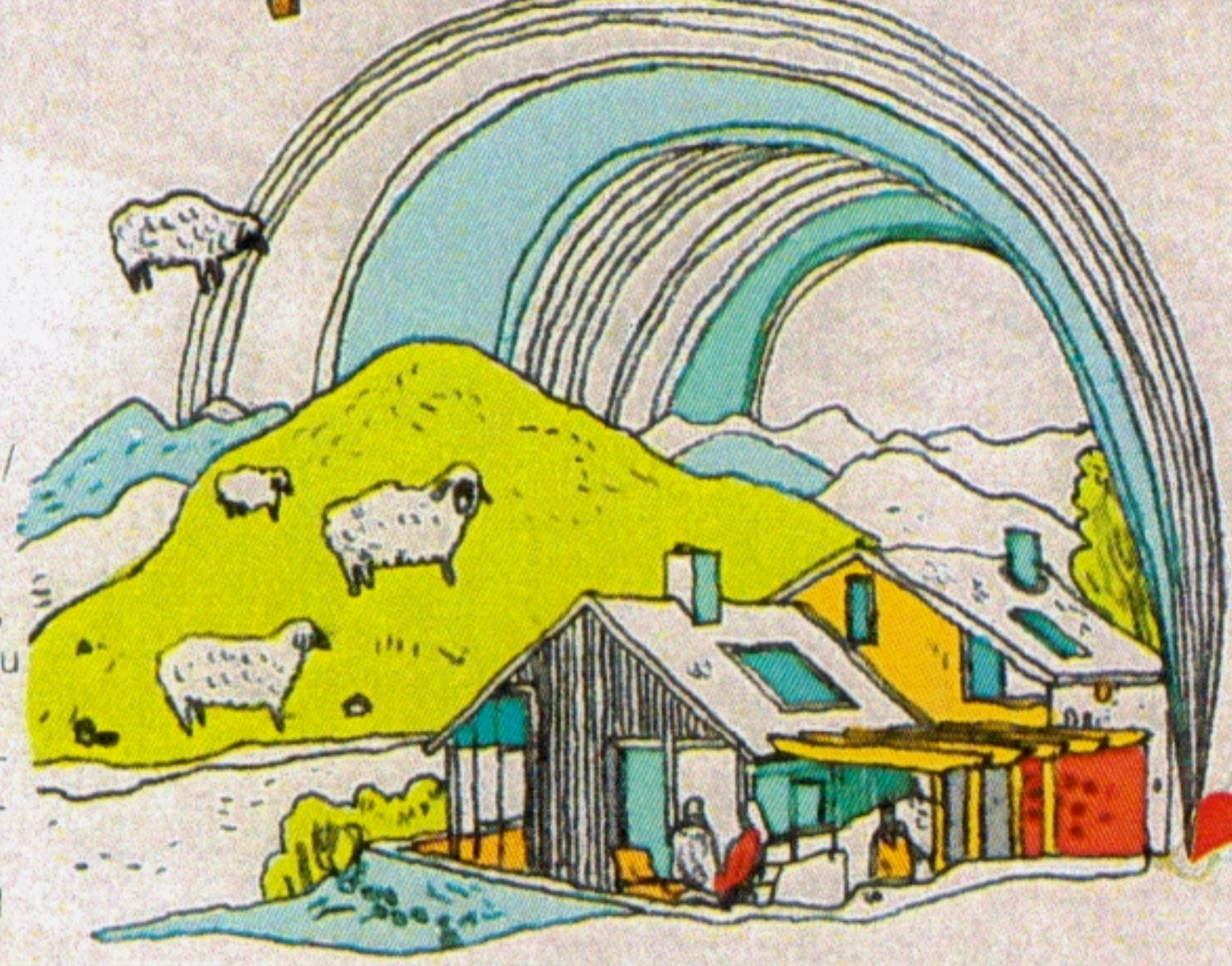
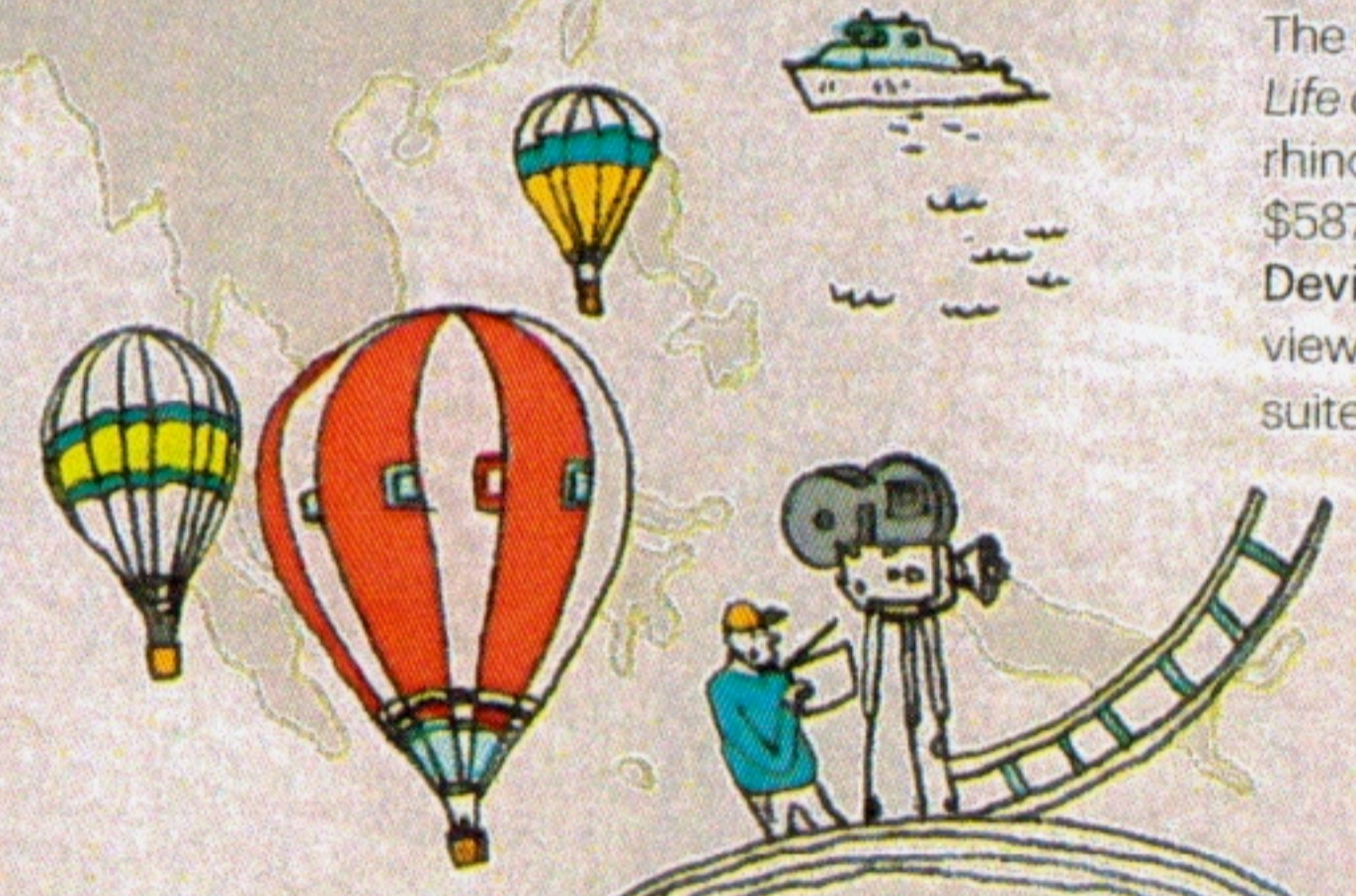
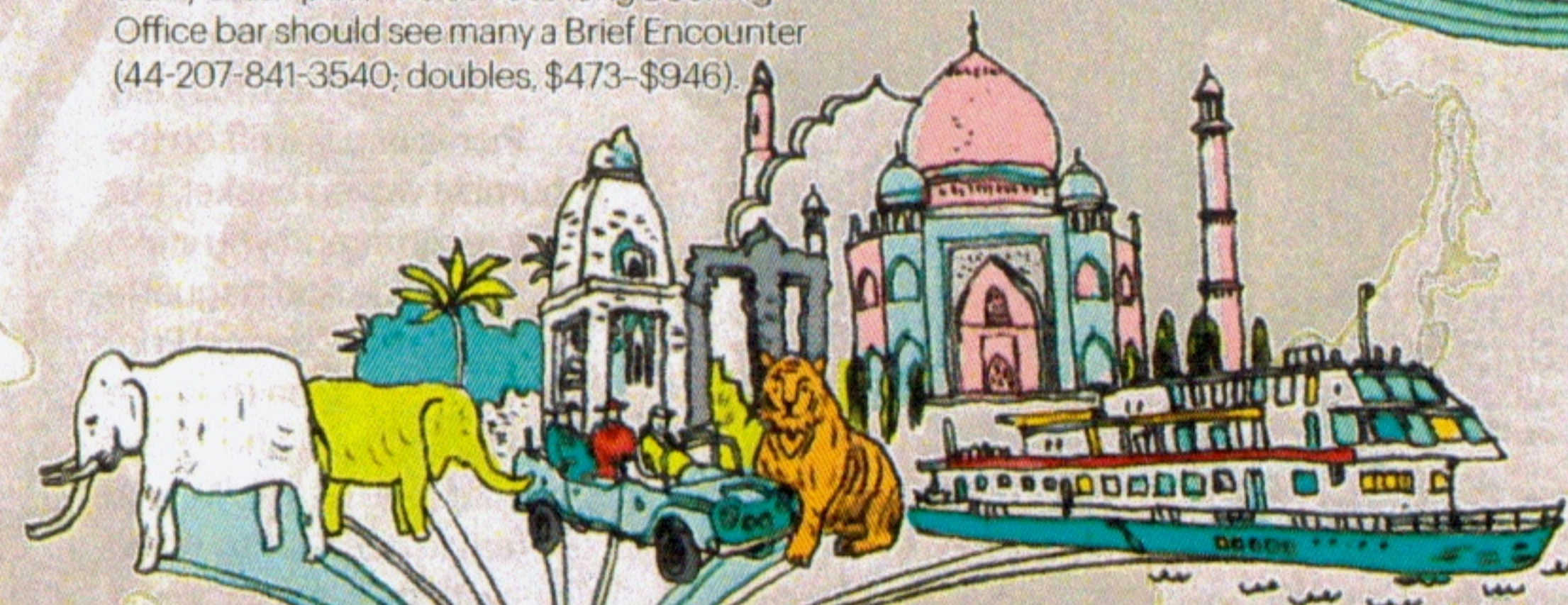


**THE PLAYERS** Peter Jackson, Cate Blanchett / **THE FILM** *The Hobbit, Part 1* / **THE CNT TIPS** In Hobbit country—but without the Hobbit proportions—the five-star Matakauri Lodge, in Queensland, has suites with Lake Wakatipu views and oversized tubs for steeping those hairy feet after a hectic day on set (64-3-441-1008; doubles, \$1,046). Must-dos in Queensland? Wacky adrenaline-rush rides and activities. New ones are being introduced all the time, but don't miss the *Shotover Jet* boat ride (64-3-442-8570; \$92 per person).

**INDIA**



**THE PLAYERS** Ang Lee, Suraj Sharma / **THE FILM** *Life of Pi* / **THE CNT TIPS** Upgrade the skiff in the flick to the MV *Mahabaahu*, the first luxury ship to travel India's Brahmaputra River. The onboard naturalist can give you the 411 on *Life of Pi*-er Richard Parker and the one-horned rhinos you'll see (91-129-409-8000; doubles, \$587-\$1,286). Then go landlubber at Jaipur's Devi Ratn: Suites have private gardens and views of the Aravalli Hills (91-141-305-0211; suites, \$667-\$1,222). —JETTY-JANE CONNOR



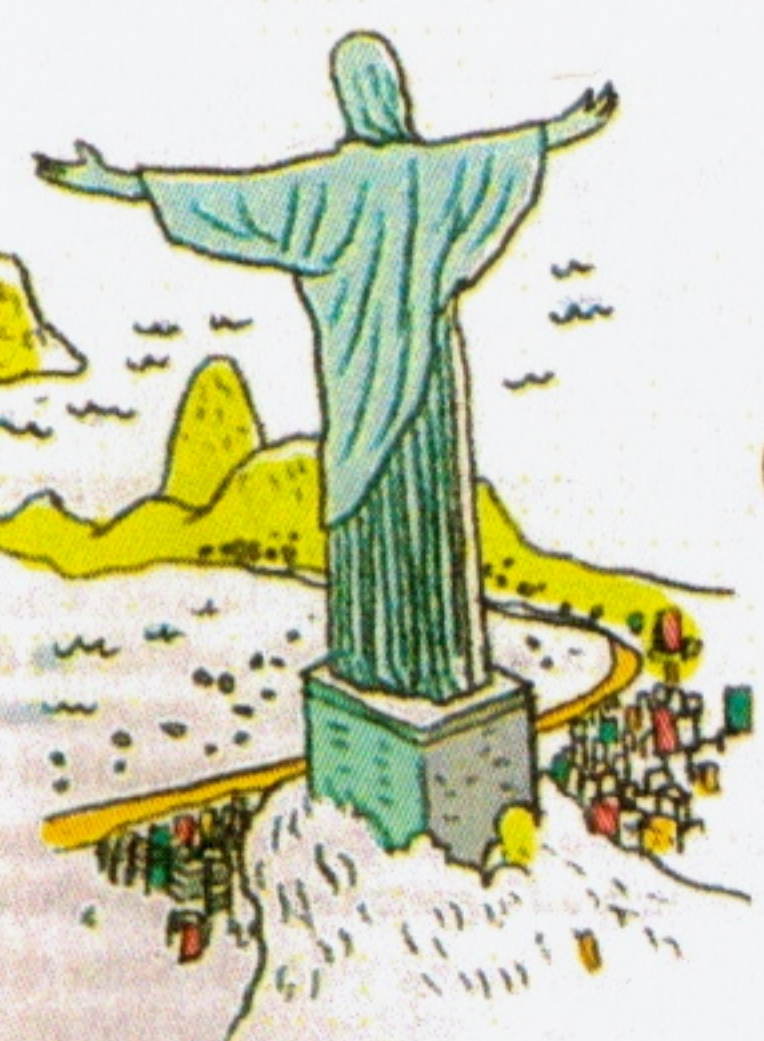
FYI

Where did Tom Cruise cool off after dangling from Dubai's Burj Khalifa while filming *Mission: Impossible—Ghost Protocol* (out December 16)? He took his board to the indoor slopes of Ski Dubai (skidxb.com).

**NEW ORLEANS**



**THE PLAYERS** Kate Beckinsale, Mark Wahlberg / **THE FILM** *Contraband* / **THE CNT TIPS** Wahlberg can break from his prison guard turned smuggler role with a dip in the saltwater pool at the French Quarter's new Hotel Le Marais and sip tequila at its bar (504-525-2300; doubles, \$182-\$245). Anyone who's a fan of the hit HBO series *Treme* (and who isn't?) should try the Preservation Resource Center's new walking tour of Faubourg Tremé, birthplace of jazz and home to distinctive Creole architecture (504-636-3399; \$35 per person).



FYI

In which Rio hotel penthouse did R-Patz (and on- and off-screen partner, Kristen Stewart) stay while on location for *Twilight: Breaking Dawn* (out November 18)?

Copacabana Palace (55-21-2548-7070; doubles, \$435-\$795).