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This summer season, all eyes will be on Brazil as the World Cup, the biggest sporting event, takes center stage as the eyes of the watching world convene on the global football phenomenon. With such a terrific collection of athletes on display, in addition to the burning throes of patriotic passion, Brazil will be flooded with an influx of visitors, as tourism will inevitably spike tremendously.

Where does one reside, while in Rio de Janeiro? Personally, the Villa N° 174 seems to be the most royal yet eclectic fit for such a once in a lifetime sporting pilgrimage. It makes sense to treat oneself; watching the best superstars will only be complemented by living like one. Much gratitude will be ushered the way of master designer Srdjan Prodanovic, the brilliant mind behind the most unconventional of Villas.

Designed as a complete non-conformist concoction of luxury accommodation and artistic wonder, the Villa N° 174 recently opened its doors on the hills of Santa Teresa, a neighbourhood known for its cultural valour. A former mansion, the establishment is now home to four super executive and inventive suites, each coming with its own character: "The Master Suite", "The Pool Suite", "The Geometric Suite" and "The Mirror Suite".

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● Hammocks, a tradition that seemingly belonged to days past, resurrected in all its throwback glory here.





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● A dominant white colour palette in the interiors punctuated with dashes of black lends an air of crisp modernity and oldback glamour.



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"The Parlour" is the common area that features a lovely terrace view where the soaking of the sun goes hand in hand with the overlooking of beautiful Rio. Excelling in elegance and top form décor, this segment is luxury at its finest.

A rung above the ladder is "The Master Suite", a generously spacious abode complete with entrance foyer, sitting room and a bedroom deceptively shrouded by sliding doors. The best of the bathrooms is nestled here, with a deep tub and separate shower. Exquisite paintings and period furniture accompany your stay, while the balcony allows you to pore over the pool and onto Rio beyond. Speaking of the pool, its eponymous suite is situated right next to it, with an adventurous Amazonian thematic due to the plants, associated wall paper and wooden furniture, which face the greenery just a stone's throw away.

"The Geometric Suite", located on the second storey, is a throwback to the 60s, featuring an art deco touch. Geometric wall paper, a mirrored chest drawer and a white tiger rug lie indoors, while you

can literally lie on the terrace outdoors amidst the hammocks available.

Probably the grooviest of the suites in the Villa, "The Mirror Suite" is a captivating illusion made real, where a long mirror adorns most of the wall which doubles as the bed's head board, creating a glamorous ambience. French doors give way to a veranda where you are welcome to step out onto to immerse relaxingly with the humming winds and picturesque view.

Another thing to note is that all the furniture were carefully procured from vintage markets only, restored lovingly by local artisans using fine Italian fabrics from Dedar house. In addition, Bosnian artist Radmila Djapic Jovandic specifically custom created large format paintings that accompany you at every turn, all of them thought provoking and marvelously dreamy. And while holiday-makers may come and go, there is but one permanent resident who cannot check out and never leave: the friendly mascot Macaw Parrot, Nino.

**TOP**  
Intimate and discreetly playful with spots of colour from the loungers, the pool is the perfect place to relinquish the summer heat.

**FACING PAGE TOP TO BOTTOM**  
French doors are a romantic addition to the interior as well as allowing natural light in.

Nino, the Macaw Parrot, permanent resident of the Villa promises a colourful stay.





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**TOP** Bedazzling optical tricks awaits via clever pattern play in captivating monochromatics. | **FACING PAGE A** unexpected but welcoming shot of shocking pink adds dramatic flair and fun to the staircase.