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Atlantic Updates

Now's the time to plan a seaside getaway on the East Coast. The team behind Provincetown's Salt House Inn—one of our favorite long-weekend spots—is opening two properties: The 14-room **Eben House**, also in Provincetown, is in a 1776 former captain's house (90 Bradford St.; from \$195), while their Shelter Island property, **The Chequit**, has 37 rooms in three 1800s buildings (23 Grand Ave.; from \$195). In Sag Harbor, the 67-room **Baron's Cove**, a ten-minute stroll from Main Street, will reopen after a two-year renovation (31 W. Water St.; from \$218). And for beachgoers headed north, **Whitehall** will add a dose of modernity to Camden, Maine: Its 36 rooms are designed with bright pops of magenta and teal (52 High St.; from \$160).



The Chequit.

Midwest Modern

Chicago, always a mecca of sorts for American architecture fans, will become even more so this October when the city hosts its first Architecture Biennial. Fitting, since design diehards will have a new home base: the 241-room Roman and Williams–designed **Chicago Athletic Association Hotel**, in a meticulously restored 1893 Venetian Gothic building by Henry Ives Cobb, one of the most famous architects of the late 1800s (12 S. Michigan Ave.; from \$339).



The Chicago Athletic Association Hotel.



A guest room at Babylonstoren.

WORTH TRAVELING FOR: BABYLONSTOREN

Simondium, South Africa; from \$260.

WHAT IF you could actually visit the Garden of Eden? And what if it was surrounded by vineyards, historic Cape Dutch farm buildings, and a formal French-style *potager* garden, where you could pick your own strawberries and fragrant herbs? At Babylonstoren, in the Drakenstein Valley, 33 miles northeast of Cape Town, the mythical garden comes to life. Founded in 1690, the 590-acre compound is modeled on the farms that supplied the ships making their way around the Cape of Good Hope en route to India. The seven cottages and six suites are minimalist but stylish (nine more suites will debut by year's end). All

are decorated by Karen Roos, a former magazine editor and owner of Babylonstoren, which she opened in 2010 with her husband, media magnate Koos Bekker. You won't find a grand lobby or an obsequious concierge here, but the staff, most of whom are wearing T-shirts, aprons, or khakis, combine a genuine eagerness to help with a high level of knowledge about the farm and its long history. Stay long enough and eventually—after a visit to the on-site bakery, the winery, the cheesemaker, the butcher, and the farm-tank-style swimming pool—you may forget that you're staying at a hotel. —**Stephen Orr**