



Pierce Brosnan did NOT sleep here.

BONDING ON THE BEACH AT GOLDENEYE



If you don't get a callback this month to star opposite Daniel Craig, despite perfecting the line "Oh, James," you can do the next best thing: head to GoldenEye, the Jamaican home of author Ian Fleming. Famous as the locale where he penned all 14 Bond books, hosted international glitterati and counted neighbour Noël Coward as a buddy, GoldenEye even boasts Fleming's original writing desk as part of the 52-acre estate, set on a pristine stretch of coastline.

As the story goes, after Fleming died in 1964, the son of a long-time lover (herself alleged to be the inspiration for Pussy Galore) bought the place. The property has been

transformed into a bona fide resort, re-opening this month with 17 new villas either facing the Caribbean or extending over a lagoon, and two new restos serving fresh eats (all food comes from either the sea or the tree).

Throw on your skimpiest swimsuit and head out to Laughing Waters, the beach where Ursula Andress emerged from the ocean in that era-marking bikini made famous in *Dr. No*.

If all you want is to emote your line of dialogue with more feeling, you can rent the original three-bedroom house that now incorporates two cottages, accommodates 10 and features a private pool, sunken garden, media room and bar as well as direct access to the private Fleming Beach where many a lass played muse. Ohhh,

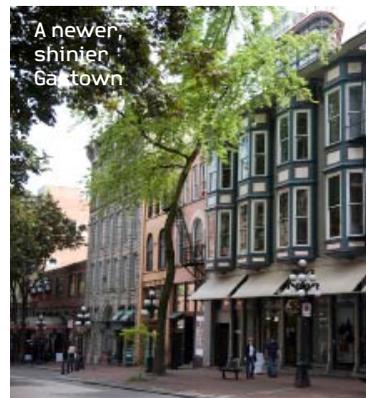
IT'S A gas



Basking in a post-Olympic high, Vancouver is not the same place it was before the five rings came to town. Everything is spiffed up, and **Gastown** is no exception. Home to a head-swivelling array of indie designer boutiques and innovative bars, the area can still be a tad rough around the edges, but that salty character is part of what gives the neighbourhood its buzz.

As the search for the right jeans can more resemble an episode of *Survivor* than a simple shopping excursion, **Dutil** (dutildenim.com) comes to the rescue with a broad selection of denim from around the world (check out The Quintessential Series, touted as the "best-fitting skinnys for women"). At **Gentile Alouette** (gentile-alouette.com), the brainchild of a fashion stylist, creativity oozes from every item, including the elaborate feather headband I bought. Opened just under a year ago, women's clothing boutique **LYNNSteven** (lynnsteven.com) is worth a visit if only to see the change rooms fashioned from a stack of 6,000 books.

When shopping feet tire, Gastown's **Boneta** (boneta.ca) bustles at cocktail hour, as co-owner Mark Brand tops up his signature cocktails and sings the praises of the impossible-to-resist appies.



I'LL TAKE BERLIN

If you love contemporary art and consider Berlin one of the hippest cities on the planet, then early October has your name painted all over it. Europe's most influential annual art event, **Art Forum Berlin**, is bracing for 40,000 visitors this month. Attracting an impressive bevy of collectors and curators (more than 100 leading galleries from 18 countries), the city's art venues also coordinate special events such as panel discussions with famous personalities in the international art scene. Expect exhibits from such provocative artists as Martin Walde, who weaves audience participation into installations he might have fashioned from weather balloons or basketballs.

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