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A snob's guide to the best things to do in Palm Beach right now. BY LEENA KIM

“What’s green, surrounded by blue, and rich all over?” *T&C* asked in our January 1965 issue. The answer—now, as then—is Palm Beach. Lately, thanks to the influx of a younger generation lured by the town’s bougainvillea-laced charms, America’s toniest playground has become a family-friendly destination where the old and new live in sunny harmony. Why not go and see for yourself?

- 1. Check into the Breakers.** Because it’s a century-old legend that spends millions every year to stay fresh. Case in point: The Flagler Club, its 21-room hotel-within-a-hotel, has just emerged from a complete renovation.
- 2. Have breakfast at Green’s.** “It’s my favorite place for a vanilla milkshake,” says Aerin Lauder, Palm Beach OG, whose namesake boutique on Via Mizner has an excellent selection of swim-suits. But maybe go *before* the milkshake...
- 3. Burn it off on the Lake Trail.** It’s where just about everyone in town starts their day. Was that Citadel billionaire Ken Griffin jogging by?
- 4. See what’s new at the Royal.** Also known as the Royal Poinciana Plaza, which was saved from oblivion and transformed into a town hub with an eclectic mix of tenants—among them Hermès, Toojay’s Gourmet Deli, and Miron Crosby, a cowboy boot brand.
- 5. Have lunch at Swifty’s.** The reincarnation of the now closed Upper East Side institution is beloved. So is the Colony Hotel, where it’s located—Sunday bingo nights here are a *vibe*.
- 6. Up your jewelry game.** You want to fit in,

don’t you? Mish, Richters, and Marissa Collections, which just added 5,000 square feet to its store, will help with that.

- 7. You’ll need a wardrobe to match.** Julia Amory, a recent New York transplant who opened her namesake store in PB last fall, makes the best caf-tans. If you need something to wear to dinner at Renato’s, you’ll find it at the new Carolina Herrera boutique on Worth Avenue. And the best linens, as all the locals know, are Pratesi, which is making its grand comeback to town this year.
- 8. Go private.** A membership to the Carriage House is the latest flex for millennial settlers.
- 9. Make time for art.** The Norton is obligatory, as is the Society of the Four Arts, which has “the most beautiful garden,” Lauder says. For the kids, the Cox Science Center won’t disappoint.
- 10. Don’t be a snob about the mainland.** West Palm Beach is cool now. Really. Book a tour of the Bunker, a private space for collector Beth Rudin DeWoody’s trove of art. Then head to Georgia Avenue. “It’s an area of warehouses turned chic home shops,” jeweler Mish Tworowski says. Hungry? Suebelle, Instagram’s favorite grande dame, recommends Flanigan’s: “It has the best burger you’ll ever find.” *T&C*



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Works Together

Behold the rise of the nepo kitty.

Matthew Vaughn didn’t set out to hire a family member. The director of the new thriller *Argylle*, which stars Bryce Dallas Howard as a spy novelist whose work follows her home, just needed a cat to play Alfie, the sidekick to Howard’s character.

“On the first day of filming, we had a trained acting cat that was exactly what you would imagine a trained acting cat to be: a cat,” Vaughn says. However, “he wasn’t very cute, so I decided to fire him, go to my daughter’s room, and borrow her cat Chip for three months.”

It wasn’t a bad choice. Although untrained as an actor, Chip has an unflappable mien that plays well as the chaos of *Argylle* unfolds. Still, Vaughn—who produced the film with his wife Claudia Schiffer—didn’t anticipate what casting Chip would entail.

“I regretted the decision, as I became the cat handler,” he says, “but Chip blossomed into the movie star he was destined to be.”

Chip, above, got his starring role in *Argylle* in classic Hollywood fashion: He knew the director. (*Argylle* is in theaters now.)



A perfect Palm Beach day, counterclockwise from right: Breakfast at Green’s; a trip to the Norton to see such works as Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen’s *Typewriter Eraser*; jewelry shopping at Mish; and drinks at the Carriage House (assuming you’re chummy with a member).

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The New Look, which premieres February 14 on Apple TV+, follows the rivalry of Christian Dior (Ben Mendelsohn) and Coco Chanel (Juliette Binoche), as well as Dior’s devotion to his sister Catherine (Maisie Williams), who was a Resistance fighter in WWII.