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# Discoveries

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**A GLOBETROTTER'S GUIDE TO THE LATEST IN TRAVEL**

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## Brazilian Beauty

With its colonial architecture and dramatic jungle-meets-ocean scenery, the Brazilian town of Paraty (pronounced *par-ah-CHEE*) is the jewel of Costa Verde, which runs 325 miles between Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. For Gustavo and Gisela Assis, the husband-and-wife duo behind the Brazilian eyewear label Lapima, it's a second home: both have been visiting the town since childhood, and they even got married in a beach house there in 2006. Here, their recommendations on where to eat, stay, and surf.

— AS TOLD TO SIOBHAN REID

“PARATY’S WATERFRONT IS A UNESCO World Heritage site, with cobblestoned, pedestrian-only streets and whitewashed 17th-century buildings. **Casa Turquesa** ([casaturquesa.com.br](http://casaturquesa.com.br); doubles from \$269) is a charming inn in the center of the action. The service is impeccable and you can sit by the pool and order a home-style breakfast at any time of day. Because of the town’s hippie past, many artists live here—and several of them open up their ateliers

• From top: Gisela and Gustavo Assis, the couple behind the Lapima sunglasses brand; bar seating at Casa Turquesa.

to visitors. In the historic center, ceramist **Dalci Ramiro** ([fb.com/dalci.ramiro](http://fb.com/dalci.ramiro)) is known for his ornamental clay mobiles, and Mexican-born artist **Patricia Sada** ([patricia.sada.com](http://patricia.sada.com)) creates beautiful acrylic-covered objets using the leaves of the *guapuruvu* tree.

“For a casual lunch, check out **Le Gîte d’Indaiatiba** ([legitedindaiatiba.com.br](http://legitedindaiatiba.com.br); entrées \$25–\$38), a French-Brazilian restaurant tucked high in the mountains and surrounded by waterfalls. It’s not uncommon to see people taking a swim while they wait for their table.

“Paraty is surrounded by a constellation of islands that can be reached by speedboat. Don’t miss Saco do Mamanguá, Brazil’s only tropical fjord, which has small, secret beaches and crystal-clear swimming holes. Farther south, you’ll find great surfing beaches like Cajuíba and Ubatuba, both of which have reliably good waves and very few people.

“**Banana da Terra** ([restaurantebananadaterra.com.br](http://restaurantebananadaterra.com.br); entrées \$16–\$19) is an authentic Brazilian restaurant in the center of Paraty. In this region, bananas are used in everything—at this upscale spot, you can have bananas in oxtail stew, on fresh fish, and in a pie topped with a scoop of cinnamon ice cream.”



▲ Fishing boats in Paraty's Ilha Grande Bay.

## See Paraty by Sea

The town serves as a great jumping-off point for exploring the secluded beaches, jungle-covered islands, and mountain-ringed bays of Brazil's Costa Verde. And now that the Moorings, one of the world's biggest charter-yacht operators, has opened a base

in the historic town, there's even more reason to set sail. Experienced seafarers can charter the 41-to-50-foot boats on their own, or the Moorings can hook you up with a captain for a weeklong trip. [moorings.com](http://moorings.com); from \$4,253 per charter per week. —Paul Brady

