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Is this a hotel? It could be the vacation home of a friend—complete with a mountainside view and grazing sheep. **La Bandita** (meaning “The Preserve”) is the brainchild of former Sony BMG executive John Voigtmann and his wife Ondine Cohane. You’re guaranteed pretty pictures from the cypress-lined lane leading to the hotel to the structure itself: a restored, eight-room farmhouse with a cool and luxurious feel, courtesy of architects Ernesto Bartolini, Fabrizio Bardelli, and Ab Rogers (known for his work on the Comme des Garçons flagship store). La Bandita, Pienza, Tuscany, Italy, tel (+39) 333-404-6704, e-mail info@la-bandita, la-bandita.com.

MINER'S PEARL

After the destruction of Phuket by the Asian tsunami in 2004, new resorts have sprung up in the area. The **Indigo Pearl**, on Phuket's northwest shore at Nai Yang Beach, is built on the site of a former tin mine. Architect Bill Bensley recalls its history with polished concrete floors and sculptures that mimic machinery. To soften the stark effect, there are colorful Thai silk fabrics in pillows and on beds. This 277-room property also has three swimming pools, five restaurants, and a spa. Indigo Pearl at Nai Yang Beach and National Park, Phuket 83110, Thailand, tel +66 (0)76 327 006, indigo-pearl.com.



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