

GO PRO

Nothing will lift you to the next level like ripping it up with a legend.

By Mark Healy

o it right and almost nothing about your vacation will resemble real life. The turquoise cove you're floating in? Otherworldly. The mountain view from your canopy bed? Unreal. The fact that someone has refreshed your poolside iced tea without your noticing? Extraordinary. So why shouldn't resort-sponsored lessons and clinics (especially if you're near "pro-level" yourself) be run by the giants of your sport? No reason. Consider the bar raised.

TENNIS: HAWAII

At Four Seasons Resort Hualalai's annual clinic, you can hit with Michael Chang, the youngest man ever to win the French Open. You'll improve your backhand under his tutelage, create a performance-optimizing diet with his nutritionist, and hear about Chang's battles with Ivan Lendl and Andre Agassi. FOURSEASONS.COM/HUALALAI

DOWNHILL: UTAH

Skiers at Deer Valley's "Ski with a Champion" program get a day of shredding trails with, among other Olympians, Heidi Voelker and Kris "Fuzz" Feddersen. Mere mortals, Feddersen notes, should take heart: "We can rip it up, but we are all personable and can adapt to any client and mindset." DEERVALLEY.COM/WHATTODO

CYCLING: SOUTH CAROLINA

Tour de France contender George Hincapie's Hotel Domestique in the Blue Ridge foothills may look straight out of Tuscany and be focused on food and the good life, but

are regulars. HOTELDOMESTIQUE.COM

MARATHON RUNNING: KENYA

Micato Safari's new 10-day itinerary for runners includes training sessions with elite Kenyan athletes at two of the country's high-altitude training camps, Eldoret and Iten; a spot in a local half- or full marathon; and, for a finale (in case the runner's high isn't reward enough), a three-day luxury stay in the Masai Mara game reserve. MICATO.COM/SAFARIS/ MICATO-KENYA-SAFARI-FOR-RUNNERS

OPEN WATER: WORLDWIDE

No, Ryan Lochte and Missy Franklin will not be stripping down and jumping in on any of Swim Trek's signature trips. But as guests splash around the Maldives or crawl across Greece, island to island, they are accompanied by celebrated heroes of open water, all of whom have competed in epic crossings. SWIMTREK.COM

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