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A World of Treasures

Eclectic Interiors & Epic Design Journeys



SPOTLIGHT: INDIA

Fiona Caulfield

The Aussie expat and author of *Love Travel Guides* calls the subcontinent home.

THE REMOTE RED CITY of Bikaner, in the Thar Desert of Rajasthan, is newly accessible by plane from Delhi and Jaipur. The sandstone Junagarh Fort is home to the Badal Mahal—some say it's the most beautiful room in the world, with decorated walls that celebrate the monsoons.

DUNGARPUR IS off the beaten path about three hours south of Udaipur and is an idyllic Rajasthani town. Stay at the splendid Uda Bilas (udaibilaspalace.com), a former palace with original 1940s decor.

JAIPUR HAS to be one of the world's great shopping destinations, and Brigitte Singh's exquisitely detailed block prints are destined to become the antiques of tomorrow (brigittesingh.com).



The Badal Mahal at Junagarh Fort in Bikaner. LEFT: Fiona Caulfield.

Brigitte Singh Makisan Buti fabric, \$78 a yard; aletaonline.com.

WHAT INSPIRED ME

Stretch Ferreira's camp in Zimbabwe (goliathsafaris.com) really moved me. He has a magical way with animals; he'll walk you up to a wild elephant or lion—and you'll live to tell the tale.

—BERNIE DE LE CUONA, TEXTILE DESIGNER



MUST-PACK

TIME TRAVEL

A wrist- or pocket watch or a portable clock is more graceful than a smartphone for keeping on schedule.

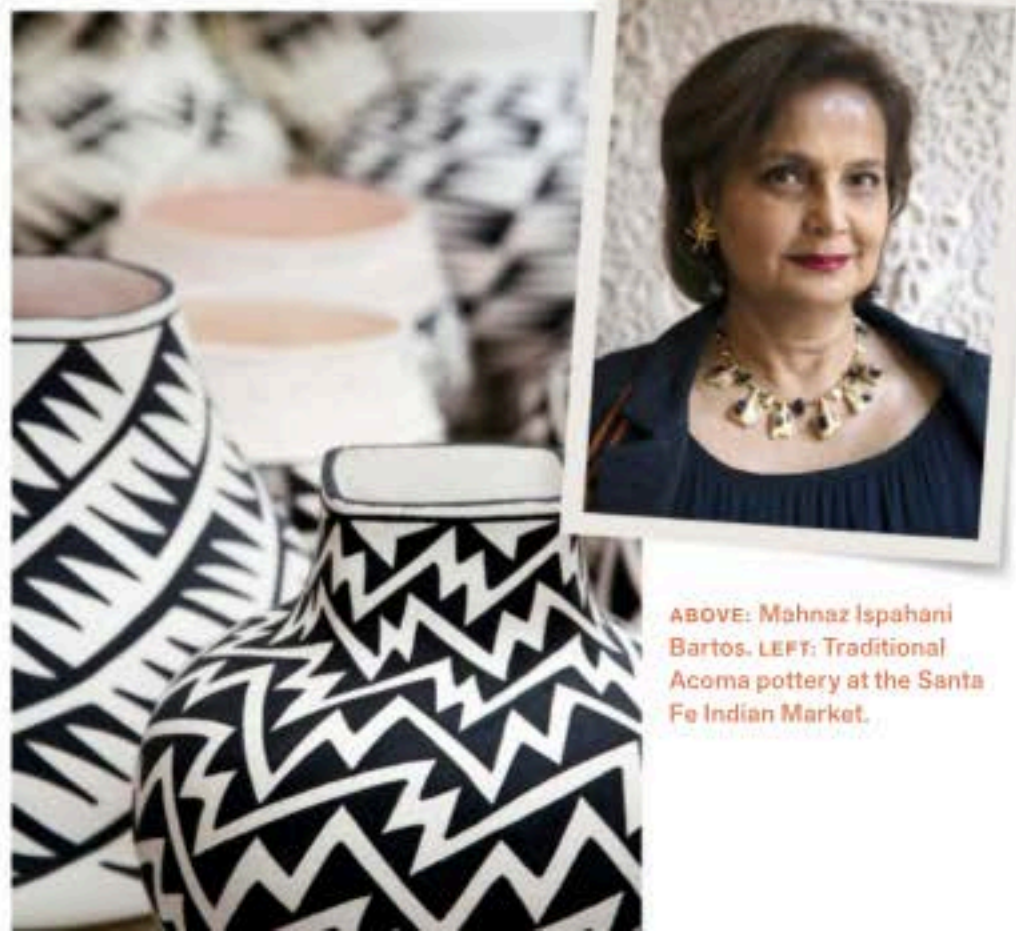
1. Ivory Enamel pocket watch, \$27,300; jaquet-droz.com.
2. Miss Audrey pocket watch, \$16,800; bovet.com.
3. 5531R Grand Complications wristwatch, price upon request; patek.com.
4. Travel Time alarm and desk clock, price upon request; harrywinston.com.
5. Tribute to Pallweber Edition "150 Years" pocket watch, \$66,500; iwc.com.

SPOTLIGHT: SANTA FE

Mahnaz Ispahani Bartos The dealer of top-drawer vintage jewelry has a soft spot for the New Mexican capital.

I GO TO SANTA FE FOR THE ARRESTING SKIES and rugged beauty of the landscape, its canyons and mesas. And also for the state's cultures: Native American, Spanish, and Mexican. It's a place where you can visit the Los Alamos National Laboratory and watch a tribal corn dance in Santo Domingo.

THERE ARE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES GALORE: Don't miss the Santa Fe Indian Market (swaia.org), held each August, or a performance at the Santa Fe Opera (santafeopera.org)—*Madame Butterfly* with the Sangre de Cristo Mountains as a backdrop. Other favorites: Shiprock Santa Fe (shiprocksanatafe.com) for Native American textiles and jewelry; Radish & Rye (radishandrye.com) for farm-to-table food and bourbon cocktails.



ABOVE: Mahnaz Ispahani Bartos. LEFT: Traditional Acoma pottery at the Santa Fe Indian Market.

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