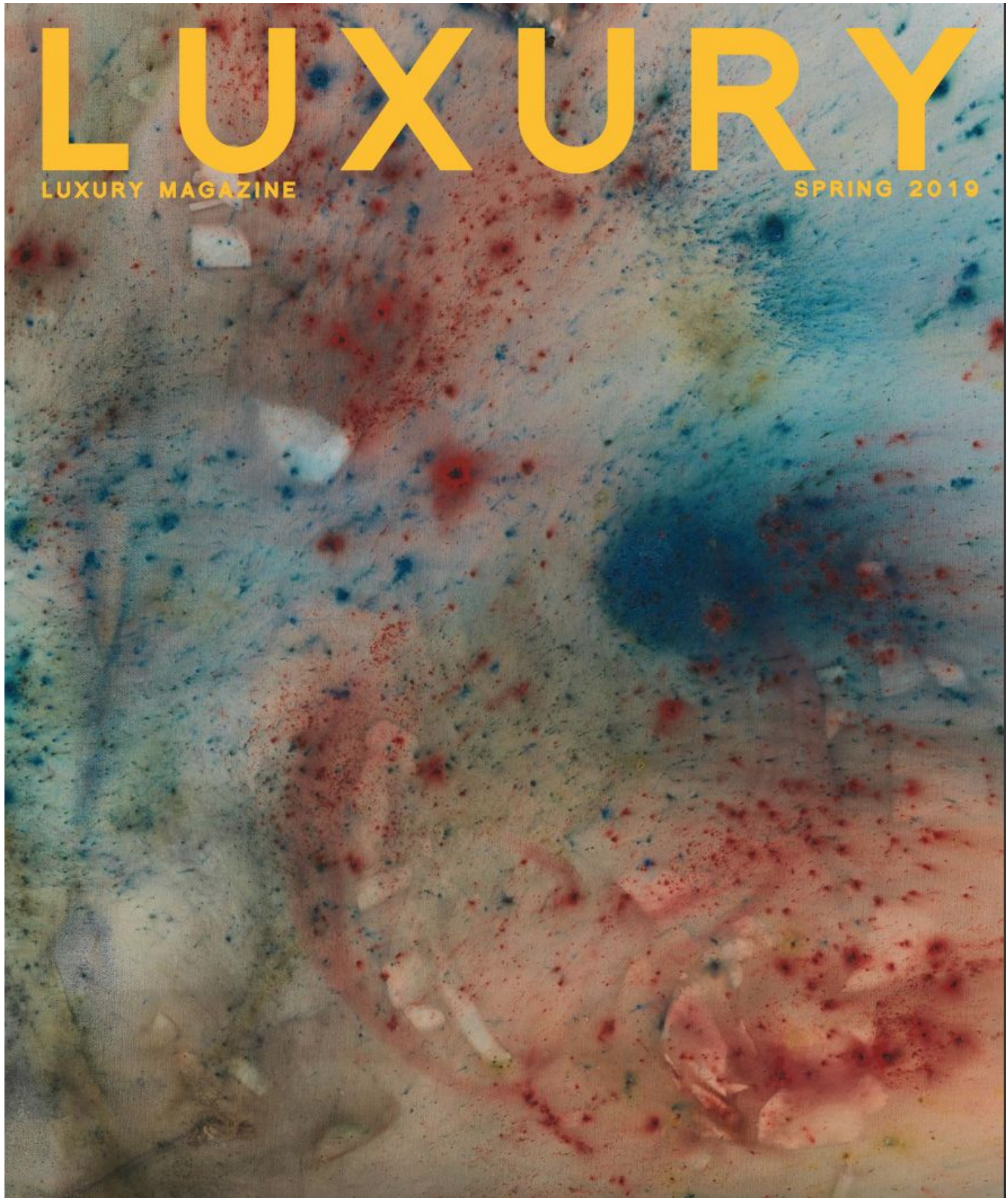


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GET into the GAME

For the uninitiated, polo may seem like hockey on horseback, but there's a lot more finesse and grace involved, not to mention an adrenaline surge. Amateur equestrians who want to pick up a mallet and spend an afternoon with a majestic animal in a beautiful setting should put on a pair of jeans (polo whites not required) and visit these three resorts, where some of the best polo instructors in the world will have you saddled-up and trotting across the field in no time.



Careyes, Mexico

Costa Careyes, located in the state of Jalisco on the Pacific coast between Manzanillo and Puerto Vallarta, is an under-the-radar destination known for its exclusive hillside villa culture with pedigree architecture (think modern palapas), deserted beaches, and a turtle sanctuary. Developed in the 1970s by Gian Franco Brignone, Careyes is still family-run and -operated and has the feel of a Mediterranean village with a brand of rustic luxury that plays well on the rugged coast and among the jungle environs.

It's also the place to find the best polo in Mexico. Gian Franco's son Giorgio installed Bermuda grass fields in the 1990s in the jungle, creating a lush spot with stables and a clubhouse that are as architecturally chic as the villas (*shown left*). The Costa Careyes Polo Club regularly brings in an international group of top-notch masters to teach clinics; hosts the International Federation of Polo playoffs annually; and attracts players from Portugal, France, Italy, and Argentina for the Copa de Careyes tournament. Guests can take polo classes, stick and ball lessons, use the fields for their own games, or spectate at one of several annual tournaments and exhibitions. careyes.com >

