



## Majestic MANOR

After an extensive three-year renovation, The Francis House, a small luxury inn in Calistoga, California, opened its doors this year. Built in 1886, The Francis House is the only stone building in Napa County with authentic French Second Empire architecture. Proprietors Dina and Richard Dwyer decided to keep the European flair when they restored and redesigned the place as an exclusive five-room luxury inn. The ground level consists of a reception area with original interior stone walls complemented by European oak plank floors, a Gaggenau-equipped kitchen, a salon highlighted by a Carrara marble fireplace mantle, and an adjoining dining area that opens to the pool, which boasts two French limestone fountains. Elegant landscaping around The Francis House includes citrus trees, espaliered fruit trees, rosemary bushes, and gravel pathways. [www.thefrancishouse.com](http://www.thefrancishouse.com)



## Suite Life

NÜWA Manila, one of the three luxury hotels in City of Dreams Manila, was named one of the world's most luxurious hotels by Forbes Travel Guide 2018. Only 58 hotels across 27 countries in the world have earned this designation. NÜWA Manila features 254 lavishly appointed contemporary rooms, spacious suites, and villas. State-of-the-art facilities include the four-star awarded NÜWA Spa and an elevated Michelin-star dining experience at The Tasting Room.

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## MAPPING HISTORY

To mark the 36th International Map Collectors' Society Symposium in October, Ayala Museum mounted *Insulae Indiae Orientalis*, an exhibition featuring historical maps and prints covering the islands of the East Indies, with key artefacts from the Dutch East India Company. A highlight was the largest collection of maps drawn by and derived from the work of the Spanish friar and cartographer Fray Pedro Murillo Velarde who was the first cartographer to draw a comprehensive map of the Philippine archipelago. [www.ayalamuseum.org](http://www.ayalamuseum.org)

