

hip guide THE HIPSET TRAVELS

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Young scion and DJ Samantha Ronson jets so often, she says she has plane narcolepsy. Between family trips to London, Israel and Mustique (her favorite destination), she credits **Thursday Plantation Tea Tree Australian chewing sticks** (they helped her quit smoking), sister Charlotte's **hooded sweatshirts (C.Ronson)**, a splash of **Comptoir Sud's Fruits Sauvages**, and tunes by Duncan Sheik, Nikka Costa and Custom ("The band is unreleased but they're going to be hot.") on her **Sony minidisk player** with creating the right sleep environment. Games like **DopeWars** on her **Louis Vuitton-encased Palm**, song writing on her **Motorola Skytel 2-Way** pager (complete with her own timed alerts), and **Bicycle playing cards** help her kill the rest of traveling time. Ronson's travels are anything from a weekend in Harbour Island (Bahamas) to the 46-hour road trip she took from NY to LA. In LA, she hops between the Chateau Marmont, where her boyfriend stays, and her own fave, The Standard. "Love the Ping-Pong. And getting my hair done by the pool is so dope," she says. Her **Hogan bag** with her own **polka-dotted Hysterie Glamour scarf** is also home to her **Motorola V60 phone** which she says is helpful when a gas station attendant points to a map and says, *You're somewhere between there and there*. Right before Samantha runs off in her **Oliver Peoples Aeros**, **New World Order (Milkcrate) cap**, **C. Ronson flip flops** and **Julie Baker gold medallion necklace**, she advises: "Always try to get three seats across, you can sleep better than in business class. And bring a **Mustela stick** and **Fiji water**; planes are cold and dry!"

Syl Tang spies into the weekend bags of the HipSet, and captures the contents of their carry-ons—every month. Reach her at syl@hipguide.com.

HAUTE DISH

TIRED OF THE SAME OLD SUPPER? Summer was busy with lots of new dining experiences popping up all around town.

After months of anticipation, **Sopra** in Delray Beach has opened its glass doors. Completely different in every way from décor to cuisine—the menu changes daily—it's unlike anything you've seen north of South Beach.

Oliver Saucy is now serving up his signature cuisine in a refreshing "Island Colonial" atmosphere at **Darrel & Oliver's Bistro 17** on the Renaissance Ft. Lauderdale Hotel.

Samba Room's newest location, at the corner of Flagler and Clematis in W. Palm, offers one of the best views in the city and festive, flavorful and expertly prepared Latin Fusion Cuisine by noted chef Scott Helm. You must try their signature Mojito, a sweet drink that packs a powerful punch: Bacardi light rum, simple syrup, fresh mint, lime juice and a splash of soda.

Back in March, Restaurant icon Dennis Max opened **Max's WatersEdge** in Manalapan on A1A right across from the Ritz Carlton. Everyone who has trekked from Boca or even farther south agrees it's worth the drive.

People are raving about the 4-star **LeMont**. The Pittsburgh legend has come to the Palm Beaches on the 20th floor of the Northbridge Center; it's an elevated experience—from the food to the view.

Star spotting on South Beach has become even easier with the newest **Planet Hollywood** on Ocean Drive. (Ben Affleck and Marlon Wayans were there on opening night.)



Mojito at Samba Room