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Angie Harmon

Actress and Advocate Turned Designer

While most are familiar with Angie Harmon for her starring role as Abbie Carmichael on NBC's Emmy-winning drama *Law & Order*, or her newer role on the TNT hit drama *Rizzoli & Isles* as police detective Jane Rizzoli (for which she won a 2015 People's Choice Award for Favorite Cable TV Actress), this ever-stylish actress has now set her sights on the fashion accessory trade with the launch of her new X Red Earth line in partnership with Red Earth—an ethical lifestyle brand that creates “ruggedly elegant jewelry with a purpose.” The company employs talented artisans and craftsmen in rural, poverty-ravaged African villages who are enabled to sustain their own families through their hard work and creativity while also creating jobs for others in their community.

Angie's edgy, socially conscious collection combines chic designs, unconventional materials and artisan craftsmanship that takes skull and bone-styled baubles to a sophisticated new level. The line also imparts a different story about Africa—one of beauty and business acumen rather than of charity.

Angie's seemingly sudden foray into the glamorous role of jewelry designer and fashion accessories entrepreneur compelled me to learn more about this actress, whose creative talents are taking her in new and exciting directions. Given her A-List status, I was particularly interested to learn about her personal penchant for luxe living as it relates to travel, dining and other facets of leisure and lifestyle. This curiosity led me to connect with Angie for a quick one-on-one interview on these topics, and her insights reveal a grounded and centered “real” woman



Angie Harmon

whose appreciative for a life being well lived. Here's what she had to say.

LRM: What does the word “luxury” mean to you as it pertains to your personal life?

AH: Luxury to me is about family, beauty, travel and seeing different cultures. Luxury is about choosing to live your life with style, grace and appreciation for the world around you.

LRM: What do you love to splurge on?

AH: I love to splurge on fashion. To me, everything in fashion is a work of art. I also love to splurge on travel, specifically trips with my daughters. It's incredibly exciting to see the world through my children's eyes! I recently began the endeavor of a home renovation. I would consider the remodel a splurge but it's also the creative process that brings me joy. I love choosing between all of the different patterns, colors and textiles that will make my home my own.

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Angie Harmon:

A Practical Approach to Luxe Living

LRM: Where is your favorite travel destination, and what new locale do you have your sights set on up ahead?

AH: When I'm in California, San Ysidro Ranch is my haven. Any place with a beach is also a welcome. My sights are set on having my girls and I spend the summer in Tuscany, travel the Orient Express and visit the exceptionally beautiful beaches in Thailand.

LRM: What kind of cuisine do you like and what is your favorite dish?

AH: That's always a tie between Japanese and Mexican. My favorite dish is Shishito peppers paired with a lychee martini. Or anything spicy, really.

LRM: What is your best tip for "living fabulously"?

AH: Kyra Sedgwick once gave me some fabulous advice and I'll never forget it. She said, "Keep your heart where your feet are." That to me means to stay present and appreciate my surroundings and the people around me.

LRM: You just launched a new jewelry collection for the company Red Earth. What about this line will appeal to luxury style and accessory aficionados?

AH: Each piece in the collection is handmade, each piece is one-of-a-kind and each piece has substance and mass with a universal seasonal style.

LRM: You are a style icon and many of the looks you wear exude classic sophistication. What made you go in an edgy direction with your jewelry line, namely with the many skull designs and unique materials, like ethically



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sourced animal bone?

AH: The skull has always been my favorite symbol because, to me, they are as different and unique as we all are. We are all, at our core, the same. The use of the materials that are unique to that [African] region is something that I consider to be a luxury. The materials used in my X Red Earth collection are not something you often find in our [American] culture.

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Angie Harmon:

Wife, Mother & Ambassador Extraordinaire

LRM: As a mother of three kids, how do you pamper yourself when you are able to carve out some “you time”?

AH: I read incessantly and rarely turn on the television. However, getting the chance to sit down and watch a movie is a total luxury and escape for me. I love to disappear into another world, feel what those characters are feeling, live those characters’ lives, use my imagination—that’s what books and movies do for me. Also, being outside in any environment and connecting with nature is of the utmost importance and what I consider to be a necessity.

LRM: Speaking of children, you have been such an incredible children’s advocate through UNICEF and other endeavors. What does the future hold for you in this regard?

AH: Right now is a very exciting time for me, as I’ll be doing more field visits with UNICEF. It’s important that I pass along my compassion and need to fight for the world’s children down to my own girls. It’s an honor to be able to see the light and the dark of humanity through an organization as special and incredible as UNICEF. All of the organizations I work with, including the Alliance for Children’s Rights, The Children’s Institute, and The Rape Treatment Center, are all very dear to my heart.

Also dear to her heart is her husband, former New York Giants football player Jason Sehorn, who Angie has affectionately nicknamed “The Horn.” Sehorn proposed to her while she was making a guest appearance on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* in 2000.



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The couple has three daughters—Finley, Avery and Emery—whom she’s adorably dubbed “The Hornettes.” When Angie is not filming in Los Angeles, she lives the family life in North Carolina.

This esteemed actress, UNICEF ambassador and loving wife and mother turned socially-driven jewelry designer and entrepreneur is a shining example of how to parlay success in the acting profession to cultivate awareness, hope and opportunity for others through fashion and philanthropy. It’s certainly nice to know she takes the time to pamper herself and luxuriate in the fruits of her many labors. ■

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Warm Weather Getaways:

Seven Superb Spots



Casa Magna Marriott

Spring has sprung and summer is on rapid approach. Now is the time to plan a respite to a warm and balmy destination where sun, sand and serenity are abundant. Here are seven sunny getaways where endless relaxation, recreational and gastronomic opportunities await.

Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula is a marvelous locale. There travelers can enjoy the Grand Velas Riviera Maya Resort, which is regarded as "perfection on the Yucatan Peninsula," and with good reason. This must-see locale gives you stunning panoramic views of the Caribbean Sea on the southeastern coast of Mexico. There are no shortage of fun activities in this paradise, including snorkeling and scuba/reef diving. Having been named one of Forbes' "10 Coolest Resorts," Grand Velas

provides luxurious all-inclusive service with its own butler concierge and gorgeous room views of the jungle or oceanfront.

One of my other favorite Mexican destinations is Puerto Vallarta. Whether you are traveling solo, coupled, or with family, there is something for everyone with such activities as windsurfing, sailing, whale watching, zip lining, white water rafting, snorkeling, bird observing, biking, and even swimming with dolphins. At CasaMagna Marriott, situated on the Pacific coastline alongside Banderas Curve, there are no commercial or residential properties in sight. Vistas are dominated by the breathtaking beach, pool, and the Sierra Madre Mountains. The hotel spa is an expansive 22,000 square feet – the largest spa in all of Puerto Vallarta.

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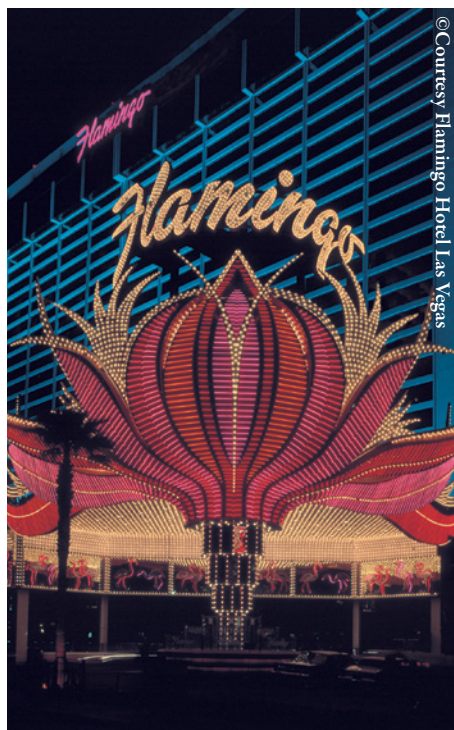
West Coast Adventures:

Coastlines to Casinos

If you want to stay in the States but still have that blissful feeling of being disengaged from the norm, head west to Catalina Island. Located 22 miles off the coast of Los Angeles, Catalina is roughly 90 minutes by boat from Dana Point or a 15 minute helicopter ride. This island paradise offers 76 miles of pristine beaches. While on the island, enjoy a plethora of activities on land and on sea, from shopping and seaside dining to fishing, porpoise and seal watching, and snorkeling and kayaking. In January, the highs can be in the 70s (20sC) with lows down to the 50s (10-15C).

Back on the Southern California mainland, I can't urge travelers enough to vacation in sunny San Diego. In the northwest city of Carlsbad, you will see firsthand why the "Village by the Sea" is the place to be. The city is located just 35 miles north of San Diego and is home to attractions such as the GIA Museum, Legoland California, Sea Life Aquarium, Carlsbad Village, State Beach, and much more. If you're planning a getaway in Carlsbad, I would recommend a stay at the Hilton Carlsbad Resort, home of the Oceanfront Resort & Spa. With its location directly across from Ponto Beach, find out for yourself why this property has truly raised the standards of San Diego North County stays.

Just a hop, skip and a jump (five hour drive or less than 90-minute flight) from San Diego is Las Vegas, where there is never a shortage of activities—from casinos to



The Flamingo Las Vegas

concerts to simply soaking up the sun. If you plan on visiting Sin City anytime soon, you might want your next stay to be at the Flamingo Las Vegas. The newly renovated hotel features 3,545 rooms and suites, free parking, and plenty of transportation to explore everything Las Vegas has to offer. But before heading out, don't forget to enjoy the Caribbean-style water playground. If you're so inclined, you can even get hitched at the Flamingo!

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Fun in the Sun:

Close to Home



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Turnberry Isle Miami

For those hoping to head east, I highly suggest a stay in the luxurious North Miami Beach Aventura neighborhood in the always-fun city of Miami. There you'll be close to the city's trademark parks and 2,400,000 square foot Aventura Mall. If you want to soak up as much sun and luxury as possible while you're there, the AAA, four-diamond-rated Turnberry Isle Miami is a great place to stay, with 408 spacious rooms, gorgeous suites, an extravagant pool area with a 35-foot water slide, and critically acclaimed golf courses. Past guests include President Bill Clinton, Elton John, and Oprah Winfrey, among many other A-listers. Join the club!

Another great South Florida vacation destination will allow you to live the Hollywood life East Coast style. While Hollywood, Florida, may not have much

in common with the other Hollywood, there is plenty to do in this popular beach town. Hollywood's main attractions include its pristine beaches, Beach Boardwalk, Charnow Park, the Water Taxi, and casinos. Speaking of casinos, the Hollywood inland destination of choice for many tourists is the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, with great music memorabilia displays, a casino, the world-famous café, and live entertainment all under one roof to make the most out of your Hollywood experience.

Whether you fancy down time on the beach, sipping poolside cocktails, spectacular pampering, fine dining to die for, or entertainment that'll keep you energized all through the night, the seven warm weather destinations above each offer an amazing and comprehensive vacation experience you won't soon forget. ■

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