

Destination Design: W Retreat & Spa Vieques Island

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The **W Retreat & Spa Vieques Island** — the first W Retreat & Spa in North America — opened its doors in March 2010. Located eight miles off the Southeast coast of Puerto Rico on the small, 55-square mile island of Vieques, this 13-acre getaway is surely a not-to-be-missed vacation destination. Two palm tree-lined private beaches are your front porch as you sit by the pool or enjoy an ocean-front massage. But the relaxing and pampering are only *part* of the draw of this hotel. The other part? Interiors by the hotel's lead designer **Patricia Urquiola**.

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The guestrooms feature a mix of beige and tan elements with pops of vibrant color. Living and sleeping areas are delineated by a thin, taupe curtain (above).



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Also featured in the decor is round seating by **Moroso**, colorful hanging chairs on the balconies, and even a painted steel tub designed exclusively for the hotel by Patricia. The interiors are a perfect harmony of relaxation and excitement.



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