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A pair of world travelers from the West Coast stop off in New York and decide to stay awhile

locales might sound exotic, but it isn't always everything it's cracked up to be. For one San Francisco couple, business as usual meant frequent travel to such far-flung destinations as the Far East and Europe, and weekends spent together became the exception, not the rule.

So they came up with a solution to improve their chances of having more than a quick dinner together between flights: They decided to buy a pied-à-terre in New York, a city whose cultural diversity and energy had always appealed to them. In the end they purchased two places, adjoining studios in an iconic Bing & Bing building in Chelsea, which they later combined.

With little time for interior design, they knew they'd need a decorator to get their second home move-in ready. "It sounds hard to believe, but they

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A pair of works the stage for the sitting area off the foyer (THIS SPREAD), which features a Holly Hunt sofa covered in Ralph Lauren Home's Allure suede in Arabia and a Bespoke tufted ottoman covered in Ralph Lauren Home's Sophistigator leather in Chocolate. A folding wall by Zecca Glass divides the space from the master bedroom; the chandelier is from David Weeks Studio. See Resources.

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