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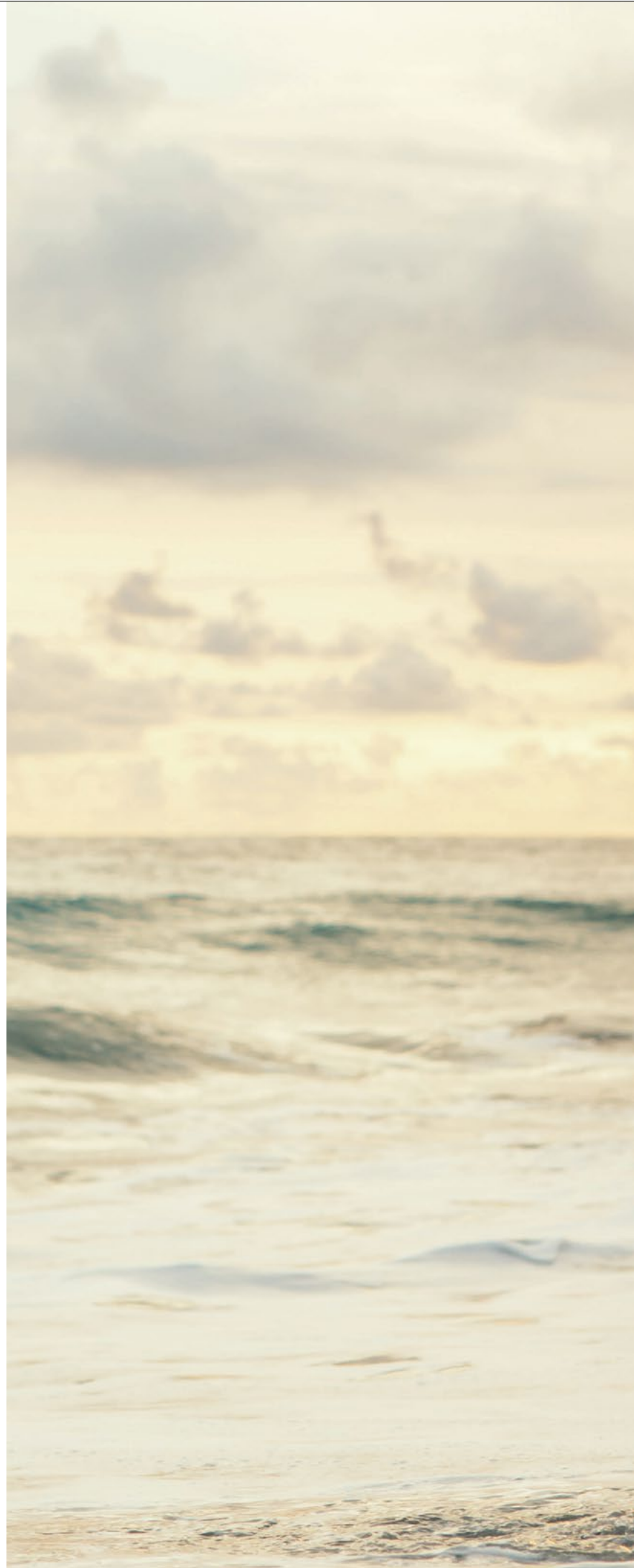
Welcome to the latest installment of EDEN Geographic – our guide to the greatest global getaways, and your passport to unparalleled escapes and destinational delights for summer 2024 and beyond.

In this edition, prepare to be whisked away to paradise as we present our Atoll A-Listers: in our opinion, four of the most enchanting properties in the Maldives. Join us as we live the LUX* life at LUX* Grand Baie Mauritius. Succumb to the offerings of 7Pines Resorts in Sardinia and Ibiza – where Mediterranean charm meets contemporary luxury. And if it's pure Caribbean bliss you seek, look no further than Calabash in Grenada, with its idyllic setting, impeccable service and unrivalled attention to detail. Last, but by no means least, we head off to the heart of Manhattan and discover 'Fabulosity on Fifth' at The Fifth Avenue Hotel, where timeless elegance and modern sophistication make for the quintessential New York experience.

As we welcome the arrival of spring and summer, EDEN's dedicated team is primed and ready to craft your perfect holiday. Whether you're yearning for island adventures, nature retreats, or cosmopolitan city breaks, our seasoned Travel Directors are here to ensure that every moment of your journey is simply phenomenal.

Our very best wishes,

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THE ISLAND OF LOVE

There are a multitude of islands nestled in the Med, but only Cyprus can lay claim to being the birthplace of Aphrodite, the Ancient Greek Goddess of Love.

Seamlessly blending a rich, multi-layered past with a modern infrastructure and contemporary lifestyle, Cyprus may be the third-largest island in the Mediterranean, but it's still surprisingly compact, making it easy to explore the shimmering shorelines, natural landscapes and wealth of attractions – both old and new – with plenty of time to stop and linger along the way.

The sunny climate (more than 300 days of sunshine each year) provides an ideal setting for nature trails; archaeological odysseys; mountain biking, hiking, cycling and golf; bird-watching; wine routes; watersports, water parks and more, all year round. It has all the right ingredients for an exciting family fairytale too.

The maritime capital of Cyprus – Limassol, or Lemesos – is historic, multifaceted and lively, with a range of coastal strips, shopping options, drinking, dining and entertainment; an up-to-the-minute marina; and a distinctive link to the age-old tradition of viticulture. It also offers all the elements for a relaxing beach break or an unhurried expedition of classical discovery.

Paphos, meanwhile, is Cyprus' Capital of Culture: where legends of love, magnificent mosaics, ancient awes and compelling coasts make this small town utterly enlightening to explore and beautiful to behold. Comprised of its old and new towns – its harbour and medieval castle being the focal point – this region boasts quaint enclaves further afield, including Polis and the fishing port of Latchi. It's also home to the stunning Akamas Peninsula and its Avakas Gorge; Lara Beach (where green turtles nest from May to August); and of course Petra tou Romiou (Aphrodite's Rock) where, with just one look at its surrounding blue swirl, you'll soon get a sense of why Cyprus has attracted so many throughout the millennia, and why even Aphrodite herself could not bear to leave.



ANASSA



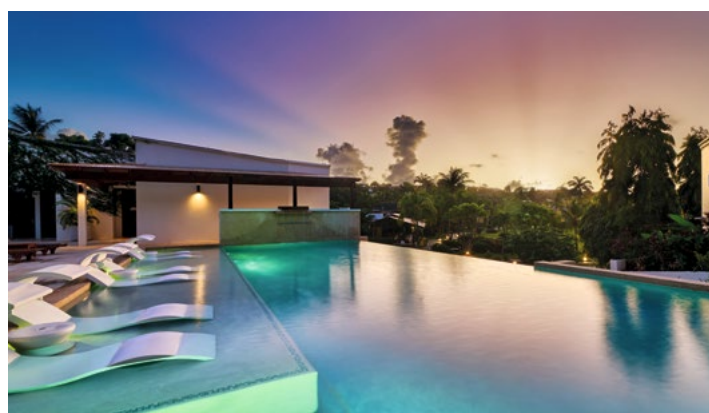
Famed for its prime Akamas Peninsula location, traditional Byzantine-village-style setting, and unerring service, Anassa is a refined hillside retreat that cascades down through vibrant, flower-filled gardens to the golden beach. Light, bright and oh-so-stylish, most of the 166 classical low-rise rooms, beach-chic suites and thoughtful multi-generational havens offer stellar views of the Med, and an additional four first-rate villas boast beguiling infinity pools and oodles of privacy.

Owned and run by Thanos, Natasha and Anna Michaelides, family is at the core of Anassa's philosophy. Their multi-award-winning kids' club caters to children from four months to 12 years and boasts an extensive range of sensational activities like junior sports camps, baking, treasure hunts, archaeology and spa treatments. Early restaurant sittings are another fabulous feature; and the brilliant 'Baby Go Lightly' service facilitates the seemingly impossible: travelling light with little ones in-tow!

But grown-ups won't feel left out as there's plenty for them too... Sneak off to the Thalassa Spa for marine treatments and detoxifying spa packages, or bask under the sun at the two outdoor freshwater pools.

Get active with land- and watersports, a PADI Five Star Gold Palm Dive Centre and RYA Sailing Centre; or choose from the collection of curated experiences, from horse-riding through the Cypriot countryside or exploring the rugged Troodos Mountains, to wine-tasting at the Byzantine Chrysorroygiatissa monastery. World-class food establishments, meanwhile, include the romantic gourmet Asian fusion Basiliko, the alfresco fine-dining restaurant Helios, and a calendar of beachside barbecues and Cypriot village fairs celebrating local culture throughout the season.

An inimitable, luxurious affair from beginning to end!



Escape the ordinary at Columbia Beach Resort, tucked away on the south coast in a setting of unspoilt countryside – just 20 minutes from Paphos and 30 minutes from Limassol. At the centre of a quiet, mile-long Blue Flag beach, gently ambling from the crystal-clear waters of the sheltered Bay of Pissouri, this low-rise lovely follows the landscape’s organic incline, so most of the 169 suites have an absolutely spectacular view.

A treat for all foodies, there’s no shortage of flavours to discover, from the Apollo Tavern’s fresh local fare, to a celebration of the finest Italian gourmet cuisine at Bacchus. Unique to Cyprus, there are á la carte meal plan options of bed and breakfast, half board and full board. And, with a choice of six bars, there’s always somewhere different to relax with a drink and soak up those elysian vistas.

In addition to sunbathing poolside and relaxing at the Spa, a break here also provides the perfect opportunity to spend quality time together, as a couple, a family, or a group of friends.

So, whether you want to take on Cyprus’ championship golf courses, scuba-dive beneath the waves, enjoy an array of watersports, discover the area by bike, or immerse yourself in a world of imaginative culinary adventures, there’s always plenty to do. And The Den Kids’ Club has no shortage of ways to keep 4–12-year-olds constantly entertained, so you can be confident that your little ones are in very safe hands.



COLUMBIA BEACH RESORT



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7 PINES RESORTS

Enchanting sunsets. Breathtaking panoramas. Glamorous beach boltholes. 7Pines Resorts unveil the world's most mesmerising places for life's most awesome experiences.

Part of the 'Destination by Hyatt' brand, 7Pines is a diverse collection of upscale independent hotels, resorts and residences, each individual at heart yet connected by a commitment to draw upon the true spirit of their location. Laid-back luxury is at the heart of your holiday, where high-quality elements are blended with an easy-going atmosphere, making exclusivity accessible in an unforced manner. Guests' individual desires and wellbeing take centre stage throughout, and the impressive offerings create moments that linger long in the memory.

The White Isle of **Ibiza** is a heavenly destination, crammed with small coves lapped by the intense blue Mediterranean, pine forests that practically embrace the sea, sleepy villages full of rural charm, swanky beach clubs, and accommodation in paradisaical settings. So utterly authentic is this destination, it seamlessly combines the world's most exciting nightlife with a UNESCO World Heritage town and biodiversity reserves, so you can easily choose to split your time between letting your hair down, enjoying the hippy atmosphere of its fashion and street markets, chilling out shoreside on a Balinese bed, watching the bewitching sunsets, or spending your days on a superyacht.

The second-largest island in the Mediterranean, **Sardinia** has bragging rights to mesmerising aquamarine waters; soft, white sands; and granite rocks framed by wild, fragrant scrub. Its miles of beaches are its main draws (La Pelosa in Stintino and Cala Brandinchi in San Teodoro are undoubtedly the most spellbinding), but there are all kinds of other activities.

Explore the mysterious ancient structures of the Su Nuraxi di Barumini (the only UNESCO-listed monument here) or the otherworldly Neptune's Grotto near Alghero. Hike the trails and raft the river at the Gola di Gorropu, or visit colourful mountain towns like Orgosolo with its creative street art. And a day trip out to the magnificent Maddalena archipelago and national park is also a must, where you'll find even more of the region's finest nature, hiking and diving opportunities.

7 PINES RESORTS



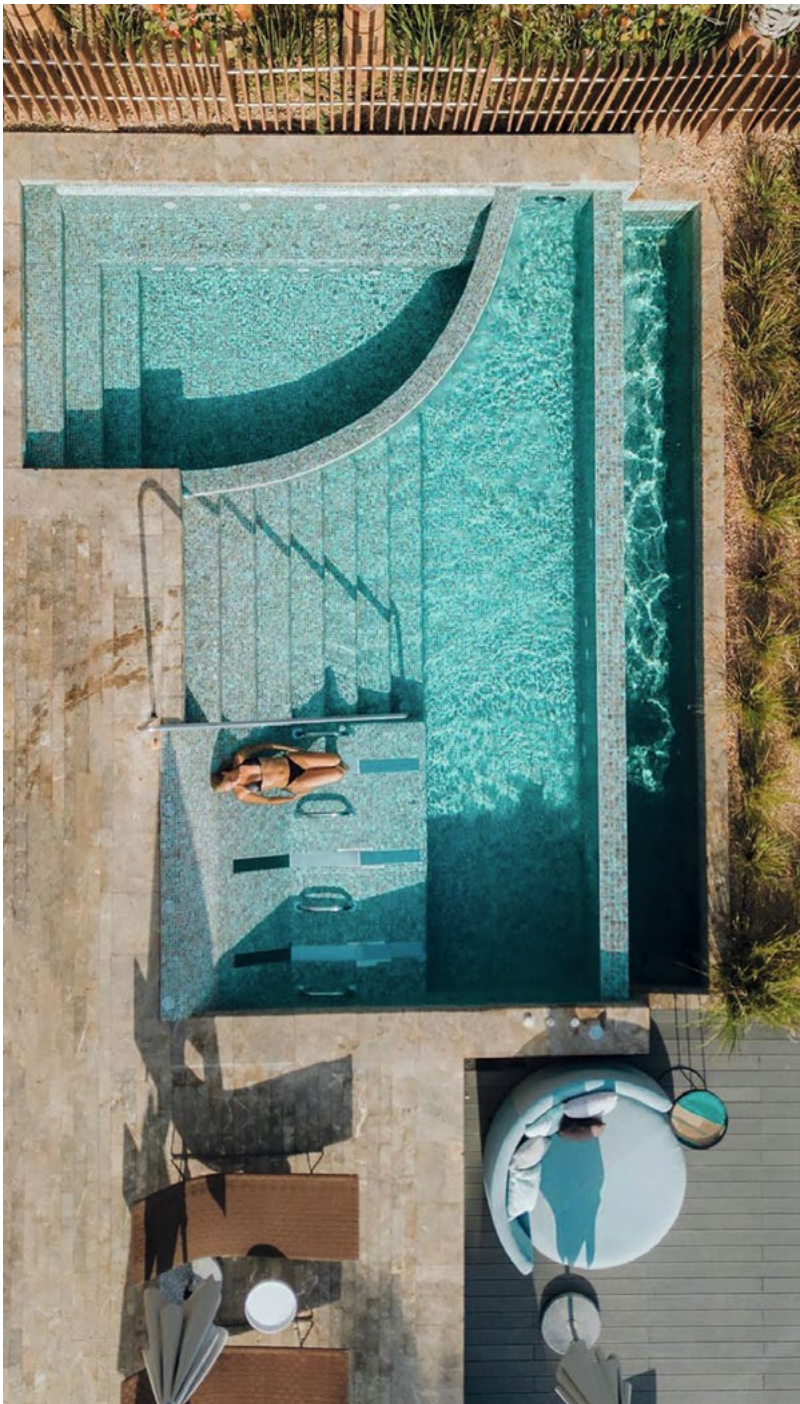
IBIZA

Unadulterated Ibizan indulgence embraced by gorgeous terrain – this all-suite sanctuary has a prime vantage point for enjoying sensational sunsets.

In an altogether one-of-a-kind location, encircled by a pine grove on Ibiza's west coast cliffs, between the superlative Cala Conta and secluded Cala Codolar beaches (both in easy walking distance), this white-washed, Ibizan-inspired village is spread over 56,000 square-metres of verdant gardens. Set within three distinct areas: the Ibicenco Village, The Laguna and The Cliff, 185 suites feature a terrace or balcony looking over the gardens or sea, depending on their location and orientation. Some feature a private pool, while two four-bedroom Grand Villas boast private gardens, spacious living areas, inviting infinity pools and sun terraces with sweeping sea views.

Elsewhere, you'll find three pools: the vast adults-only infinity pool with sunken bar, the child-friendly pool at Laguna Village, and the pool at the Pure Seven Spa (the soul of 7Pines, dedicated to holistic, wellbeing opportunities). There's also clifftop yoga, a planetarium, underwater photography lessons and a kids' club. Out and about, there are charters on-board the two 24-metre Pershing yachts, plus exhilarating guided outdoor activities including pine forest hikes, mountain biking, kayaking, stand-up paddle excursions, cliff-diving, running trails and quad and buggy tours.

And there's a host of culinary discoveries from morning til night, with everything from hearty breakfasts and late lunches to sunset tapas, special guest-chef appearances and cooking classes. The highlights? Sunset rituals at The Cone Club – the hottest spot in Ibiza to kick back with a cocktail; and the tasting menu at The View, a one-of-a-kind gastronomic experience curated by Executive Chef Oscar Salazar.





SARDINIA

Cradled within the natural contours of Baja Sardinia in the north, you'll find a serene oasis of 75 rooms and suites set in 37 acres of fragrant gardens.

A singular blend of untouched beauty, superb service, and a touch of exclusivity, beguiling outlooks over the rocky cove of Cala Bitta create an instant connection to the surroundings; and inviting paths weave their way down to two small sheltered coves, where the iridescent waters lap the warm sands.

An enticing variety of rooms, junior suites and suites are set in three distinct locations scattered around the grounds: the Gardens, surrounded by a green curtain of flora and fauna and steps from the main pool; Laguna, an adults-only collection of large rooms and suites grouped around the tranquil Laguna pool; and Sea View, the most coveted and the closest to the shore (where some accommodations have a rooftop terrace, and others, alfresco hot tubs or direct beach access). All are decked out in a calm, contemporary palette, with mirror walls and sheer glass panels that make the most of the sunlight and scenery.

Amenities include the Pure Seven Spa, which may not be 'all-singing, all-dancing' but the massages are excellent! Families are welcomed with open arms, and the hotel offers a kids' club, paddle courts, and basketball facilities.

Mealtimes are a real treat too. Each of the three restaurants has its own distinctive vibe and tempting epicurean outings, and the Cone Club is where mellow days on the beach are followed by evenings of music and merriment. As the first of its kind on Sardinia, it's a real hot spot for in-house guests and non-residents alike, with full-service daybeds, a bar-lounge, good vibes, great music and outstanding food.

LAID-BACK LUXURY



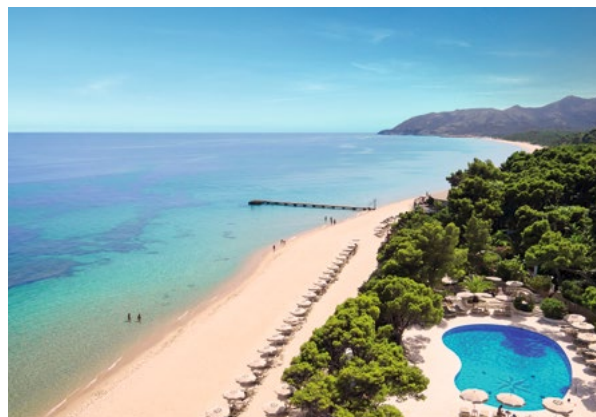
ONE OF A KIND



the location

Sardinia is one of the most enchanting islands in the Med. Fabled for its long shorelines and exceptional elemental beauty, it's comparable to the Caribbean or Indian Ocean and just under three hours from the UK. The superlative south coast provides a splendid, safe and tranquil setting for Forte Village – a rarified resort, 45 minutes from Cagliari Airport, looking out onto the golden sands between Santa Margherita di Pula and Capo Spartivento.

the resort



Long a hotspot for those seeking unforgettable nature, elite eateries, land- and watersports, wellness programmes, diving, nightly diversions, high-end shopping and 10 – yes 10 – swimming pools, Forte Village is definitely worth checking-in to.

One of the best family resorts in Sardinia, offering a remarkable choice of accommodation across its eight hotels, guests of any age are sure to have an absolutely wonderful holiday.

Set in 123 car-free acres of private gardens and grounds, Forte Village may seem vast but it's super simple to get around – in fact, from the main reception, you can reach any part on foot in approximately four minutes.

Each of the eight hotels has its own distinctive style of accommodation, a dedicated restaurant for breakfast, and a choice of dinner restaurants included in its own half board rate. In total, there are more than 20 restaurants in high season, so you can dine alfresco under the stars, or choose from a range of buffets, themed restaurants and grills, or gourmet establishments – the latter of which can be booked by all guests at an additional supplement. Michelin-starred chefs prepare the finest international cuisine, and a host of celebrity chefs visit each July and August to host elegant haute cuisine evenings.



the accommodation

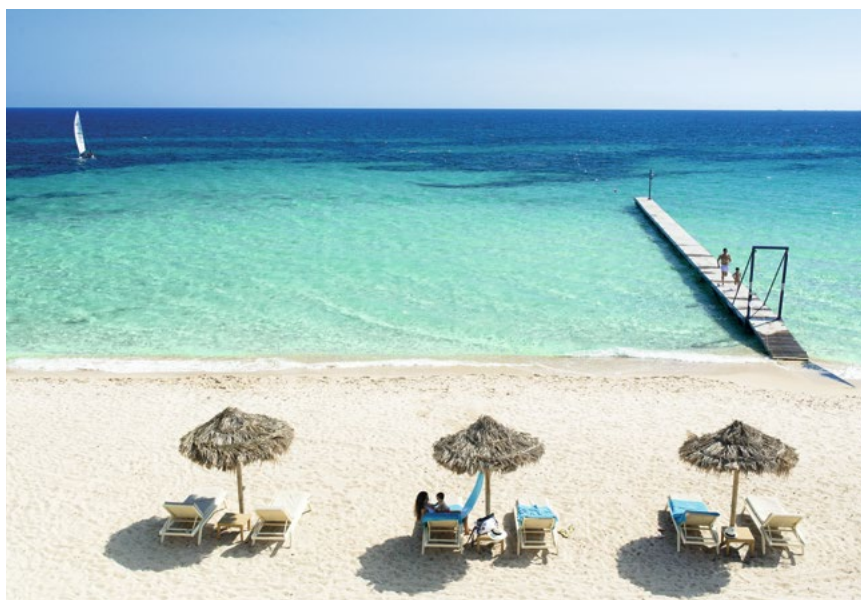
Our featured hotels at Forte Village encompass Le Dune, close to the beach, Piazza and Children's Wonderland, with its large bungalows and luxurious suites. Hotel Castello is a five-star hotel near the sea with its own heated pool, a handful of Garden Bungalows, and Suites with pretty panoramic views, a private swimming pool and butler service. A more intimate option and ideal for couples, Villa del Parco – a member of Leading Hotels of the World – is set in private gardens adjacent to the Acquaforce SPA, with a gourmet rooftop restaurant. It also has a collection of 13 villas, each with its own spacious garden and pool, as well as the Waterfront Suites, set in one of the most romantic corners of the resort. And finally, the newly refurbished and centrally located Hotel Pineta is set around a tranquil Mediterranean courtyard and ideal for a tribe of travellers with little ones in tow.

Dive into the world of Forte Village Resort, Sardinia... Where the extraordinary happens every day.



the activities

We could write a book on all of the outstanding activities you can discover here. For active adults, children and teenagers, there's a plethora of world-class sports facilities, academies and expert coaching with top professional instructors. In addition to the most practised sports like football, tennis, padel, basketball, cycling, hiking, diving and golf, there's boxing, fencing, synchronised swimming, climbing, sailing, coastal rowing, triathlon courses, watersports, magic, music and dance. The SPA, now completely refurbished, boasts a novel circuit of six Thalasso pools, and all manner of spa and beauty treatments.



Children haven't been forgotten either: all their dreams are now a reality at the fully supervised Wonderland – home to the spectacular, pint-sized Mario's Village; unforgettable Barbie™ experiences; crafting and theatrical workshops; a toy-filled nursery; two dedicated pools; a vegetable garden; and the Children's Restaurant, reached by toy-train shuttle service. For teens, Leisureland is a secret, fun place, open only to people who like their amusements exciting and their music loud. A place where young people make the rules, on the dance floors, in the bowling alley and out on the go-kart track. But that's not all. Every evening there is a show in the Piazza Luisa and more shops and bars to visit in the Piazzetta. Relax with a drink served to your table or spend some time meandering around the top fashion and jewellery boutiques.

ROCCO FORTE PRIVATE VILLAS

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Founded by Sir Rocco Forte in 1996, Rocco Forte Hotels has consistently upheld its reputation for delivering characterful, thoughtfully designed hotels and retreats in exceptional European locations...

Think restorative spas, destination bars and restaurants that hero the finest local ingredients; tailor-made, nowhere-else activities; open-hearted atmospheres; and trademark, individualised service that welcomes each and every guest into the fold. It can't get any better than this... Or can it?

It most certainly can, at Rocco Forte's Private Villas, where you really can have it all – the seclusion of a villa holiday, with a plethora of world-class resort amenities close by. From their hilltop spot on Sicily's sun-kissed south coast, guests can embrace island life at its finest, and perfectly combine the epitome of private villa living with the extensive five-star services at Verdura.

Wake up in the privacy of your exclusive three- or four-bedroom villa – all boasting elegant interiors, sunny swimming pools, furnished terraces, meticulously landscaped gardens and seamless indoor-outdoor living – and enjoy the warmth of Rocco Forte's unequivocal service throughout your stay. Spread across two floors, each of the villas' living areas are flooded with golden light; every bedroom is en-suite with a private terrace; there are postcard-perfect perspectives galore – sweeping over the verdant golf course, the 230 hectares of tranquil olive groves, or the sensational shoreline.

But wait, there's more! The icing on the cake is the proximity to Verdura, so you have unlimited access to its wealth of activities, all just a stone's throw away. Take a stroll whenever you wish to explore the exquisite dining venues showcasing the finest Sicilian cuisine, indulgent spa treatments, golf lessons and private stretch of white sand.

So, if you're craving an extravagant getaway where every whim is catered to and every detail has been thoughtfully curated to ensure a truly unforgettable stay, your search ends right here!



ATOLL A-LISTERS

Dive into the magical Maldives, where every moment feels like a dreamy escapade. Surrender to the allure of endless azure horizons, dazzling marine life, indulgent antics and the sheer bliss of island living. Your tropical fantasy awaits!

The Maldives is one of those places that continues to pop up on most people's bucket lists at least once in their lives. And for a very good reason! Its succession of staggeringly unspoilt atolls as long as a piece of string are hugged by the whitest palm-fringed beaches. Beyond that, its crystal-clear lagoons are teeming with colourful marine life. And when you throw in an assortment of some of the most jaw-droppingly gorgeous properties on the planet – from sleek show-stoppers to remote barefoot boltholes, holidays really don't get much better than this. But, with hundreds of them scattered over an archipelago of almost 1200 islands, choosing just one can present something of a challenge... So here are four of our favourites to help you find your very own piece of heaven on earth.





LUX* SOUTH ARI ATOLL

A vibrant isle surrounded by a calm aquamarine lagoon, LUX* South Ari Atoll offers much more than a typical holiday in the Maldives.

Calling guests to live 'Life Extraordinary', LUX* South Ari Atoll is full of memorable distractions, be it exquisite meals at the eight restaurants; peak pampering at the LUX* ME Spa; or the regular DJ sessions, pool parties and themed events at Beach Rouge – the perfect 'toes-in-the-sand' spot, complete with floating dance floor no less. And that's before you've discovered the 'Extraordinary Travel Experiences', expertly curated with nature lovers, foodies, culture vultures, adventurers, wellness-seekers and families firmly in mind!

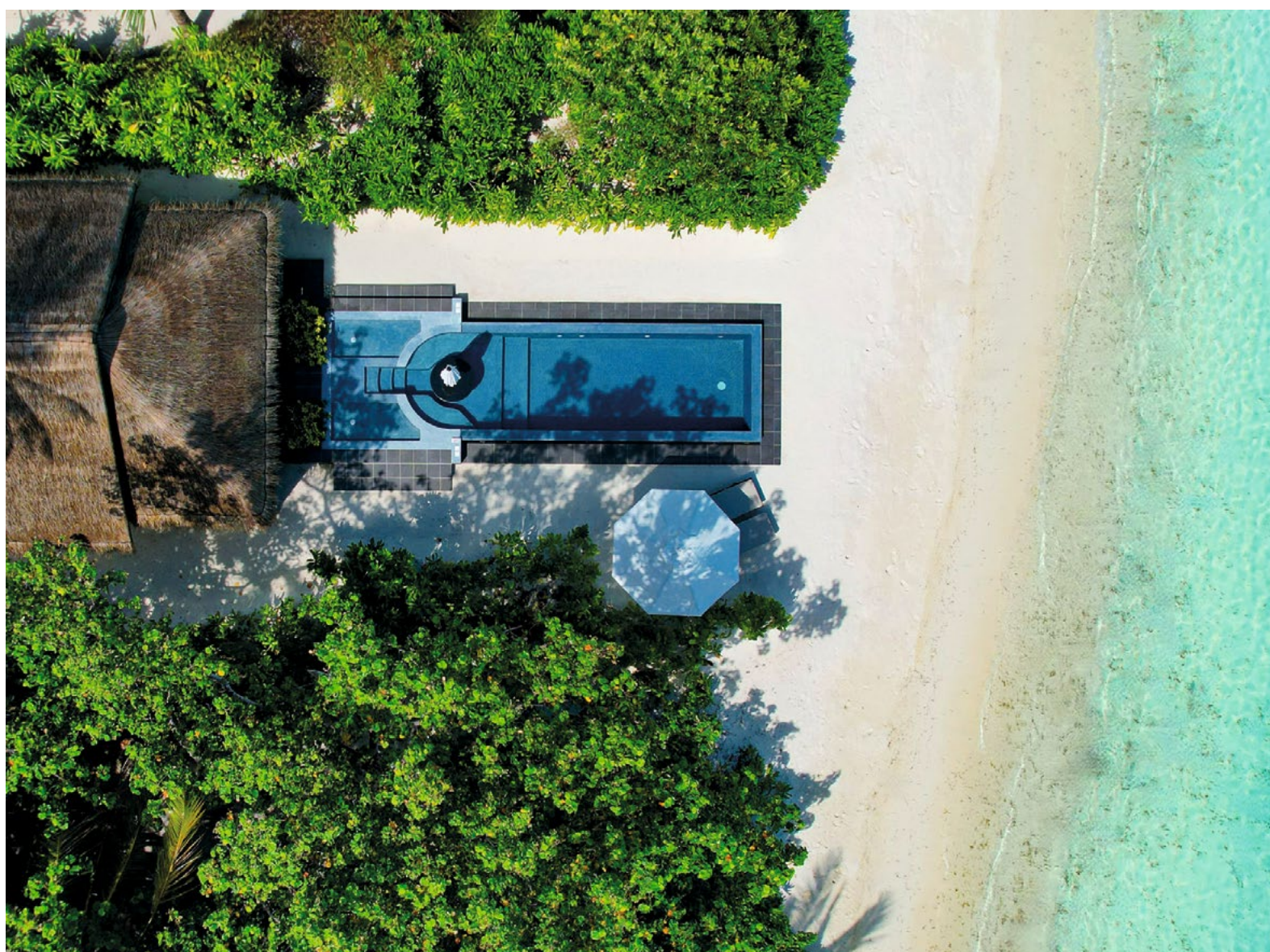


Your stay starts from the moment you enter LUX*'s VIP lounge at Malé's Velana International Airport. Sample Café LUX* signature coffees – roasted in-house – and a variety of breakfast offerings, before hopping aboard the seaplane and soaring above the tiny teardrop-shaped islands basking in the sun below.

Every Pavilion and Villa has its own delightful features: spacious bedrooms, ritzy bathrooms, an exquisite sun deck, and a private tropical garden or pool. Head up to your Water Villa, perched over the lagoon, or to your Beach Pavilion down on the sands, and wake up surrounded by ethereal views. Or, if you're with your special someone, then make a beeline for the Romantic Beach Pool and Water Villas, specially created for loved-up couples.

Eight outstanding eateries mean you can sample a different cuisine – Japanese, Mediterranean, Italian, Middle-Eastern, South-East Asian – every single night (all-inclusive guests can dine at four of them at no extra cost). And, if you want to dine tête-à-tête on a private sandbank or have your breakfast served on a floating tray in your pool, all you have to do is ask.





Even the most active of guests are unlikely to ever get bored, with all sorts of signature amusements available. If you're more of a lounge-lizard, there are plentiful places to lay out your beach towels, enjoy your downtime and alternate between the pool and ocean. It's the perfect place for little travellers to live out their Crusoe fantasy too, and it all starts with a welcome ice cream as soon as they plant their feet firmly in the sand!

Open from 9am to 7pm for 3-11-year-olds, the kids' club offers a brilliant selection of age-appropriate activities that support individuality, self-discovery and development, like kids' yoga and Zumba, plus a mindful kids' menu that serves up nourishing, delicious dishes in addition to firm favourites. Teens won't be disenchanted here either with tons to do, like tennis, snorkelling, youth spa treatments and art studio activities. The result? Lots of playtime for the younger members of your clan, some alone time just for you, and plenty of bonding time together.

Treasure hunts. Board games at sunset with an aperitivo for the grown-ups. Trying a new watersport for the first time. Snorkelling with the in-house marine biologist. A swim alongside a giant whale shark. Adopting a coral. Daily swims and walks along the shore. Bike rides along the jetty. Family feasts. Castaway picnics. Spa time... Whatever you love, it's all waiting right here!



SIX SENSES LAAMU

Picture this: powdery white sands, crystal-clear waters that stretch to the horizon, and you, indulging in classic castaway capers at the supreme Six Senses Laamu. Tucked away in the remote Laamu Atoll, this is not just a destination; it's a love letter to the Maldives.





Each villa is a sanctuary of modern comfort and Maldivian grace, with private decks perfect for sunrise yoga sessions or lazy afternoons basking in the sun. Sink into plush bedding, adorned with locally crafted textiles, and let the gentle sea breeze lull you into a world of relaxation. With personalised butler service and luxe amenities, every moment in your villa is a testament to decadence.

But luxury at Six Senses Laamu goes beyond the thread count of your sheets. It's a pioneer in sustainable tourism, with a commitment to preserving the Maldives' fragile marine ecosystem. Dive into the vibrant coral reefs teeming with life, knowing your stay supports conservation efforts that ensure these underwater wonders thrive for generations to come.

The culinary journeys here invite guests to indulge in fresh, locally sourced ingredients, transformed into mouthwatering dishes that celebrate Maldivian flavours with a contemporary twist. From beachside barbecues under the stars to intimate dinners in the treetops, each meal is something to savour.



And let's not forget about the activities. Whether you're an adrenaline junkie or a relaxation aficionado, Six Senses Laamu has something for everyone. Snorkel with manta rays, embark on a sunset dolphin cruise, or unwind with a blissful spa treatment overlooking the lagoon.

Explore the lush landscapes on guided nature walks; visit the Sea Hub for Environmental Learning in Laamu (SHELL) for out-of-the-ordinary exploits with the colourful local marine life; head out onto the water kayaking, catamaran sailing, windsurfing or stand-up paddle-boarding; or try your hand at traditional Maldivian fishing techniques under the guidance of local experts.



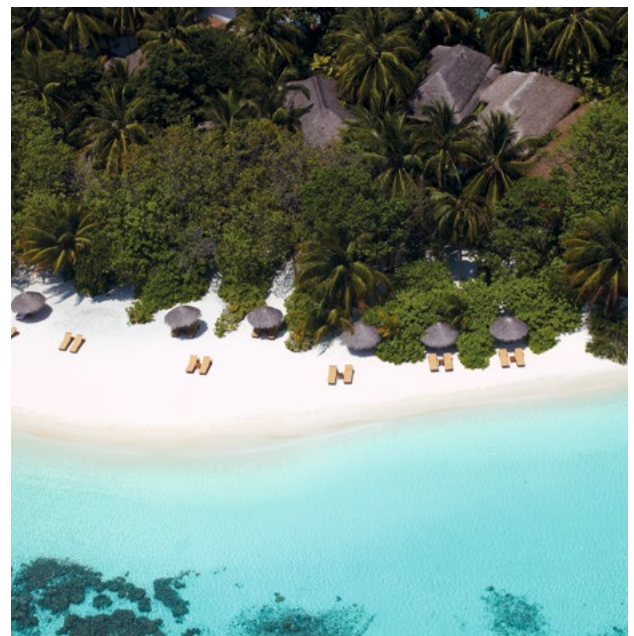
In a destination renowned for its beauty, Six Senses Laamu stands out as a true gem of the Maldives. So, pack your swimwear and leave all your cares behind!



BAROS

Welcoming guests since 1973, and one of the very first resorts in the Maldives, Baros still sets the benchmark for high-end holidays with genuine, heartfelt hospitality over five decades later. Designed for couples, whether honeymooning or just embracing romance, you and your other half can enjoy sunrise or sunset yoga sessions; dining dalliances on the sandbank, piano deck or a traditional dhoni; private spa journeys and tailor-made romantic outings.

Only a short swim from the shore, the astonishing house reef – said to be one of the best, and the healthiest in the Maldives – comes alive with colourful fish, turtles, rays and living corals. And, with the region's very first EcoDive Centre which opened in 2010, you've access to 30 dive sites, some of which are ranked among the Maldives' Top 10, plus one ancient shipwreck just 50 minutes away. And don't miss the unforgettable Fluo Night Diving experience. Baros is quite literally what dreams are made of.



MILAIIDHOO MALDIVES

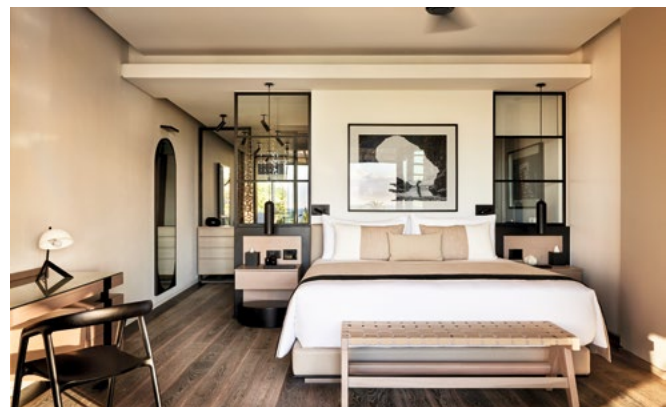
Escape to Milaidhoo, where barefoot beauty meets contemporary chic in the heart of the Baa Atoll: an emerald drop of paradise wrapped in soft white sands, beautifully designed for couples seeking peace, privacy and a truly immersive Maldivian experience. Fifty picture-perfect villas and residences, each with its own private pool and panoramic ocean vistas, redefine the meaning of indulgence.

But it's not just the lavish accommodation that sets Milaidhoo apart. It's the intimate atmosphere, attention to detail, personalised service and epicurean arts that make every moment unforgettable; not to mention its dedication to preserving its surroundings and ensuring future generations can continue to marvel at the pristine coastline and vibrant marine life. For adventurous souls, there's a plethora of watersports and recreation, from snorkelling with majestic manta rays to sunset cruises. And for those seeking a little serenity, the overwater spa promises pure bliss with its range of holistic treatments inspired by ancient healing techniques.



LIVING THE LUX* LIFE

Set on a captivating crescent of sand, overlooking a tantalisingly turquoise lagoon on Mauritius' northern shores, LUX* Grand Baie is a real head-turner – a beacon of plush living that commands attention like a true star of stage and screen.



Whether it's the incomparable culinary scene or the unequalled rooftop diversions, we can't think of anywhere else on Mauritius that's as exciting and playful, leaving its guests spellbound and aching for more.

Choose from one of the 86 light and airy Junior Suites, 20 gorgeous two-bedroom Pool Residences, two perfect Pool Penthouses, seven dreamy Pool Villas or, the jewel in the crown, the Grand Beach Pool Villa. Each is a real labour of love, made to look like the holiday home of an architect or interior designer, by brilliant interior designer Kelly Hoppen. From private pools to personalised butler service, every detail is tailored to ensure the most unforgettable stay.

But the allure of LUX* Grand Baie extends beyond the sleek accommodations, from its playful atmosphere to its lavish island lifestyle, including the array of innovative meal and mixology concepts.

Equal parts beach club and restaurant, Beach Rouge serves à la carte breakfasts that are as creative as they are delicious; long, lazy lunches bringing people together over Mediterranean cuisine; and cocktails, dinner and dancing to the beats of the resident DJ.



Head to Bisou, the island's most coveted rooftop destination, where culinary magic meets unparalleled island elegance! Adorned with lush greenery and swaying coconut trees, a 30-metre-long infinity pool, double loungers, private cabanas plus a swing to add a touch of whimsy, it's a great spot to gaze out over Grand Baie's legendary lagoon while feasting on the tapas-style menu crafted by LUX*'s Lebanese chef. And don't miss drinks and dinner at Ai KISU: its sinfully delectable Asian dishes make this eye-catching, atmospheric dining destination one of Mauritius' hottest tables.

Dreaming of a spa treatment that will transform your perception of wellbeing? The three-storey LUX* Me Spa has you covered, where cutting-edge technology and ancient wisdom have been channelled to create a spa ecosystem where you have the power to be and feel your best. Or, if you want to immerse yourself in a world of fitness, head to Muscle Up on the Roof, the Indian Ocean's first-ever fully fledged outdoor rooftop wellness experience, where you'll find everything from alfresco workouts to invigorating runs on Olympic-grade tracks.

They've even made sure their younger guests have as much of a great time as their parents. So, whether you're visiting as a small tribe or an entire dynasty, LUX* ticks all the boxes for a fun-filled group getaway. From multi-age accommodation to thrilling excursions and a modern and mindful kids' club, we're sure you'll all love every single minute.



SUBLIMITY ON THE SPICE ISLE

In the heart of the Caribbean lies a sublime sanctuary awaiting those who seek the ultimate in R&R; a sleek blend of Caribbean charm and heavenly delights. Wake up to the gentle lull of the waves, then embrace a day filled with enthralling excursions tailored just for you. Welcome to Calabash!





Start your mornings with a refreshing dip in the cerulean waters of the Caribbean Sea or a yoga session at the pavilion, followed by a leisurely stroll along the powdery white sands. Then indulge in a beachside breakfast, savouring sun-ripened fruits and home-made yoghurt.

The day continues zoning out by the infinity pool or down by the sea, accompanied by ice-cold, freshly made fruit juice before a casual lunch – from tapas and salads to larger plates – at The Beach Club.

Then it's time for a spot of kayaking or Hobie cat sailing around Prickly Bay, a game of tennis or discovering the calming spirit of The Spa. By night, take your tastebuds to another level in the elegant atmosphere of the Rhodes Restaurant, or with a secluded dinner down on the sands.

Out and about, a guided tour is the easiest way to discover the essence of Grenada – the sleeping giant of the Caribbean. Undisturbed, unspoilt, unassuming; its history is as rich as its agriculture, with strong remnants of its Anglo-French past and a serendipitous terroir.

Exploring the lush interior, you'll quickly understand why it's home to some of the world's finest flavours of nutmeg and cocoa. Its dramatic contrast of rainforest-lined waterfalls and pristine soft-sands that fringe its coastline goes to prove there's no end to discovering this hidden gem of the West Indies.

In the popular south, you'll find clusters of bustling restaurants and bars lining the beaches, St. George's (Grenada's capital), and its picturesque colourful harbour.

Further north-east is the agricultural hub of St Andrew, with its wealth of cocoa and spice estates filling the air with spicy-sweet aromas diluted by the cool rainforest breeze.

The laid-back west coast is sprinkled with small fishing villages, scenic coastal roads, and hidden coves rewarded by superlative sunsets. Or, journey further north to windswept Sauteurs for a breath of fresh Atlantic breeze, trademarked by limestone soil, panoramic views and irresistible vista spots. Not bad for a place that's just 21 miles long and 12 miles wide.

Top tip? Dedicate your final day to pure relaxation at the resort, soaking up the sun and serenity. Reflect on the memories made and the beauty discovered during your retreat, then depart feeling fully rejuvenated and enchanted by the allure of island life.



NATIONAL PARKS OF THE USA

God Bless You America! So many awe-inspiring, historic national parks, monuments, recreation areas and nature preserves... particularly across the Southwest. Here's our guide to those worth delving into, and how to pick between them when you're short on time.

MONUMENT VALLEY, ARIZONA VS VALLEY OF THE GODS, UTAH

Almost everyone travelling through the American West will try to include Monument Valley in their itinerary. And with good reason. It's an iconic symbol of the region, and the sacred heart of the Navajo Nation, home to towering sandstone rock formations sculpted over time and soaring 400 to 1000 feet above the valley floor. It truly is one of the natural wonders of the world.

Most sightseers explore the famous 17-mile scenic loop in private vehicles (although it's actually more like 11 miles, and generally takes about two hours, giving you a rough idea of the road conditions and volume of visitors). Or you can take a half- or full-day Jeep tour to explore the area's back roads and sacred lands with the help of a local guide. Either way, be prepared for the crowds, which may dull the shine of the expedition aspect a little.

But that's where our hidden gem comes in. What many visitors to Monument Valley don't know is that just 40 miles northeast of here lies another geographical masterpiece – the Valley of the Gods – a somewhat smaller scale version of Monument Valley with a similar topography (isolated buttes, towering pinnacles and wide-open spaces that seem to go on forever) – but much, much less traffic, thereby adding solitude to its many virtues.

And nothing beats driving through nature's wonders without the disturbance of other tourists (though because of its isolated nature and dirt road, we'd definitely recommend a high clearance vehicle here). And, without any facilities, gas stations, stores or services, do make sure you're fully equipped for the day before you head in).

Like its larger, more celebrated neighbour, you'll explore the Valley of the Gods and all its intriguingly named monoliths (Setting Hen, Rooster and Seven Sailors Buttes, De Gaulle and His Troops, and Lady in the Bathtub) on the scenic 17-mile unpaved loop (considered by those in the know as one of the best in Southern Utah).

It's one of the most underrated trails too. And, unlike Monument Valley – which is a Navajo Tribal Park, and not a US National Park – there are no tribal restrictions or permits required, no established hiking trails and, best of all, no entrance fee – so it's a great place to escape the crowds, roam free, and see the finer things that Canyon Country has to offer.



ZION NATIONAL PARK VS BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK, UTAH

Even if you have to choose between Zion and Bryce due to lack of time or resources, you can still expect to have your socks knocked off – both are beautiful beyond belief, equally offbeat and, despite being just 90 minutes and 83.8 miles apart, they offer drastic differences in the terrain and scenery you'll encounter.

If time is an issue, then the first thing you'll want to consider is where you'll be arriving from. Heading in from Salt Lake City? Then Bryce is your best bet. Or, if you're coming in from Las Vegas, then Zion would save you a considerable amount of travel time.

Zion sets itself apart in size (it's much bigger than Bryce), stature, and environment too. It's like the set of a movie that's so grand you know it's fake, but you don't care because it's delicious to look at. And with lots of famous slot canyons, and extremely diverse elevations and rock formations (the must-sees being Kolob Canyons, Kolob Terrace, Main Canyon and East Side), it's just begging for exploration, especially when you do have more time.

It's also perfect for keen hikers who want to really get under the skin of it all, though it is worth noting that the trails here can be extremely challenging.

If Zion sounds more up your street, but time really is of the essence, then one of our two favourite hikes (depending on your level of experience) will give you a good flavour of everything this park has to offer.

The Narrows is one of the world's best slot canyon hikes which takes you along (and into) the Virgin River – so expect to get wet! Take the hike from the bottom up – it's the best route for first-time river hikers and is easy-to-moderate during the summer months.

And then there's Angels Landing – one of the world's most unforgettable, bucket-list-worthy short-adventure hikes – but this one's not for the faint-hearted. Running along a narrow rock fin with dizzying drop-offs on both sides, it culminates on a lofty perch with prime panoramic views of Zion Canyon's 270-million-year-old rock layers. Anyone in an average physical condition can make this heavenward trek, but it can be mentally challenging with its steep switchbacks and sheer drop-offs.

In comparison to Zion, Bryce is much smaller, more unusual, and its more immediate WOW factor makes it great if you're particularly short on time. It's a fabulous place to lose yourself in nature's fantastical artistry, where vivacious vistas and curious sorbet-coloured, sandcastle-like spires and hoodoos provide endless treats for the eyes – especially the epic Amphitheatre and Thor's Hammer. The high elevation extends awesome opportunities for stargazing, the high altitude means cooler temperatures than at other Utah parks, and the hiking is much easier too.

If you fancy something a bit different, the mule trip down into the canyon is well worth experiencing. And if time does allow, sunrise here is definitely not to be missed.



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK VS SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS, CALIFORNIA

Ask anyone who's been to both Yosemite and Sequoia to choose between the two, and nine out of 10 people will undoubtedly tell you to pick the 1100-square-mile UNESCO World Heritage Site of Yosemite. After all, it's the most revisited of all of America's National Parks, with a treasure trove of wild wonders that – even though you've seen them many times before in pictures or on the big screen – you'll still gasp out loud when you see them in person. Plus there are thousands of waterfalls – from soaring spectacles with a half-mile of cascading water, to tiny streams of white that drop only a few feet – and the overall feeling of being enveloped within a towering temple of nature. In fact, stand in Yosemite Valley, turn 360 degrees and, in just 60 seconds, you'll see more marvels of nature here than you would in an entire day pretty much anywhere else in the world. From black bears, mule deer and chipmunks; white-flowering dogwood trees and the Merced River; to countless waterfalls (including the mighty Yosemite, Bridalveil and Sentinel Falls), the striking rock formations of El Capitan and Half Dome, and more exploits than you can imagine, you'll find it all here.

But Sequoia has its own menu of magic too. Closer to LA than Yosemite, the impressive collection of sequoias in Giant Forest, along The Generals Highway, and in Grant Grove, are as big as buildings, and the park is generally less crowded than Yosemite (particularly come July and August – the hottest and most-crowded months, and when the famous waterfalls are not at peak flow).

It's also one of California's most enchanting national parks, with some of the Sierra's most mind-blowing mountains and gargantuan fauna (including Mount Whitney – the continental US's tallest peak; and the General Sherman Tree – the world's largest tree by volume and one of its oldest at the grand old age of over 2300 years). And it's where you'll find the secret underground world of the Crystal Cave – a hidden gem of ornate marble, polished by subterranean streams and decorated with curtains of icicle-like stalactites and mounds of stalagmites. Don't miss a climb up Moro Rock for knock-your-socks-off views of the western half of Sequoia National Park and the Great Western Divide either; and remember, your admission to Sequoia gets you into the adjacent Kings Canyon National Park too.







FABULOSITY ON FIFTH!

THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL
NEW YORK CITY

Exquisitely and eclectically designed, The Fifth Avenue Hotel offers a realm of imagination to delight the senses, and welcomes travellers with an intimate ambience, elegance and unrivalled charm.

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But it's not just the address that makes The Fifth so utterly unique. A Gilded Age landmark reimagined as a luxury destination, each room evokes a different sensibility, with distinctive colour palettes and eclectic collections of art. You'll also enjoy the most thoughtful service and the utmost comfort and care. You don't even have to set a foot outside the door to devour divine cuisine. Savour the Italian and French fine-dining wonders of Café Carmellini, the signature restaurant set under soaring trees and sparkling chandeliers. Or duck into the wood-panelled Portrait Bar, inspired by the great private entertaining spaces of London, to sip on sophisticated cocktails, snack on elevated bar fare and soak up the rotating art collection in front of the carved stone fireplace.

AMAZING SPACES AMAN ASIA EDITION





AMANOI, VIETNAM

Set high on a wide promontory, and claiming a sterling stretch of Vietnam's coastline within the verdant embrace of Nui Chua National Park and UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Amanoi is a superb natural nirvana overlooking Vinh Hy Bay.

From its remote location – a rich and diverse mosaic of ecosystems – the clifftop restaurants and infinity pool, lakeside Aman Spa, floating yoga pavilion, state-of-the-art gym, Pilates studio, two outdoor tennis courts, and private golden sands – offer limitless opportunities for eye-opening experiences and activities, cultural immersion and serene time out. Down on the shore, the Beach Club, with its second swimming pool and lunch venue, overlooks the coral-rich waters of the reserve.

Combining traditional Vietnamese influences with native materials, accommodation melds imperceptibly with the dramatic topography of the landscape. Freestanding Pavilions and Pool Villas feature elegant open-plan layouts leading to outdoor sun decks. The two- to five-bed Residences consist of freestanding bedroom, living and dining pavilions, a large swimming pool and personal butler. And the two Wellness Pool Villas, both set by Amanoi's lotus-filled lake – one with a Moroccan hammam; the other a Russian banya – allow guests to enjoy therapies in complete seclusion.

AMAZING SPACES





AMANDARI, BALI

Perched on an escarpment high above the winding Ayung River Gorge, and 10 minutes from the arts community of Ubud in the verdant heartland, Amandari, or ‘peaceful spirits’ – designed in the style of a traditional Balinese village – serves up a singular setting from which to immerse yourself in all of the region’s superb activities, outdoor endeavours and wellness, not to mention the cultural richness of Bali’s artistic centre, and its mountainous region to the north.

Winding pebbled walkways link the 31 thatched-roof suites with the open-sided restaurant, bar, 32-metre swimming pool, library, gym and Aman Spa. Surrounded by high paras-stone walls for privacy, each suite is accessed via a Balinese-style gateway and enjoys a garden courtyard, an indoor living area and full-height sliding glass doors that open on three sides to lush surroundings. Outlooks and layouts vary, with some overlooking the valley and rice paddies, and a number feature a duplex configuration, a plunge pool and additional rooms. Serviced by two staff, there’s also a three-bedroom villa tucked into rice terraces less than a minute’s drive from the resort, complete with a private garden, landscaped deck and dining bale, all embracing the expansive, two-tiered swimming pool.

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AMANPULO, THE PHILIPPINES

Blissfully marooned in the Cuyo Archipelago of northern Palawan in the Philippines, accessible via private plane from Manila in just 70 minutes, Amanpulo is a consummately safe, secluded private island hideaway, fringed with powder-white sands and lapped by calm clear seas. Offering a complete 'back to nature' experience in supreme comfort, its pristine sands are nesting sites for hawksbill and green sea turtles; and the clear waters offer superb snorkelling and scuba-diving on the surrounding four square miles of vibrant coral reef.

Scattered across Amanpulo, all 42 Treetop, Hillside and Beach Casitas fulfil the promise of a solitary sojourn; while 18 villas – designed for seamless indoor-outdoor living – rest serenely on the shoreline. Palm-lined sandy pathways lead to a selection of seasonal food venues, with fresh ingredients sourced from the flourishing organic farm; as well as the Aman Spa, Sea Sports Hut, Dive Centre, Kite and Surf Centre, deserted coves and jungle-clad lookouts.



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