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Oh, the places we'd go...
These are the stylish
escapes we're currently
drooling over

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BEST FOR AN ALPINE RETREAT



IMAGE BY ANDRES OTERO

FALORIA *Italy*

Winter sports season is drawing to a close but there's still much to enjoy on an escape to the mountains – especially at a place like this in Italy's Dolomites. Falaria, a five-star hotel and spa, is encircled by towering peaks and wooded hillsides. Hiking, climbing, mountain biking and tennis are all on offer, or you could simply make the most of the gorgeous spa. Like the rest of the interiors, all designed by Flaviano Capriotti Architects, it is influenced by the local landscape, so timber and stone feature heavily. The large pool, surrounded by canopied daybeds (above), is accompanied by Turkish baths, a Finnish sauna and plenty of treatment rooms. faliasparesort.com

BEST FOR FINE DINING

APSARA CRUISE *Thailand*

Escape the chaotic streets of Bangkok on a luxurious cruise on the Chao Phraya river. You'll see the best of the city – and enjoy a memorable dinner – on board the *Apsara*. The vintage rice barge has been transformed by Phuket-based Studio Locomotive into a floating restaurant filled with gorgeous references to Thai history, such as Pra Jam Yam motifs (geometric florals) and a glass mural depicting Buddhist legends. The chef serves a five-course set menu that fuses traditional dishes with modern cuisine. The cocktail menu is just as creative, a good fit for the new interiors.

banyantree.com





BEST FOR NATURE LOVERS

DENTON RESERVE *Yorkshire*

This 2,500-acre estate on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales has been on a journey of landscape recovery since 2023. Regenerative farming practices have been introduced, natural habitats have been restored, and thousands of trees have been planted. There's a wide choice of accommodation: in the Georgian hall (pictured here), a coach house, an off-grid cabin or in The Penny Bun, a gastro-pub with rooms. Self-catering houses are due to open this summer. One of the cabins would be our pick: they're set up to be the perfect spot to make the most of the Dales' Dark Skies, with an astronomy guide, blankets and a firepit to huddle around. Eco-friendly and great for stargazing? We're there. dentonreserve.co.uk



BEST FOR BOUGIE BUSINESS

ROSWYN

India

Part of the Morgans Originals collection of independent stays, the Roswyn is a newly opened resort in Mumbai with impressively decadent interiors. Sculptural sofas, acres of marble, mirrored ceilings and bursts of pink and green all scream luxury, but the 109 suites are also designed for business travellers – each has its own dedicated workspace and kitchen. Once the To Do list has been ticked off, there's plenty to distract you: a pool, fitness centre and spa, an atmospheric cocktail bar and an Italian-inspired restaurant. morgansoriginals.com/roswyn



IMAGE BY JAKE EASTHAM



BEST FOR LAIDBACK LUXURY

EL FENN *Morocco*

For the past two decades El Fenn, in the heart of Marrakech's medina, has been a staple of any decent list of the world's best hotels. It has grown from its original half-dozen rooms to the current total of over 40, each one individually designed, as the owners have absorbed the adjoining riads. Rich textures and bold colours, zellige tiles and stained glass are everywhere, as are the hotel's signature red and white stripes, notably on parasols dotted along its popular rooftop bar. Art is the key here, though; like a Moroccan Fife Arms, El Fenn has its own collection of masterpieces hanging on the walls of the corridors and public rooms. The in-house boutique stocks many of the textiles and objects that dress the bedrooms, so you can take a bit of Marrakech magic home with you. el-fenn.com

BEST FOR CHIC INTERIORS

CHÂTEAU LA BANQUIÈRE

France



IMAGES BY JEREMY WILSON

Close to Montpellier in southern France, this estate and its 18th-century château have been on a journey of rejuvenation at the hands of Marianne Tiegen. The French-Californian interior designer, known for 'sustainable luxury', approached each room as if it were in a private home rather than a mansion. She developed a range of bespoke natural dyes for the interior textiles drawn from the estate itself (such as a subtle blush tone derived from the vineyard's grape seeds). The result is romantic, authentic and eco-friendly. chateau-la-banquiere.com



BEST FOR POLO BY THE COAST



IMAGE BY NATELEE COOKS

TAMODI

South Africa

Tamodi Estate & Polo Reserve is a sprawling sanctuary on South Africa's Western Cape. It has world-class stables, training facilities and fields for playing the sport, but you don't have to be a polo fan to find much to admire here – there's hiking, forest walks, spa treatments and more. London's Studio Ashby took charge of the interiors, creating sleek communal spaces (the pool, library, and serene terraces) and ten suites filled with natural textures. tamodi.com



BEST FOR AN URBAN BREAK

SARASOTA

Florida

The Sarasota Modern, on Florida's west coast, sits in the heart of the town's Rosemary art & design district, with theatres, museums and galleries all within walking distance. The location heavily influences the decor: the architecture is bold and modernist. Food is provided by Wink Wink restaurant and pool bar, both spaces putting a modern twist on the classic Tiki bar menu. thesarasotamodern.com