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HOTEL SIPAN, SIPAN, CROATIA

Hop on a boat from beautiful but busy Dubrovnik to peaceful Sipan, one of the unspoilt Elaphiti islands and home to Hotel Sipan. This one-time olive-oil factory turned boutique hotel has a tiny beach, a gourmet restaurant and gorgeous views over the palm-framed harbour and neighbouring islands. Ask for one of the corner rooms with a terrace (we loved room 18) or, if you want air conditioning and spacious bathrooms, go for those in the Old Villa. Along the hotel's secluded Sipanska Luka bay you'll find a café or two, Venetian-style buildings, the



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clearest waters and Marko's, an amazing seafood restaurant. *Hotel Sipan*, 20233 Sipanska Luka, Otok Sipan, Dubrovnik, Croatia. Enq (0038 520) 754900; hotel-sipan.com. Doubles from £86, b&b. British Airways flies from London Gatwick to Dubrovnik from £185 return. Enq ba.com

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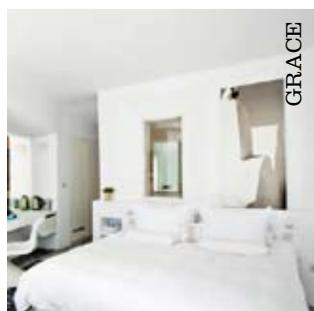
GRACE, SANTORINI

Champagne and iced towels on arrival, Korres products and rain-head showers in the bathrooms, pillow menus and all the gadgetry you could wish for... If you want to be spoiled, Grace is for you: the staff here treat everyone as if they're VIPs. The 20 rooms and suites (all-white with polished-concrete floors) are cleverly arranged over the cliffside so no one loses out on the beyond-

spectacular views of the sea-filled volcanic crater. There are two pools and numerous hideaways for sunbathing. Taxis whisk you to the chic bars and cafés of Fira, the capital, just over a mile away. But don't miss the restaurants along the shore in sublimely romantic Oia. *Santorini Grace*, Imerovigli, Santorini 84700, Greece. Doubles from £240, including champagne breakfast, airport transfers and taxes. Enq (0030 22860) 21300; santorinigrace.com. EasyJet flies from London Gatwick to Santorini from around £200 return. Enq easyjet.com



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HOTEL ALENTI, SITGES, SPAIN

Known for its film festival, carnival and gay fanbase, Sitges is Barcelona's beach playground, 22 miles southwest of the city. The nine-room, four-star Alenti opened last year right in the heart of the action, overlooking the main square and just 50 metres from the sea. An archetypal urban beach house, it has white, minimalist rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows and a glass-cube penthouse. *Hotel Alenti, Calle Primero de Mayo 19, 08870 Sitges, Spain. Doubles from £146, b&b. Enq (0034 938) 114790; hotelalenti.com. British Airways flies from London Heathrow to Barcelona from around £110. Enq ba.com*



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ATZARO, IBIZA

Hidden among orange and lemon trees halfway between Ibiza Town and Santa Eulalia, this old family finca has been converted into a ravishing rural retreat. The 24 rooms (two of them deluxe suites with private pools) are spread between the gardens and the main hotel. Some are Ibicencan in style, with chunky wooden beds. Others have a more Eastern feel, with sari-covered cushions and roughly plastered walls. There are Balinese daybeds and DJs by the pool, candlelit walkways and a very chilled, alfresco sushi lounge. Well, this is Ibiza. *Atzaró, Ctra San Juan KM15, 07840 Santa Eulalia, Ibiza, Spain. Enq (0034 971) 338838; atzaro.com. Doubles from £144, b&b. British Airways flies from London Gatwick to Ibiza from around £160 return. Enq ba.com*



KAVOS HOTEL

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KAVOS HOTEL, NAXOS

This place is pretty much perfect, apart from the 15-minute walk to the spectacular beach (if we're being picky). Surrounded by gorgeous gardens, the 10 suites, four villas and one apartment are simply but stylishly decorated. Designed for privacy, each has a kitchenette and secluded veranda or garden. Hang out here or bag a hammock or lounger by the infinity pool,

where bartender Manos fixes the cocktails. You're a 10-minute drive to the whitewashed town of Naxos, with its cobbled streets and waterside tavernas. *Kavos Hotel Naxos, Agios Prokopios Beach, Naxos, 84300, Greece. Doubles from around £86, room only. Enq (0030 22850) 23355; i-escape.com/kavos-naxos/overview. EasyJet flies from London Gatwick to Athens from around £100 return. Enq easyjet.com. From there, catch the ferry from Piraeus to Naxos, from around £54 return. Enq piraeus.travel*



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