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Hotel Caruso
Amalfi Coast

Hotel Caruso, Belmond Amalfi Coast, Italy

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This former 11th century palace hosting 'all the worldly luxuries anyone could desire' is a must-visit for lovers of the Amalfi Coast. From marbled hallways to rooms adorned with old masters and antiques, the charm of Hotel Caruso, Belmond, sat atop a cliff 1,000ft above sea level, will mesmerise guests with its breathtaking views of the coast.

Visitors are invited to follow the trail down the mountain, past lemon groves and olive wines, to experience Ravello, Italy's secret 'city of music.' Your room is every bit as magical as Ravello itself, the hotel assures. Suites sport blue and white-tiled floors, original Neapolitan paintings and glossy wood furniture opening out onto balconies trailed with vines.

Anantara Bazaruto Island Lodge Mozambique

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On the private island of Bazaruto, in the 'jewel-like' archipelago off the coast of Mozambique, lies Anantara's collection of 44 villas, with beach, sea and pool views. Guests will be enchanted by these rustic properties, built from indigenous materials such as reed and soft fringed thatch, to blend in with the unspoiled tropical surroundings.

Visitors are spoilt for choice when it comes to food, eateries ranging from the Mediterranean Golfinho and international flavours at Clube Naval, to beachfront feasts at Dining by Design. Best known as a scuba diving hotbed, this pristine region offers jet-setters an opportunity to watch dugongs, turtles and whales in their ocean homes.

Hotel Les Roches Rouges Ile d'Or, France

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One of the most Instagrammable hotels on this year's list, this HNW hideaway combines an effortlessly cool vibe, and 1950s modernist design. Sitting pretty on the edge of L'Esterel National Park, the Hotel Les Roches Rouges is a waterfront property of azure blue, white and ochre red colours where barefoot luxury is celebrated on the rocks of the Riviera.

Drinks can be enjoyed from private balconies overlooking the waters. A visit to the spa, where staff pamper guests with Polynesian massages and mineral scrubs, is a must. There are two pools, a Mediterranean garden, three bars, two restaurants and an array of activities, from open-air cinema to diving, yoga, hiking, cookery, sailing and fishing.

Anassa Neo Chorio, Cyprus

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Anassa merits its reputation as the premier luxury resort on Cyprus. Each of the rooms in this modern five-star hotel offers a view of the sea, while many have their own plunge pools, and every bathroom comes complete with Aqua di Parma amenities.

There are superb restaurants, a splendid Roman-style spa, and a private beach. Extending its comforting hospitality to many discerning holidaymakers from Europe, the Middle East and Russia in search of peace, quiet and privacy, the resort is well suited to families with children. But while it is known for its child-friendly facilities, Anassa is very much not a kindergarten – it would make a blissful honeymoon destination as well.

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Above The view from an Anassa balcony, Anassa. Below Macakizi



The Idle Rocks St Mawes, Cornwall

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The white Edwardian building sits on the harbourfront at St Mawes, with views from the terrace across the Fal estuary to St Anthony Head at the southernmost tip of the Roseland Peninsula. The property was transformed in 2013 and has been part of the Relais & Châteaux collection since 2016.

The restaurant, under head chef Guy Owen, has entered into a soil-to-plate partnership with the 200-acre Lost Gardens of Heligan estate to showcase Cornish produce, including more than 300 varieties of fruit and vegetables and rare-breed livestock, making it a foodie hotspot. Owen fuses local produce with Asian, North African and French influences from his training at Claridge's and La Trompette in Chiswick.

Maçakizi Bodrum, Turkey

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Turkey's chic boutique hotel offers HNWs elegant pastel rooms to contrast with the colourful landscapes of Bodrum peninsula. Maçakizi (pronounced 'magicizy') comprises 74 rooms, including 21 suites featuring sculpted wooden furniture, textured canvases and dazzling views of the Aegean Sea.

Head chef Aret Sahakyan will impress even the pickiest diner with his array of traditional and 'new Turkish' delicacies, from tiny dumplings to spiced lahmacun (pizza). Wine lovers will enjoy the cellar, which is stocked with hundreds of varieties, including local boutique labels. Staff are generous with it too. 'Before you've had time to notice your glass is empty, an unseen hand has swiftly refilled it,' the *Telegraph* wrote.

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'It's the kind of place you'll be reminiscing about 50 years from now,' an impressed visitor writes of the 31-year-old Auberge hotel in Anguilla, a pioneer in luxury hospitality in the region. The dreamlike 25-acre resort with lush landscaped gardens, set between Meads Bay and Turtle Cove Beach, is full of bright colours and batik and floral stripes, while the open-air lobby overlooks the sea.

Inside, walls boast eclectic maritime photos and art. There are 44 rooms and suites, all spacious, with expansive terraces. Highlights include an iconic, proudly Anguillian oceanfront restaurant, and a spa inspired by indigenous treatments. Join the adventure, the hotel beckons.