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## Let's do *summer*

*Seek out sun and style with  
our definitive guide to the  
hottest rooftop bars, beach  
hotels and holiday escapes*

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The view from the  
Borgo Santandrea  
hotel in Amalfi, Italy

Offering blue skies and glittering sea views, these new coastal destinations promise serious summer glamour

Once loved by the likes of Coco Chanel and Le Corbusier, the Côte d'Azur is synonymous with glamour and great design, and a new star is adding extra lustre to the scene. Perched above Roquebrune-Cap-Martin is The Maybourne Riviera (from £1,020 per night, [maybourneriviera.com](http://maybourneriviera.com)), a sleek, modernist hotel with 69 rooms and a fleet of striped boats to whizz guests to its chic private beach club. Expect Michelin-level cuisine, spectacular views at every turn, and interiors shaped by the likes of superstar designer Pierre Yovanovitch. Equally renowned for its chic crowd is the Amalfi Coast. Its newest opening, Borgo Santandrea, took four years to complete, but it was worth it. Led by architect Rino Gambardella, the renovated 1960s building has an airy blue-and-white colour scheme and is filled with work by local artisans as well as Gio Ponti furniture, making it an authentic Italian labour of love (from £772 per night, [borgosantandrea.it](http://borgosantandrea.it)). Plus, as the Greek islands' allure shows no signs of dimming, Cali Mykonos will be on many holiday wish lists. Nestled between two mountains on the island's eastern edge, its 40 white-stone villas seem to dance down the hillside to the sea. This minimalist haven is the work of Athens-based architectural studio STFN Lab, which used centuries-old materials and methods to root the hotel in its landscape, even filling the pools with salt water drawn straight from the Aegean Sea.

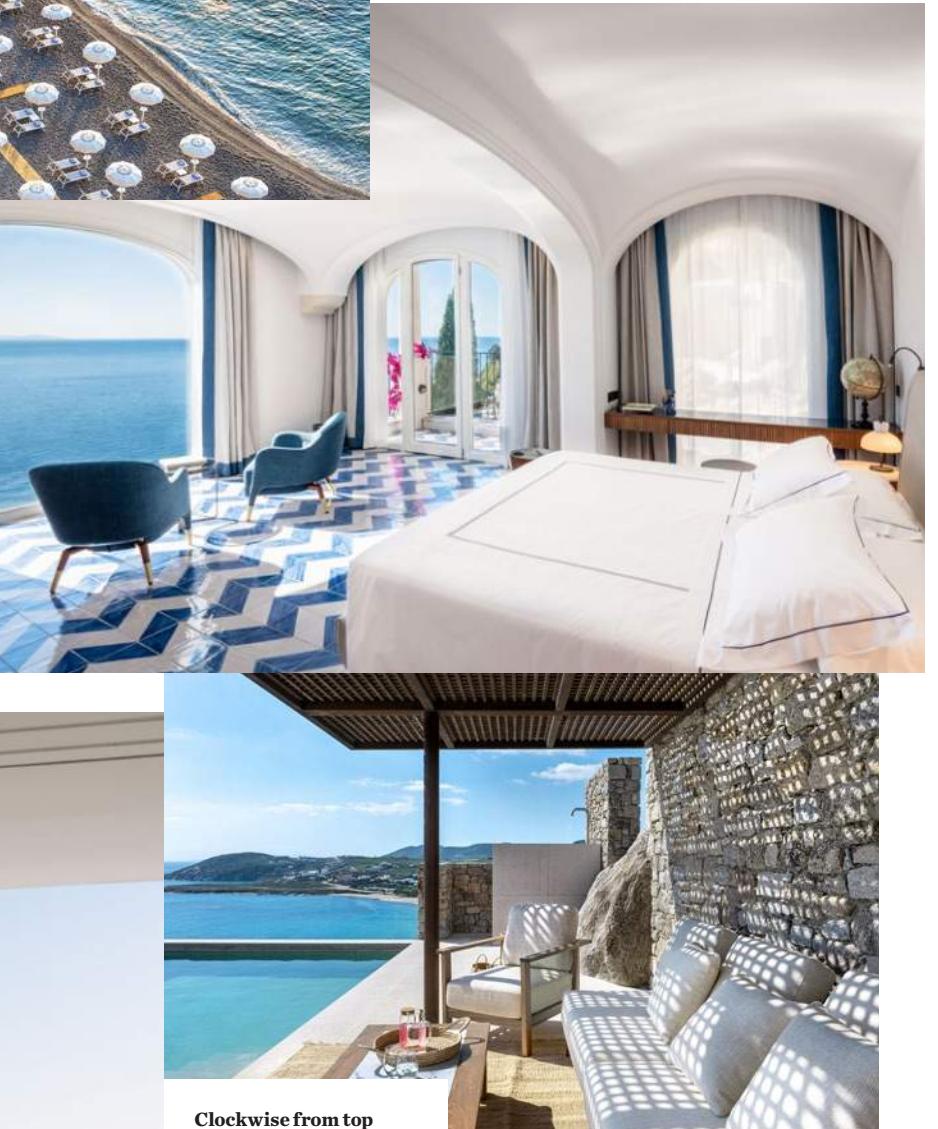
## Beach hotels



**Clockwise from top**  
Borgo Santandrea's private beach; a deluxe suite in the hotel; poolside relaxation at Cali Mykonos; the spa at Maybourne Riviera designed by André Fu; a bedroom terrace at Maybourne Riviera

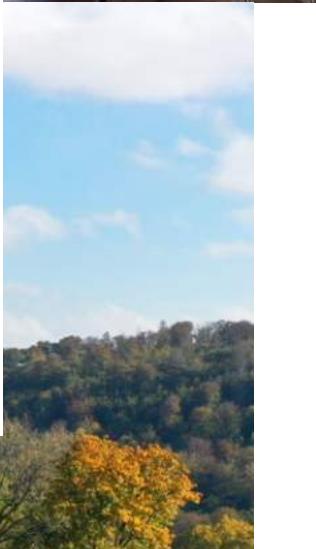


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*Grand buildings and splendid isolation: – there are many reasons to love the escapism of a country hotel*

Book a taste of the good life with a stay at one of the many historic destinations to have had a redesign in time for summer 2022. You might not expect a medieval fortress deep in Belgium's Saint-Hubert forest to be full of 20th century furniture, but Château de Mirwart is a delightful surprise. The once-derelict building has been transformed into a luxurious hotel that honours the past while embracing the future. Molteni & C furnished the spaces, with pieces by Yabu Pushelberg, Gio Ponti and Patricia Urquiola contrasting with the ancient setting (from £196 per night, [chateaudemirwart.com](http://chateaudemirwart.com)). The juxtapositions continue at Castle Elvira near Lecce in Puglia. A pink-tinted fortress with a tower at each corner, the early-20th-century building underwent extensive renovation, with master artisans restoring the tiled floor and hand-painted frescoes. Elvira now has a cinema and six luxurious suites filled with antiques, bespoke furniture and modern art. An aperitivo on the roof terrace watching the sun set over the countryside is unmissable (from £298 per night, [castleelvira.com](http://castleelvira.com)). In the UK, The Retreat at Elcot Park in Berkshire offers an equally atmospheric – but very English – escape. London-based interior-design practice Taylor and Turner handled the modern classic design and the 55 bedrooms are comfortable and colourful with De Gournay wallpaper, bathtubs in bay windows and layered prints and patterns. It's all you could wish for from a country house hotel (from £180 per night, [retreatelcotpark.com](http://retreatelcotpark.com)). ▶



**Clockwise from top left** The bar at Château de Mirwart; a copper tub in one of the bedrooms at The Retreat at Elcot Park; restored frescoes in Castle Elvira; Château de Mirwart, surrounded by the forest near Saint-Hubert, Belgium; the restaurant at Château de Mirwart; Castle Elvira's magical façade; a colourful bedroom at The Retreat at Elcot Park