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HOTEL AWARDS

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AFTER A CHALLENGING FEW YEARS, TRAVEL IS FINALLY FINDING ITS FEET AGAIN – AND THE WORLD'S HOTEL SCENE HAS NEVER LOOKED BETTER. WE'VE SEARCHED THE GLOBE FOR THE VERY BEST NEW HOTEL OPENINGS, FROM AN ANCIENT FORT RESTORED TO ITS FORMER GLORY TO AN INNER-CITY RETREAT GLISTENING WITH GLAMOUR

THE WINNERS

Grand Redesigns

THE LANGHAM, BOSTON

City Slicker

GLENEAGLES
TOWNHOUSE,
EDINBURGH

Good Egg

WILDERNESS SAFARIS
DUMATAU,
BOTSWANA

Love Shack

THE ROOSTER,
ANTIPAROS, GREECE

Boutique Break

ARISTIDE HOTEL,
SYROS, GREECE

Leave the World Behind

EXPLORA EL CHALTÉN,
ARGENTINA

Comeback Kid

SIX SENSES FORT
BARWARA, INDIA

On the Money

THE GOODTIME
HOTEL, MIAMI

Design Den

HOSHINO RESORTS
KAI POROTO, JAPAN

Gourmet Getaway

CASA DI LANGA, ITALY

Wellness Wonder

JOALI BEING, MALDIVES

Lord of the Manor

CASHEL PALACE
HOTEL, IRELAND

Snow Queen

HOTEL DE LEN, ITALY

Castaway

SUSSURRO,
MOZAMBIQUE

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GOOD EGG

Be it a wilderness camp or an inner-city nest, these hotels stand out for their commitment to environment, community or conservation

Wilderness Safaris
DumaTau, Botswana
In the wilderness of the Linyanti Wildlife Reserve, African elephants roam in search of water, food and partners. If they're impeded, catastrophic damage to entire ecosystems can ensue. Wildlife corridors such as Linyanti are therefore critically important, with low-impact safari camps like DumaTau playing a key role in preserving them, while also supporting research into endangered species, including African wild dogs. The intimate camp has just eight tented suites (each with its own plunge pool), where decor blends local acacia wood and hand-crafted mosaics. A powerful solar plant provides DumaTau's electricity, and even its menus are an experiment in sustainability: to minimise waste, guests are invited to create their own dishes from seasonal, low-miles ingredients. The wildlife-watching is, of course superb, with elephants a highlight. From £1,250. wilderness-safaris.com

RUNNERS-UP

OASYHOTEL, ITALY
The only hotel located in Tuscany's WWF-affiliated Oasi Dynamo nature reserve (about 40 miles from Florence), Oasyhotel ensures revenue goes towards conserving and cultivating the 2,500-acre reserve of dense woodland and Tuscan farmland. Long summer days here are spent horse riding, e-biking, cheesemaking or tracking wolves – or just unwinding in one of 16 minimalist, Scandi-style lodges, hidden within the tall grass. From €560 (£473). oasyhotel.com

ROOM2 CHISWICK, LONDON
Sustainability doesn't mean sacrificing style. That's the message at Room2 Chiswick, a self-styled 'green retreat' that claims to be the world's first hotel built to fully account for its carbon footprint (including construction). Inspired by West London's 19th-century Arts and Crafts heritage, the 86 rooms were designed in collaboration with local artisans, while all the bespoke furniture was made within 10 miles of the property. Sustainable details also include carpets made from recycled fishing nets. From £156. room2.com



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LOVE SHACK

Tucked away in unforgettable locations, these honeymoon-worthy hideaways are where luxury and privacy reign supreme

The Rooster, Antiparos, Greece
This might just be the ultimate Aegean retreat. You'll find just 16 individual cottages tucked into the dunes on a quiet beach on the tiny isle of Antiparos, a speck in the Cyclades. Inside and out melt into each other, with a freshwater pool (and outdoor shower) in each private garden, and the sea glinting in the distance. This is a wild, back-to-nature kind of place – the gardens are landscaped with traditional Mediterranean scrub, the hotel is surrounded by 30 acres of untouched coastal land, and there's even a nudist beach around the bay. Not that this is a busy beach destination; the only people you're likely to bump into are the fishermen bringing their daily catch to the restaurant, where it's served with a Greek salad made using produce from the hotel's own farm. From €700 (£592). theroosterantiparos.com

RUNNERS-UP

BORGIO SANTANDREA, ITALY
Slotted into a cliffside on the Amalfi Coast, right above the tiny fishing hamlet of Conca dei Marini, Borgo Santandrea offers blow-the-budget honeymoon bliss. The hotel fuses a mid-century aesthetic with an unmistakable Mediterranean feel, with and details include hand-painted, blue-and-white tiles made by local artisans. Each of the 45 rooms, along with the three restaurants and two bars, has heart-stealing sea views. Make your way (by lift, no less) to the hotel's street-level garden terrace or private beach stashed below the cliffs. From €1,500 (£1,250). borgiosantandrea.it

PALMA RIAD HOTEL, PALMA DE MALLORCA
The Majorcan capital is no stranger to sumptuous townhouse hotels, but this new, adults-only addition – arranged like a riad, encircling a pretty, palm-shaded patio with a pint-sized plunge pool and glowing lanterns – almost seems purpose-built for romantic getaways and honeymoons. Each of the 11 individually designed, seductive suites offers its own treasures in well-worn velvet, jewel-toned fringe and swirling carpets, but be sure to tear yourself away for a large coupe of cava in the Morokko Bar. From €340 (£290). palmariad.com



Bedroom at Landscape Camo, The Rooster

Left from top: Wilderness Safaris DumaTau; sightings board at DumaTau