

Shangri-La Bosphorus

ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Built mere steps from the Bosphorus Strait, this regal residence is far enough from the city's centre to allow for some peace, but is close enough to walk (in flats). Low-key it ain't, but then neither is the setting: this is where you can see two continents meet from your private balcony, and gaze over the comings and goings of one of the world's great waterways without so much as lifting your head from your bed. The Ottoman-chic suites – gilded mirrors, sink-right-in carpets and whites so bright you need sun-specs – have floor-to-ceiling windows right over the water. It's like being on a fancy boat, only without all that tilting and puking. Bathrooms are swamped with marble and scattered with Bulgari, and the pool has pretty clouds painted above it so you can float on your back and dream of being swept away by a sultan. **WEBSITE** shangri-la.com **TEL** 0800 028 3337 **BOOK IT** Double, from £345, including breakfast.

