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MANDARIN ORIENTAL BODRUM BODRUM, TURKEY

The traditional port of Bodrum is known for its rustic charm and rugged coastal beauty. Oh, but hang on! It's gone all sophisticated! The moneyed set are descending in droves, and the Mandarin Oriental's first European resort is merrily playing its part. It's big on choice. There are five restaurants and three bars with everything from Italian to Turkish food – you're bound to lose whoever you're holidaying with before breakfast (or even during breakfast; the buffet is VAST). There are two private, pristine beaches with their own jetties. There are balconies and terraces and pools, all with views of the sparkling Aegean. The spa is colossal, with a VIP treatment suite bigger than a Park Lane penthouse and a treatment list as long as your leg. You'll even have a choice of therapist, or waiter – staff outnumber guests five to one. Decor is slick, dark and expensive-looking – this place oozes rich. Don't wear denim cut-offs. You will not fit in.



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THE BRAINS BEHIND THE GROUCHO CLUB ARE MAKING WAVES ON THE DORSET COAST. THE SEASIDE BOARDING HOUSE IS A VICTORIAN CLIFFTOP VILLA THAT'S REALLY A RESTAURANT WITH ROOMS. AND MARK HIX ON THE BOARD OF ADVISERS. YUM. (THESEASIDEBOARDINGHOUSE.COM)



ANDAZ MAUI AT WAILEA HAWAII, USA

Hawaii's first major opening in years pulls off a clever trick: it nods and winks and bows to local culture, but stops short at aloha overkill. So no *Magnum PI* shirts (or moustaches, for shame), but instead you'll find a soaring open-air lobby with a sandpit at its heart. And an undulating mahogany staircase inspired by a traditional outrigger canoe. There are fragrant tuberose leis, contemporary Hawaiian art and bath products from Kauai-based Malie in the breezy, minimalist rooms. At the apothecary-like Awili Spa, therapists smother you with local herbs and macadamia-nut oil – just the ticket before you collapse on the beach or by one of the sinuous infinity pools, a glass of white peach and rum in hand. This is big-resort central, but the Andaz does it with low-key, laidback flair. We'll say aloha to that...

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THE SANCHAYA BINTAN, INDONESIA

Some people refer to this island as the Hamptons of Singapore, but we prefer to think of it as the fairytale jewel of the Indonesian coast, complete with frolicking dolphins and water so sparkly it'll make your eyes hurt. The first resort to open on quiet Bintan for more than 10 years, this colonial gem has lots of fabulously old-fashioned touches, like British Butler Institute-trained staff and custom-made china that's nicer than the Queen's. Wake up in one of 21 villas decked out in delicious dark wood and spend your days lazing round the pool, ordering snacks from the Tasanee Grill's selection of devilishly good Bangkok street food. After that it's a quick glass of Pimm's and a game of croquet, before you head to the dining room to sit down to roast lamb and peas for supper.

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