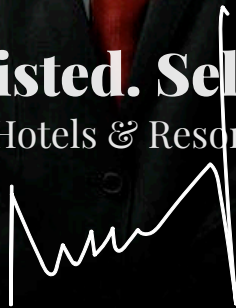




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## Signature Places 2026

Every year, the Travelista® editorial team naturally returns to one simple question: Which places stayed with us? Not those that were the newest, the loudest, or the most photographed—but the ones we continue to return to in our thoughts long after coming home. Places that became more than part of a journey; they became part of memory.

Travelista® Signature Places 2026 is not a ranking. Nor is it an attempt to define what is “the best.” It is a curated selection of stays, hotels, and resorts that our editors and contributors consider exceptional for the way they function—quietly, precisely, and with respect for time, space, and the human presence within them. These are places where luxury does not mean excess, but certainty. Where service feels less like performance and more like a natural extension of the environment. And where a stay leaves not just a memory, but a sense of return.

These places are not defined by a single style or geography. Among them are historic hotels, contemporary resorts, mountain retreats, and urban addresses. What unites them is a shared quality: they are legible over time. They do not lose their character with the arrival of a new season or under the pressure of trends. They are made for guests who are not seeking comparison, but continuity.

For our editors, Signature Places are destinations where travel is no longer divided into “accommodation” and “experience.” Architecture, cuisine, light, daily rhythm, and human approach merge into a single whole. Places that do not need to prove their value—being there is enough.

Travelista® Signature Places 2026 is a collection of addresses to which one can return at different stages of life. Not because they remain unchanged, but because they stay true to their essence. And that, ultimately, is their signature.



*Juraj Ilavský*  
**Juraj Ilavský,**  
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# Hotel Riml

## Hochgurgl, Austria



Perched at 2,200 metres above sea level in Hochgurgl, Hotel Riml is one of the highest luxury spa hotels in the Alps — and one that wears its altitude with quiet confidence. Surrounded by dramatic peaks and open skies, the hotel offers a rare combination of alpine vastness, refined comfort, and deep calm. This is a place where silence is part of the luxury, broken only by wind over ridgelines or the soft crunch of snow under boots.

Interiors balance contemporary Alpine design with warmth and restraint: generous rooms and suites open onto panoramic mountain views, while natural materials, muted tones, and generous light create an atmosphere that feels grounding rather than grand. The heart of the experience, however, lies in the spa. Riml's multi-level wellness world stretches across indoor and outdoor pools, panoramic saunas, and re-

laxation terraces that seem to float above the Ötztal Alps — an invitation to slow down, breathe deeper, and stay present. Here, wellness is not treated as an activity but as a state of being, shaped by altitude, air, and uninterrupted horizons.

Dining at Riml follows the same philosophy. The kitchen draws from Tyrolean traditions, elevated through modern technique and a clear respect for ingredients. Evenings unfold unhurriedly, matched to the rhythm of the mountains rather than the clock. Whether visiting in winter for ski-in serenity or in summer for high-alpine stillness, Hotel Riml is not about spectacle; it is about elevation — physical, mental, and emotional — and about the rare luxury of space, stillness, and perspective.

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# Wellnesshotel Wittelsbach

## Bad Füssing, Germany



In the heart of Bad Füssing — one of Europe’s most cherished spa towns — Wellness Hotel Wittelsbach quietly embodies the region’s deep-seated tradition of therapeutic travel. Here, wellness isn’t a trend or a menu of experiences; it’s a way of being. For decades, visitors have come to this corner of Lower Bavaria to let the thermal waters, known for their mineral-rich composition, soften tension and restore balance.

What distinguishes the Wittelsbach is its seamless integration of tradition with thoughtful modern design and comfort. Interiors favor warm, natural materials and a muted palette that supports a sense of calm from the moment you arrive. All new renovated 65 rooms are conceived as havens of rest — places to exhale rather than engage — while communal spaces are designed to encourage slow movement and quiet reflection.

The heart of the hotel is its spa, where thermal pools, the stunning panoramic Sauna’s with a spectacular view overlooking the Alpine Scenery, and treatment rooms co-exist without spectacle. Here, classic European spa rituals and medically grounded therapies sit side by side, allowing guests to choose their own path between relaxation, recovery, and renewal. There’s no rush, no drive to entertain — just a gentle invitation to slow down.

At Wellness Hotel Wittelsbach, wellness is not prescribed; it’s discovered at your own pace. It’s in the warmth of the water, the hush of the halls, the seasonal rhythms of Bavarian life just beyond the windows. This is a destination for those who understand that true restoration isn’t produced in flashes but accumulated quietly, over time.

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# Spa Sklené Teplice

## Sklené Teplice, Slovakia

Sklené Teplice Spa is one of Slovakia's oldest and most precious thermal destinations, nestled in the serene, wooded landscape of the historic Štiavnica Hills. With a rich history dating back to the 14th century, these baths have served as a sanctuary of healing for generations of travelers and royalty alike. For centuries, guests have been drawn here by naturally hot mineral springs whose therapeutic qualities remain unchanged – effective, elemental, and deeply restorative.

The spa complex seamlessly combines historic bathhouses with contemporary medical excellence. At the heart of this destination lies a true European rarity: a naturally formed cave steam bath. This subterranean miracle is where magnesium and calcium-rich thermal water, reaching temperatures up to 42°C, emerges directly into a limestone cavern. To preserve its pure therapeutic power, the water flows directly from the springs into all our pools and baths, undergoing only a gentle cooling process to reach the

ideal treatment temperature. This rare mineral composition offers a profound healing experience for the musculoskeletal and nervous systems found nowhere else on the continent.

Beyond the signature cave experience, Sklené Teplice focuses on comprehensive recovery and chronic conditions. Modern physiotherapy and medically supervised programs are complemented by traditional thermal baths that reflect centuries of expertise.

Sklené Teplice is not a destination for fleeting wellness trends. It is a sanctuary for those who value continuity, authenticity, and quiet regeneration. Wellness here unfolds slowly – in the warmth of mineral water, the mystical atmosphere of the cave, and the steady reassurance of a spa tradition that has endured for centuries.



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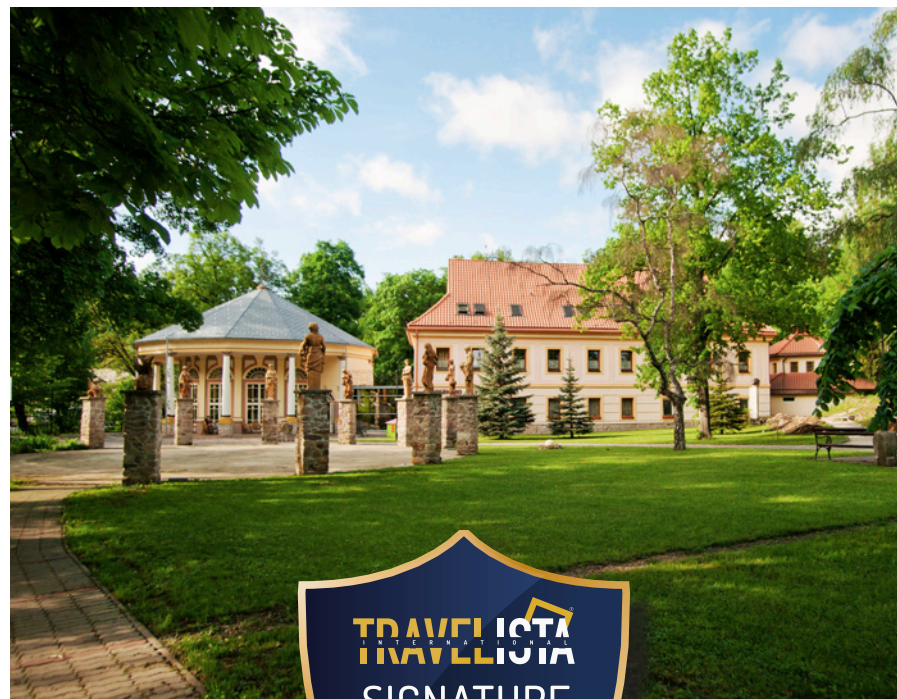


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# Lily of the Valley

## St Tropez, France

Set high on a sun-warmed hill rather than in any literal valley, Lily of the Valley feels perfectly attuned to its position above the Côte d'Azur. Philippe Starck's rustic-modernist vision blends effortlessly into the landscape, balancing Riviera glamour with an unexpected sense of grounding. From the moment of arrival, the hotel signals that this is not about display, but about recalibration—of body, rhythm, and attention.

Life here unfolds between two striking blue pools, three refined Mediterranean restaurants, and a spa that leans decisively into innovation and performance. A private beach club lies just a short shuttle ride away, keeping the sea close without dominating the experience. Many guests arrive, as intended, for one of the hotel's signature health retreats, where days are structured around movement, nourishment, and recovery. Reformer Pilates flows into TRX sessions, treatments into moments of stillness, and meals—

remarkably indulgent for their purpose—redefine the idea of “diet cuisine,” where even caviar scrambled eggs feel entirely appropriate.

Yet what sets Lily of the Valley apart is not discipline, but emotion. Beneath the polished routines and sunlit terraces lies a rare ability to reset more than just the physical body. By the final day, the effect can feel unexpectedly profound—a sense of release, clarity, even vulnerability. Lily of the Valley is both tonic and temptation: a place where wellness meets Riviera sensuality, and where leaving feels harder than expected, precisely because something essential has been restored.



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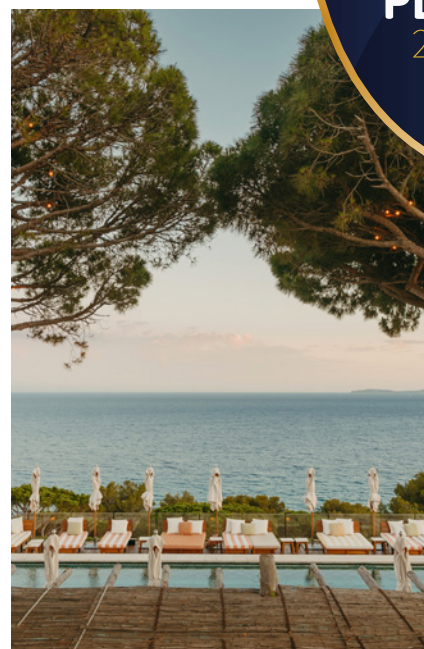


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# Sanatorium Dr. Guhra

## High Tatras, Slovakia

Set against the majestic backdrop of the High Tatras, Sanatorium Dr. Guhra offers a unique fusion of medical expertise and mountain tranquillity. Located in Tatranská Polianka, this long-established institution has built its reputation on specialised care and a deeply personal approach to rehabilitation and recovery. Here, the crisp alpine air and natural surroundings become part of the healing process, creating an atmosphere where health and landscape are closely intertwined.

The sanatorium focuses on comprehensive treatment programmes supported by professional medical teams and modern therapeutic methods. Each stay is guided by individual consultation and tailored care, ensuring that recovery is not only clinical but also restorative in a broader sense. The calm environment of the Tatras enhances the experience, encouraging guests to slow

down, breathe deeply and reconnect with their physical wellbeing.

Beyond treatment, Sanatorium provides a setting defined by peace and clarity. The surrounding forests and mountain views invite gentle walks and quiet reflection, complementing the structured therapeutic programme. It is a place where professional healthcare meets the natural power of the High Tatras, offering a purposeful retreat focused on renewal and long-term vitality.



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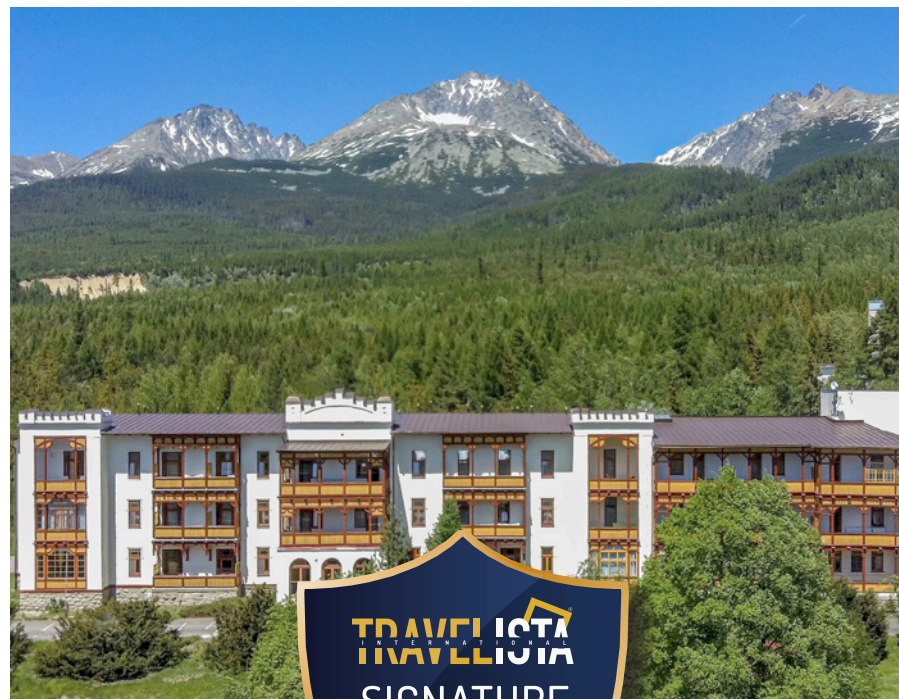


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# Grandhotel Praha

## Tatranská Lomnica, Slovakia

Rising above Tatranská Lomnica at an altitude of 850 metres, Grandhotel Praha has defined alpine elegance since 1905. From its privileged position beneath the majestic Lomnický Peak, the hotel is the first building to catch the morning sun – a daily ritual that has framed its silhouette for more than a century. Originally opened during the golden era of Tatra spa culture, it soon became a meeting place for European aristocracy and evolved into one of the region's enduring hospitality legends.

The Secession-style architecture, with its distinctive towers and ornate balconies, evokes the romance of early 20th-century mountain travel while offering the comfort of a modern four-star retreat. Today, the hotel features 108 rooms and 15 suites, each designed to reflect historical character paired with contemporary ease. Public spaces retain the spirit of grand salons

and refined gatherings, echoing an era when social evenings shaped life beneath the Tatras.

Wellness and gastronomy add a contemporary dimension to this historic setting. The Grand Mountain Spa offers restorative rituals inspired by traditional Tatra herbs, complemented by the only outdoor pool in the High Tatras, overlooking dramatic mountain panoramas. Seasonal cuisine celebrates local ingredients and regional flavours, completing an experience rooted in heritage yet confidently present.



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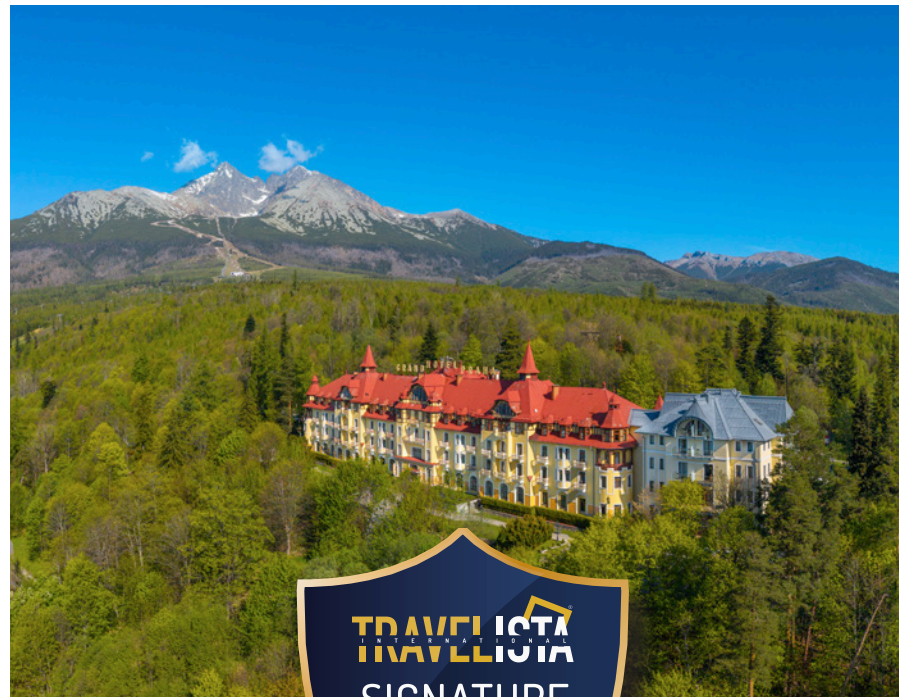


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# The Dolli at Acropolis

## Athens, Greece

There are few places in Athens where the past feels this immediate. At The Dolli at Acropolis, the city's most iconic monument becomes part of the everyday rhythm, visible from above as sunlight dances across ancient stone and modern water. The setting alone creates a rare sense of intimacy with history, placing guests in direct dialogue with one of the world's most powerful symbols of classical civilisation.

Inside, the hotel reveals a distinctly contemporary soul. Carefully restored architecture meets minimalist design, refined materials and a quiet confidence that never competes with its surroundings. The atmosphere is elegant yet understated, allowing the weight of the location to speak for itself while offering a serene retreat from the vibrant streets below.

Stepping out into the historic Plaka district, Athens unfolds effortlessly—monuments, museums and centuries of stories all within walk-

ing distance. And yet, returning to The Dolli feels like a gentle shift in time, where modern comfort and curated calm provide balance after a day immersed in antiquity. As evening falls, the hotel takes on a different character, with soft light and panoramic views transforming the Acropolis into a living backdrop. It is a place where Athens is not only observed, but quietly experienced.

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# Hotel Allora

## Budapest, Hungary

Set within the dynamic rhythm of Hungary's capital, Hotel Allora offers a contemporary stay shaped by clarity, comfort and urban perspective. Positioned to provide easy access to Budapest's historic avenues, cultural landmarks and vibrant neighbourhoods, the hotel invites guests to experience the city from a place of calm balance. It is an address designed for travellers who value both exploration and effortless retreat.

Inside, the atmosphere is modern and composed, with clean architectural lines and thoughtfully arranged spaces that emphasise comfort without excess. Guest rooms are designed to feel bright and functional, offering a welcoming environment after a day discovering Budapest's thermal baths, grand boulevards and riverside promenades. Subtle design details and carefully selected materials create a sense of quiet sophistication throughout the property. The overall aesthetic reflects a contemporary European sensibility — understated yet confident.

Beyond the rooms, Hotel Allora provides inviting communal areas where guests can unwind, connect or simply pause between city adventures. The surrounding district reveals Budapest's layered character, from historic architecture to lively cafés and cultural venues. Whether visiting for business or leisure, guests find a property that prioritises accessibility, attentive service and relaxed sophistication. It is a hotel that understands the rhythm of the city — energetic beyond its doors, composed within them.



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# Grand Hotel River Park, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Bratislava, Slovakia

Nestled along the graceful curve of the Danube, with Bratislava's historic skyline as its backdrop, Grand Hotel River Park stands as the definitive beacon of refined hospitality in the Slovak capital. Its striking contemporary architecture makes it both an iconic landmark and a sophisticated sanctuary, offering a seamless transition from the city's vibrant energy to a world of curated calm.

The experience is anchored by culinary excellence at the hotel's signature restaurant, where a Celebrity Chef crafts seasonal masterpieces that celebrate local provenance. During the warmer months, the riverside terrace becomes the city's most coveted destination - a place to dine al fresco while the Danube flows just a heartbeat away. Inside, every detail is overseen by a dedicated Concierge team, ready to secure private gallery viewings or bespoke city tours, ensuring a stay that is as effortless as it is enriching.

For those seeking restoration, ZION SPA LUXURY awaits on the 11th floor. This high-altitude sanctuary features a breathtaking panoramic pool and treatment rooms where the views stretch across the river to the horizon, providing a rare sense of floating above the capital.

Each room and suite is a masterclass in spatial elegance, featuring clean lines, rich textures, and floor-to-ceiling vistas. Grand Hotel River Park is more than a base in Bratislava; it is a vantage point from which the city's rhythm, culture, and timeless riverside beauty are most elegantly appreciated.



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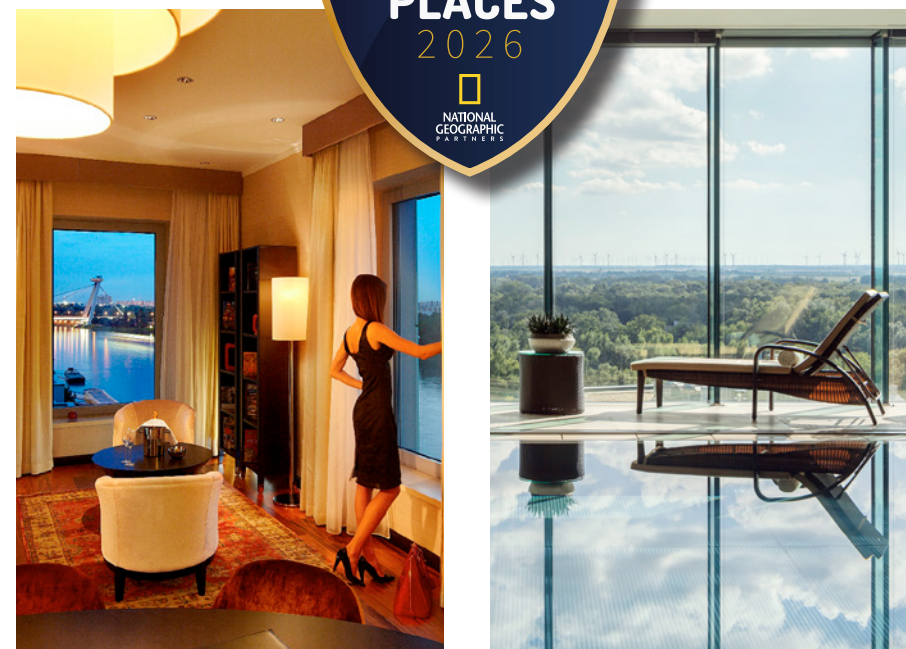


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# Akelarre

## San Sebastian, Spain

On the slopes of Monte Igueldo, overlooking the Bay of Biscay and set at a quiet distance from San Sebastián, Akelarre stands as a place that has never needed to be loud. Long before the hotel opened in 2017, this site was already a fixed point in European gastronomy—the three-Michelin-star kitchen of Pedro Subijana, built on discipline, patience, and a deep relationship with the landscape of northern Spain. The hotel did not emerge as a separate project, but as a natural continuation of the same philosophy.

Today, Akelarre is a five-star retreat with just 22 rooms carved into the hillside, each facing the ocean and each with a private terrace where the horizon becomes part of the space. Interiors work with natural materials, muted tones, and a restrained minimalism that reflects the raw beauty of the Basque coast, without the need for decoration.

Gastronomy remains the core of the concept. The three-star Akelarre restaurant continues to shape modern Basque cuisine through precise technique and respect for terroir, while Espazio Oteiza offers the same values in a more relaxed expression. Dining here is not an event, but a natural part of the day's rhythm.

Akelarre is neither a hotel nor a restaurant in the traditional sense. It is a slow, cohesive vision of hospitality, where luxury is found in space, silence, and respect for place. A stay here feels less like a curated experience and more like a state in which everything quietly makes sense.

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# Badrutt's Palace

## St. Moritz, Switzerland

In the most iconic position in St. Moritz stands a hotel that has defined Alpine luxury for more than a century. Badrutt's Palace is not only a landmark overlooking the lake and town centre, but also a symbol of continuity—celebrating 130 years of uninterrupted operation in 2026, with history that lives not in archives, but in daily practice, service, and atmosphere.

The original palace retains its fairy-tale character, with grand interiors and a social life deeply embedded in its DNA. At the same time, Badrutt's has stepped confidently into the future through the contemporary Serlas Wing, opened opposite the main hotel. Connected by underground passageways to the original building and the historic Chesa Veglia restaurant, the hotel offers a seamless experience, particularly valuable during the winter months.

While long associated with the winter season, Badrutt's Palace re-

veals a different strength in summer, when a quieter St. Moritz allows for a slower rhythm shaped by lake sailing, mountain hikes, and time spent in the hotel gardens. Luxury here is not defined by volume, but by the freedom guests have to set their own pace.

Badrutt's Palace remains a great Alpine hotel in the fullest sense—marked by exceptional service, a strong social dimension, and an unshakable sense of place. It does not need to compare itself; it serves as a reference point, calm and assured in its own identity.

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# Beaverbrook

## Surrey, United Kingdom

The English countryside takes many forms, but few feel as naturally iconic as Beaverbrook in Surrey. This expansive 470-acre estate, with roots dating back to 1866, is not merely a historic residence but a living landscape where British heritage meets understated contemporary elegance. The main house carries its past visibly in both architecture and interiors, yet it never feels like a museum—rather like a place that has learned how to age with ease, confidence, and grace.

One of Beaverbrook’s defining elements is its spa, widely regarded as one of the most compelling in the country. Beneath a stained-glass ceiling, softened light and carefully designed rituals create an atmosphere where wellness is not a trend, but a state of mind. Moving past the outdoor pool between treatments carries a sense of calm that lingers long after departure, shaping the entire experience of the stay.

Accommodation is divided between the main house and the Village—a separate enclave reached by a short electric buggy ride. The Village is especially popular with families: colourful, playful interiors, a relaxed rhythm, and a restaurant serving classic British cuisine create a sense of ease without sacrificing quality. Beaverbrook’s culinary landscape extends far beyond that, from a highly acclaimed Japanese restaurant to summer dining experiences held outdoors, where meals unfold against the whimsical backdrop of hot-air balloons rising over the grounds.

Beaverbrook is a place where the English countryside does not perform nostalgia or excess. It offers a refined, layered stay that works equally well for couples seeking quiet and for families looking to experience England at its most welcoming and generous.

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# Castelfalfi

## Tuscany, Italy

Castelfalfi is one of those places where beauty and comfort come together with an effortless sense of ease. Spanning more than 2,700 acres of Tuscan countryside, this expansive “whole-village” resort functions as a self-contained world, where a historic village becomes an integral part of the stay. From the castle, a cobblestone street leads past a 13th-century Romanesque church, boutiques, gelaterias, and pizzerias to the two hotel buildings. The older one is a sensitively repurposed 19th-century tobacco factory, while the lower, contemporary structure offers sweeping valley views and houses Bar Ecrù & Lounge, the spa, and the indoor pool.

Castelfalfi is conceived as a destination for slow yet active stays. Outdoor pools, a Montessori children’s club, a woodland adventure centre, wine and olive oil tastings, and standalone farmhouses operating as private villas with pools create a setting that works equally well for families

and couples. One of the resort’s defining strengths is its extensive programme of more than forty activities, ranging from archery, beekeeping, and truffle hunting to falconry, cookery, Pilates, and yoga. The interiors, thoughtfully reimaged by Milan-based studio Caberlon Caroppi, feature a muted palette of natural tones, layered textures of velvet, leather, and marble, and sculptural furnishings by Paolo Castelli. Culinary direction is led by executive chef Davide De Simone, whose farm-to-table approach draws heavily on ingredients grown on the resort’s own fields and orchards. Castelfalfi captures Tuscany at its calmest and most legible—a place where the village has not become an attraction, but a way of life.

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# Claridge's

## London, United Kingdom

Claridge's is one of those hotels whose identity was shaped long ago—and has been carefully refined ever since. It has welcomed notable guests since the early 19th century, but it was in the Roaring Twenties that it truly found its rhythm, becoming a natural centre of London's social life. That energy still lives in the interiors today: shimmering Lalique panels, Art Deco mirrors, stained-glass butterflies, and the iconic checkerboard lobby floor create an atmosphere that is elegant yet never static. Afternoon tea hums with life, while the softly lit Fumoir Bar remains a place for encounters, conversation, and discreet romance.

Yet Claridge's does not rely solely on its past. The hotel embraces its heritage with confidence while continuing to move forward. The subterranean spa designed by André Fu feels like a quiet refuge beneath the city; the Painter's Room offers a contem-

porary take on afternoon tea; and the forthcoming Claridge's Bakery extends the hotel's world beyond its walls. Today, Claridge's exists in a rare balance between tradition and modern London—a place that retains the sparkle of the Jazz Age while remaining effortlessly current. As Spencer Tracy once said, "When I die, I don't want to go to heaven. I want to go to Claridge's." And Claridge's continues to shine—without needing to change.

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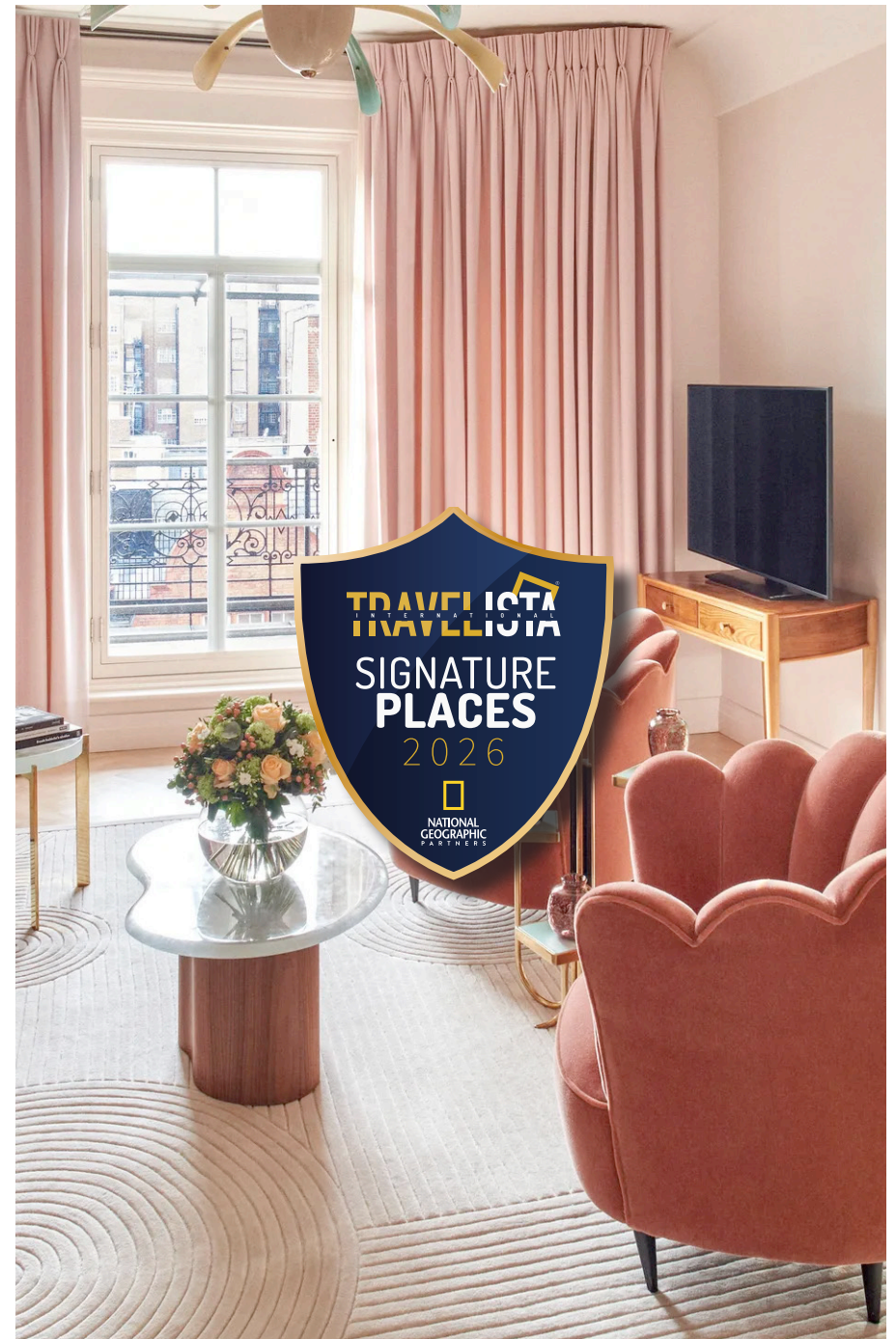


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# Forestis

## Dolomites, Italy

At Forestis, the rhythm is not set by the hotel, but by the landscape itself. High above the valleys of South Tyrol, on a site chosen for its exceptional sunlight, spring water, mountain air, and uninterrupted views of the dramatic Odle massif, a place was created that consciously yields to nature. All 62 minimalist suites are oriented to frame the mountains like living paintings—without excess decoration, without any attempt to compete with their surroundings. Architecture, materials, and silence work here in harmony with the landscape, not above it.

Nature permeates Forestis in every form. From biophilic architecture and Celtic-inspired wellness rituals to the so-called “forest cuisine,” which draws on what grows, ripens, and carries scent in the surrounding environment. After hiking or skiing in the Plose area, the day naturally concludes in the amphitheatre restaurant, where a tasting menu unfolds alongside a sunset

over the mountains—dramatic, yet never theatrical. Wellness here is not an attraction, but a return to elemental balance: water, warmth, breath, and movement.

The history of the site adds another layer to Forestis. Originally conceived in 1912 as a sanatorium for Austro-Hungarian aristocracy, it later fell silent for many years. Its new chapter began in 2020, when Stefan and Teresa Hinteregger introduced three slender towers and an exceptional spa with a swim-in/swim-out pool that dissolves into the horizon. A private villa for ten guests followed, as did the concept restaurant Yera—a cave-like space with a central firepit, where the forest becomes not just a backdrop, but the main protagonist. Forestis is not an escape into nature. It is a return to it—slow, precise, and deeply considered.

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# Four Seasons Astir Palace

## Athens, Greece

Perched on pine-scented hills along the Athenian Riviera, Four Seasons Astir Palace reveals itself gradually—the farther one moves from the dusty pulse of the city, the clearer its modernist architecture and quiet confidence become. The white resort, defined by clean geometric lines, sits on a peninsula that naturally bridges Athens and the Aegean Sea, urban energy and coastal ease.

Rooms and suites continue the resort’s cool, light-toned palette, allowing the views to take centre stage. Most open onto expansive terraces overlooking the sea, while manicured olive trees frame pools scattered throughout the grounds. The atmosphere is polished yet relaxed, elegant without rigidity—everything feels considered and unforced.

Dining follows the same effortless rhythm. The informal Taverna 37 is a favourite for salt-baked sea bass, while the daily tiradito

at Helios becomes a small ritual, conveniently positioned opposite the children’s club where younger guests are happily absorbed between courses. The family-friendly character of the resort is seamlessly integrated, never intruding on the sense of grown-up retreat.

On-site boutiques showcase contemporary Greek brands such as Magoosh, Callista, and Zeus & Dione, and stays here often include unexpected moments—from daily tennis lessons to restorative sea swims and creative workshops with local artists. Four Seasons Astir Palace Hotel Athens appeals to a wide spectrum of travellers while maintaining a clear identity, merging cultural proximity with seaside calm in a way that feels natural and enduring.

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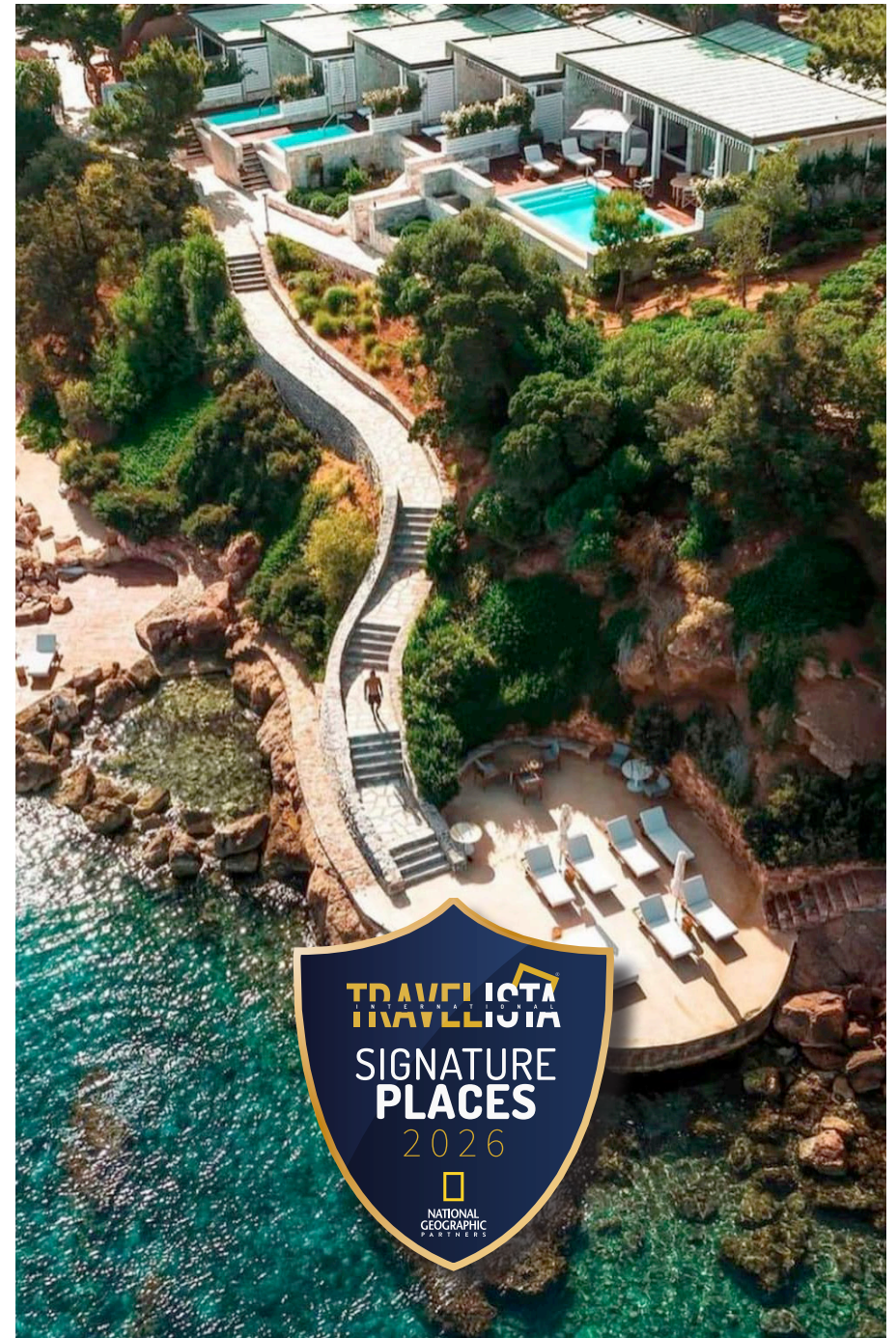


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# Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria, Sorrento, Italy

In the 1830s, the Fiorentino family secured what may be the most privileged corner of the Amalfi Coast—a secluded promontory above Sorrento, gently set apart from Piazza Tasso by fragrant orange groves. It was here that the Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria was born, conceived not merely as accommodation but as a destination in its own right. Today, under the stewardship of the fifth generation of the Fiorentino family, thoughtful restorations have returned the hotel’s lustre while preserving its old-world elegance and sense of continuity.

The interiors carry the memory of the place with ease. Antique furnishings, heavy draped curtains, and a restrained palette create an atmosphere that feels lived-in rather than nostalgic. Some rooms overlook the lush gardens; the most distinctive open onto sunlit terraces and quietly recall a lineage of notable guests—from Pavarotti and Caruso to Princess Margaret.

History here is not curated for effect; it simply exists as part of the stay. Dining unfolds across several moods, always rooted in the produce of Campania. Relaxed suppers at Terrazza Vittoria contrast with the refined, all-evening rituals of Michelin-starred Terrazza Bosquet, while breakfast beneath the frescoes of Ristorante Vittoria sets a measured tone for the day.

From the pool, views extend toward Sorrento’s classical architecture and the sea beyond. Wherever one pauses, Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria retains a sense of occasion that remains entirely relevant. It is an address that understands time, and wears it well.

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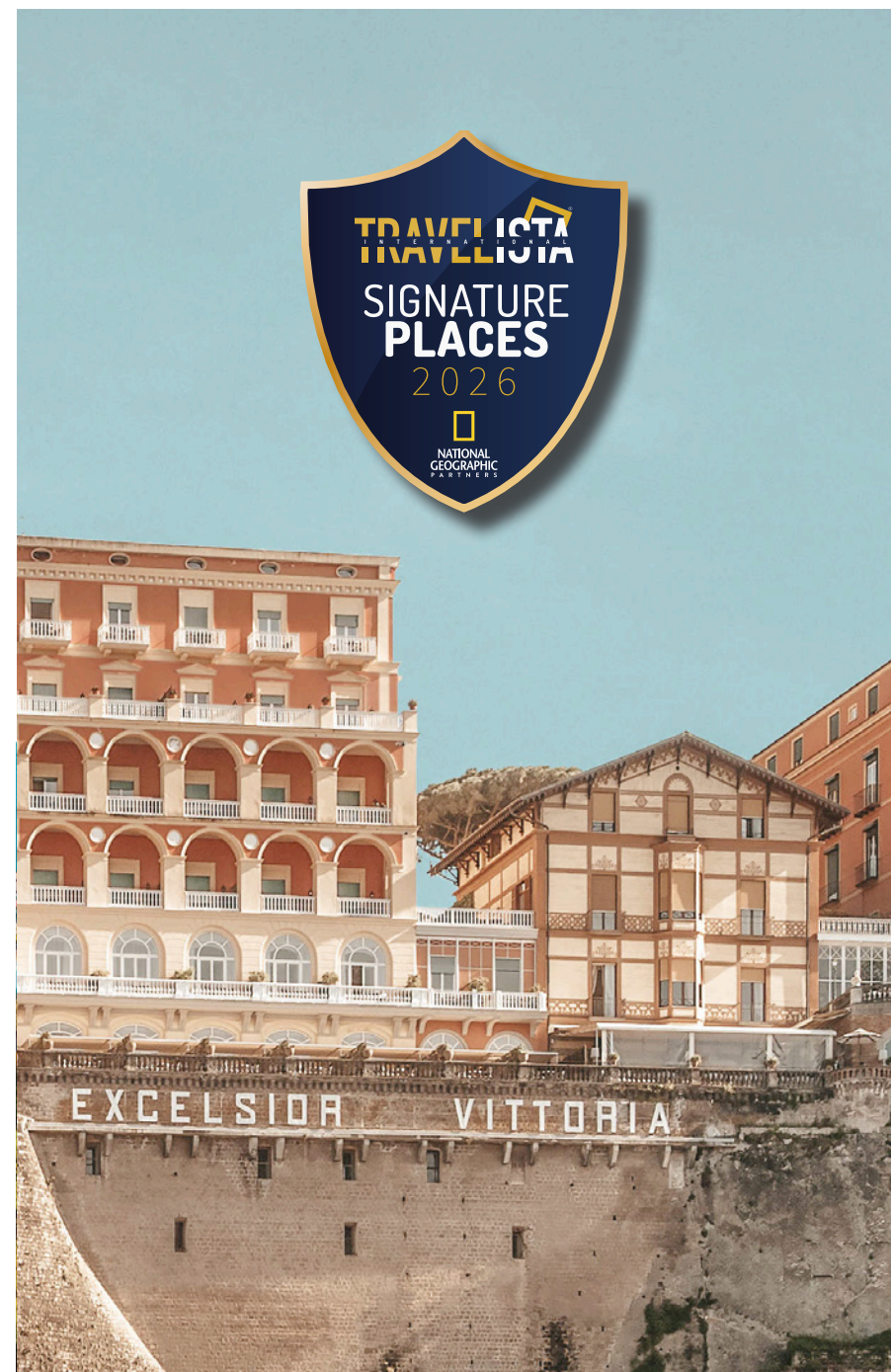


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# Grand Hotel Son Net

Mallorca, Spain

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Serra de Tramuntana, with the Puig de Galatzó rising behind it, Grand Hotel Son Net feels like a carefully composed film set brought to life. The estate dates back to 1672, and its Balearic architecture remains clearly legible today: a terracotta façade, a 17th-century courtyard, layered gardens, and a private chapel create the sense of a historic residence rather than a conventional hotel. The atmosphere is defined by place and memory, moving at its own, unhurried pace.

A new chapter began in 2023, when the founders of Finca Cortesin took over the management with the intention of restoring Son Net's original lightness and quiet grandeur. The result is restrained and precise. Across the main building and its grounds, there are just 31 suites—some as large as 150 square metres—reinforcing the intimate scale of the

property. Interiors, sensitively reimagined by designer Lorenzo Castillo, feature canopied beds, soft furnishings, and carefully chosen details that honour the hotel's heritage without tipping into nostalgia.

The expansive spa is a highlight, offering calm rather than spectacle, while the cuisine draws on Mallorcan flavours delivered with a subtle, contemporary touch. Everything here supports a single idea: even in a place where abundance would be easy, restraint is the true luxury. Grand Hotel Son Net is a composed, balanced retreat where sophistication lies in proportion, not excess.

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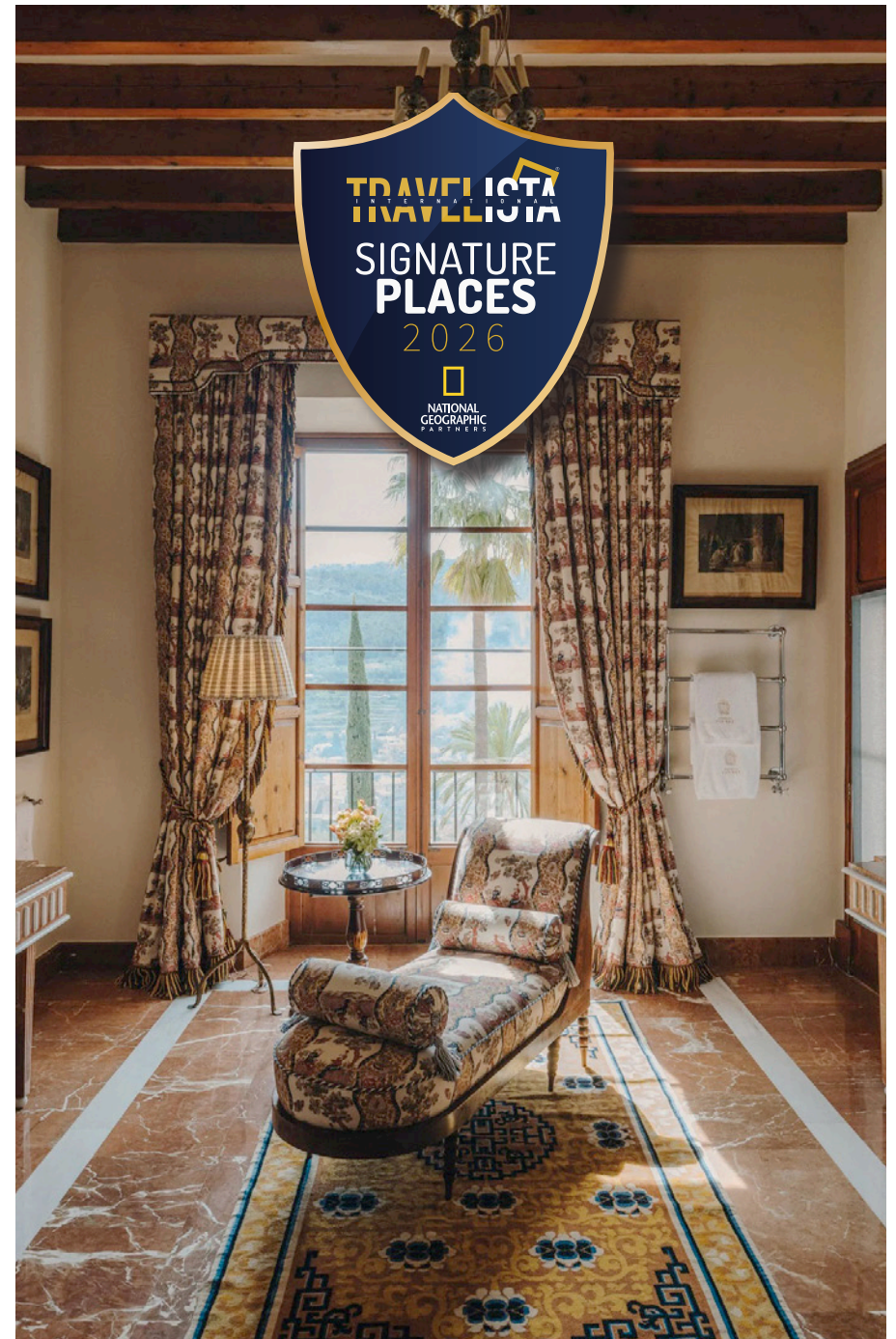


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# Grand Hôtel Stockholm

## Stockholm, Sweden

Few hotels deserve the title grande dame as naturally as the Grand Hôtel Stockholm. For more than a century and a half, it has stood on the waterfront opposite the Royal Palace, quietly witnessing Sweden's history, culture, and social life. Staying here has a rare ability to blur the line between the everyday and the exceptional—not only through the names of its illustrious guests, but through the space itself. The Ingrid Bergman Suite offers a subtle example: a light-filled, airy room where a black-and-white portrait of the legendary actress watches over a window framing the Royal Palace beyond. Two kinds of royalty, each of a different nature, meet within a single line of sight.

This proximity to greatness extends well beyond atmosphere and location. Gastronomy is a defining pillar of the hotel's identity, shaped by one of Sweden's most celebrated chefs, Mathias Dahlgren. He operates several restaurants here, including the Michelin-starred Seafood Gastro, which focuses on Nor-

dic flavours and meticulous work with seafood. The tasting menu is generous, layered, and visually striking—courses featuring fish specialities, langoustine, and delicate briny notes blend in memory into something almost dreamlike.

Equally compelling, however, are the quieter moments. A simple alfresco lunch at Grand Soleil—octopus salad paired with a glass of Sancerre—or breakfast brought to the room: carefully prepared overnight oats enjoyed while gazing out over Stockholm's bright waterfront. It is in these details that Grand Hôtel Stockholm reveals itself not merely as a historic icon, but as a living hotel—one that engages with its past without being bound by it. Here, elegance is expressed calmly, with confidence, and without the need for display.

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# Hotel Il Pellicano

Porto Ercole, Italy

For more than sixty years, Hotel Il Pellicano has stood as one of the quiet icons of Italian hospitality. Founded in 1965 on the wild slopes of Monte Argentario by the Anglo-American couple Michael and Patsy Graham, it quickly became a refuge for those seeking beauty without spectacle. When Roberto Sciò acquired the property in 1979—already deeply in love with the place from his time among the jet set of the era—the hotel’s future became inseparable from a certain idea of freedom, discretion, and effortless elegance.

The guest list has always been part of Il Pellicano’s allure, but its most important evolution came with the arrival of Roberto’s daughter, Marie-Louise Sciò, at the helm. Under her direction, the hotel’s image was gently refreshed rather than reinvented. The publication of Hotel Il Pellicano, featuring contemporary photographs by Juergen Teller alongside earlier work by Slim Aarons, helped introduce the property

to a new generation of bohemians drawn to authenticity over display.

Far removed from the glamour circuits of Positano or Capri, this stretch of Tuscany offers something quieter and more intimate. There are no designer boutiques here—only a slightly magical atmosphere shaped by meticulous design, impeccable service, a Michelin-starred restaurant, a private boat, and a boutique that captures not just the style of the hotel, but a broader vision of the Italian holiday. Il Pellicano is not about being seen; it is about belonging, even briefly, to a place that moves at its own pace.

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# Coworth Park

## Berkshire, United Kingdom

Coworth Park, part of The Dorchester Collection, is one of those places where distance loses its meaning. Although just seventeen minutes from Heathrow Terminal 5, it feels worlds away from airports, schedules, and urban momentum. This 18th-century estate has, since 2010, evolved into a refined countryside retreat—offering what London often cannot: space, stillness, and a return to a natural rhythm, without sacrificing comfort or polish.

The 240-acre grounds unfold across immaculate polo fields with a quietly vibrant social scene, tennis courts, lakes, a sunken garden, and wildflower meadows. Everything is composed yet never contrived; Coworth Park retains a lived-in authenticity rather than a staged pastoral ideal. A recently refreshed spa completes the sense of balance, offering restorative calm that shifts seamlessly with the seasons.

Food is a defining pillar of the stay. Michelin-starred Woven by Adam Smith presents British cuisine at its most confident and precise—modern in expression, grounded in local produce. In summer, the meadow becomes the estate’s heart, with pink roses tumbling over the gazebo and striped deck chairs lining the croquet lawn. In winter, life naturally moves indoors, to the warmth of the spa and quieter rooms where time slows without ceremony.

Coworth Park is countryside at its most assured: discreet, cultivated, and perfectly measured. Not an escape from the city, but a gentle counterbalance—ideal for moments when space, light, and quiet are all that’s needed.

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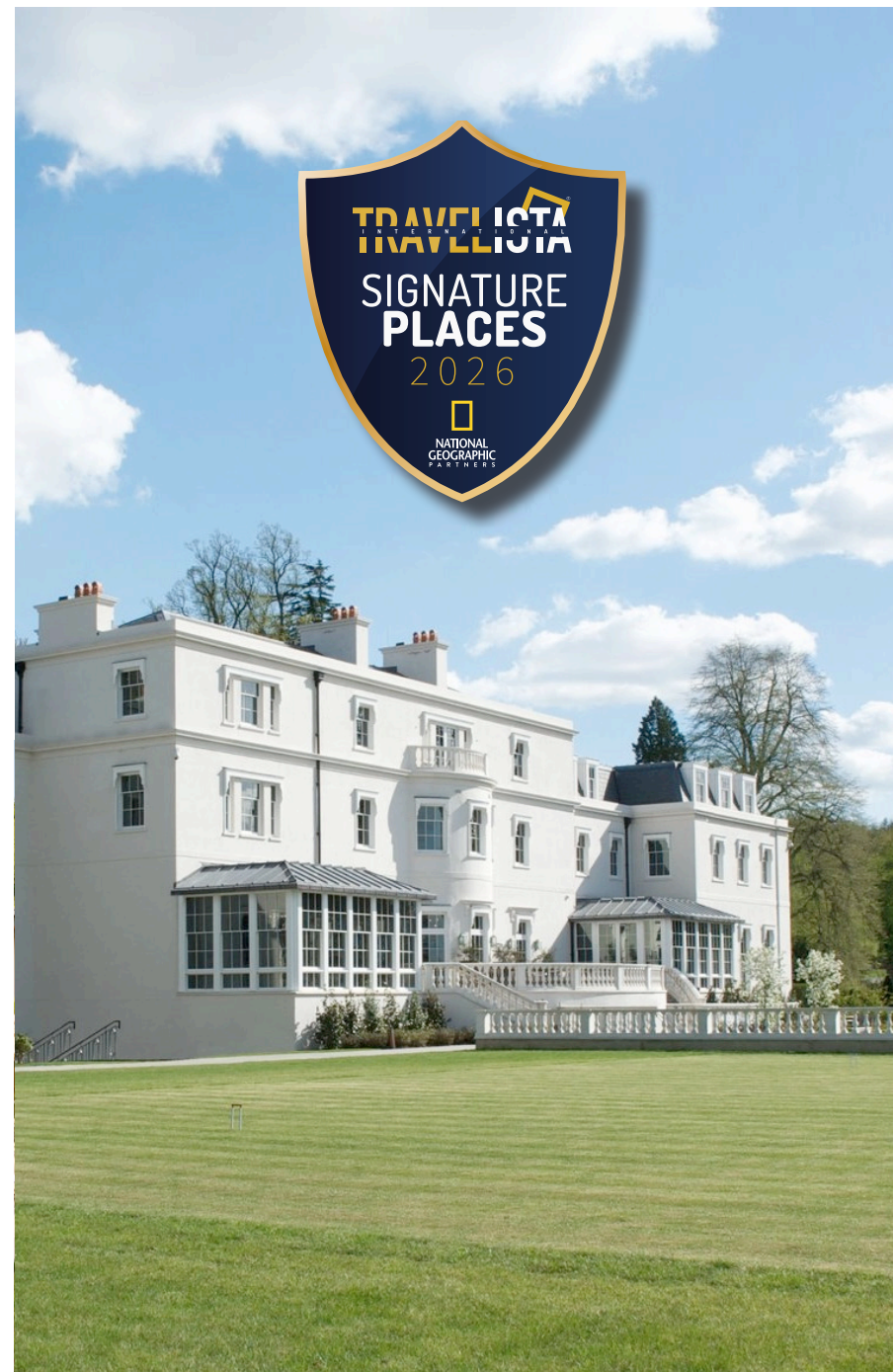


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# Il Salviatino

## Florence, Italy

Tucked into the green hills of Fiesole, Il Salviatino occupies a privileged position above Florence, where centuries-old gardens open onto sweeping views of the city below. From its terraces, the Duomo rises beyond terracotta rooftops, framed by cypress trees and the soft contours of the Tuscan landscape. The setting feels deliberately removed, yet Florence remains close enough to shimmer on the horizon, present without imposing itself.

The hotel's 39 rooms and suites are shaped by the building's layered history rather than a single decorative idea. Hand-painted frescoes, marble bathrooms and carefully placed bursts of colour coexist with a quiet sense of restraint. Large windows are treated as architectural features in their own right, drawing the countryside and the city into the rooms and making the view an essential part of the experience rather than an optional extra.

Beneath the villa lies one of Il Salviatino's most unexpected spaces: a

spa carved into what was once the palazzo's wine cellar. Now transformed into a softly pink-hued retreat, it feels intimate and almost secret. Treatments take place in a domed greenhouse room, initially striking for its openness, until the surrounding glass dissolves into greenery, creating a cocoon of leaves and filtered light. Wellness here is less about spectacle and more about calm immersion.

Il Salviatino succeeds by balancing opposites with ease. It offers the tranquillity of the Tuscan countryside alongside effortless access to Florence's cultural gravity. It is a place to slow down without disconnecting, to absorb heritage without formality, and to experience the city not from within its streets, but from a quietly elevated perspective.

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# La Réserve

## Paris, France

La Réserve Paris is one of those rare hotels whose presence is felt immediately—and quietly. When it opened in 2015, it arrived without spectacle, and nearly a decade later that restraint remains its greatest strength. Very little on the surface has changed, yet everything has deepened. The hotel’s flagship restaurant, Le Gabriel, has evolved steadily, earning first one, then two, and now three Michelin stars. The intimate bar, Le Gaspard, still seats just a handful of guests, its elegance now gently spilling onto a discreet street-facing terrace. The central courtyard has grown lusher with time, and the small spa tucked below ground has become increasingly refined in both ritual and atmosphere.

With only 40 rooms, La Réserve is the smallest of Paris’s palace-designated hotels, and it feels deliberately so. The experience is residential rather than ceremonial—more private home than grand institution. Interiors are layered in silk, velvet, taffeta, and cordovan leather, an-

chored by Versailles parquet floors, gilded details, and windows framing sweeping views from Notre-Dame to the Eiffel Tower. It is a vision of Parisian luxury that does not seek attention, but rewards those who notice.

The collaboration between owner Michel Reybier and designer Jacques Garcia has produced several remarkable properties, but La Réserve Paris stands apart as their most complete expression. It is not a hotel that reinvents itself with trends or announcements. Instead, it refines, polishes, and protects a sense of discretion that has become increasingly rare in the city. La Réserve does not try to impress Paris—it belongs to it.

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# Maçakızı

## Bodrum, Turkey

While much of Bodrum has accelerated over the past decade—new beach clubs, polished hotels, louder nights—Maçakızı remains deliberately out of step. Set above a yacht-dotted bay, just outside the town’s rhythm, it unfolds as a cascade of whitewashed cottages draped in bougainvillea, easing gently toward the water. It is close enough to feel connected, yet distant enough to slow everything down.

Life at Maçakızı follows a simple, unforced pattern. Days centre on the wooden jetty: swimming straight into the sea, stretching out on a sun-warmed lounge near the ladder, reading, playing backgammon, or doing nothing at all. Cats sleep beneath tables, dogs wander between guests, and no one hurries the hours. Service is relaxed but exact—staff remember preferences without ceremony, and familiarity replaces formality. You are never asked twice who you are or where you belong.

Since opening in the 1970s, Maçakızı has cultivated a rare loyalty. Guests return year after year for the same room, the same table, the same spot by the water. Evenings drift in with plates of grilled octopus, caviar, and vegetables picked that day, conversations stretching late into the night as the bay quiets. Bodrum may have reinvented itself many times, but Maçakızı remains its original grande dame—unaffected, assured, and timeless in its refusal to change what already works.

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# Passalacqua

## Lake Como, Italy

From a pale amber villa with sage-green shutters, a sequence of terraced gardens unfolds gently toward Lake Como. Olive groves, mimosa, David Austin roses, magnolias, fountains and stone stairways cascade across seven acres, ending at the water's edge, where boats trace quiet lines across the lake's enamel-blue surface. When Passalacqua opened in 2022 as the intimate sibling to the much larger Grand Hotel Tremezzo, expectations were understandably high. Rather than simply meeting them, the property exceeded them with ease.

At its heart is the original historic villa, now home to twelve richly expressive suites that embrace a distinctly Italian sense of grandeur. Frescoes, carved ceilings and baroque proportions are complemented by exquisite details: etched mirrors, painted glass, finely scented leather, and hand-blown Murano chandeliers. Throughout the interiors, marble appears not as embellishment but as structure—most notably Breccia

Pontificia, the stone favoured by Bernini, lending the house a quiet sense of permanence and lineage.

Additional suites are housed in the former stables of the palazzo, where exposed beams and generous volumes introduce a more rustic counterpoint, while Casa al Lago, a refined 1970s lakeside residence, offers a streamlined, modern contrast just steps from the water. Together, these three buildings create a layered, deeply considered composition that feels both historic and alive.

Passalacqua is not designed to impress through scale, but through intimacy, craftsmanship and rhythm. It is a place where the lake sets the pace, where beauty reveals itself gradually, and where luxury exists not in spectacle, but in the confidence of restraint and detail.

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# Six Senses Douro Valley

## Portugal

Set above the terraced vineyards of the Douro, Six Senses Douro Valley was the brand's first European outpost—and it remains one of its most articulate. What defines the experience here is not a single focus, but the freedom to choose how deeply one wants to engage. The location invites immersion through wine: guided vineyard visits, tastings rooted in place, and the quietly confident detail of a help-yourself wine fridge on the main floor that removes ceremony in favour of ease.

Equally compelling is the sense of retreat. Nine acres of forest surround the property, home to more than 500 plant species, most of them native, creating a landscape that encourages slow walks, pauses, and unstructured time. The resort never insists on stillness, but it makes it available.

Wellness, naturally, is woven throughout. Multi-day programmes—ranging from female health to holistic resets—combine

expert personal trainers, extensive hydro facilities, and thoughtful, flavour-driven health menus. What makes Six Senses Douro Valley distinctive is its ability to hold all of this at once: wine and wellness, activity and rest, structure and spontaneity. Guests can move fluidly between modes without ever feeling that they must choose a single narrative for their stay.

This is a place that understands modern luxury as optional depth—the ability to go further, or simply to be, depending on the moment.

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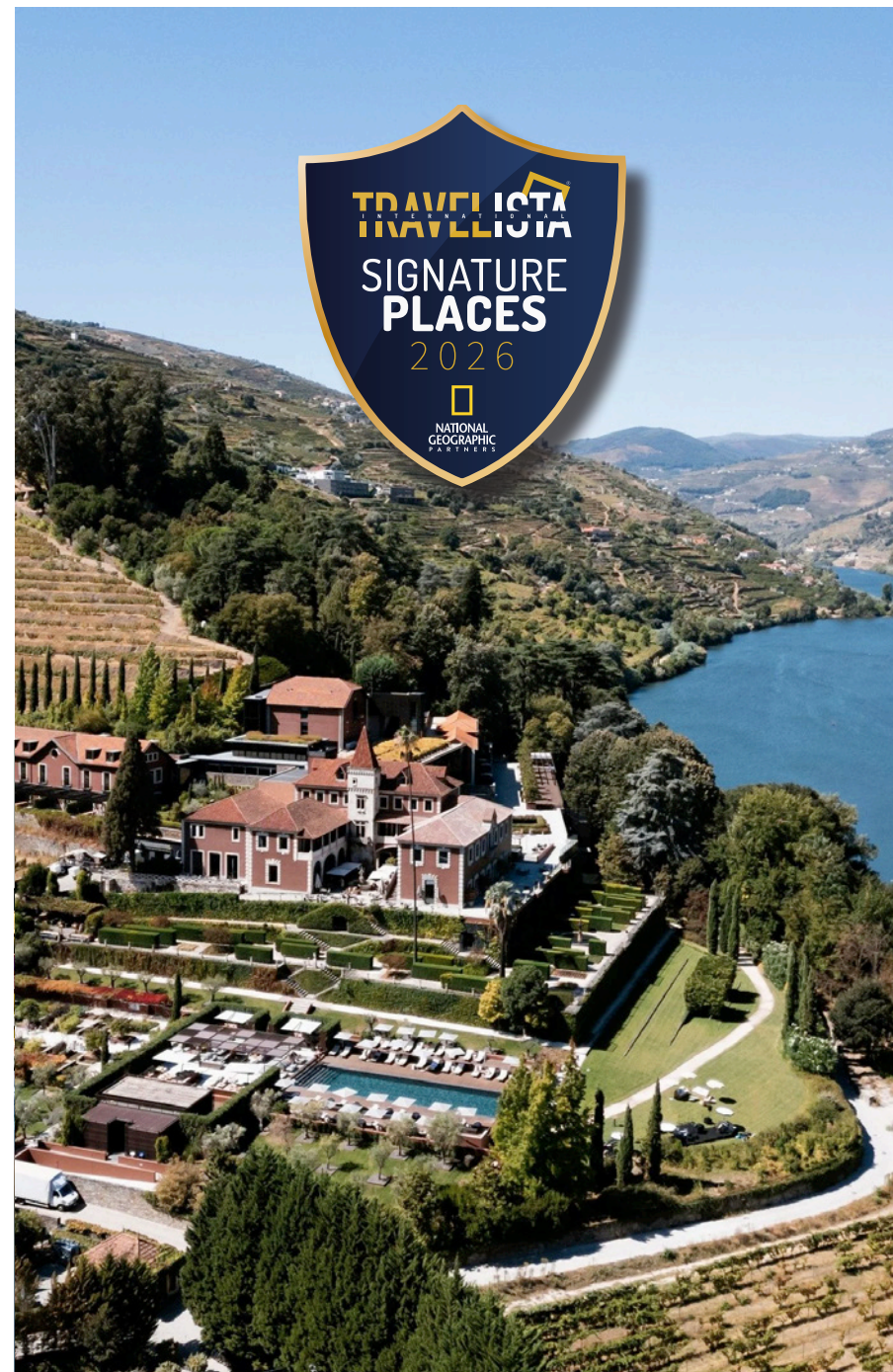


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# The Venice Venice Hotel

Venice, Italy

When Alessandro Gallo and Francesca Rinaldo—Venetian natives and founders of the fashion house Golden Goose—took on the restoration of the 13th-century Ca’ Da Mosto, it was less a hotel project than an act of cultural reclamation. After decades of neglect on the Grand Canal, the palazzo was given six years of meticulous attention before reopening in 2022 as The Venice Venice Hotel—a place that feels deeply rooted in the city’s past while speaking fluently to its present.

The atmosphere is unapologetically Venetian. Candlelit staircases, heavy draperies, worn stone corridors and tall Gothic windows frame constant movement on the Grand Canal below, where water laps softly against the façade. Suites are generous and calm, animated by reflected light and the quiet theatre of Venice outside. There is an intimacy here that recalls the city at its most seductive—less postcard, more lived-in—an impression Lord Byron himself might have appreciated.

Art is inseparable from the hotel’s identity. Contemporary works are woven into the rooms and public spaces, including pieces by Arte Povera artists such as Gilberto Zorio and Jannis Kounellis. On the quayside, Fabio Viale’s *Souvenir*—a haunting reinterpretation of Michelangelo’s *Pietà* with the figures separated—anchors the hotel firmly in the present, while acknowledging the weight of history that surrounds it.

The Venice Venice is not about nostalgia polished to a shine. It is about continuity: Venice as a city of beauty, sensuality, and artistic risk—still alive, still evolving, and still capable of surprising those who think they know it well.

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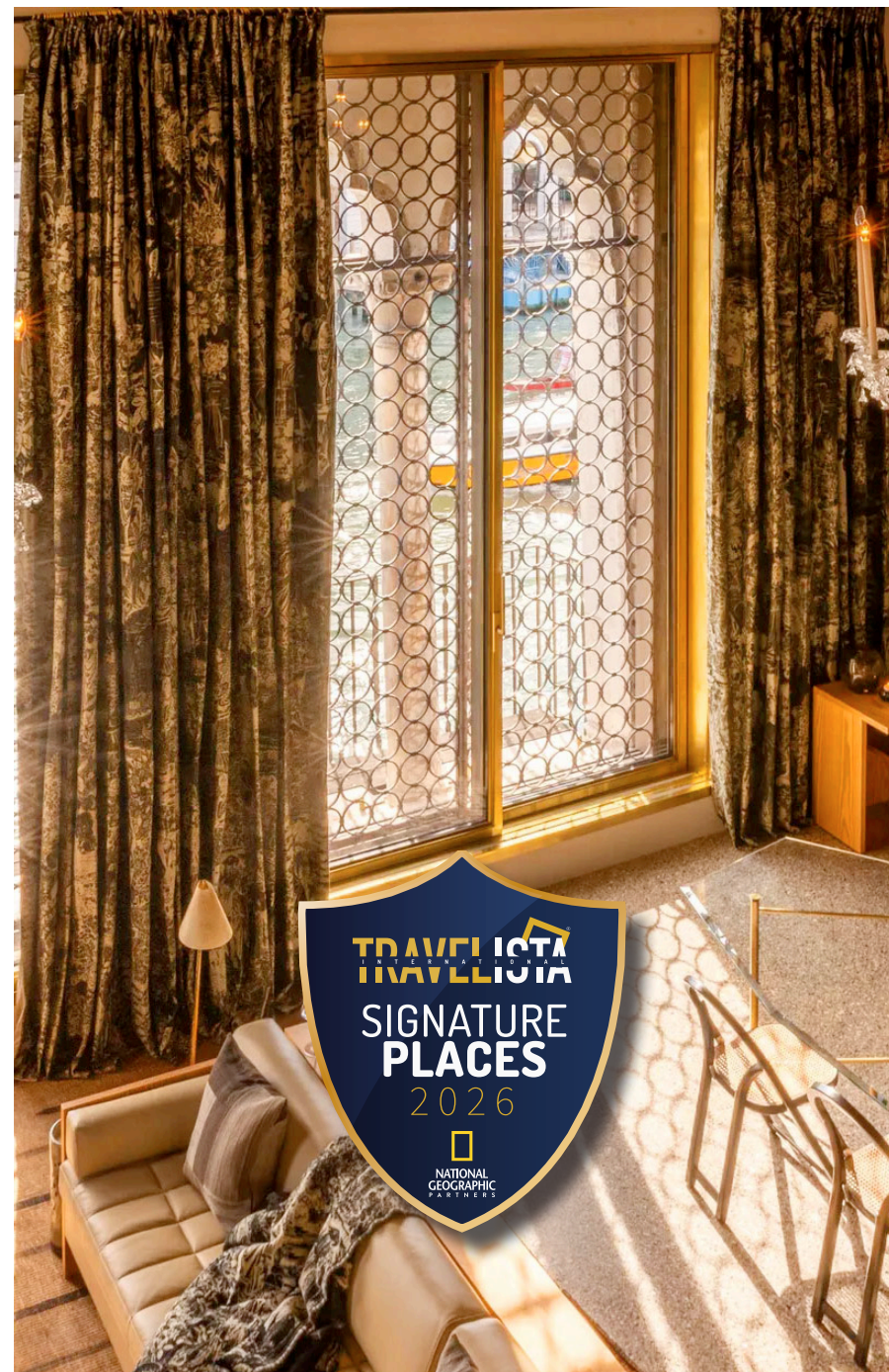


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# Verina Astra

## Sifnos, Greece

When Verina Astra first opened on the wild eastern cliffs of Sifnos in 2015, it was a quiet leap of faith. Just seven suites, no formal restaurant, and breakfasts delivered in straw baskets filled with Sifnian pies, local cheeses, and seasonal fruit, served on handmade ceramics by island potters. The setting felt deliberately removed, the horizon uninterrupted, the experience intimate and personal. An infinity pool added later only amplified the sense of floating between sea and sky.

A decade on, Verina Astra has grown into one of Greece’s most distinctive boutique hotels without losing its original spirit. Now with 16 rooms and suites, the hotel offers more generous terraces, refined bathrooms, and a matured sense of comfort, while preserving its back-to-nature aesthetic. Life here unfolds slowly between the alfresco tapas bar, the thatched cabanas of the Elemis spa, and the kitchen gardens that supply Bostani, the hotel’s deeply romantic field-to-fork restaurant.

At the heart of Verina Astra remains its founders, Isidora Chandeli and Miltos Salemis, whose personal journey mirrors that of the hotel itself. Their early dream has evolved into a confident, grounded expression of place, hospitality, and restraint. The vibe is still relaxed, the connection to Sifnos unmistakable, and the sense of authenticity intact—proof that growth, when handled with care, can deepen rather than dilute.

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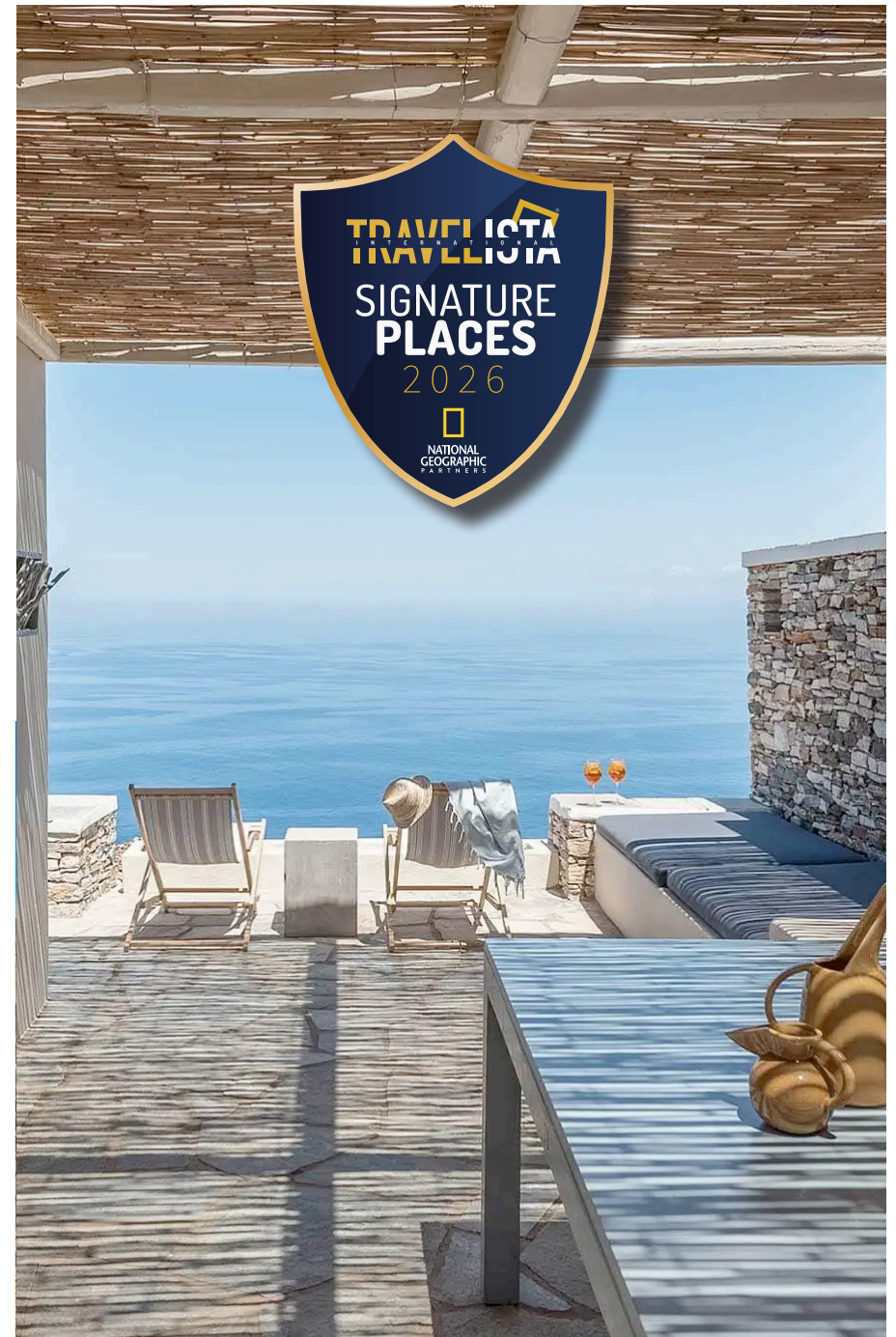


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# Weissenhaus Private Nature Luxury Resort

## Wangels, Germany

Set quietly along Germany's Baltic coast, Weissenhaus Private Nature Luxury Resort is the antithesis of anything political its name might suggest. Instead, it is a place defined by calm, space, and an almost pastoral sense of order. The resort occupies a 185-acre estate centred around a historic castle founded in 1896, reopened in 2014 as a retreat where nature is not curated, but carefully preserved. With 60 rooms distributed between the castle and ten additional buildings, the scale feels generous yet never crowded, and the sea is just a short walk away through open meadows and woodland paths.

What defines Weissenhaus, however, is not its size but its abundance of quietly perfect moments. A small pier stretching into a pond where time seems to pause. The sunlit terrace of the Bootshaus restaurant by the shore, where meals unfold at an unhurried pace. A tumbleweed sauna in the award-winning spa, designed less for spectacle

than for deep restoration. Along the coastline, traditional Strandkörbe—roofed wicker beach chairs typical of the Baltic—are placed in a wide, open clearing that feels almost cinematic in its simplicity.

Luxury here expresses itself through attentiveness rather than display. Staff move with an intuitive ease, whether arranging a secluded spot by the water or delivering a pot of tea to a quiet corner where guests can read, think, or simply exist without interruption. Weissenhaus is not a resort that asks to be explored all at once. It invites lingering, repetition, and stillness—a rare kind of hospitality that understands rest not as inactivity, but as a state of being.

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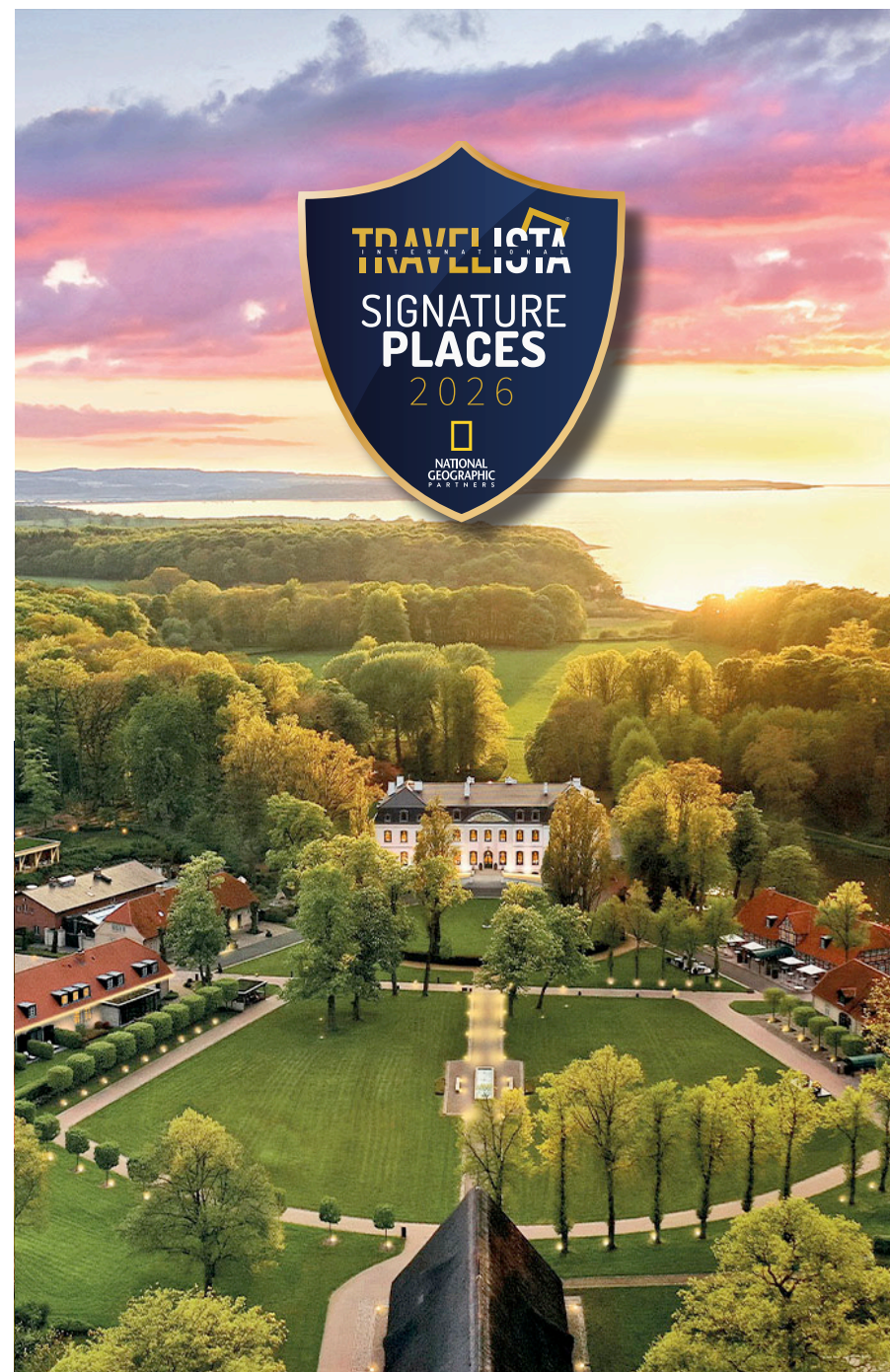


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# Amangiri

## Utah, USA

If luxury had a lunar outpost, it might feel something like Amangiri. Set deep within the ochre canyons of southern Utah, this is less a resort than a mirage—an architectural vision seemingly carved directly from the desert itself. Concrete walls and clean, minimalist lines do not compete with the landscape but frame it, allowing 165-million-year-old sandstone formations to become the primary artwork. The effect is both stark and profoundly calming, a study in restraint that feels inseparable from its surroundings.

With just 34 suites, Amangiri operates at an intentionally intimate scale. Each suite is defined by limestone walls, private terraces, and fireplaces that flicker softly against the vastness outside. Luxury here is quiet and elemental, shaped by space, light, and silence rather than ornament. The central pool—often cited as one of the most striking in the world—feels suspended within the canyon, a place where hours dissolve without effort.

Beyond its visual power, Amangiri offers depth through experience. The Aman Spa draws on Navajo healing traditions, while dining balances refinement with a deep respect for regional ingredients. Days can unfold slowly between spa and pool, or expand outward into the desert: guided hikes to ancient caves, horseback rides past petroglyphs, or canyon explorations led by Navajo guides who add cultural context to the raw terrain. Amangiri is a place that gently encourages disconnection—not as an instruction, but as a natural response to its scale and stillness. It is luxury stripped back to its most essential form: presence, awe, and an unmediated encounter with nature.

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# Coral Sands

## Harbour Island, Bahamas

There are places that greet the day with quiet elegance—and then there is Coral Sands, which greets it in shades of pink, turquoise, and unapologetic joy. Set on Harbour Island’s famous pink-sand beach, where pulverised coral, red-tinted shells, and foraminifera tint the shoreline a soft blush, this is a hotel that leans fully into its setting. The effect is playful without being frivolous, nostalgic without slipping into kitsch—a seaside fantasy grounded by genuine warmth.

A thoughtful redesign unveiled in December 2024 sharpened Coral Sands’ character rather than reinventing it. Interiors embrace a relaxed coastal aesthetic: seashells appear everywhere (more than 7,000 in the restaurant alone), four-poster beds are draped with canopies in wildflower prints, and spaces feel light, breezy, and intentionally unpolished. It is the kind of place where luxury comes not from perfection, but from ease.

Days here unfold naturally along the water’s edge. The beach bar becomes a focal point—frosé in hand, conch fritters within reach, the sea shifting endlessly between shades

of blue and green. Evenings begin with a Pink Mermaid cocktail before drifting into Harbour Island itself, where wandering chickens, locally owned restaurants, and an unhurried rhythm give the island its distinct charm. For the full experience, the beachfront cottages—with wooden steps descending directly onto rose-coloured sand—offer the closest possible relationship with the setting.

Coral Sands does not ask to be taken seriously. Instead, it offers something rarer: a sense of delight that feels genuine and earned. It is a place that understands that escapism can be beautiful, colour can be comforting, and that sometimes luxury is simply waking up to a pink beach and letting the day take its course.

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# Hermitage Bay

## Antigua

Set on a lush, jungle-clad hillside overlooking a quiet crescent of white sand, Hermitage Bay feels less like a resort and more like a carefully assembled constellation of private retreats. Its 30 villa suites are woven into the landscape, each with a wraparound terrace, sea views, and a private infinity pool softened by cascades of pink bougainvillea. Interiors favour natural textures and island calm: mahogany detailing, mosquito-netted beds, rattan ceiling fans, and an atmosphere that privileges ease over excess. The result is a rare sense of seclusion that never feels isolated.

Life here moves to a gentle, sun-led rhythm. Guests—aged 14 and over—drift between the palm-thatched beach bar and the powdery shoreline, with little urgency to be anywhere else. The all-inclusive dining is a highlight rather than a compromise: dishes are thoughtful and precise, with favourites like tarragon lobster anchoring menus that feel quietly confident. As evening

approaches, the daily “sunset and sushi” ritual becomes a defining moment—fresh tuna, snapper, and mahi-mahi nigiri prepared by Nobu-trained chefs, enjoyed as the light softens over the bay.

Hermitage Bay’s direction feels assured, and its future carefully considered. In 2024, the property was acquired by Daniel Shamoon, co-owner of Luxury Hotel Partners, whose portfolio includes Marbella Club, Puente Romano Marbella, and several Nobu hotels worldwide, with another slated for nearby Barbuda. The acquisition signals continuity rather than change—an understanding that Hermitage Bay’s greatest luxury lies in its restraint. It is a place designed for guests who value stillness, privacy, and the quiet pleasure of watching the day dissolve into the sea.

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# Hotel Le Toiny

## St Barths

Perched high above Toiny Bay on the wilder, less polished south-eastern edge of St. Barths, Hotel Le Toiny offers a version of the island that feels deliberately removed from its social whirl. This hillside hideaway has long been the refuge of an in-the-know crowd seeking calm rather than spectacle—an unfussy, low-density retreat where nature sets the tone. Shrub-covered slopes, open horizons, and a sense of distance from the island’s glossy centre give Le Toiny its quietly subversive appeal.

The defining luxury here is access. A three-minute ride in a Defender winds down to the hotel’s private beach, widely considered the only truly private hotel beach on St. Barths. The stretch of pale sand feels untouched, anchored by a relaxed beach club and framed by history: some of the island’s oldest English-style cottages from the 1700s sit nearby, one now repurposed as an intimate spa treatment space. It’s a

reminder that Le Toiny’s sense of place is layered, not manufactured.

Accommodation unfolds across spacious suites and villas, all redesigned in 2024 to emphasise light, air, and outward views. Interiors are calm and contemporary, opening onto leafy terraces and private pool decks with uninterrupted glimpses of the Caribbean blue beyond. Nothing here competes with the surroundings; the architecture simply steps back and lets them lead. Hotel Le Toiny is St. Barths at its most elemental—private, understated, and confidently serene.

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# Anantara New York Palace

## Budapest, Hungary

An architectural icon in the heart of Budapest, Anantara New York Palace Budapest captures the grandeur of the Belle Époque with remarkable presence. Originally opened in the late 19th century as the headquarters of the New York Life Insurance Company, the palace quickly became a cultural salon for writers, artists and intellectuals. Today, its ornate façade and lavish interiors continue to reflect that golden era, offering guests an immersive stay shaped by history and elegance.

Inside, soaring ceilings, marble columns and gilded details create an atmosphere of theatrical refinement, while contemporary comforts ensure a seamless modern experience. Guest rooms and suites are thoughtfully designed to balance classical opulence with understated luxury, providing tranquil sanctuaries above the city's vibrant streets. The legendary New York Café — often described as one of the most beautiful cafés in the

world — remains the social and gastronomic heart of the property.

Beyond its visual splendour, Anantara New York Palace Budapest offers a complete urban retreat, from refined dining experiences to a serene spa and wellness area. Its central location places guests within easy reach of Budapest's architectural landmarks, cultural institutions and lively boulevards. It is a destination where heritage, artistry and hospitality converge in unmistakable style.

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# Le Meurice

## Paris, France

Overlooking the Jardin des Tuileries, Le Meurice stands as one of Paris's most iconic palace hotels, where classical grandeur meets artistic imagination. Since the 19th century, it has welcomed royalty, statesmen and creative visionaries, shaping its identity as a refined stage for culture and elegance. Its location alone — between the Louvre and Place de la Concorde — places guests at the very heart of historic Paris.

The interiors balance 18th-century inspiration with contemporary artistry, creating spaces that feel both opulent and alive. Crystal chandeliers, marble fireplaces and gilded details are complemented by modern design elements that bring freshness to tradition. Rooms and suites reflect this harmony, offering serene sanctuaries above the city's rhythm, where Parisian light filters through tall windows and frames timeless views.

Culinary excellence further defines the experience, with dining that celebrates French gastronomy at the highest level. Service remains discreet yet intuitive, embodying the sophistication long associated with the palace hotel tradition. Le Meurice is not merely a place to stay in Paris — it is a living expression of the city's artistry, heritage and enduring sense of style.

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# Hyatt Regency Belgrade

## Belgrade, Serbia

Situated between Belgrade's historic core and its modern business district, Hyatt Regency Belgrade offers a refined gateway to Serbia's dynamic capital. Overlooking the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers, the hotel occupies a strategic yet composed position, allowing guests to experience both the city's vibrant energy and its quieter, more contemplative side. It is a property shaped by international standards, yet firmly grounded in local character.

Inside, contemporary design and spacious interiors create an atmosphere of understated luxury. Guest rooms and suites are thoughtfully appointed to balance comfort with functionality, offering serene retreats after days of meetings or cultural exploration. Natural light, clean lines and warm materials contribute to a sense of calm that contrasts beautifully with the city's lively rhythm.

Dining venues and wellness facilities complete the experience, presenting a blend of regional flavours and global cuisine alongside restorative spa and fitness spaces. Whether visiting for business, diplomatic engagements or leisure, guests find a setting defined by professionalism, elegance and attentive service. Hyatt Regency Belgrade stands as a confident expression of modern hospitality in the heart of Southeast Europe.

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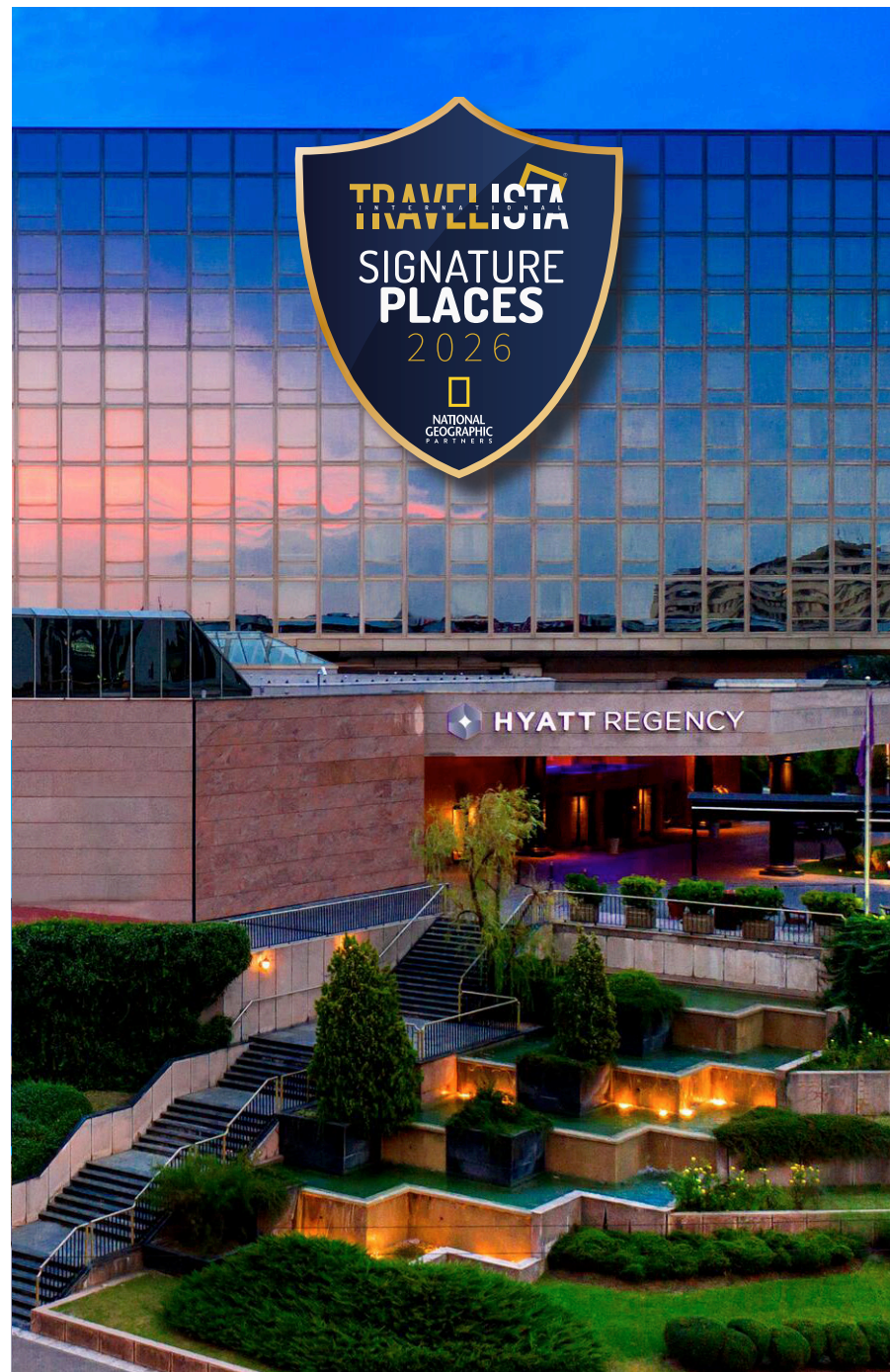


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# Melea

## Sarvár, Hungary

Nestled in the historic spa town of Sarvár, Melea offers a refreshingly modern retreat with seamless access to the region's restorative waters and cultural charm. The hotel's contemporary design sensibility merges effortlessly with the relaxed pace of this centuries-old wellness destination, creating a setting where understated style meets thoughtful comfort. Its location makes it an ideal base for combining rejuvenation with exploration of local traditions and landscapes.

Inside, Melea's spaces are composed with clarity and warmth — clean lines, natural materials and an inviting palette establish a calm atmosphere that feels both current and welcoming. Guest rooms and suites are designed as restful sanctuaries, offering balanced proportions and refined details that invite relaxation after a day at the spa or wandering the streets of Sarvár. Everywhere you go within the property, the sense of considered simplicity is unmistakable.

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# Aria Hotel Budapest

Budapest, Hungary

Just steps from St. Stephen's Basilica, Aria Hotel Budapest composes a stay where music and luxury move in perfect harmony. Inspired by four musical genres – classical, opera, jazz and contemporary – the hotel transforms hospitality into a curated sensory experience. Its intimate scale and central location allow guests to feel both immersed in the cultural heart of Budapest and comfortably removed from the city's rhythm.

Inside, design and melody intertwine with playful sophistication. Each room and suite is dedicated to a celebrated composer or artist, blending elegant furnishings with artistic detail and a refined colour palette. The glass-roofed Music Garden courtyard forms the hotel's vibrant centrepiece, creating a luminous social space that feels both cosmopolitan and welcoming. The atmosphere is creative yet composed, expressive yet undeniably luxurious.

Beyond its artistic identity, Aria Hotel Budapest offers elevated comfort through its rooftop High Note SkyBar, panoramic city views and a serene spa and wellness area. The experience feels personal and curated, guided by attentive service and a clear sense of character. Aria is not simply a place to stay – it is a hotel that celebrates culture, design and the enduring romance of Budapest.

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# Continental Hotel Budapest

## Budapest, Hungary

Located in the vibrant heart of Budapest, Continental Hotel Budapest occupies a distinctive Art Nouveau building that once housed the legendary Hungária Bath. Its architectural heritage lends the property a unique character, blending historic façade details with contemporary design sensibility. Just steps from the city's Grand Boulevard and within easy reach of cultural landmarks, the hotel offers both centrality and a sense of urban retreat.

Inside, the atmosphere is modern yet warmly inviting. Clean lines, soft lighting and thoughtful materials create interiors that feel composed and comfortable, while guest rooms provide a calm refuge from the city's dynamic pace. The design subtly references the building's historic roots without becoming nostalgic, ensuring that the experience remains firmly contemporary.

Rooftop spaces and wellness facilities add another dimension to the stay, offering views across Budapest's skyline and moments of quiet relaxation above the streets below. Whether exploring the nearby cafés and theatres or unwinding after a day of discovery, guests at Continental Hotel Budapest find a property that balances history, style and accessibility with effortless ease.

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# Kona Village

## Hawaii, USA

Some places live so deeply in memory that the thought of their return feels almost dangerous. When Kona Village — the Big Island’s bare-foot legend — was announced to reopen under the Rosewood banner after being destroyed by a tsunami in 2011, expectations were inevitably emotional. This was never just a resort; it was a feeling. A place where time slowed, shoes were forgotten, and the line between nature and nurture quietly disappeared.

Set along a raw stretch of lava rock on Hawaii’s western coast, Kona Village has always belonged to its surroundings. Palm trees lean into plumeria-scented trade winds, the Pacific hums just beyond the shoreline, and the landscape remains unapologetically volcanic. What once defined the resort — simplicity, disconnection, and a sense of spiritual calm — has not only survived the rebuild, but matured with it.

Today, the reimagined Kona Village is composed of 150 hale, still low-slung and respectful of the land, now refined through Rosewood’s lens. Interiors favour natural woods, soft neutral tones, and regional

artwork that reflects the island’s rhythms rather than competing with them. Modern comforts have been added discreetly, without disturbing the resort’s essential quietude.

Beloved landmarks have returned with care. The legendary Shipwreck Bar & Sushi, fashioned from the original owner’s boat, has been restored as a breezy beachfront ritual space, its mai tais as iconic as ever. A new Asaya Spa, built directly into lava rock, offers deeply restorative treatments inspired by local healing traditions. Kona Village’s rare achievement lies in its balance — honouring the emotional weight of its past while confidently stepping into the present.

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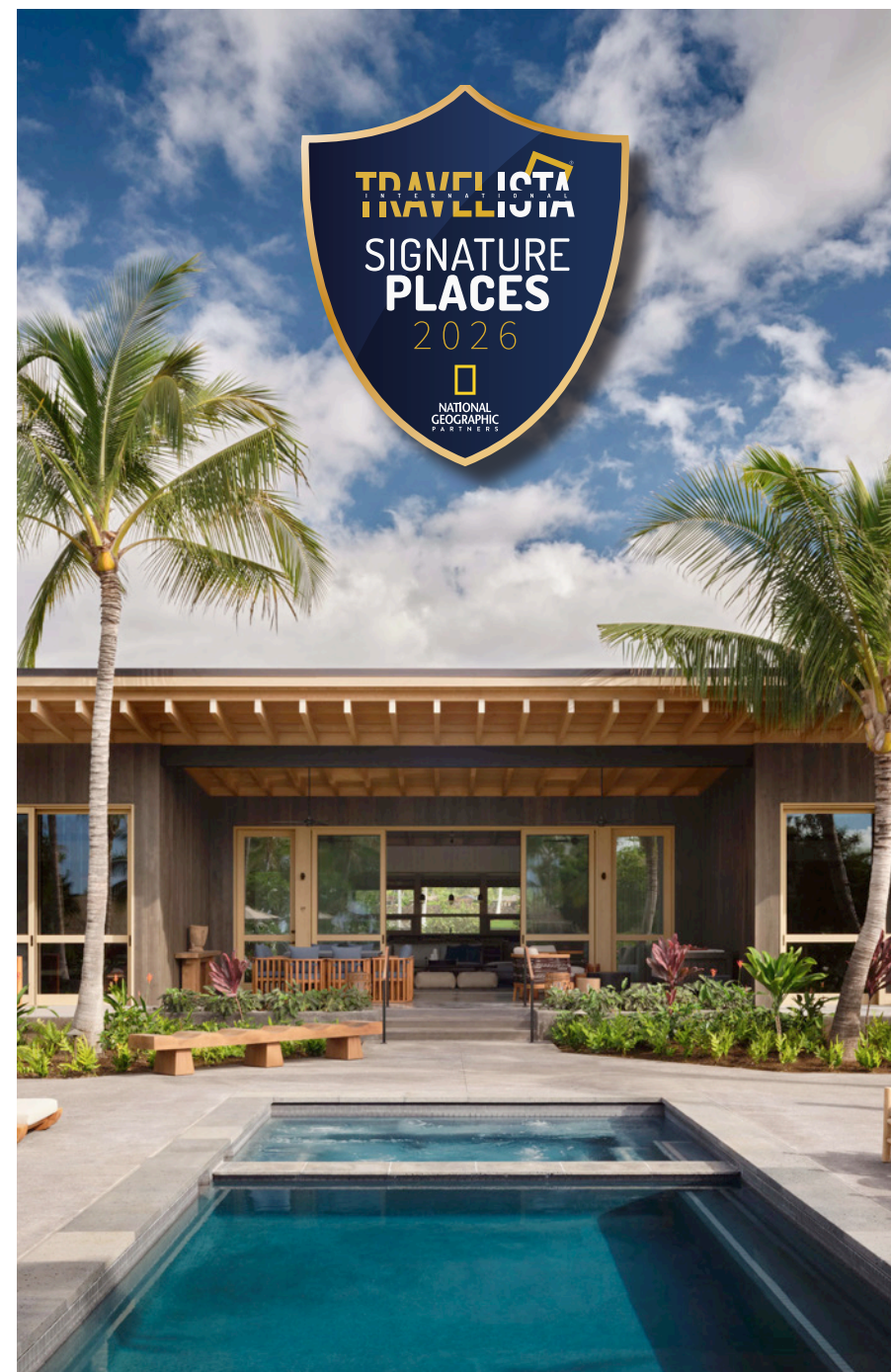


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# Mayfair House Hotel & Garden

Florida, USA

In the heart of Coconut Grove, Mayfair House Hotel & Garden has been quietly asserting its individuality since 1985. This is not a hotel that tries to blend in – it thrives on atmosphere, architecture, and a sense of cultivated eccentricity that feels entirely at home in Miami’s most storied neighbourhood.

The building itself is theatrical in the best sense. A dramatic open atrium rises through the centre, filled with cascading greenery and filtered light, setting the tone for interiors that lean into rich peacock blues, warm terra-cotta hues, and tactile materials. Many rooms feature oversized clawfoot tubs, generous layouts, and balconies so spacious they feel like outdoor living rooms – a rarity in the city, and a particular draw for families and longer stays.

Life here unfolds at an easy, sociable pace. Mornings drift into courtyard brunches with Key lime pancakes and sun-warmed avocado toast, while evenings bring wood-fired snapper, Iberico pork churrasco, and a gentle hum of

conversation that gathers around the lobby bar – set inside a repurposed fountain, no less. As night falls, rum-led cocktails, music, and bay-bound views capture the spirit of the Grove: relaxed, confident, and effortlessly expressive.

Mayfair House doesn’t chase trends. It celebrates space, design, and a sense of place – offering a Miami stay that feels grounded, characterful, and refreshingly unpolished in all the right ways.

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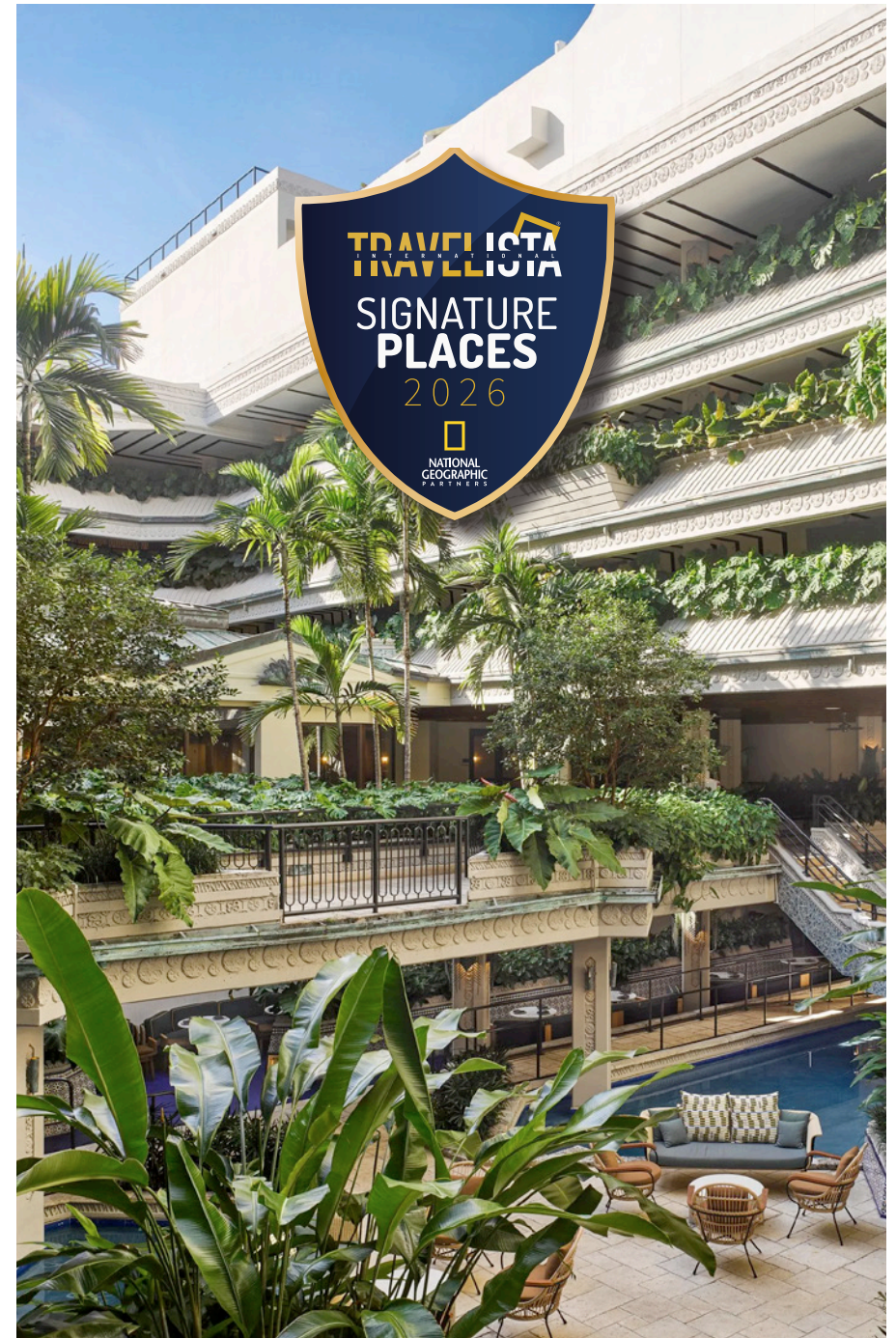


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# The Beverly Hills Hotel

## California, USA

Few hotels in the world carry the weight of their own mythology quite like The Beverly Hills Hotel. From the moment you step onto the red-carpeted entrance and into the palm-patterned lobby, the line between guest and protagonist quietly dissolves. This is the original Hollywood stage — a place where arrivals still feel ceremonial and history lingers in every shade of pink and green.

Set discreetly along Sunset Boulevard and wrapped in 12 acres of tropical gardens, the “Pink Palace” has long been a refuge for stars who wanted both visibility and privacy. Elizabeth Taylor famously spent six of her eight honeymoons here, and her spirit of glamour lives on in the legendary bungalows — particularly Bungalow 5, a tribute to her enduring legacy.

The Polo Lounge remains the epicentre of Los Angeles power dining, where deals are whispered over martinis and the city’s past and present quietly intersect. Yet what truly defines the Beverly Hills Hotel is not nostalgia alone, but the way it

continues to perform its role flawlessly. Service here is instinctive, warm, and unerringly attentive — the kind that makes every guest feel momentarily cast in a leading role.

This is not simply a hotel. It is Hollywood, distilled.

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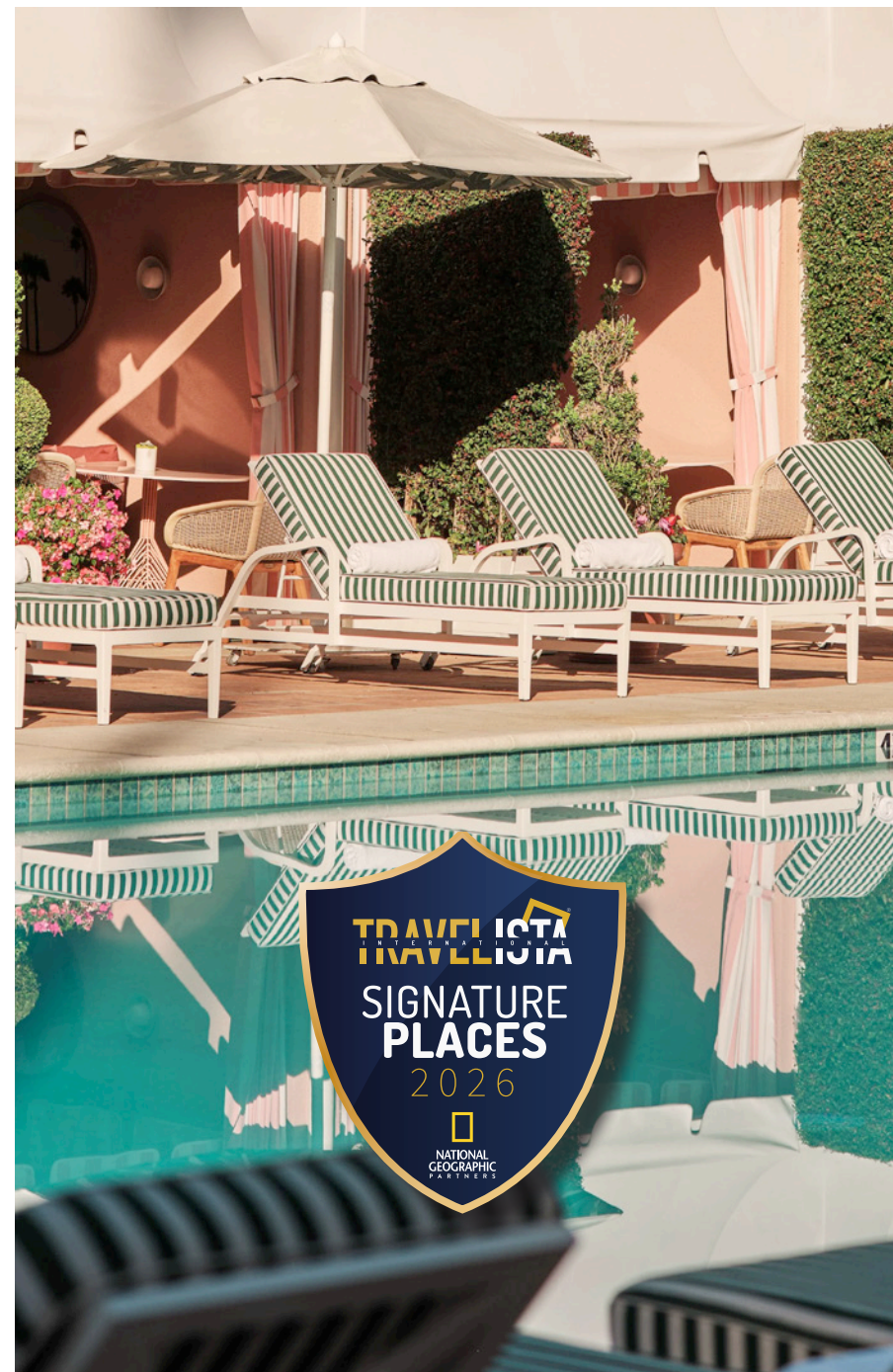


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# The Gasparilla Inn

Florida, USA

A living emblem of American hospitality, The Gasparilla Inn occupies a place all its own on a barrier island along Florida's Gulf Coast. Established in 1913, this historic landmark has grown gracefully over more than a century into a refined constellation of spaces: the original inn, now home to 63 rooms, a scattering of yellow clapboard cottages, a championship golf course set on its own island, and a generous beach club framed by palms, bougainvillea, and banyan trees, overlooking one of Florida's most beautiful stretches of sand.

What sets The Gasparilla Inn apart is not scale, but conviction. Interiors by Kemble Interiors embrace a joyful, unapologetic coastal maximalism — floral-saturated halls, coral-and-cream cottages facing the Gulf, and intimate rooms where colour, pattern, and tradition coexist without irony. Every detail feels deliberate, preserved rather than staged.

Owned by just three families across its 113-year history, the Inn remains fiercely protective of its heritage and privacy. Brass keys still hang where they always have,

reservations are made by phone, and generations of guests return to the same rooms, year after year. In an era of constant reinvention, The Gasparilla Inn endures by staying true — a rare example of old Florida not as nostalgia, but as living, breathing continuity

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# The Inn on Biltmore Estate

North Carolina, USA

In earthy, creative Asheville — a place better known for craft beer and mountain trails than Gilded Age grandeur — the Biltmore Estate rises as a magnificent anomaly. George Vanderbilt’s 250-room French Renaissance château remains the largest private home in the United States, and staying at The Inn on Biltmore Estate is the most immersive way to experience its scale, history, and atmosphere.

Set high above the estate’s 8,000 acres, the Inn offers sweeping views of the Blue Ridge Mountains and a sense of quiet separation from the modern world. The hospitality here channels the spirit of the Vanderbilts without slipping into theatrical excess: refined interiors, attentive service, and a rhythm that feels considered rather than showy. This is old-world elegance translated for contemporary comfort — formal enough to feel special, relaxed enough to feel natural.

The result is a rare balance: an experience rooted in historic extravagance, yet free of pretension.

One might call it not the Gilded Age, but the Gilded Comfort Age — where legacy, landscape, and luxury meet with effortless ease.

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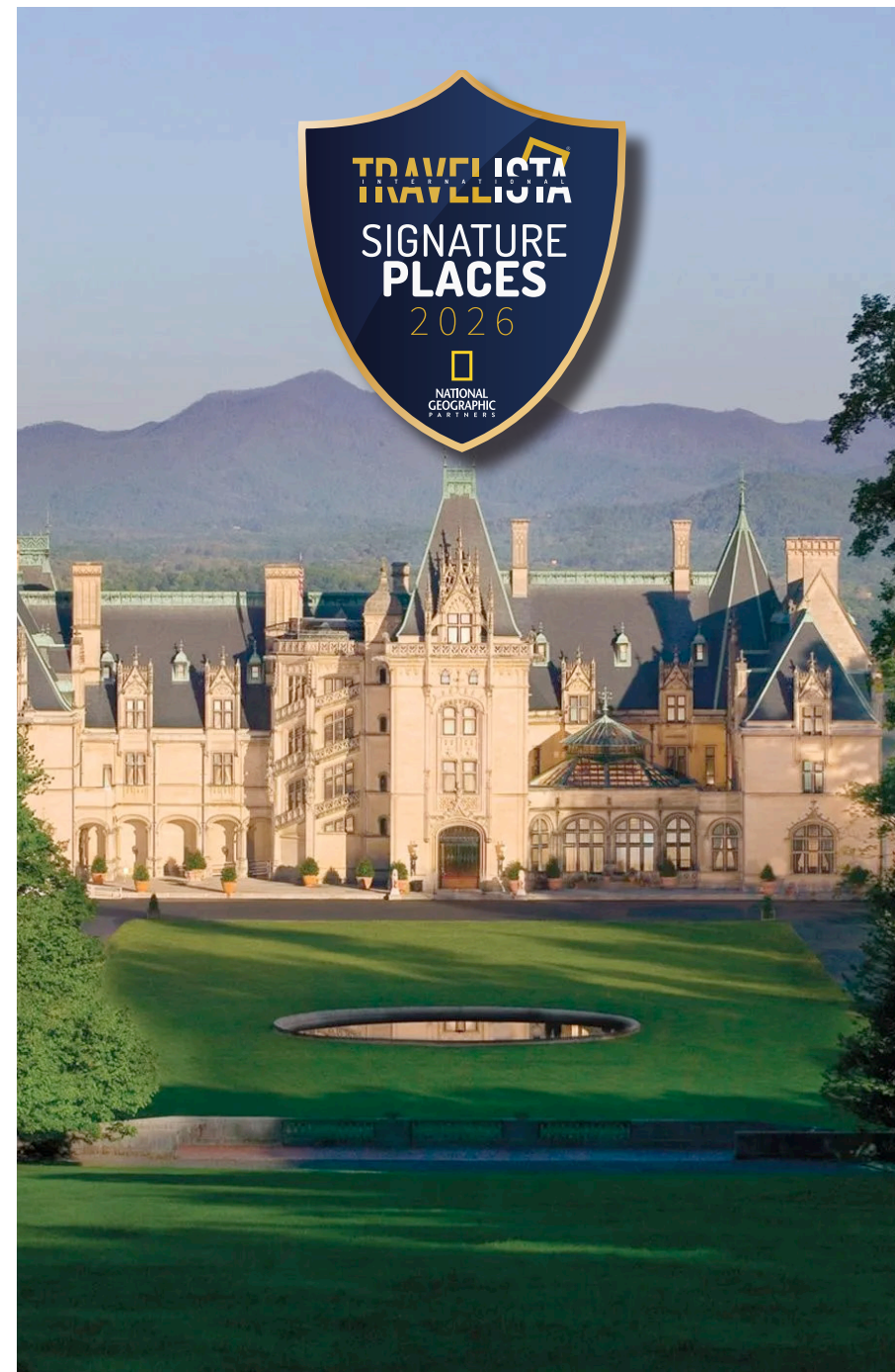


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# The Lodge at Primland

Virginia, USA

Hidden deep within the Blue Ridge Mountains, Primland feels like a refined outdoor sanctuary — a place where nature sets the agenda and luxury simply follows. Spread across 12,000 acres of forested highlands, the resort offers a rare blend of adventure and calm: horseback riding, hiking, fly fishing, an aerial adventure course, and evenings that end unhurriedly by the fire-pit with s'mores under the stars.

At the centre of the estate sits The Lodge, an intimate retreat with 23 suites and 30 rooms, designed as a warm, communal heart for the property. Yet accommodation here is deliberately diverse: guests may choose secluded tree houses hidden in the woods, elegant mountain homes, or a standalone six-bedroom residence for complete privacy. Movement across the vast landscape is part of the experience — whether by valet shuttle or your own car — reinforcing the sense of scale and freedom.

Primland's pleasures extend well beyond the outdoors. A championship golf course unfolds across ridgelines, offering cinematic views

from every hole, while the dining program elevates regional ingredients with confident restraint. One of the most memorable rituals takes place after dark: a guided stargazing session at the observatory, where the absence of light pollution reveals skies so vivid they have a habit of turning guests into amateur astronomers. Primland is not about doing everything at once — it's about choosing your pace and letting the mountains do the rest.

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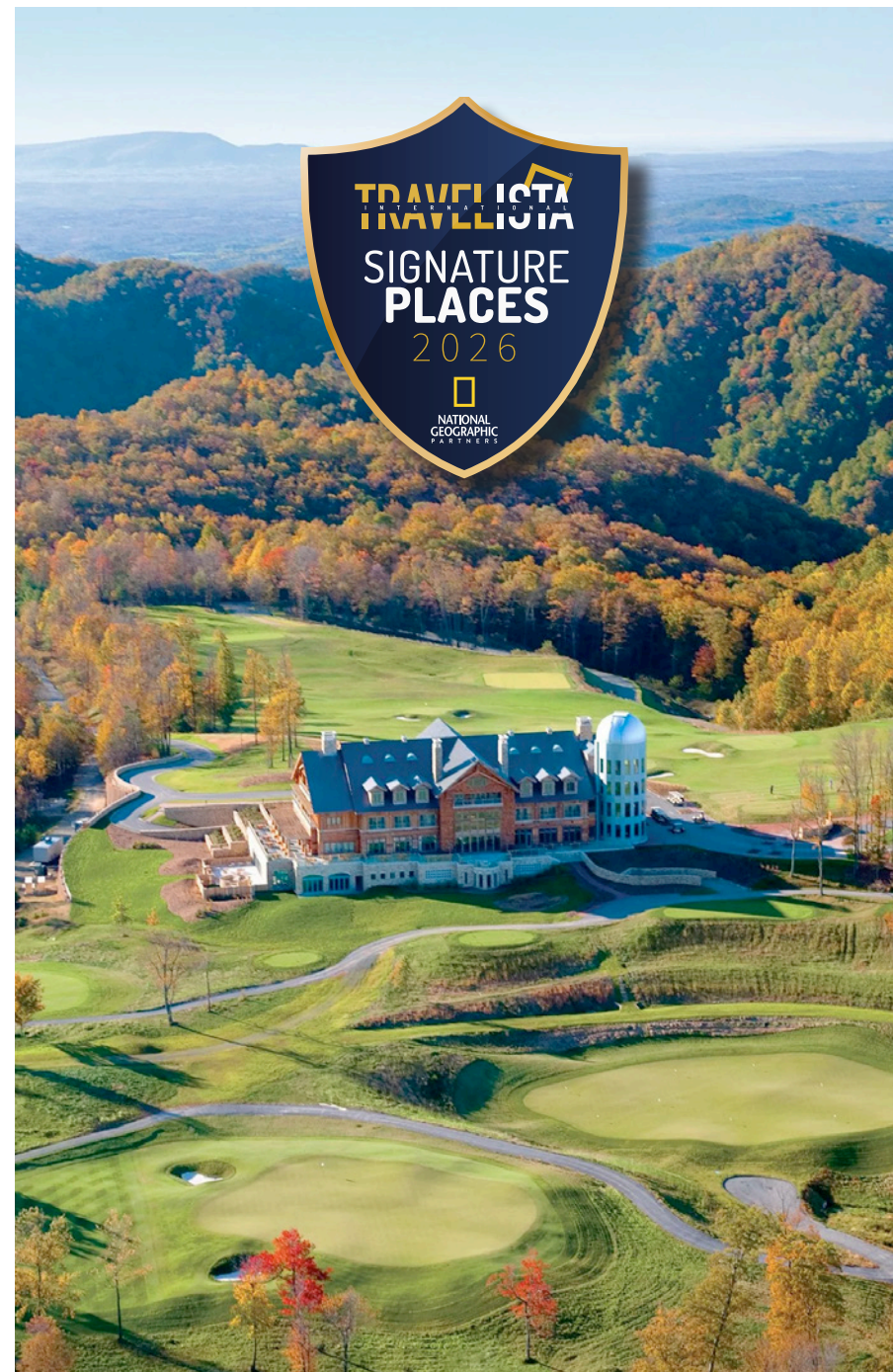


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# The Lowell

## New York City, USA

At a time when novelty and speed dominate the conversation, The Lowell continues to do something far more enduring: it remains itself. Tucked discreetly on a tree-lined block of Manhattan's Upper East Side, this intimate hotel has been setting the tone for quiet luxury since the 1920s. With just 74 rooms and suites — all sensitively reimaged by Michael S. Smith — the atmosphere feels residential rather than performative, elegant without ever demanding attention.

Life here moves at a gentler pace. You may wait a moment for one of the hotel's two elevators, but the pause feels intentional: a chance to take in the fresh flower arrangements placed throughout the building, or to appreciate the reassuring tactility of real room keys and proper light switches. These analogue details are not nostalgia for nostalgia's sake — they make daily life feel simpler, calmer, more human.

The Club Room, reserved exclusively for guests, is one of the hotel's quiet triumphs. With oak parquet floors, a fireplace, and a discreet bar, it sits beside the French res-

taurant Majorelle and functions as a private living room for those in the know. Beyond the hotel's doors, the Upper East Side itself is subtly evolving — with downtown fashion houses now lining Madison Avenue and the newly renovated Frick Collection reinforcing the neighbourhood's cultural gravitas. The Lowell stands at the centre of this renewed confidence, proving that true elegance never needs reinvention.

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# The Point

## New York, USA

A relic of America's Gilded Age escapism and the last surviving Adirondacks Great Camp still operating as a hotel, The Point feels less like a stay and more like a return to a vanished rhythm of life. Built in the early 1930s by William Avery Rockefeller II, this intimate lakeside retreat continues to celebrate a refined simplicity: just 11 rooms, almost no Wi-Fi, and days shaped by the seasons rather than schedules. In summer, guests glide across the water aboard a vintage Hacker-Craft; in winter, snowshoes, ice skates, and frozen lakes replace itineraries.

Life here unfolds communally and with gentle ceremony. Evenings centre around the lodge's great hall — stone hearth aglow, twig chairs gathered close — where guests dine together on elevated country fare such as venison and foie gras, with black-tie dinners adding a touch of theatrical elegance twice a week. What follows can be as formal or as playful as the mood allows: inner-tubing down snowy banks in tuxedos and gowns is not out of character.

What lingers most, however, is the sense of belonging. Fellow guests quickly feel like old friends, but it's the staff who make The Point feel unmistakably like home — appearing with midnight grilled cheese, sharing stories of local maple sugaring, or quietly delivering a bottle of fresh syrup to your room. And when it's time to leave, your favourite coffee is waiting in the car's cupholder. Not as a luxury gesture, but as a family habit.

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# Sheldon Chalet

Alaska, USA

Set atop a five-acre granite outcropping deep within the Alaska Range, Sheldon Chalet occupies one of the most extraordinary locations in the world – ten miles from the summit of Denali and suspended above the vast Ruth Glacier. The journey itself is part of the experience: a helicopter flight from Anchorage or Talkeetna traces ancient river valleys and wildlife corridors before circling Denali’s sheer granite walls and entering the legendary Great Gorge. Then, almost improbably, the chalet appears – a modern alpine refuge seemingly floating among clouds and ice.

Despite its extreme remoteness, Sheldon Chalet is defined by comfort, calm, and a surprising sense of ease. Interiors balance alpine chic with warmth and restraint, while service is intuitive and quietly impeccable – Champagne appears within moments of landing, without ceremony or fuss. With no cell signal or Wi-Fi, time slows naturally. Guests may linger by the fire, framed by panoramic windows and endless snowfields, or venture out on guid-

ed glacier treks and ski tours that reveal the raw scale of the landscape.

In winter, the experience reaches its most otherworldly peak. The aurora borealis regularly ignites the sky above the chalet, best admired from the observation deck, where staff provide blankets, cocktails, and a respectful silence. Sheldon Chalet is not simply remote luxury – it is immersion at the edge of the inhabitable world, where isolation becomes privilege and stillness the ultimate indulgence.

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# Wickaninnish Inn

## Tofino, Canada

On the wild western edge of Vancouver Island, where Pacific storms arrive with full force, the Wickaninnish Inn has transformed nature's fury into its greatest asset. From November through March, Tofino enters storm-watching season — a phenomenon the inn helped pioneer — when gale-force winds and towering waves turn the coastline into a live theatre of elemental power. Perched on a rocky headland at the northern end of Chesterman Beach and encircled by ancient temperate rainforest, the hotel enjoys a front-row seat to this spectacle.

All 75 rooms are designed around the drama outside, with expansive hurricane-proof windows that frame the churning Pacific like moving paintings. The Pointe Restaurant, wrapped entirely in floor-to-ceiling glass, allows guests to dine while waves crash and storms unfold just metres away. Beyond the weather, the concierge team curates deeply local experiences — from bear-watching excursions to guided hikes through the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

Winter days often begin with wellies and raincoats on the beach, feeling the raw spray of the ocean, and end indoors beside a roaring fire, hands wrapped around mugs of hot cocoa. The Wickaninnish Inn is not about escaping the elements, but embracing them — a rare place where comfort and wilderness exist in perfect, exhilarating balance.

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# Inkaterra La Casona

## Cusco, Peru

Few hotels embody the layered history of Cusco as completely as Inkaterra La Casona. Built atop former training grounds for Incan nobility, the house later became a residence for Spanish conquistadors in the 16th century and, centuries on, hosted Simón Bolívar during Peru's fight for independence. Each chapter is quietly present, woven into thick stone walls, proportions, and the gravity of the place itself.

A meticulous five-year restoration has returned the property to its former dignity. At its heart lies a serene courtyard framed by original stone archways and wooden balconies, offering a rare sense of stillness in the historic centre of the city. With just 11 suites, La Casona feels more like a private residence than a hotel, defined by intimacy, discretion, and warmth.

Inside, the rooms lean into timeless comfort: velvet armchairs, working fireplaces, freestanding bathtubs scattered with fresh eucalyptus leaves, and a softness that invites lingering rather than spectacle. Inkaterra La Casona is not a base for sightseeing but a destination in its own right — a place where Cusco's past is not displayed, but quietly lived.

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# Hotel Altstadt Vienna

## Vienna, Austria

Nestled in Vienna's artistic Spittelberg district, Hotel Altstadt Vienna is a boutique haven where creativity and comfort blend seamlessly. Housed in a collection of historic buildings, the hotel reflects the city's rich cultural tapestry while offering a distinctively contemporary sensibility. Guests are immersed in an atmosphere that feels both personal and cosmopolitan – an ideal base for exploring Vienna's galleries, cafés and architectural landmarks.

The interiors are thoughtfully curated with an artful eye, showcasing original pieces from local and international artists alongside elegant design elements. Guest rooms and suites vary in character but share a consistent commitment to warmth, comfort and individuality. Each space feels intentional, balancing artistic inspiration with places of retreat where guests can unwind after exploring the city's vibrant streets.

Beyond its rooms, Hotel Altstadt Vienna fosters a sense of community and quiet discovery. Inviting lounges and intimate corners encourage conversation or repose, while attentive service adds a layer of ease to every stay. Whether savouring a morning coffee, browsing the nearby art galleries or strolling through charming cobblestone streets, guests find a property that resonates with Vienna's cultural spirit.

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# Michelberger Hotel

## Berlin, Germany

In one of Berlin's most creative quarters, Michelberger Hotel embodies the city's rebellious spirit and inventive soul. Far from a conventional place to stay, this property feels like a lived-in art piece — where design, community and culture converge with unapologetic originality. Its location places guests within a vibrant neighbourhood of independent cafés, galleries and music venues, creating a sense of connection to the city's energetic life.

Inside, the atmosphere is characterised by playful design, eclectic touches and a relaxed ease that feels genuine rather than styled. Each space reveals unexpected details — handcrafted furniture, quirky artwork and thoughtful contrasts that create environments both visually engaging and deeply comfortable. Guest rooms and suites are intimate and expressive, offering sanctuary without sacrificing personality or warmth. The aesthetic is bold yet approachable, reflecting Berlin's creative confidence in every corner.

Beyond aesthetics, Michelberger Hotel fosters a sense of belonging and curiosity. Communal areas encourage interaction and storytelling, whether over thoughtfully prepared drinks or spontaneous conversations. Live events, cultural collaborations and a dynamic social atmosphere add another layer to the experience, turning a stay into something participatory rather than passive. It is a place that feels at once like a creative hub and a welcoming retreat — an authentic slice of Berlin's cultural fabric where every stay becomes part of a broader narrative.

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# The Ritz-Carlton Amman

## Amman, Jordan

Perched in one of Amman’s most prestigious districts, The Ritz-Carlton, Amman brings an unmistakable blend of refined elegance and warm Middle Eastern hospitality to Jordan’s vibrant capital. Its commanding presence on the skyline offers guests panoramic views of the city’s undulating hills, marrying cosmopolitan sophistication with a sense of place rooted in the region’s history. The hotel’s atmosphere reflects both contemporary luxury and timeless cultural resonance, creating an inviting base for exploration and repose.

Inside, meticulously appointed interiors balance modern design with subtle nods to local tradition. Spacious rooms and suites are crafted as serene sanctuaries, where thoughtful furnishings and soft palettes create spaces of comfort and calm. Floor-to-ceiling windows allow natural light to animate the rooms, while service remains attentive and discreet, el-

evating each stay with an unmistakable Ritz-Carlton sense of grace.

Culinary offerings at The Ritz-Carlton, Amman reflect the rich tapestry of regional and global flavours, showcased in elegant settings that range from relaxed all-day dining to intimate signature experiences. Wellness and leisure spaces – including a luxurious spa and state-of-the-art fitness facilities – invite relaxation and renewal after a day of city discovery. Here, the rhythms of Amman become part of the experience, with the hotel serving as both sanctuary and gateway to the city’s cultural heartbeat.

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# Naviva, A Four Seasons Resort

Punta Mita, Mexico

Naviva stands apart on the Punta Mita peninsula not because of spectacle, but because of how it makes you feel. Set on a quietly beautiful arc of golden sand just north of Puerto Vallarta, this adults-only Four Seasons retreat replaces the usual markers of luxury with something far rarer: a profound sense of calm. The setting is intimate and deliberately low-key — just 15 tented bungalows scattered across 48 acres of forest, each generously proportioned, thoughtfully designed, and oriented toward the ocean.

The architecture takes its cue from nature rather than competing with it. The tented suites feel open and grounded, with ocean-facing decks that invite slow mornings and unstructured afternoons. What truly defines Naviva, however, is its all-inclusive philosophy, which removes the mental arithmetic that so often interrupts rest. With nothing to sign and nothing to tally, relaxation deepens almost immediately.

There is no traditional spa, only private treatment pods with outdoor soaking tubs hidden among the trees. Dining follows the same

intuitive rhythm: no fixed hours, no set menu. Instead, chefs guide each meal based on what's fresh, seasonal, and desired in the moment — and if you crave something off-script and the ingredients are available, it simply happens. Naviva's luxury lies in this freedom, in the absence of formality, and in the feeling that time has finally loosened its grip.

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# Posada Ayana

José Ignacio, Uruguay

In José Ignacio — a former fishing village turned one of South America’s most quietly refined coastal enclaves — Posada Ayana feels less like a hotel and more like a personal retreat shaped by art, light, and restraint. Open seasonally from November to March, this family-run property is inseparable from its most extraordinary neighbour: Ta Khut, James Turrell’s Skyspace, which sits just steps away and subtly informs the rhythm of the stay.

The hotel reflects the sensibility of its owners, Edda and Robert Kofler, whose personal art collection quietly defines the interiors. Fourteen suites and two villas are conceived as calm, light-filled spaces, with floor-to-ceiling windows that blur the boundary between inside and out. The atmosphere is deliberately hushed — designed for guests who value stillness as much as beauty.

Days unfold gently here: early mornings spent watching the Skyspace transform with the rising sun, afternoons by the green-marble infinity pool with a glass of chilled rosé, evenings shaped by conversation rather than schedule. The re-

cent opening of Bliss, a Japanese-inspired, fire-led kitchen, adds a new layer to the experience — restrained, elemental, and perfectly in tune with the hotel’s understated spirit.

Posada Ayana is not about distraction or display. It is a place for art lovers, light seekers, and travellers drawn to destinations that speak softly — and stay with you long after you leave.

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# Minos Beach Art Hotel

Crete, Greece

On Crete’s north coast, between Agios Nikolaos and Elounda, there is a hotel that never needs to raise its voice to become unforgettable. From the first moment, **Minos Beach Art Hotel** feels like a retreat—close to life, yet somehow intensely private. Set on its own small peninsula, it offers the rare illusion of distance: even when civilization is only minutes away, you feel as if you’ve slipped far beyond it. That sense of calm, space, and discreet seclusion has long made it a favorite for guests who don’t chase sparkle, but atmosphere.

Accommodation unfolds here like a well-told story. Rooms and suites in the main building offer serenity with the sea as a constant backdrop; bungalows move you closer to the shoreline and farther from everyone else; and the villas add an extra layer of privacy with their own pools. Luxury is present, but never performed—comfort is natural, never loud. And when you

finally pull yourself away from the terrace and the view, the hotel reveals another identity: it is also a gallery. Its art collection is substantial, and simply walking the grounds becomes an experience in itself.

Gastronomy is one of Minos Beach’s quiet strengths. Four restaurants can keep you in a gentle “stay a little longer” rhythm for days—ranging from traditional Cretan flavors to Mediterranean interpretations that feel contemporary, yet unmistakably island-born. On the private beach, a diving center opens the door to the island’s energy below the surface. Minos Beach doesn’t prescribe an itinerary; it simply gives you every reason to create your own.

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# Caesars Gardens Hotel & Spa

## Rhodes, Greece

The name may suggest grandeur, but the true charm of Caesars Gardens lies in its restraint. This is a hotel that chooses intimacy over spectacle. Set on a garden-covered hillside on the eastern coast of Rhodes, overlooking Lindos, it feels deliberately removed from the crowds while remaining unmistakably Greek. Small, focused, and quietly personal, its twenty-three rooms are not a limitation but a philosophy.

Interiors carry a refined Aegean signature: stone, wood, artisanal textures, and materials that feel lived-in rather than polished to perfection. Boutique-level comfort is ever-present—beautifully finished bathrooms, modern amenities, and an aesthetic that is relaxed rather than stylized. Accommodation ranges from generous rooms to suites and bungalows, all naturally oriented around the central pool and whirlpool, where the hotel's calm social rhythm gently unfolds.

Magnolia Spa operates without spectacle, and that is precisely its strength—relaxation here is a state of mind, not a performance. The culinary approach follows a farm-to-table ethos, grounded in Greek flavors that are honest rather than overinterpreted. Caesars Gardens is not a hotel you choose for a photograph, but for the reassurance that somewhere there exists a place where everything feels exactly right.

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# JW Marriott Crete Resort & Spa

## Chania, Crete, Greece

Set along the sun-drenched coast-line near Chania, JW Marriott Crete Resort & Spa introduces a contemporary vision of Mediterranean luxury. Framed by the deep blue of the Cretan Sea and the island's rugged natural beauty, the resort is designed as a seamless extension of its landscape. Earth-toned architecture, open spaces and panoramic horizons create an atmosphere that feels both expansive and intimately connected to place.

Accommodation reflects a philosophy of understated elegance, where natural materials and soft textures enhance the sense of calm. Many rooms and suites offer private pools or terraces overlooking the sea, allowing guests to experience Crete's light and breeze in complete privacy. The design prioritises balance — between indoor and outdoor living, between modern refinement and the raw beauty of the island.

Culinary experiences celebrate both Cretan tradition and international gastronomy, while the spa and wellness facilities invite deep restoration inspired by the rhythms of the Mediterranean. Days unfold between sea views, slow sunsets and quiet moments of renewal. JW Marriott Crete Resort & Spa is not simply a beachfront destination, but a composed sanctuary where landscape, luxury and mindful hospitality meet in harmony.

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# Mystery Hotel Budapest

## Budapest, Hungary

Housed within a 19th-century palace in the heart of Budapest, Mystery Hotel Budapest lives up to its name with theatrical flair and architectural intrigue. The building's historic grandeur provides a dramatic backdrop for a stay that blends imagination with refinement. From the moment of arrival, the atmosphere feels immersive — a place where symbolism, history and contemporary luxury intersect in unexpected ways.

Inside, interiors draw inspiration from eclectic historical motifs, classical columns and mythological references, all interpreted through a bold, modern lens. Guest rooms and suites balance decorative character with comfort, offering elegant spaces designed to surprise without overwhelming. Hidden details and playful design elements reveal themselves gradually, rewarding attentive guests with moments of discovery. The hotel's distinctive style is matched

by attentive service, ensuring that behind the spectacle lies a seamless and welcoming experience.

Rooftop views across Budapest add yet another dimension to the stay, framing the city's skyline in memorable fashion. Whether dining in atmospheric surroundings or unwinding in refined wellness spaces, guests discover a property that transforms hospitality into storytelling. Evenings bring a particular charm, as soft lighting enhances the building's dramatic lines and the city glows beyond its terraces. Mystery Hotel Budapest is not simply about accommodation — it is about atmosphere, drama and the art of curated escape.

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# Hermitage Hotel Prague

## Prague, Czech Republic

Set within a beautifully restored early 20th-century building, Hermitage Hotel Prague combines architectural heritage with contemporary comfort in one of the city's most characterful districts. Located along the Vltava River and within easy reach of Prague's historic centre, the hotel offers a refined urban retreat away from the busiest tourist paths while remaining effortlessly connected to the city's cultural landmarks.

Inside, the atmosphere is calm and thoughtfully composed. Clean lines, soft textures and warm tones create interiors that feel elegant without excess, allowing guests to unwind in understated comfort. Rooms and suites are designed with both leisure and business travellers in mind, offering spacious layouts and a sense of quiet that contrasts beautifully with Prague's vibrant streets. Large windows invite natural light into the spaces, enhancing the feeling of openness and clarity.

Every detail is curated to ensure a stay that feels seamless and intuitive.

Beyond its rooms, Hermitage Hotel Prague provides welcoming communal spaces and attentive service that reflect a modern European approach to hospitality. A rooftop terrace offers a peaceful vantage point over the city's rooftops, creating a rare moment of pause above the urban rhythm. The surrounding neighbourhood invites exploration – from riverside walks to local cafés and galleries – while the hotel itself remains a composed sanctuary to return to. It is a property that balances location, heritage and contemporary ease with effortless precision.

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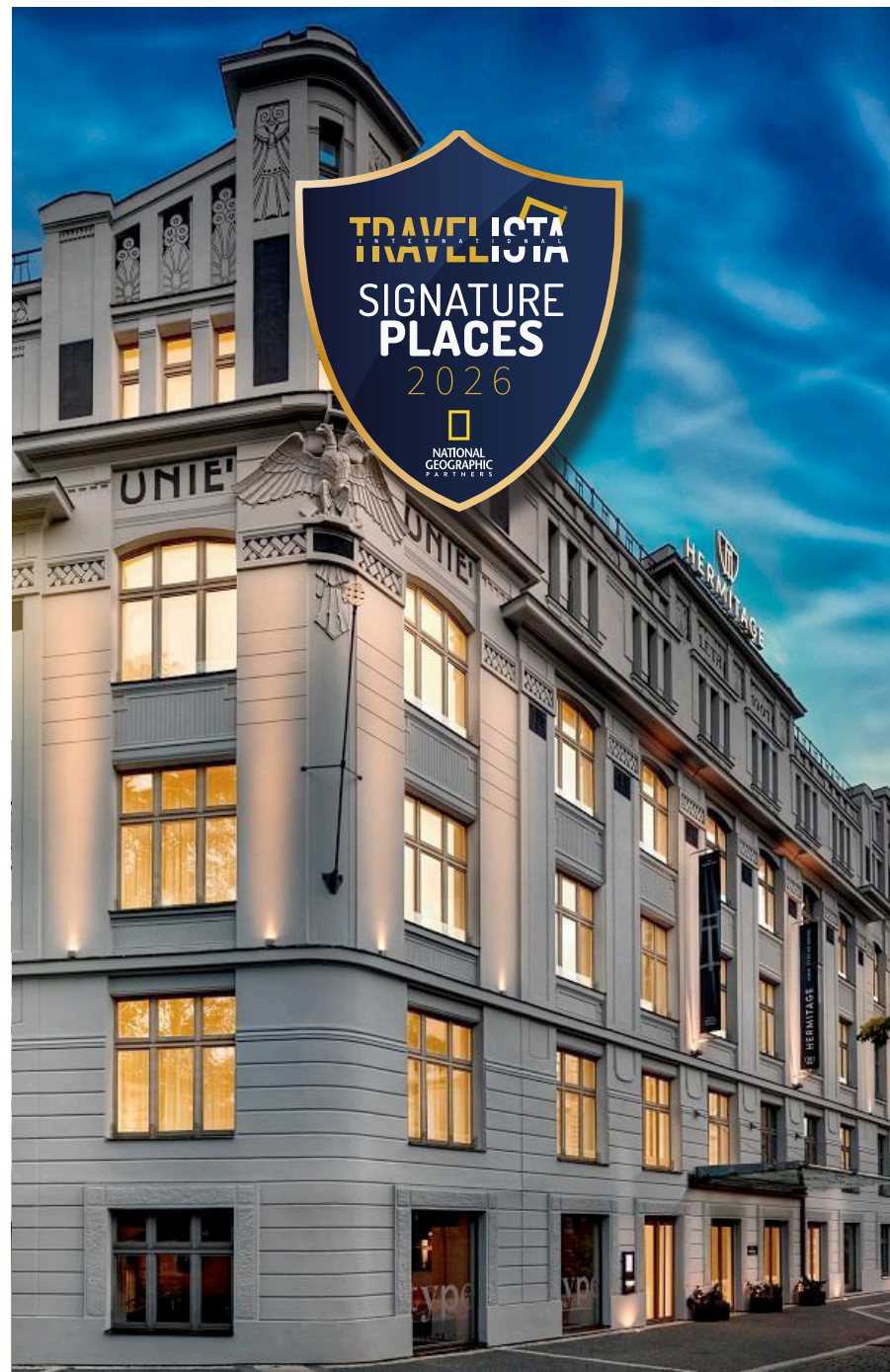


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# Hotel Stein

## Salzburg, Austria

Perched above the Salzach River with sweeping views toward the Old Town and Hohensalzburg Fortress, Hotel Stein is a contemporary design hotel rooted in the rich heritage of Salzburg. Its location on the doorstep of the historic city centre offers guests a blend of cultural immersion and refined modern comfort – a base from which to explore Salzburg’s world-renowned music, architecture and timeless charm. From the moment you step inside, the hotel feels both current and deeply connected to its surroundings.

Inside, the interiors resonate with bold design, clean lines and expressive details that reflect the creativity of the region. Thoughtfully curated art and bespoke furnishings bring warmth and personality to every space, while rooms and suites are composed as sophisticated sanctuaries with panoramic views. The harmony of light, texture and architecture creates an atmosphere that feels both energised and composed.

Beyond its striking aesthetic, Hotel Stein offers refined service, welcoming communal spaces and an engaging rooftop terrace – where guests can enjoy panoramas of Salzburg’s spires and mountain backdrop. Whether savouring local cuisine framed by city views or unwinding after a day of exploration, the experience here feels inherently tied to the soul of the city. It is a place where design, heritage and contemporary hospitality coexist with effortless poise.

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# Hotel Motto

## Vienna, Austria

Situated in the vibrant heart of Vienna, Hotel Motto offers a refreshingly contemporary take on city-centre hospitality. Just a short walk from iconic cultural landmarks, historic boulevards and lively cafés, the hotel blends sleek design with approachable comfort. Its presence reflects Vienna's dynamic character — where tradition meets modern urban life — making it an engaging base for both leisure and business travellers.

The interiors are defined by clean lines, thoughtful materials and a confident sense of style that feels distinctly current. Guest rooms and suites are composed to maximise comfort and tranquillity, using a refined palette and well-considered layouts that invite rest after busy days of exploration. Throughout the property, subtle design flourishes and intelligent spatial planning contribute to a cohesive atmosphere that feels fresh and composed.

Hotel Motto also offers lively communal spaces designed for connection and ease, from relaxed lounges to welcoming dining experiences that reflect the city's contemporary culinary scene. Its location places guests within easy reach of Vienna's rich cultural tapestry — from museums and galleries to historic landmarks and modern boutiques. It is a property where urban energy, thoughtful design and genuine hospitality come together in harmony.

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# Daios Cove Luxury Resort

## Crete, Greece

Some hotels look as if they belong on a film set—and **Daios Cove** is exactly that kind of place. A modernist complex carved into a hillside above a secluded bay, it appears at first glance as a perfectly orchestrated world, where everything moves to a clear, deliberate rhythm. What surprises most, however, is how naturally it accommodates real holiday life. This is not an adults-only escape; quite the opposite. Daios Cove welcomes families with remarkable ease, without ever compromising on style or serenity.

The rooms begin at a level that elsewhere might be considered a pinnacle, yet here it feels like an opening chapter. From Deluxe Sea View rooms, space, perspective, and privacy gradually expand into suites and villas, where the defining difference is the size and character of the private pool. The ratio of pools to rooms borders on extravagance—and in practice, it means genuine privacy is always within reach. One thing, however, remains constant throughout: a sea view is a given, not a privilege.

When your private pool no longer calls, a large outdoor pool awaits, as does an interior spa zone with indoor pools and a wellness atmosphere that feels like a world of its own. At the foot of the hill lies the beach, paired with the kind of water activities you come to Greece for—present, but never intrusive. Restaurants and bars are positioned to keep you visually connected to the bay and its shifting light. Daios Cove is the kind of hotel where, after two days, you may suddenly realize that you don't actually need to go anywhere at all.

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# Vora

## Santorini, Greece

On Santorini, nature speaks with such authority that most hotels choose a simple strategy: follow tradition, stay white, stay quiet, and never compete with the view. Vora proves that contemporary design can be just as humble—and quietly powerful. Built by hand into the hillside and guided by a minimalist architectural language, the hotel doesn't challenge the caldera but subtly frames it. This is luxury achieved not by adding more, but by carefully taking things away.

With only three villas, Vora feels less like a hotel and more like a private retreat. Each villa offers a separate living area, dining space, expansive verandas, an infinity whirlpool, and even a fully equipped kitchen that can be brought to life by a private chef. The color palette is restrained, earthy accents feel organic, and the entire space breathes with an effortless lightness—as if every non-essential element has been intentionally removed.

And then there is the moment that can't be designed or purchased:

the caldera itself, shifting colors with every passing hour. Vora is for travelers who don't want to simply "do" Santorini, but to feel it slowly. This is not a place for schedules or itineraries. It is a place for silence—and for understanding its value.

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# Parilio

## Paros, Greece

Evaluating the Greek islands is always slightly unfair, because each one offers its own reason to fall in love. Paros, however, has a rare ability to convince even those who believe they already know Greece well. **Parilio** is a hotel that translates this quiet confidence into experience. Set on the island's northeastern coast, it rises from a landscape where minimalism is not a trend but a tradition. Everything feels timeless—carefully refined, calm, and naturally in place.

The architecture follows the island's own language: whitewashed stone, organic lines, and a muted palette that blends seamlessly into the terrain. The thirty-three suites feel modern yet grounded, minimal without losing warmth. Each opens onto a private terrace, while higher categories add whirlpools or private pools, allowing guests to settle into an unhurried island rhythm shaped entirely on their own terms.

At the center of the hotel, the main pool anchors the experience with a sense of quiet continuity, while the spa offers a deeper layer of restoration. The restaurant focus-

es on local Mediterranean flavors, prepared with restraint and clarity rather than spectacle. With Naoussa and Kolymbithres Beach close at hand, Parilio strikes a rare balance—refined yet relaxed, discreet yet memorable. It is a hotel for those who value atmosphere over excess, and who understand that true luxury often speaks in a softer voice.

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# Porto Zante Villas & Spa

## Zakynthos, Greece

Some islands don't need global fame to be extraordinary. Zakynthos is exactly that kind of place—a jewel on the Ionian side of Greece, shaped by dramatic landscapes, the iconic Navagio Beach, and an atmosphere distinctly different from the headline destinations of the Aegean. It is here that Porto Zante Villas & Spa finds its natural setting, a resort built around what is truly rare in Greece today: privacy, immediate access to the sea, and a form of luxury that feels complete yet unmistakably island-born.

The villas range from one to four bedrooms, but all operate on the same elevated level of comfort. Private pools, direct beach access, expansive bedrooms, and furnishings by internationally renowned design brands create an environment more reminiscent of a world-class private residence than a traditional resort. Bathrooms are conceived as places to linger, with whirlpools, rain showers, and generous space, reinforcing the sense that nothing here is transitional. This is holiday luxury in its purest form—where comfort and atmosphere are not choices, but givens.

What truly distinguishes Porto Zante is its attention to detail beyond accommodation. Gastronomy is treated with equal seriousness: one restaurant focuses on refined Greek and Mediterranean cuisine, while another introduces a precise Asian approach through sushi and sashimi made from the freshest Ionian seafood. Add a spa, children's club, water sports, beach yoga, tennis, and even horseback riding, and the offering feels remarkably complete. Yet Porto Zante remains intentionally small, with just fifteen villas—a rare kind of place that, once discovered, feels almost too special not to keep to yourself.

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# Muwa Niseko

## Hokkaido, Japan

At the foot of Niseko Grand Hirafu, where winter powder defines a global benchmark and summer reveals a quieter alpine Japan, Muwa Niseko reimagines the mountain retreat through a lens of contemporary elegance. This is a place where traditional Japanese restraint meets refined modern comfort, expressed through clean architectural lines, natural materials and a deep respect for the surrounding landscape. The experience feels intimate yet elevated, designed as much for contemplation as for adventure.

Accommodation ranges from thoughtfully designed studios to the exceptional Mt. Yotei penthouse, each space shaped around privacy and stillness. Private infinity onsens, outdoor fire pits and expansive terraces turn every stay into a personal ritual, whether framed by falling snow or lush summer greens. Interiors balance warmth and precision, creating an atmosphere that is calm without ever feeling minimalistic or cold.

Culinary excellence is central to the Muwa Niseko identity. Two Michelin-starred restaurant brands anchor the dining experience, offering cuisine that reflects both Japanese craftsmanship and international finesse. Combined with ski-in, ski-out access, wellness facilities and panoramic views of Mount Yotei, Muwa Niseko stands as a destination in its own right — a refined mountain sanctuary where luxury is measured not by excess, but by clarity, silence and intent.

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# One&Only Mandarin

## Riviera Nayarit, Mexico

Hidden deep within the emerald folds of Mexico's Pacific rainforest, One&Only Mandarin is less a resort than a carefully revealed world. Set on the slopes of an ancient volcanic crater, its villas and residences appear to float between jungle and ocean, almost disappearing into the canopy. Architecture here does not dominate the landscape; it yields to it. Timber, stone and open terraces create a sense of continuity between indoors and out, while private pools and uninterrupted ocean views ensure that nature is always part of the experience.

Accommodation is deliberately expansive, ranging from secluded villas to multi-bedroom residences designed for families and private gatherings. Each space feels resolutely private, as if carved out for a single moment, a single guest. The rhythm of the resort is shaped not by schedules but by light: mornings filtered through rainforest mist, afternoons opening toward the Pacific, evenings settling into slow sunsets viewed from dramatic cliffside vantage points.

Beyond its architecture, One&Only Mandarin distinguishes itself through the breadth of experiences offered without ever feeling overwhelming. Guests can move effortlessly from equestrian trails and golf fairways to water sports along the coast, from wellness rituals to a treetop kids' club designed as thoughtfully as any adult space. It is a destination where leaving feels unnecessary—not because the outside world is distant, but because everything essential has already been brought quietly together.

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# The Gritti Palace

## Venice, Italy

Few hotels embody the spirit of Venice as completely as The Gritti Palace. Set directly on the Grand Canal in a meticulously preserved 15th-century palazzo, the hotel is not merely a place to stay, but a continuation of the city's aristocratic past. Its grandeur feels organic rather than staged — the result of centuries of history layered with an uncompromising commitment to craftsmanship, art and detail. Here, Venice is not observed from a distance; it is lived from within its most elegant traditions.

Each of the 82 rooms and suites is individually designed, wrapped in Rubelli fabrics, marble, antique furnishings and museum-worthy artworks. Murano chandeliers glow beneath frescoed ceilings, while pastel and jewel-toned walls create an atmosphere that is rich yet never overwhelming. The bathrooms, expansive and sculpted in marble, echo the sense of old-world indulgence that defines the entire property. Nothing feels replicated; every space carries its own identity and rhythm.

For those seeking the ultimate Venetian experience, the Redentore Terrazza Suite stands in a class of its own. Spanning two levels and crowned with a private rooftop terrace and plunge pool, it offers one of the most commanding views in the city — a cinematic panorama of Venice and the Grand Canal. The Gritti Palace is not about subtlety or restraint; it is about embracing beauty, history and luxury at their most authentic, in a city where such things have always mattered.

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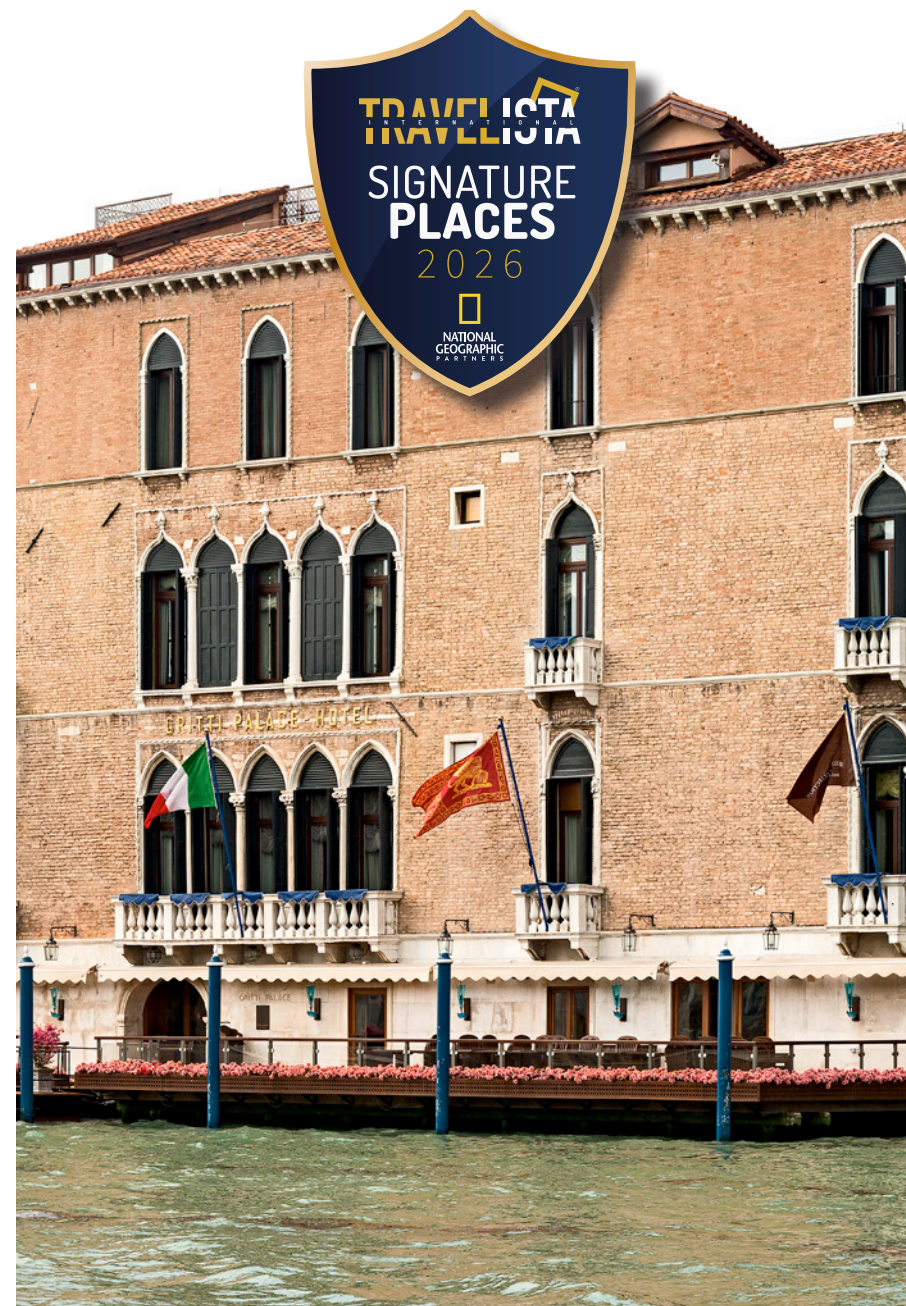


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# Higashiyama Niseko Village

## Hokkaido, Japan

Set at the foot of snow-covered slopes with true ski-in, ski-out access, Higashiyama Niseko Village represents a refined interpretation of alpine luxury, shaped by Japan's deep respect for nature and craft. As a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, the resort is designed to feel intimate and deeply rooted in its surroundings rather than grand or performative. Contemporary architecture is softened by natural materials, expansive windows and a muted palette that allows the dramatic landscape of Hokkaido to remain the true focal point.

Japanese sensibility is woven into every detail. Handmade pottery, custom decals and artworks created by local artists bring an unmistakable sense of place, while interiors balance modern comfort with quiet restraint. After a day on the slopes, the onsen becomes the emotional heart of the experience – warm mineral waters, drifting steam and uninterrupted views of Mount Yōtei, Niseko's iconic volcanic peak, create moments of stillness that linger long after you leave.

Dining is treated as an experience rather than a convenience. At Sushi Nagi, an ever-evolving omakase menu celebrates the purity of Hokkaido's seafood, prepared with precision and respect, and served to only a small number of guests each evening. Higashiyama Niseko Village is not simply a winter destination; it is a sanctuary where nature, design and Japanese hospitality align, offering a sense of calm that feels as rare as the snow itself.

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# Dolder Grand

## Zürich, Switzerland

Perched above Zürich with sweeping views over the city, lake and distant Alps, The Dolder Grand is a landmark where heritage, art and contemporary luxury meet with quiet confidence. Since its opening in 1899, the hotel has welcomed an extraordinary circle of guests — from statesmen to cultural icons — yet its true distinction today lies not in its history alone, but in how seamlessly that history has been reimagined for the present.

Following an extensive and sensitive renovation, The Dolder Grand has evolved into a living gallery. Its art collection spans more than 100 works by around 90 internationally renowned artists, transforming corridors and public spaces into a curated cultural experience rather than a static display. Original architecture blends effortlessly with bold modern additions, creating interiors that feel both grand and unexpectedly fresh.

The experience extends well beyond the visual. Eight bars and restaurants offer a refined yet relaxed approach to dining, while the expansive spa — inspired by

Japanese wellness philosophy — provides a counterpoint of calm and balance. The Dolder Grand is not a hotel that seeks attention; it assumes it. A destination for those who appreciate that true luxury often speaks most clearly through depth, culture and restraint.

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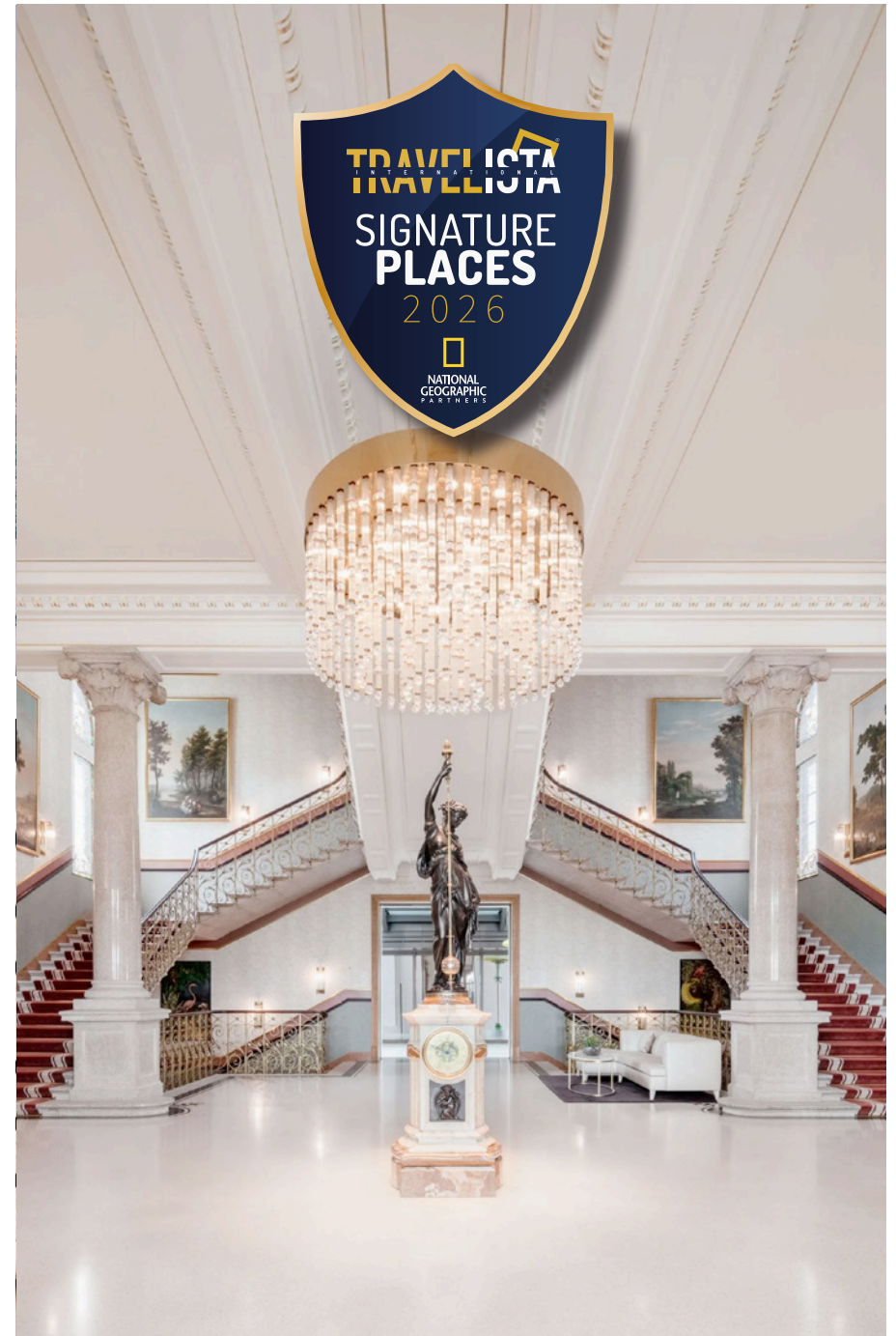


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# Giraffe Manor Hotel

Nairobi, Kenya

At Giraffe Manor, conservation is not a concept added to luxury — it is the reason luxury exists here at all. Set within an ivy-clad stone mansion on the outskirts of Nairobi, this iconic property is home to a resident tower of endangered Rothschild giraffes that move freely between the surrounding sanctuary and the manor itself. Mornings unfold with an almost surreal elegance as giraffes lean through windows to join guests for breakfast, while afternoons bring quieter moments of tea shared with the gentle curiosity of the world’s tallest mammals.

Beyond the famous encounters, Giraffe Manor offers a deeply intimate connection to place and purpose. The estate is part of a protected conservation area dedicated to the survival of a rare species, and every stay directly supports these efforts. Interiors reflect classic colonial charm softened by warmth and restraint, allowing the experience — not excess — to take center stage. Giraffe Manor is not simply a

hotel stay, but a rare privilege: the chance to participate, even briefly, in a story where wildlife protection, human wonder and refined hospitality exist in perfect balance.

The setting itself adds another quiet layer to the experience. Surrounded by forested grounds and distant views toward the Ngong Hills, Giraffe Manor feels remarkably secluded despite its proximity to the city. Evenings are calm and reflective, marked by soft light, thoughtful cuisine and the sense that time moves differently here. It is this combination of emotional resonance, ethical purpose and unmistakable place that makes Giraffe Manor one of the world’s most singular addresses — a destination remembered not for what it offers, but for how deeply it stays with you.

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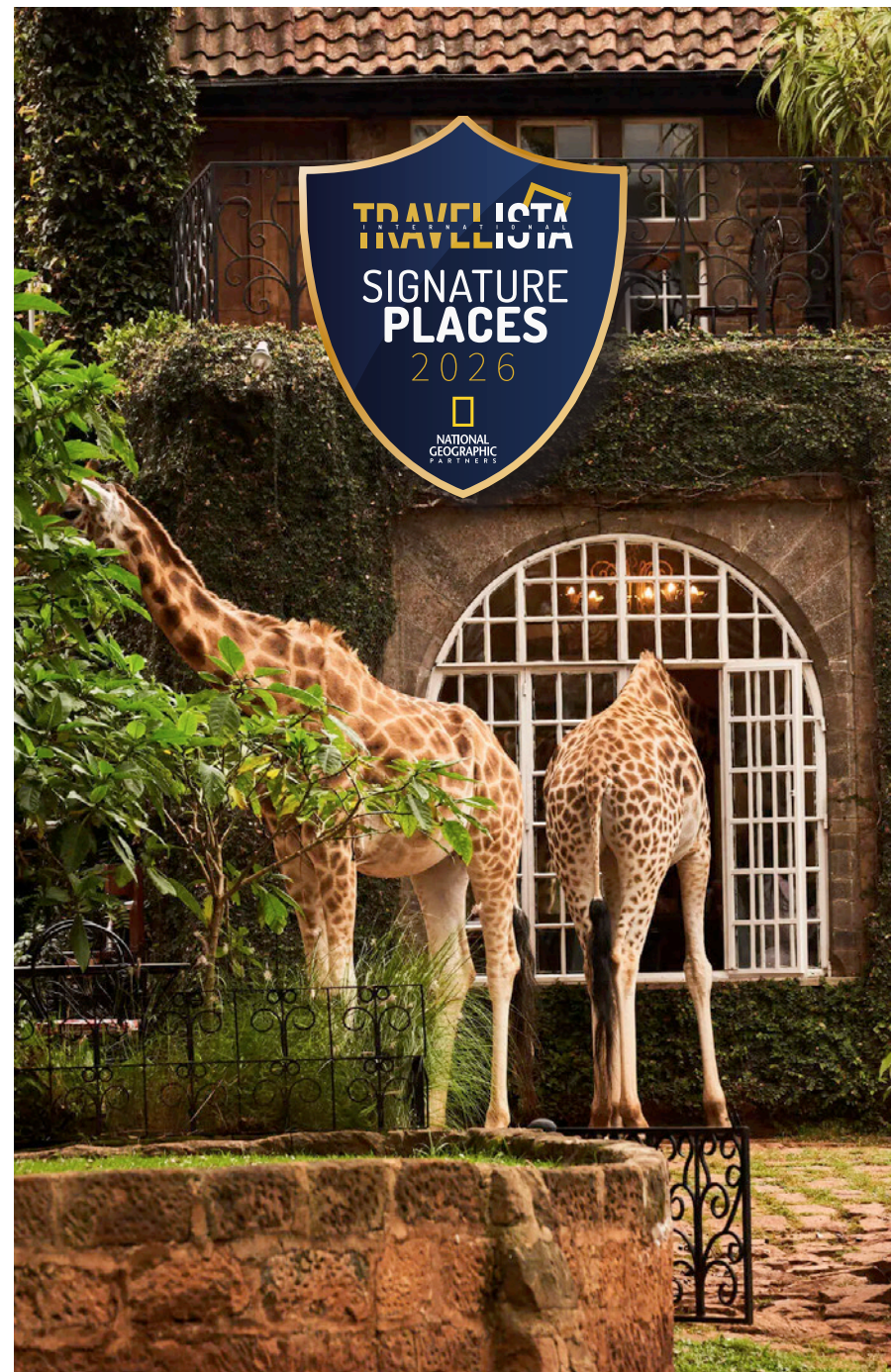


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# Mamula Island

## Herceg Novi, Montenegro

Rising from the entrance to Boka Bay, Mamula Island feels less like a hotel and more like a destination defined by history and sea. Set on a tiny islet in the Adriatic, the former 19th-century fortress occupies a position of rare drama, surrounded by open water and wide horizons. Its UNESCO World Heritage status is not an added label, but an intrinsic part of the experience — arrival by boat already signals that this is a place apart, removed from the ordinary rhythms of the coast.

The transformation of the stone fort into an intimate retreat has been handled with restraint and respect. Just 32 rooms are woven into the circular structure, where original masonry, vaulted corridors and textured surfaces preserve the character of the site. Contemporary design is deliberately subdued, allowing light, shadow and the presence of the sea to lead. Throughout the property, spaces unfold gradually — inner courtyards, panoramic terraces and quiet

passages that invite slowing down rather than exploration at speed.

Wellness and gastronomy are integrated into the island's architecture rather than imposed upon it. A spa carved into the fortress walls offers a sense of enclosure and calm, while three restaurants and four bars are positioned to frame views of the Adriatic and Boka Bay. Mamula Island is not about excess or spectacle; it is about atmosphere, balance and stillness — a rare Adriatic sanctuary where history is felt, not staged, and luxury is defined by space, silence and sea.

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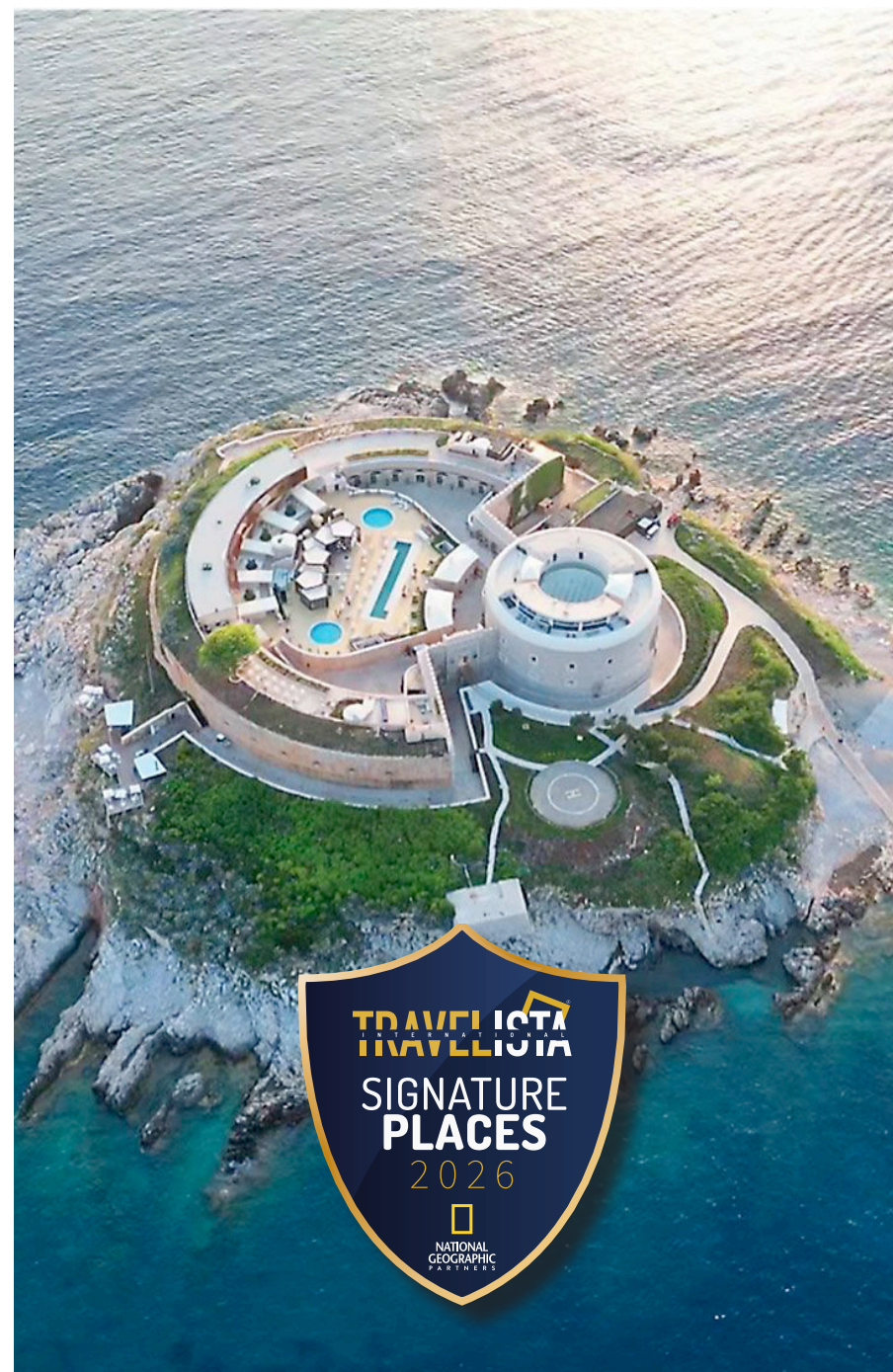


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# Kasbah Tamadot

## Atlas Mountains, Morocco

Perched high in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, Kasbah Tamadot feels less like a hotel and more like a privileged viewpoint over Morocco's quieter, deeper rhythms. Originally a historic kasbah and now an award-winning retreat by Sir Richard Branson, the property looks out toward Mount Toubkal, North Africa's highest peak, with a sense of calm confidence. Rivers, olive groves and ancient oak forests frame the estate, creating an atmosphere that is both cinematic and grounding, far removed from the noise of the cities.

Accommodation is deliberately varied, reflecting the layered character of the place itself. Traditional riads, elegant rooms and suites, and luxury Berber-inspired tents are spread across the terraced grounds, each offering sweeping mountain views and a strong sense of privacy. Interiors blend local craftsmanship with understated comfort, ensuring that nothing distracts from the landscape outside. Waking up

here means opening your doors to mountain air, shifting light and a silence that feels intentional.

Days at Kasbah Tamadot unfold gently but never feel empty. You can swim with the Atlas peaks as your backdrop, play tennis, or watch a new film under the stars in the outdoor cinema. The spa's hammam rituals draw deeply from Moroccan wellness traditions, offering restoration that feels authentic rather than performative. Kasbah Tamadot is a place where luxury is measured not by excess, but by space, stillness and the rare privilege of truly slowing down.

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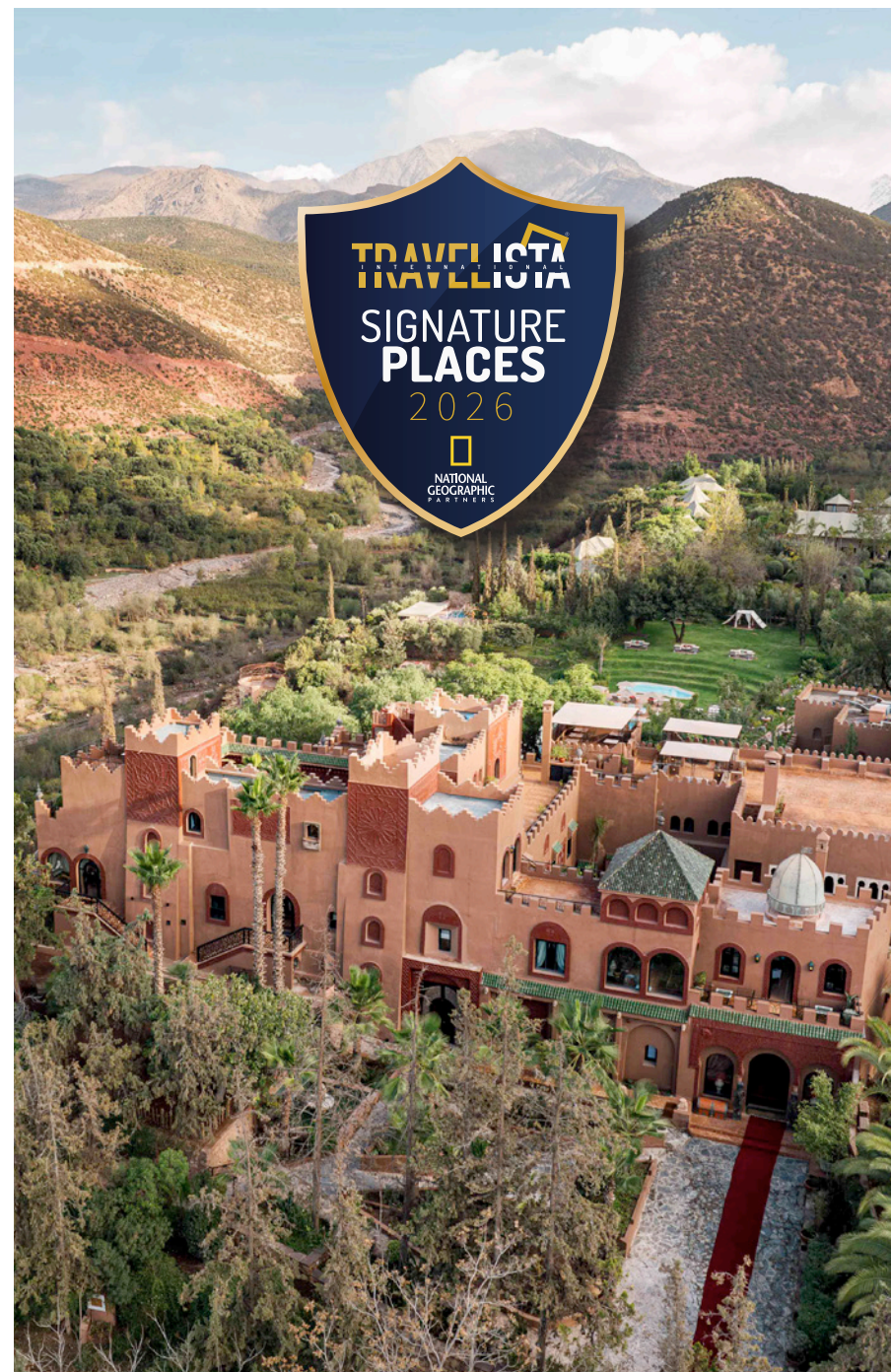


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# Bambu Indah

## Bali, Indonesia

Hidden in the lush jungle just outside Ubud, Bambu Indah feels like a living experiment in how hospitality can exist in harmony with nature. Built almost entirely from bamboo and reclaimed materials, the property unfolds like a dream of suspended bridges, climbing ladders and sculptural treehouse-like homes woven into coconut palms and tamarind trees. Freshwater pools fed by natural springs shimmer between greenery, creating an atmosphere that is immersive, playful and deeply rooted in the landscape rather than placed upon it.

The stay is intentionally intimate, with just ten thoughtfully designed houses, each one unique in form and spirit. Architecture here is not about symmetry or polish, but about flow, light and connection to the outdoors. Open-air spaces blur the boundary between inside and outside, while handcrafted details reflect a philosophy of mindful living rather than conventional luxury. Comfort is present, but

it is quietly embedded, allowing the environment to take the lead.

Bambu Indah's philosophy extends beyond design into daily life. The farm-to-table restaurant draws directly from the surrounding land, celebrating seasonal, local ingredients without excess. A riverside spa offers treatments accompanied by the sound of flowing water and jungle birds, reinforcing a sense of natural rhythm. Founded by the family behind John Hardy jewellery, Bambu Indah stands as a powerful example of regenerative travel — a place where sustainability is not a feature, but the foundation of the experience.

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# Adare Manor

## County Limerick, Ireland

To arrive at Adare Manor is to step into a carefully preserved vision of Ireland's aristocratic past. This Gothic Revival estate, with its Tudor flourishes and storybook silhouette, rises from meticulously manicured grounds along the River Maigue, offering a sense of grandeur that feels both cinematic and deeply rooted in history. The architecture alone is reason enough to linger, but it is the atmosphere — refined, hushed and unmistakably elegant — that defines the experience from the first moment.

Inside, old-world craftsmanship meets contemporary comfort with remarkable ease. Lavish interiors are layered with rich textures, hand-carved details and expansive windows that draw the surrounding greenery indoors. The Oak Room, Adare Manor's Michelin-starred restaurant, anchors the culinary experience with precision and confidence, while the riverfront golf course stands as one of the most celebrated in Ireland,

seamlessly integrated into the landscape rather than imposed upon it.

Beyond dining and golf, Adare Manor excels in offering experiences that feel both indulgent and distinctly place-specific. The sunlit spa is home to Ireland's first bespoke 111SPA/CLINIC therapies, blending wellness with scientific precision, while pursuits such as archery, gundog training and horseback riding echo the traditions of the estate's past. Whether cycling through woodland paths or simply absorbing the quiet authority of the manor itself, Adare Manor is a destination where heritage is not displayed — it is lived.

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# Lizard Island

## Queensland, Australia

Nothing defines true escape quite like an island reached only by private charter, and Lizard Island delivers that promise in its purest form. Set within the crystalline blues of the Great Barrier Reef, this remote sanctuary feels worlds away from everyday reality. From the moment you arrive, the island's raw natural beauty sets the tone — powdery white beaches, granite headlands and endless horizons where the reef meets the sky.

Accommodation is designed to dissolve the boundary between luxury and landscape. Elegant beachfront suites place the ocean just steps from your door, while cliff-top villas offer sweeping views across the reef's shifting colours. For those seeking absolute privacy, The House — set on its own peninsula — represents the island's most exclusive expression of seclusion, combining expansive living spaces with uninterrupted immersion in nature. Everywhere, the aesthetic is understated and

refined, allowing the setting itself to remain the true focal point.

Life on Lizard Island revolves around discovery at an unhurried pace. Days unfold through encounters with the reef — snorkelling alongside turtles, exploring vibrant coral gardens or slipping out on a private twilight cruise as the light softens over the water. Dining, guided by local produce and the rhythms of the sea, complements the experience rather than competes with it. Lizard Island is not simply a destination to stay; it is a place to reconnect with the elemental beauty of Queensland's marine world, one unforgettable moment at a time.

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# Address Beach Resort

## Fujairah, United Arab Emirates

Set between the rugged Hajar Mountains and the calm waters of the Indian Ocean, Address Beach Resort Fujairah offers a rare perspective on the UAE—one where nature leads the narrative. The rhythm here is slower, defined by the sound of waves rather than city traffic, and by expansive horizons instead of skylines. It is a destination that feels deliberately removed from the familiar image of the Emirates, yet unmistakably refined in its execution.

The resort's architecture and interiors reflect a quiet, contemporary elegance, allowing light, space and sea views to take centre stage. Thoughtfully designed rooms and suites open towards the ocean, creating a seamless connection between indoor comfort and the surrounding landscape. Everything here is composed with restraint and balance, offering an atmosphere that feels both polished and deeply restorative.

Days unfold effortlessly at Address Beach Resort Fujairah—whether spent by the shoreline, exploring the mountainous backdrop, or simply embracing the stillness that defines this corner of the country. Evenings bring a softer mood, as the light fades over the water and the resort settles into a calm, unhurried pace. It is a place designed not to impress loudly, but to linger quietly in memory.

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# Amazon Mykonos Resort & Spa

## Mykonos, Greece

Perched high above the Aegean, Amazon Mykonos Resort & Spa captures the island from a privileged distance, where the sea feels endless and the pace distinctly unhurried. From its elevated setting, Mykonos reveals a calmer, more contemplative side—far removed from the crowds, yet still deeply connected to the island’s light, wind and rhythm. The views alone set the tone, stretching across deep blue waters and open horizons.

The resort is defined by refined simplicity and a strong sense of privacy. Clean architectural lines, natural tones and expansive terraces allow the landscape to remain the focal point, while interiors offer understated luxury without excess. Each space feels intentionally composed, designed to frame the sea and invite moments of stillness throughout the day.

Life at Amazon Mykonos unfolds slowly, guided by sunlight, sea breezes and the gentle transitions from day to night. Whether enjoying quiet mornings overlooking the water or evenings marked by soft colours and distant lights along the coast, the experience feels intimate and personal. It is a place where Mykonos is not performed, but quietly lived.

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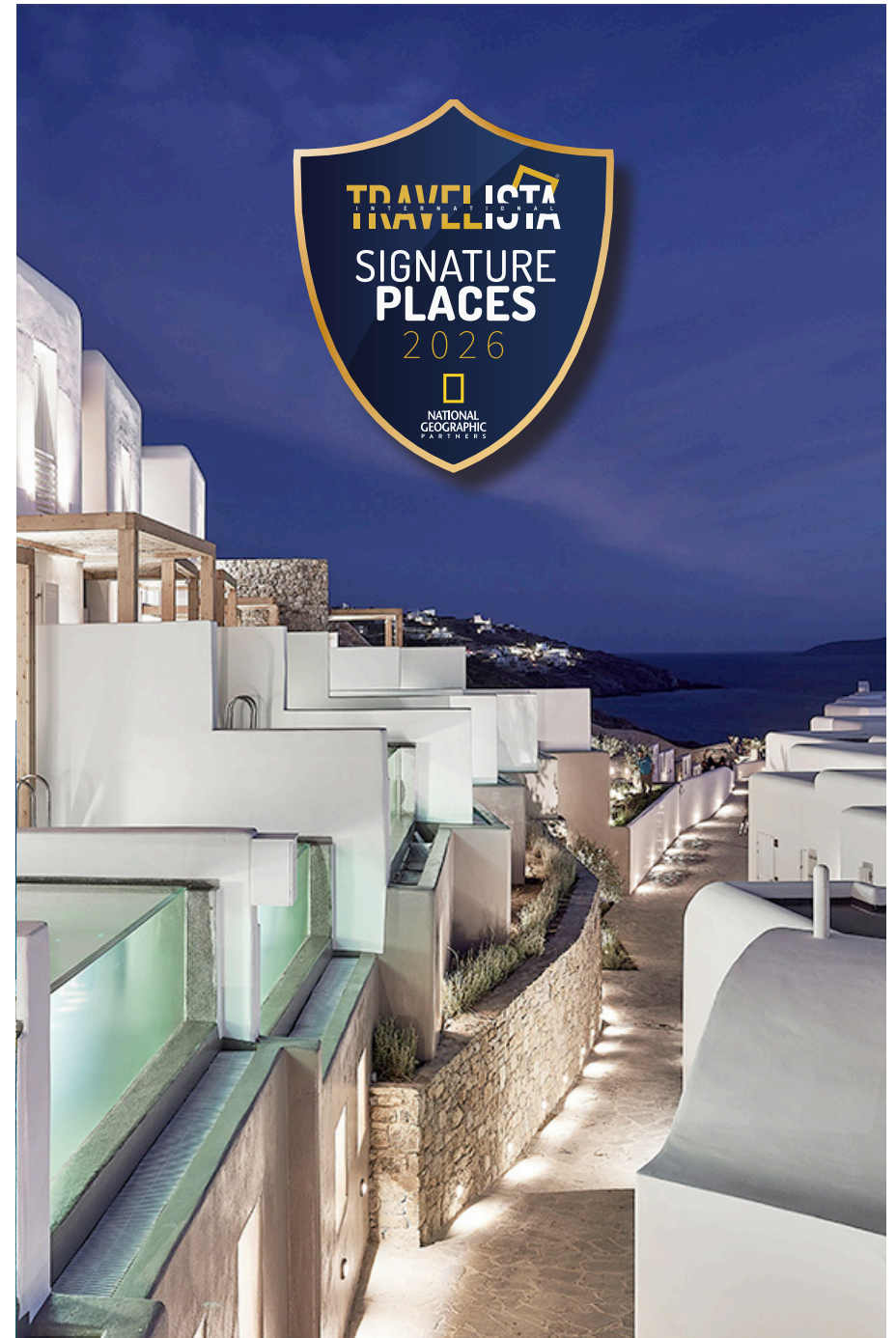


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# Hotel Royal Palace

## Turčianske Teplice, Slovakia

In the heart of one of Slovakia's most respected spa towns, Hotel Royal Palace stands as a refined tribute to the tradition of healing and elegance. Set in Turčianske Teplice, the hotel draws on the area's long-established thermal heritage, offering an atmosphere where calm, balance and discretion define the experience. From the first moment, it feels less like a hotel stay and more like a purposeful retreat.

The interiors combine classical inspiration with contemporary comfort, creating spaces that feel timeless rather than ornate. Attention to detail is evident throughout, from the measured pace of service to the quiet confidence of the surroundings. At the hotel's therapeutic spa centre, expert treatments build on the region's natural resources, while moments of rest are designed to feel restorative rather than indulgent.

Dining adds another layer to the experience, with Restaurant Sissi celebrating traditional flavours through a modern, carefully curated approach. Thoughtfully paired wines and a relaxed, elegant setting complete the rhythm of a stay that encourages guests to slow down and reconnect. Hotel Royal Palace is a place where heritage and modern hospitality meet with restraint, offering renewal in its most composed form.

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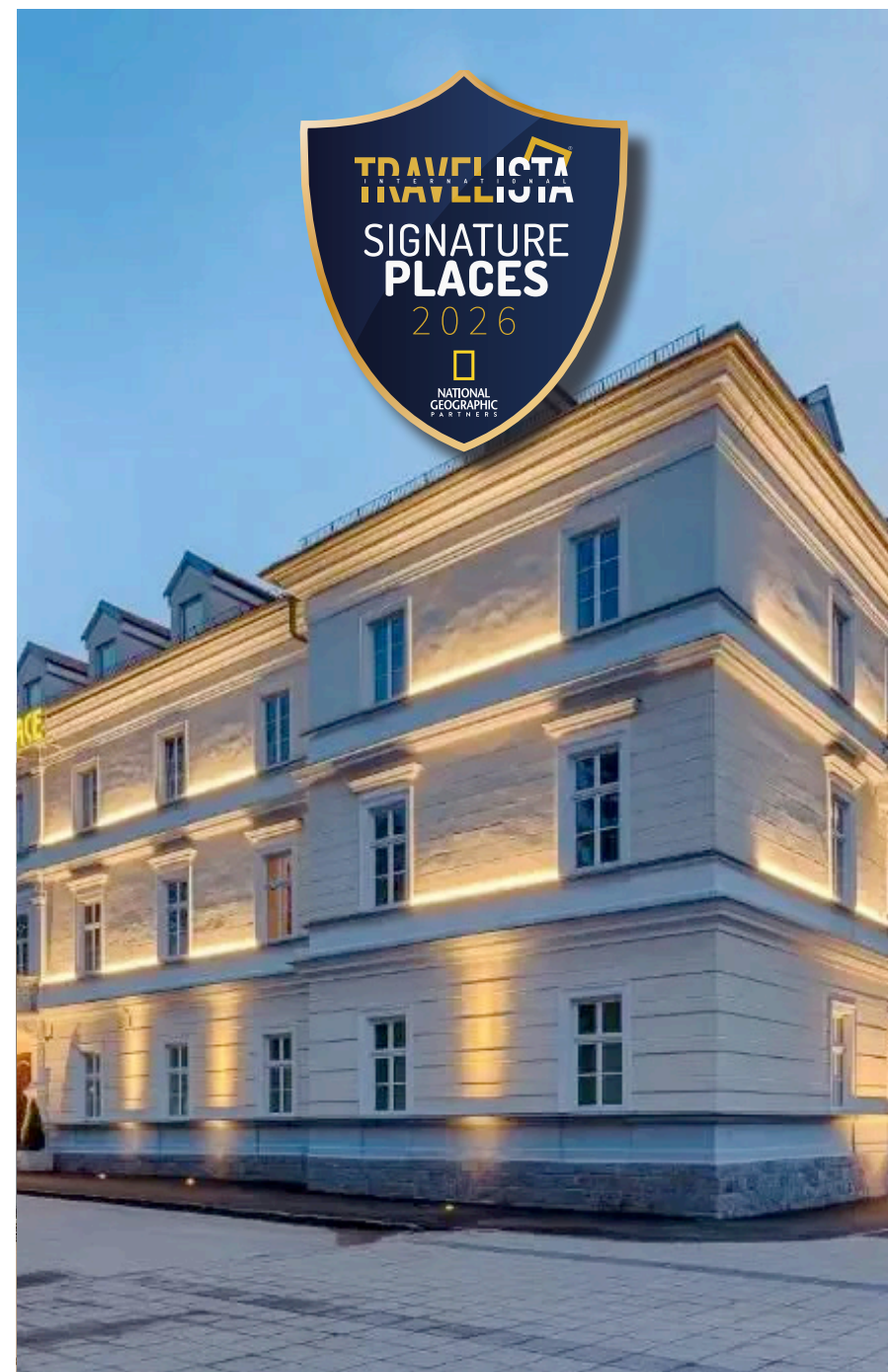


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# Chateau Liblice

## Liblice, Czech Republic

There is something undeniably romantic about waking up within castle walls, where centuries of stories seem to linger quietly in the corridors. Chateau Liblice offers exactly that experience—an elegant four-star castle hotel where history is not staged, but genuinely lived. Surrounded by graceful Baroque architecture and landscaped gardens, the chateau invites guests into a world shaped by nobility, refinement and time-honoured tradition.

Inside, classical interiors blend period furnishings, artwork and carefully preserved details with modern comfort. The atmosphere carries the dignity of its past, having once belonged to countesses and aristocratic families before later becoming associated with the Czech Academy of Sciences. This layered heritage gives the property a distinctive character—intellectual, cultured and quietly distinguished—without ever feeling distant or formal.

Hospitality at Chateau Liblice centres around fine cuisine, attentive service and the pleasure of staying somewhere truly uncommon. Dining becomes part of the narrative, where flavours are presented with care and the setting enhances every moment. A stay here feels less like a typical hotel visit and more like stepping into a living chapter of Central European history, where elegance is expressed with restraint and authenticity.

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# Hotel Stefanie

Vienna, Austria

Few addresses in Vienna carry a legacy as profound as Hotel Stefanie. Recognised as the city's oldest hotel, it has welcomed travellers for centuries, quietly witnessing the evolution of the Austrian capital while remaining true to its original purpose—offering refined hospitality in the heart of the city. Staying here feels like stepping into a living chronicle, where tradition is preserved not as nostalgia, but as identity.

Behind its historic façade, the hotel balances classical elegance with modern comfort. Rooms and suites are designed with warmth and composure, reflecting Vienna's timeless aesthetic while ensuring a relaxed and comfortable stay. The atmosphere is dignified yet welcoming, shaped as much by attentive service as by the sense of continuity that defines the property.

Hotel Stefanie does not rely on spectacle; its strength lies in authenticity. The surrounding streets lead effortlessly toward Vienna's cultural landmarks, yet returning to the hotel brings a sense of calm rooted in heritage. It is a place where generations of travellers have paused, rested and continued their journeys—an enduring symbol of Viennese hospitality.

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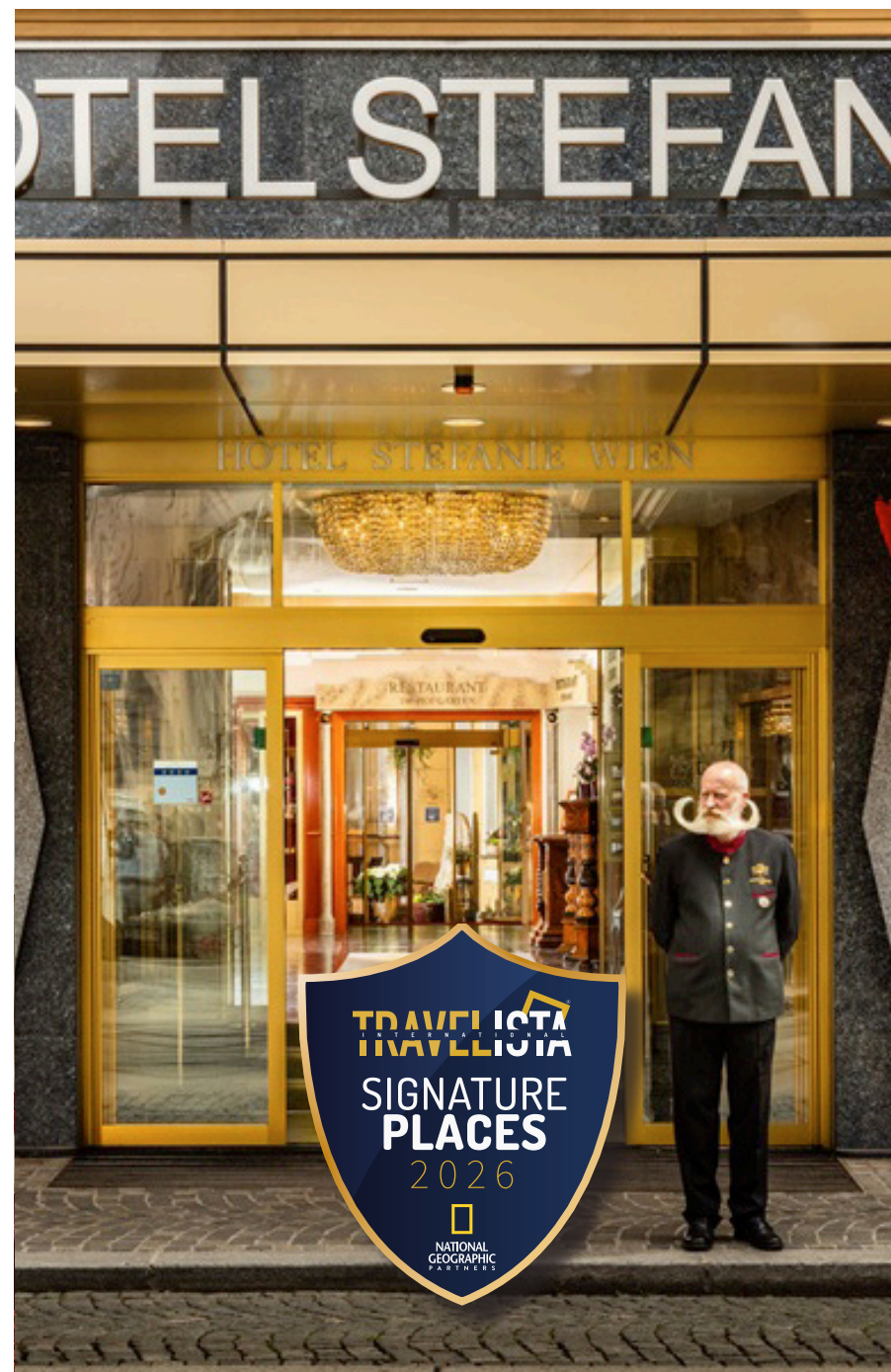


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# Matfen Hall

## Northumberland, United Kingdom

Surrounded by more than 300 acres of Northumberland parkland, Matfen Hall stands as a grand country estate where heritage and contemporary luxury meet in effortless harmony. As the region's first and only AA Five Star hotel, it offers a sense of space and refinement rarely found in the English countryside. From sweeping lawns and woodland views to the stately façade of the hall itself, the setting feels both cinematic and deeply restorative.

Inside, 63 individually designed rooms and suites blend classic character with modern craftsmanship. Bespoke furnishings created by local artisans add authenticity to the interiors, while expansive windows frame views of the championship golf course, the elegant entrance drive and the surrounding village landscape. Dining is equally diverse, ranging from relaxed breakfasts and refined grill menus beneath a striking glass roof to

elevated tasting experiences and the quiet ritual of afternoon tea.

Golf has long been woven into the identity of Matfen Hall, with 27 holes of championship-level play set against the natural beauty of Northumberland. Beyond the fairways, The Retreat spa offers a sanctuary dedicated to wellbeing, where tailored treatments, thermal suites and tranquil pool spaces encourage complete renewal.

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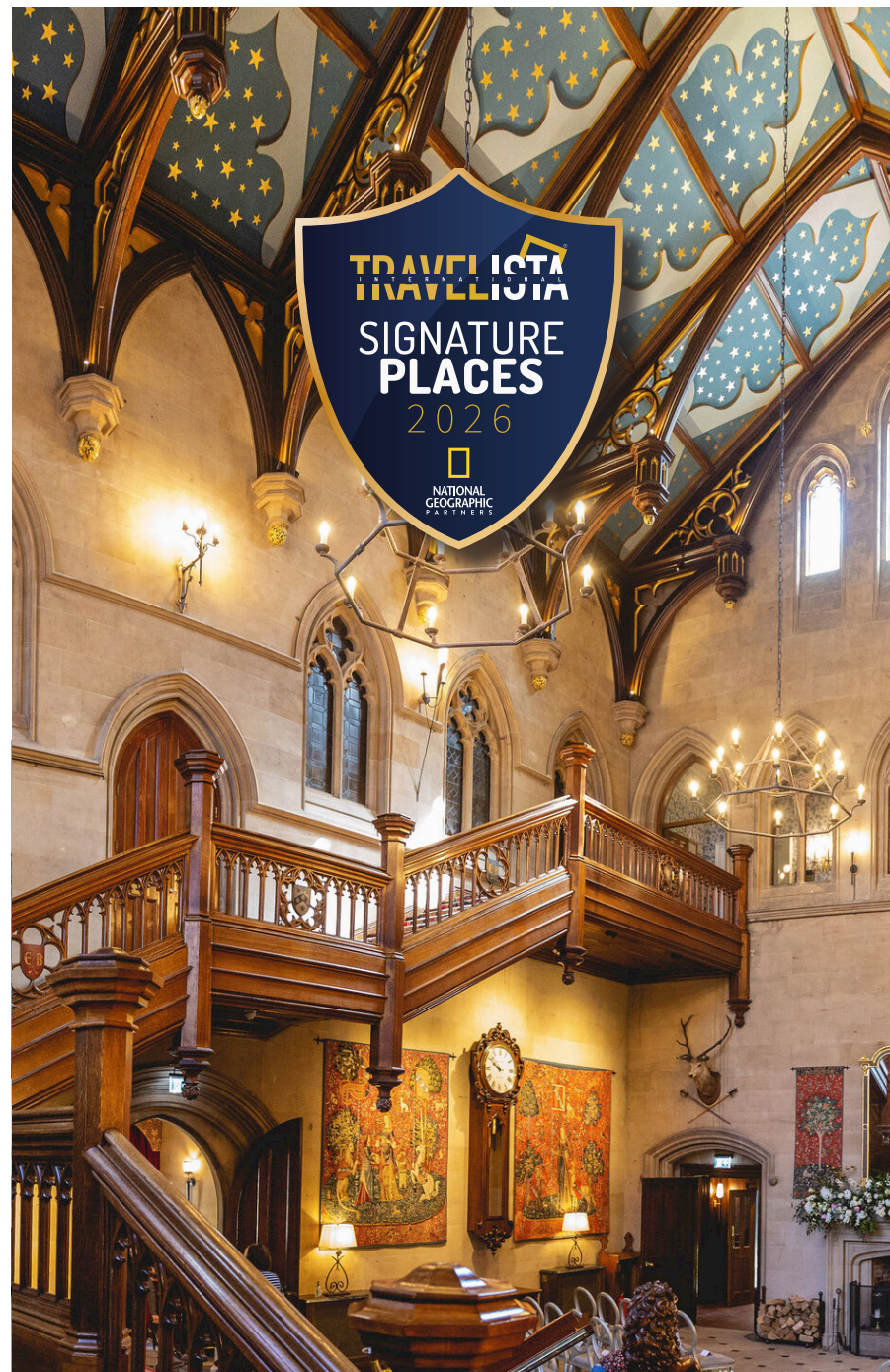


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# Taj Lake Palace

## Udaipur, India

Rising from the tranquil waters of Lake Pichola, Taj Lake Palace appears almost ethereal, as if suspended between reflection and sky. Originally built as a royal summer residence for the Maharana of Mewar in the 18th century, the palace remains one of India's most iconic architectural masterpieces. Carved from white marble and adorned with domes, cupolas and delicate balconies, it embodies the poetic grandeur of Rajasthani design.

Within its walls, artistry unfolds in intricate detail — frescoed ceilings, ornate mouldings and finely crafted reliefs creating a richly layered interior. Yet the elegance never feels overwhelming. Across its 83 rooms and suites, décor is thoughtfully balanced with understated furnishings, allowing the palace's heritage to take centre stage while offering contemporary comfort.

Dining and wellbeing continue this harmonious dialogue between splendour and restraint. Four distinctive restaurants present refined culinary experiences framed by panoramic lake views, while the spa offers a serene sanctuary inspired by royal traditions of rejuvenation. Taj Lake Palace is more than a hotel; it is a living monument where history, romance and hospitality converge in unforgettable form.

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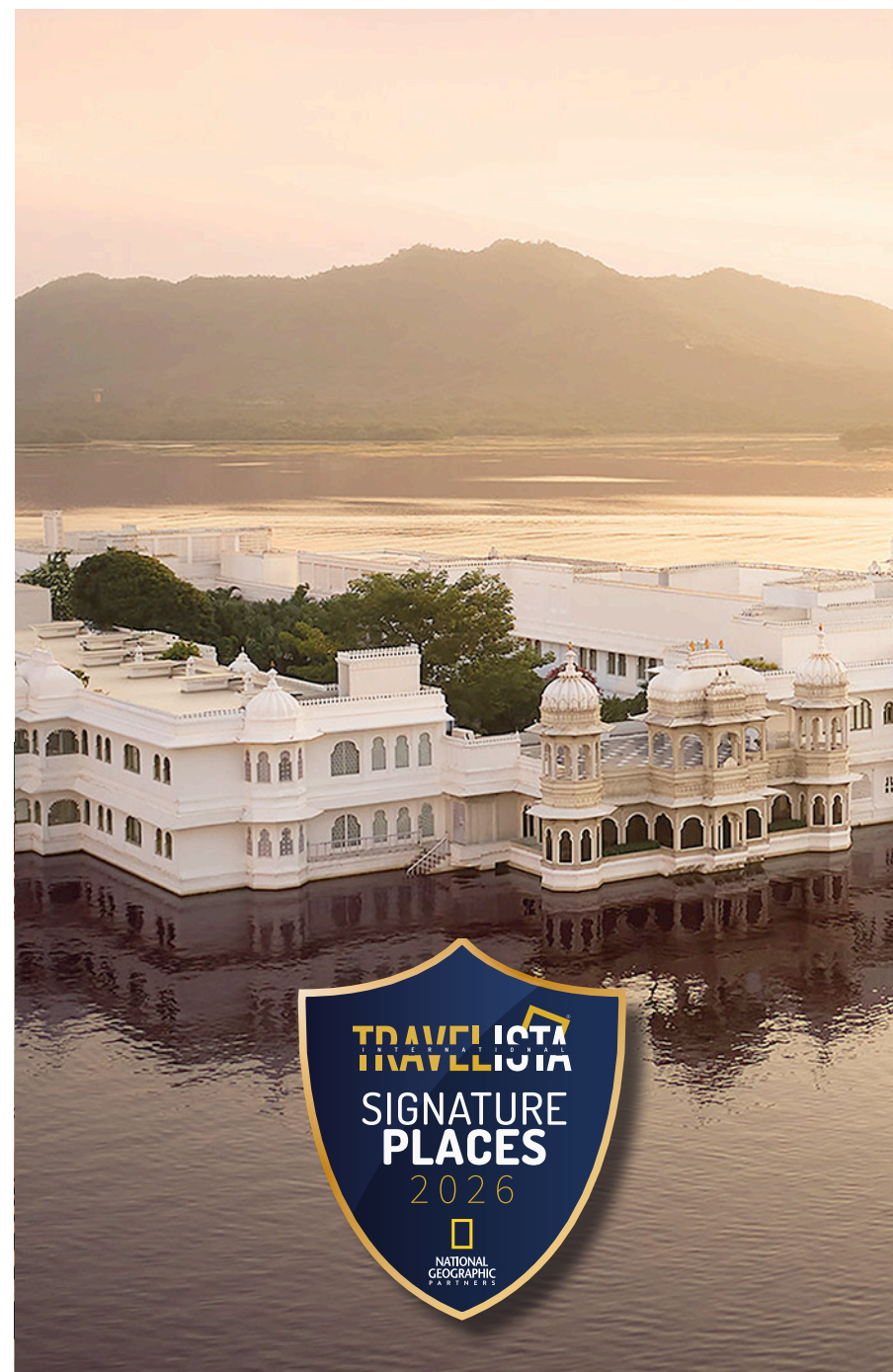


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# Solar de Vila Meã

## Silveiros, Portugal

Set among the rolling vineyards of northern Portugal, just a short drive from Porto, Solar de Vila Meã offers an intimate retreat rooted in the spirit of the Minho region. This 19th-century manor house has been thoughtfully reimagined as a vibrant 29-suite boutique hotel, where heritage is not merely preserved but reinterpreted through design. Surrounded by wine country landscapes, the property feels both secluded and deeply connected to its cultural surroundings.

The interiors, envisioned by Joana Aranha Studio, celebrate local craftsmanship through texture and material. Wicker, clay and embroidered textiles pay tribute to regional artistry, while wood, velvet, linen and wool introduce warmth and contemporary refinement. Colour plays a confident role throughout, creating spaces that feel expressive yet harmonious, balancing tradition with modern comfort.

Beyond its aesthetic appeal, Solar de Vila Meã invites guests to slow down and embrace the rhythms of wine country living. Indoor and outdoor pools, manicured gardens and a dedicated spa and wellness centre provide space for relaxation, while the restaurant and bar showcase flavours inspired by the region. It is a destination where design, heritage and landscape come together in a quietly sophisticated escape.

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# Hotel Zochova Chata

Modra, Slovakia

Tucked away in the forests of the Little Carpathians, Hotel Zochova Chata offers a refined retreat where nature takes the lead and comfort follows effortlessly. Surrounded by woodland landscapes yet within easy reach of Bratislava, the hotel balances accessibility with a genuine sense of escape. The setting invites guests to slow down, breathe deeply and rediscover the quiet rhythm of the countryside.

The interiors blend contemporary design with warm natural elements, creating spaces that feel intimate without losing sophistication. Rooms and suites are designed with a focus on relaxation, while the wellness area provides a sanctuary for body and mind. Whether enjoying the spa facilities, the pool or simply the calm atmosphere, the experience is shaped by understated elegance and attentive service.

Dining at Zochova Chata reflects the character of the region, combining seasonal ingredients with modern culinary creativity. Beyond the hotel, the surrounding hills and vineyards of the Little Carpathians offer opportunities for gentle walks, cycling or wine discovery. It is a place where comfort, nature and quiet refinement come together in a distinctly Slovak setting.



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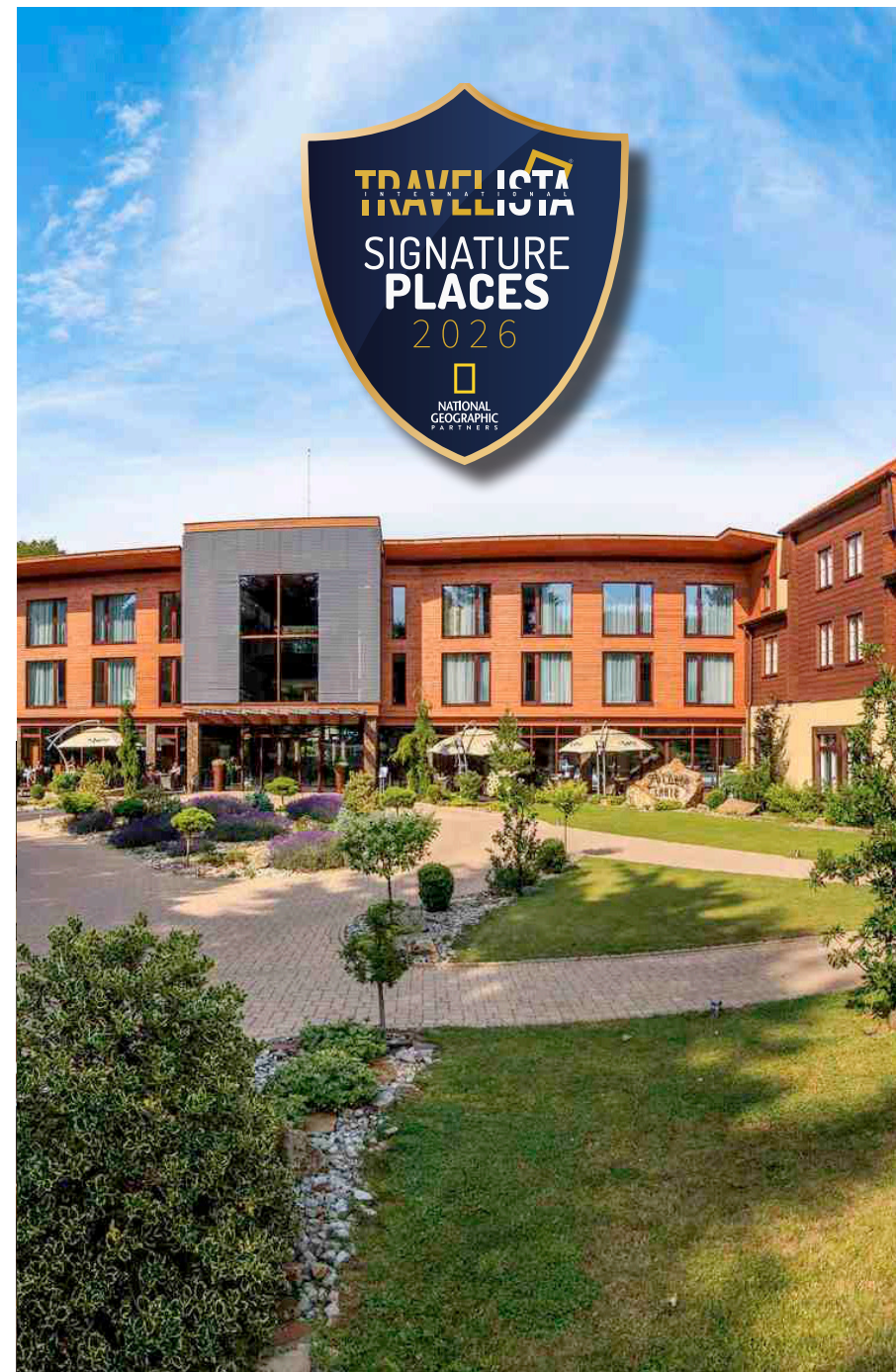


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# Château Bela

## Belá, Slovakia

Set amidst the vineyards of southern Slovakia, Château Bela carries the quiet elegance of a historic aristocratic residence reimagined for contemporary travellers. Surrounded by landscaped gardens and rolling countryside near the Danube, the château evokes the romance of another era while maintaining a distinctly refined atmosphere. From the first approach, its classical façade and symmetry suggest a place where time moves differently—more gracefully, more deliberately.

Inside, heritage architecture meets understated luxury. Period details, high ceilings and carefully restored interiors create a sense of authenticity, while rooms and suites offer comfort shaped by restraint rather than excess. The château’s wine tradition adds a distinctive dimension to the stay, reflecting the region’s long-standing viticultural heritage and inviting guests to explore local flavours within a historic setting.

Life at Château Bela unfolds at a measured pace—through garden walks, candlelit dinners and moments of stillness that feel almost cinematic. Whether seeking a romantic escape or a cultured countryside retreat, guests discover a property where history, gastronomy and landscape are woven into a harmonious whole. It is a place defined not by spectacle, but by atmosphere.

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# Chateau GrandCastle

## Liptovský Hrádok, Slovakia

Rising with a bold silhouette against the skyline, Chateau GrandCastle is a distinctive retreat that fuses fairytale charm with contemporary comfort. This striking property stands apart with its architectural flourishes — turrets, towers and stone facades — while offering an experience grounded in modern hospitality. Positioned near key cultural and natural attractions, it invites guests to enjoy both style and substance in equal measure.

The interior spaces are thoughtfully crafted to reflect a balance of grandeur and approachability. Public lounges, dining areas and guest rooms blend classic touches with refined design elements, creating an atmosphere that feels both welcoming and refined. Each suite and room is arranged to maximise comfort, ensuring that every stay feels relaxed yet memorable.

Beyond its striking exterior and elegantly appointed spaces, Chateau GrandCastle offers an array of amenities that cater to diverse preferences. Whether savouring local cuisine in a convivial restaurant setting, unwinding with a drink in a stylish lounge or exploring the surrounding region, guests find a property that is as engaging as it is distinctive. Chateau GrandCastle is a destination that not only captures the imagination, but also delivers a thoughtful and contemporary guest experience.

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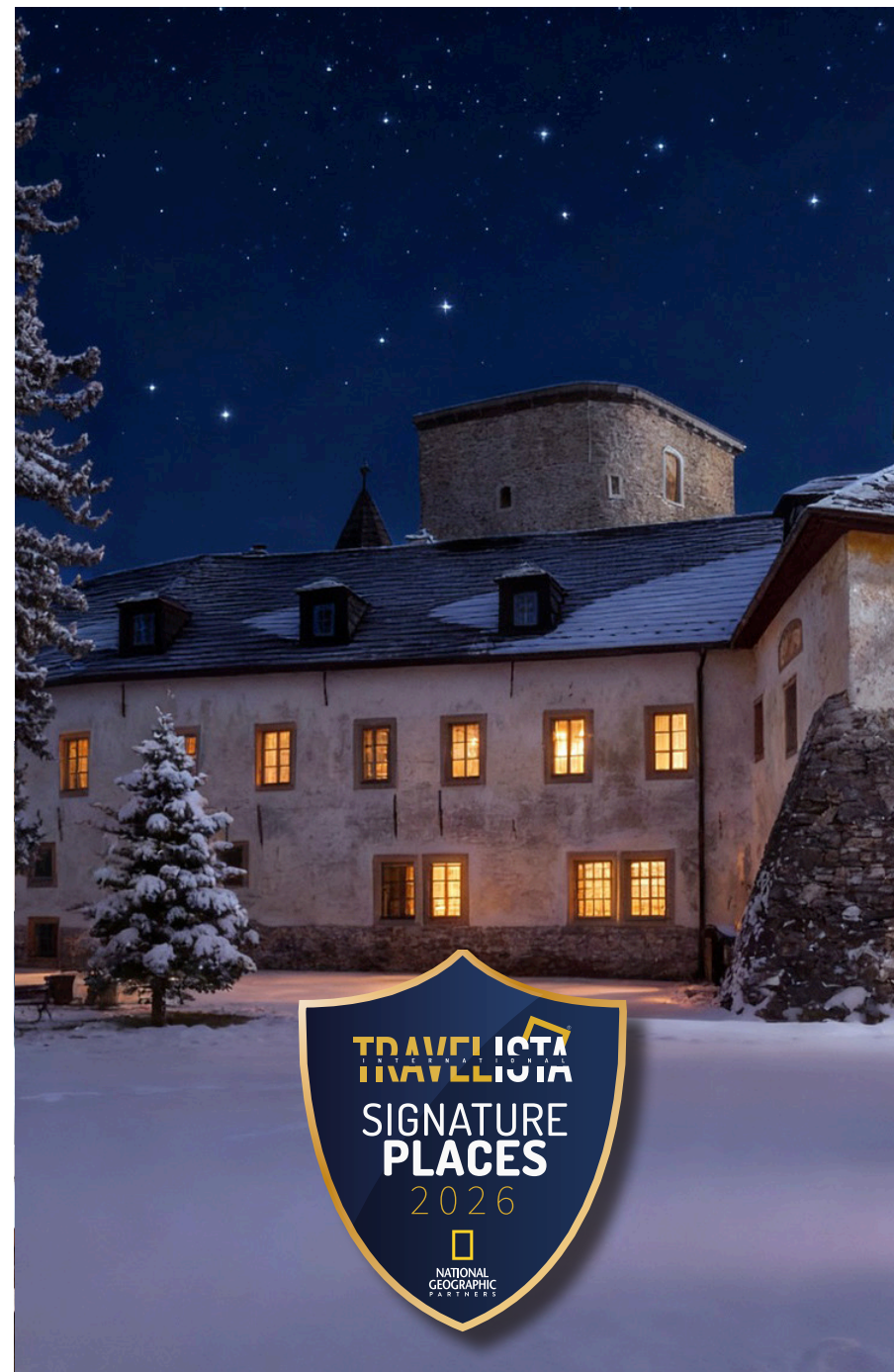


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# Chateau Appony

## Oponice, Slovakia

Set amidst the gentle landscape of the Nitra region, Chateau Appony embodies a rare blend of historic elegance and refined modern comfort. Once the stately residence of one of the kingdom's most influential noble families, the château has been meticulously restored to honour its architectural heritage while meeting the expectations of today's sophisticated travellers. Its graceful façades and classical interiors evoke a sense of timeless dignity that makes every stay feel like a step back into an era of cultivated living.

Inside, warm tones, softly layered textures and thoughtful design details create a welcoming yet distinguished atmosphere. Guest rooms and suites are appointed to reflect both the building's history and contemporary comfort, offering a serene setting for rest and reflection. Public spaces — from elegant lounges to refined dining rooms — are designed for conviviality and quiet conversation, allow-

ing guests to experience the property's character in every corner.

Chateau Appony's location also invites exploration of the surrounding region, where rolling countryside, vineyards and historic towns await. Back within the château's walls, attentive service and the thoughtful articulation of past and present make every moment feel considered and complete. It is a place where heritage enriches the experience and elevates the stay into something quietly exceptional.

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# Chateau Krakovany

## Krakovany, Slovakia

Set in the peaceful village of Krakovany, Chateau Krakovany is a refined retreat where historic charm meets contemporary comfort. This elegant estate carries the grace of its heritage while embracing modern hospitality, offering a serene escape that celebrates both place and tranquillity. Surrounded by rolling landscapes, the chateau invites guests to slow down, enjoy the quiet rhythm of the countryside, and rediscover the pleasures of relaxed, thoughtful living.

Inside, interiors blend classical lines with subtle, contemporary touches that feel both warm and welcoming. Public spaces and guest rooms are designed with comfort in mind, creating an atmosphere that is calm yet stylish, and always attentive to the needs of today's discerning travellers. The result is an experience that feels personal and gracious, rather than formal or distant.

The surrounding region adds to the chateau's appeal, with opportunities for gentle exploration and immersion in local culture. Whether savouring regional cuisine, taking a stroll through the nearby landscape, or simply unwinding in elegantly composed spaces, guests at Chateau Krakovany discover a place where heritage and hospitality come together in quiet harmony.

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# Theresia Chateau

## Bernolákovo, Slovakia

Just a short drive from Bratislava, Theresia Chateau Bernolákovo stands as an elegant testament to heritage reimagined for contemporary travellers. Set within beautifully restored historical architecture, the property offers a refined enclave where classical charm and modern comforts coexist seamlessly. Its gardens, period features and gracious interiors create the sense of a private estate — a place where calm, culture and hospitality are woven together with thoughtful precision.

Inside, each space is composed with attention to detail, balancing traditional elements with understated design accents. Guest rooms and suites provide tranquil retreats after a day of exploration, while public areas offer settings for lingering conversation, quiet reading or relaxed gatherings. The ambience feels warm and welcoming without ever losing its sense of refinement, making every stay both comfortable and memorable.

Beyond the chateau's doors, the surrounding region invites gentle discovery, from local historical sites to scenic walks in the countryside. At Theresia Chateau Bernolákovo, the experience is shaped by a harmonious blend of past and present — a destination that feels rooted in place yet refreshingly contemporary.

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# Loft Hotel

## Bratislava, Slovakia

In the heart of Slovakia's capital, Loft Hotel Bratislava offers a contemporary escape shaped by minimalist design and cosmopolitan energy. Situated within walking distance of Bratislava's vibrant Old Town, the property combines urban convenience with a refined sense of ease, making it a natural choice for both business travelers and design-savvy visitors. The hotel's distinctive aesthetic — defined by clean lines and thoughtful spaces — reflects a modern interpretation of city living that feels fresh without ever losing comfort.

Guest rooms and suites are composed with clarity and intention: uncluttered layouts, soft neutral tones and light-filled interiors create environments that feel calm and collected. Each space feels personal yet refined, a backdrop for rest after exploring the nearby cafes, galleries and historic streets. The design emphasis invites guests to inhabit the space rather than simply stay

in it, offering an experience that feels both relaxed and perceptive.

Loft Hotel Bratislava's location and character make it not just a place to sleep, but a base for urban discovery. Stylish communal areas and attentive service further enhance the stay, offering moments of connection or quiet reflection as needed. It is a hotel that understands the rhythm of city life — energised yet composed, contemporary yet inviting.

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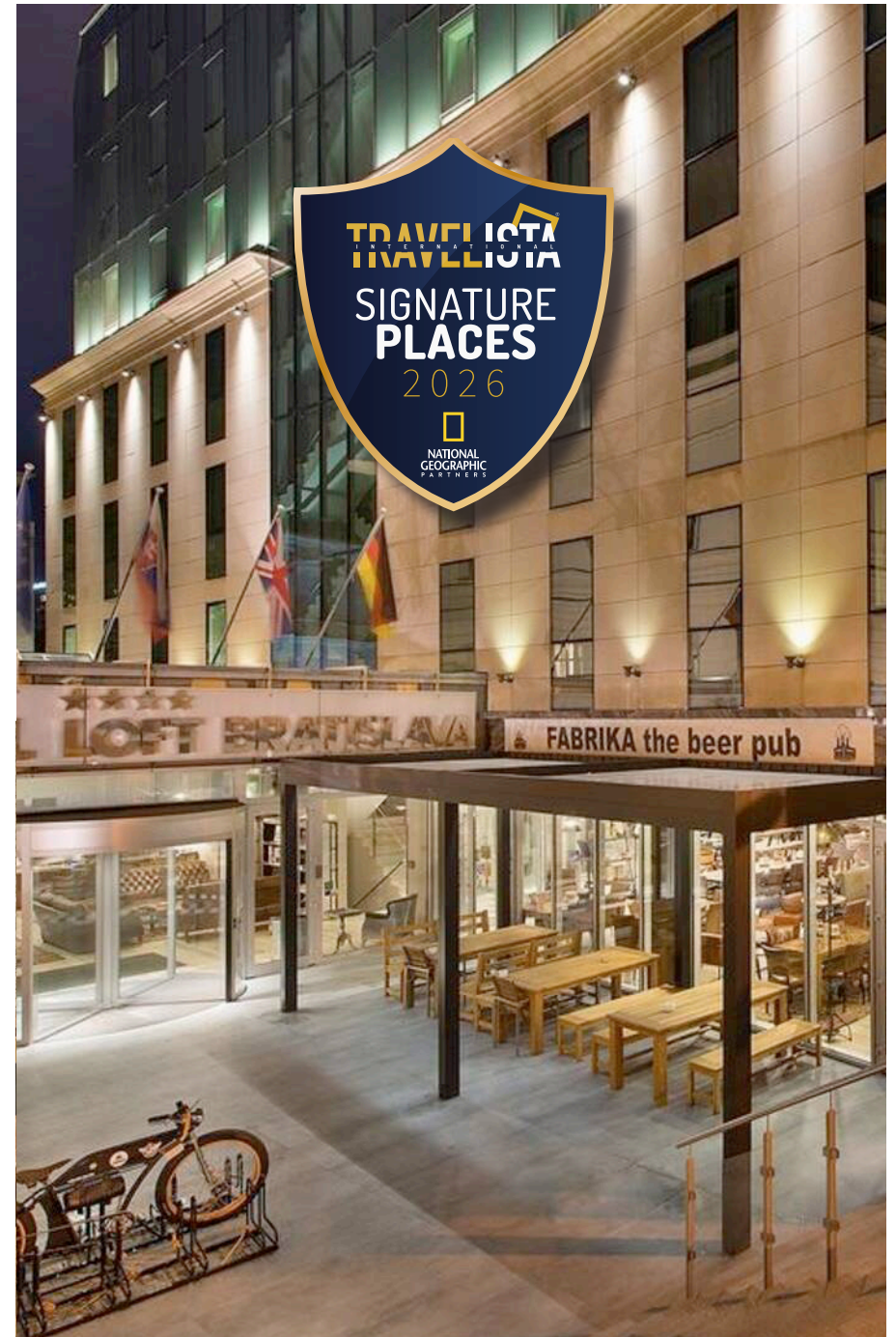


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# DoubleTree by Hilton

## Bratislava, Slovakia

Located in the bustling heart of Slovakia's capital, DoubleTree by Hilton Bratislava offers a confident blend of international hospitality and local character. Its contemporary design, warm service and central address make it an ideal base for both business and leisure travellers alike. Just steps from the city's cultural highlights, restaurants and historic streets, the hotel strikes a harmonious balance between urban energy and welcoming comfort.

Guest rooms and suites are designed with modern simplicity and thoughtful details, ensuring a sense of ease from the moment you arrive. Spacious layouts, soft hues and functional amenities create environments that feel both fresh and familiar, whether unwinding after a day of meetings or exploring the city's landmarks. Throughout the hotel, attentive service and a friendly atmosphere enhance the overall experience, reflecting the brand's signature warmth.

Dining and social spaces at DoubleTree by Hilton Bratislava offer relaxed settings to begin the day or share an evening meal, while the hotel's location invites exploration of Bratislava's vibrant cultural scene. It is a place where international travellers feel at home and local visitors find a refined yet unpretentious stay — an intersection of comfort, convenience and contemporary city life.

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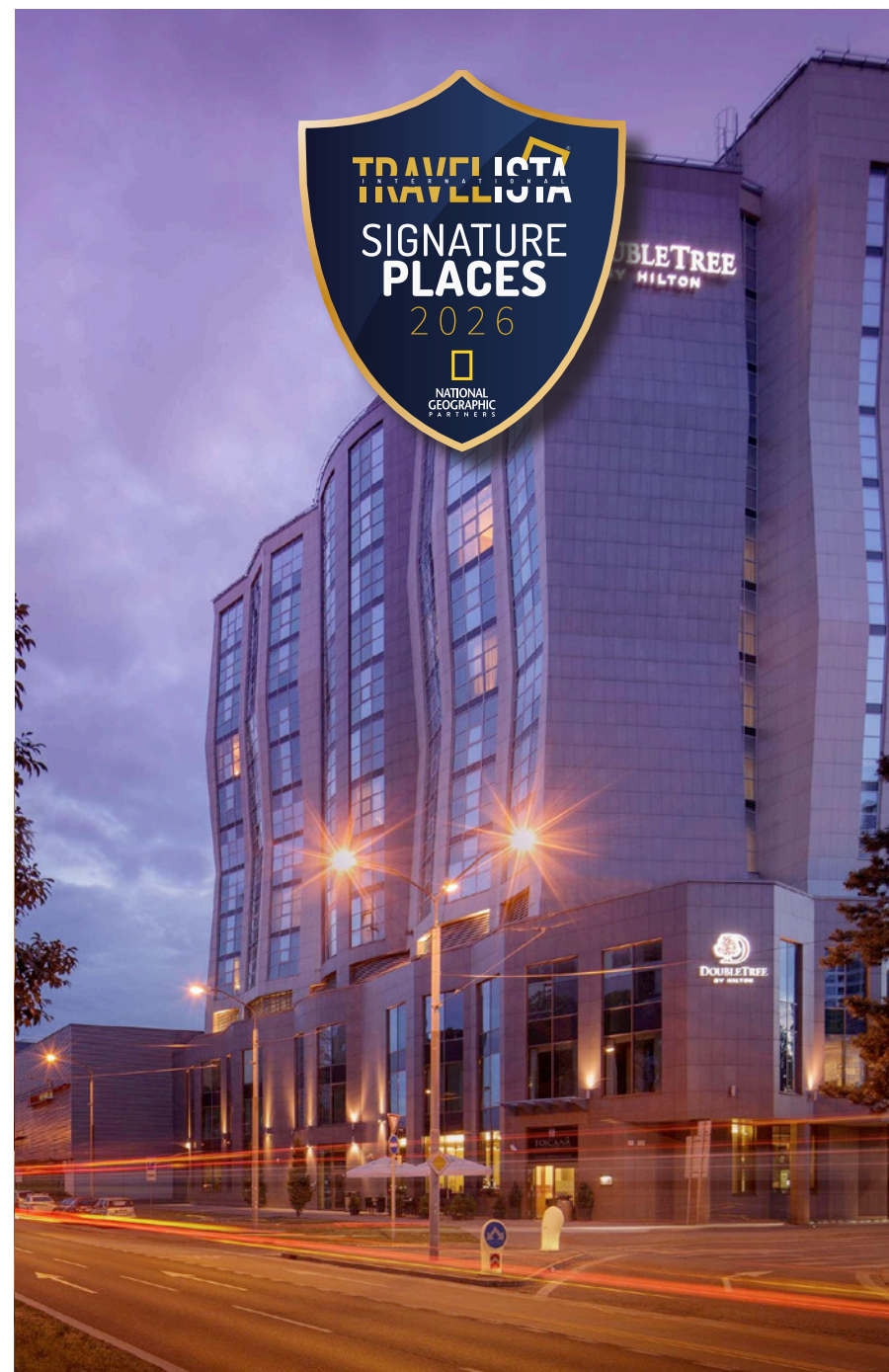


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# Hotel International

## Veľká Lomnica, Slovakia

Set in the scenic foothills of the High Tatras, Hotel International presents a modern mountain retreat that blends contemporary comfort with easy access to one of Slovakia's most beloved natural landscapes. Its crisp architecture and thoughtful design invite guests to discover both the adventure and tranquillity of the surrounding environment. Whether arriving after a day on the slopes or setting out for a hike along forested trails, this property places the region's beauty at the centre of the experience.

Interior spaces at Hotel International are composed with clarity and relaxed sophistication. Guest rooms and suites offer a clean, contemporary aesthetic with light-filled interiors and panoramic views of the Tatras, creating a calm backdrop for rest and recharge. Public areas balance form and function, providing settings that feel both social and composed —

perfect for unwinding with a drink or gathering before an excursion.

The hotel's location makes it a natural base for seasonal exploration, from winter skiing to summer hiking and beyond. A welcoming atmosphere and attentive service ensure that each stay feels tailored to the rhythm of the mountains. Hotel International \*\*\*\* stands as a gateway to the High Tatras — a place where landscape, comfort and contemporary hospitality meet in effortless harmony.

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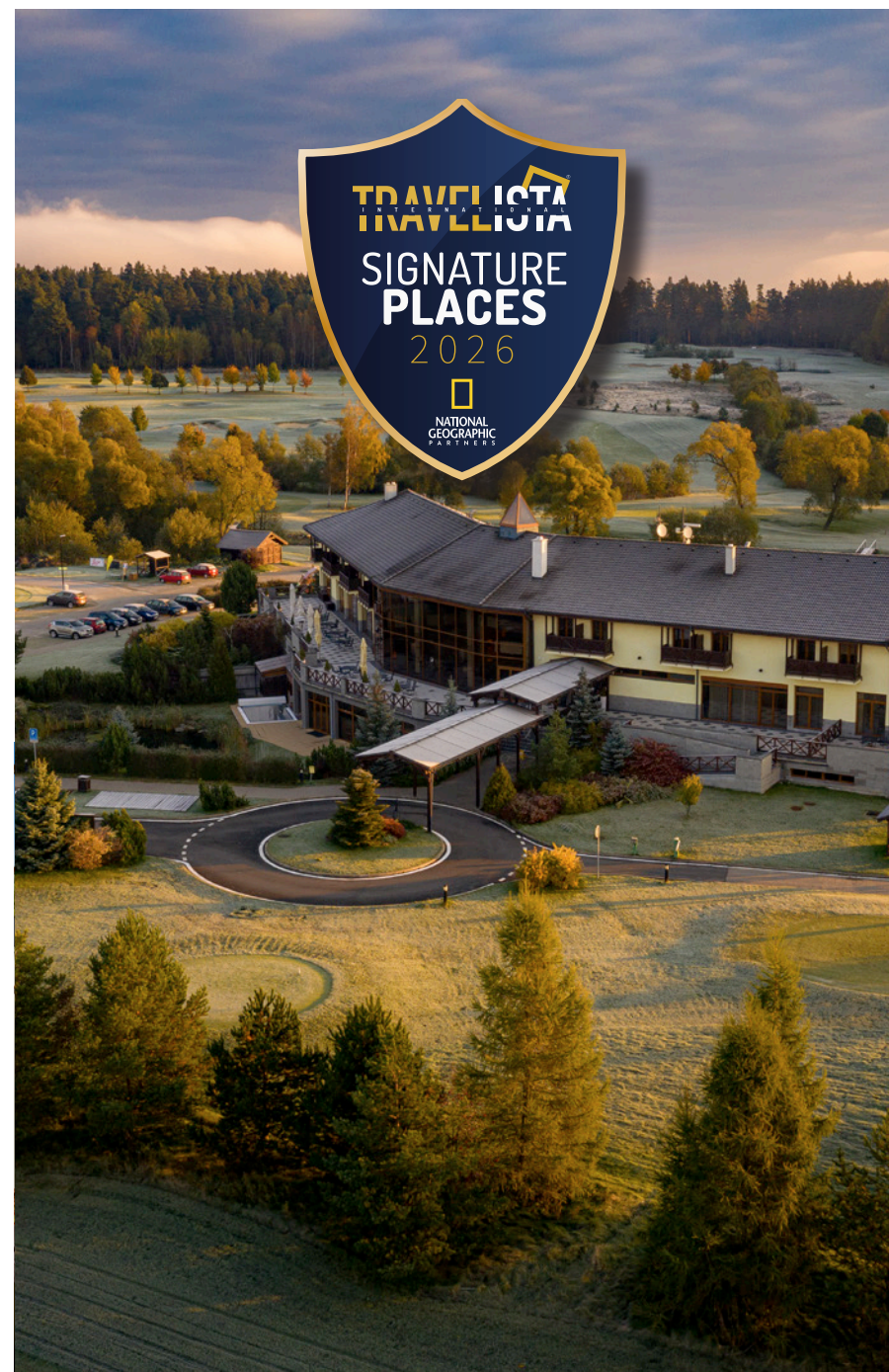


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# Grand Hotel Bellevue

## Horný Smokovec, Slovakia

Perched in the serene heights of Horný Smokovec, overlooking the sweeping panoramas of the High Tatras, Grand Hotel Bellevue is a classic mountain sanctuary where views and tranquillity define the stay. From its elevated position, guests are greeted by dramatic ridgelines and valleys that shift in mood with the seasons, turning every visit into a visual journey of discovery and wonder. Its setting alone invites reflection, relaxation and effortless connection with nature.

The hotel's interiors are designed to complement the imposing alpine landscape, with soft tones, natural materials and large windows that frame the ever-changing scenery. Rooms and suites balance comfort and elegance, offering a restful retreat after days filled with hiking, skiing or simply breathing in the crisp mountain air. Throughout the property, spaces feel thoughtful and com-

posed — creating a rhythm that is calm without ever being static.

Grand Hotel Bellevue also serves as a gateway to the rich cultural and outdoor offerings of the Tatras, inviting guests to explore both marked trails and hidden corners of the region. Whether savouring local cuisine in the dining areas, unwinding in the lounge or observing the peaks from a quiet spot, the experience here feels inherently connected to place. It is a destination where nature and hospitality meet with quiet dignity.

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# Grandhotel Starý Smokovec

## Starý Smokovec, Slovakia

Set in the historic mountain village of Starý Smokovec, Grandhotel Starý Smokovec is a distinguished landmark that blends traditional alpine elegance with thoughtful modern comfort. Surrounded by the forested slopes and majestic peaks of the High Tatras, the hotel offers an inviting base from which to explore the region's natural beauty – whether through scenic hikes, cable car excursions or quiet winter walks. The location embodies the Tatras' spirit of discovery, peace and rugged charm.

Inside, the hotel's interiors reflect a gracious and timeless style, combining classical details with contemporary amenities that enhance comfort without overshadowing the surrounding landscape. Guest rooms and suites provide serene settings to unwind after a day in the mountains, while public spaces – lounges, dining areas and terraces – encourage relaxation and gentle social moments.

Every space feels curated to complement the pace of mountain life: calm, collected and attentive.

Grandhotel Starý Smokovec's hospitality extends beyond its rooms, offering personalised service and local insight that make each guest's stay feel purposeful. From seasonal regional cuisine to attentive recommendations for activities and excursions, the experience here is shaped by a refined simplicity that honours both tradition and the natural environment. It is a place where the mountains are always present – not just in view, but in the rhythm of every stay.

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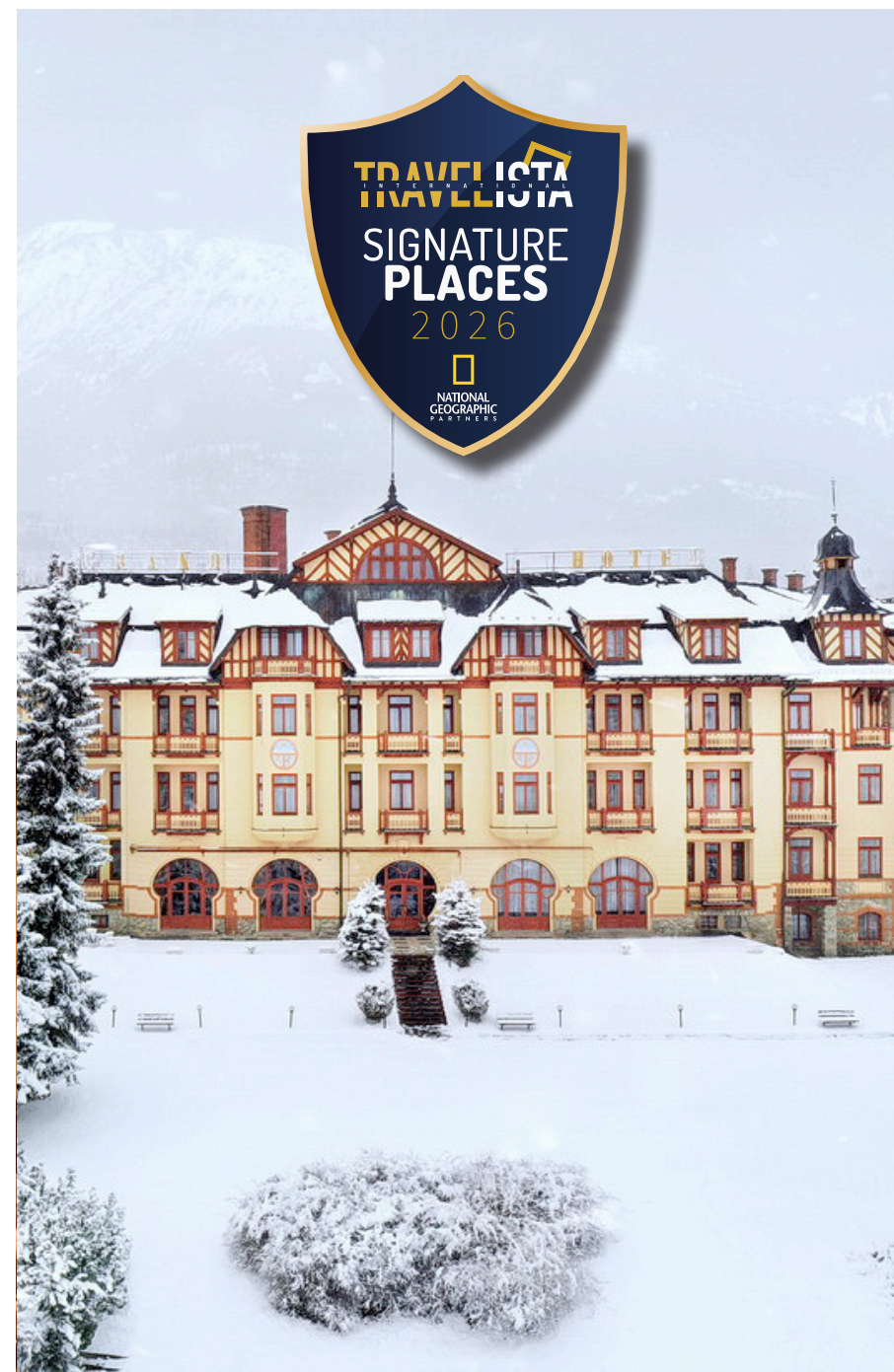


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