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GRAND RENOVATIONS

The Grand Hotel Tremezzo on Lake Como re-opened in the spring following a massive renovation of its 92 rooms and suites. This renovation also welcomes the T Spa. Branded by ESPA, the new spa will be housed in the 18th century Villa Emilia and will comprise five treatment rooms, a Hammam, nail bar, infinity pool and gym. Dating back to 1910, the family owned hotel includes an all-suite rooftop floor with lavishly appointed suites with their own private terrace, outdoor Jacuzzi, butler service and panoramic views over the lake. www.grandhoteltremezzo.com

STATELY-STYLE

More than 100 years since its construction, the Grade II listed Foxhill Manor is now available for hire on an exclusive-use basis. Tucked away on the Cotswold's sprawling Farncombe Estate, the eight room property is just a short walk away from its sister property, the well known Dormy House Hotel. There is a dining room for 16 guests, lounge and bar, media room and meeting room, all serviced by Foxhill's housekeeper, butler and private chef. www.foxhillmanor.com



SWIM-ART

Swimming in a work of art is the new experience at Les Sources de Caudalie. Their new indoor 15-metre pool is set within a magnificent glasshouse. The new swimming pool, launched earlier this year alongside 12 new suites, is the work of artist Mathilde del'Ecotais. The photographer-artist has installed a large piece of 'pool art' across the bottom of the pool giving it agolden tone when viewed from above. www.sourcescaudalie.com



LAP OF LUXURY

The new year brought with it a new addition to the iconic Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa. Located in the historic German spa town of Baden Baden, the hotel opened its new destination spa. Spread over five floors the new spa includes a sauna, plunge pool, gym, and Hammam, along with 15 treatment rooms. The treatments focus on four distinct areas combining beauty, detox and nutrition, emotional and medical care. www.villastephanie.



LAID BACK VIBES

The Nikki Beach Resort & Spa Porto Heli in Greece is the Nikki Beach group's first hotel in Europe. The group have created a boutique property with a lower key vibe than the usual Nikki Beach properties. The hotel has a relaxed and fun atmosphere. The relaxed vibe at the rooftop bar is created by the all-day sounds mixed by the in-house DJ – played at significantly lower volume than at the other Nikki Beach Clubs. www.nikkibeachhotels.com



SACRED COMFORTS

Renowned for their 40 years of sustainable tourism in Peru, Inkaterra has opened a new luxury Peruvian farmhouse. Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba, in the Sacred Valley. The ideal location for adventurous travellers to acclimatise before a journey to Machu Picchu. The property is located between Cusco and Ollantaytambo. The hacienda, has been designed to emphasise Inkaterra's core philosophy of respecting the environment. www.inkaterra.com

AN ASIAN IDYLL

Fringed with coral reefs in crystal clear water and covered in dense tropical jungle, the island of Phu Quoc is one of the last undiscovered pearls of Vietnam's coastline. Renowned for its untouched natural environment, friendly locals and fantastic scuba diving and snorkelling, the island is now home to the Salinda Phu Quoc Island Resort & Spa. The first luxury resort on the island, it stands on seven acres of grounds by the sea close to the town of Duong Dong. The resorts commitment to innovation and authentic local traditions is evident throughout the 121 rooms and villas, where the design is an interplay of rustic local heritage with contemporary influences. www.salindaresort.com

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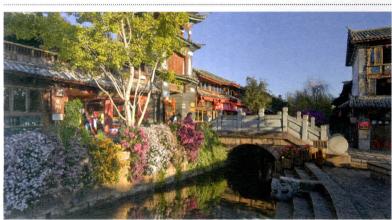




DOHA DELIGHTS

Banana Island Resort Doha is Anantara's new property in the Persian Gan alternative to staying downtown, Banana Island Resort Doha feels worlds away from city life. The man-made island is strategically placed just offshore, with regular ferry service to and from Doha's Corniche promenade. The island destination is equipped with a 30-slip marina, PADI dive and water sports centre, swimming pools, waterslides, and sandy beaches. There is also a surf pool with a professional surf instruction hand. Each of the 141 rooms, suites, and villas has an ocean view, thanks to the island's narrow banana shape. All but the overwater villas have direct beach access. The resort, which is alcohol free, has eight dining options, ranging from Arab meze to European. The menu at the Anantara Spa is equally varied.

http://doha.anantara.com/



INTIMATE HILLSIDE RETREAT

Amandayan is the Aman groups third property to open in China. Set on a hillside above the UNESCO Old Town of Lijiang, Amandayan draws its name from the Sanskrit derived word for 'peace' and 'Dayan', the historic name for Lijiang when it was first established by the ruling Mu family in the 13th century. Traditional courtyard buildings create 35 spacious suites with views over the countryside and snowcapped mountains on the horizon. The design was inspired by its setting, embracing style elements from traditional Nakhi architecture and integrating harmoniously into the town. The carefully preserved Wenchang Palace is set in one of the traditional courtyards dating back to 1725. There are ample dining options for all palates, plus a spa, pool, and library. www.amanresorts.com



BEACH PARADISE

Zanzibar extends a warm welcome to the Hyatt family with the opening of the new Park Hyatt Zanzibar. The latest property in the hotel's ever expanding portfolio, the Park Hyatt Zanzibar enjoys a beachfront location in Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The hocomprises 67 spacing guest rooms including the spacing guest rooms including contemporary style with timeless region accents, a spaland infinity pool. Ocean front rooms feature picturesque views of dhow boats in the harbour and the Indian Ocean. www.parkhyatt.com



SUPERCHEF PROTÉGÉS

Raymond Blanc OBE has trained many celebrated chefs. This year, he welcomes former students back into his kitchen with a series of exclusive dinners at Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons. Once a month until November, Dîner des Protégés sees guest chefs preparing signature dishes for just 50 guests at the Oxfordshire hotel. Each dinner begins with a Laurent Perrier Champagne reception hosted by Raymond. Diners can complete the evening by staying at the historic manor house.

www.belmond.com



THE HEART OF THE SAMBURU

Set on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River, Sasaab is located in Kenya's Samburu area. Guests can take part in cultural village visits to the local Samburu tribe, who will teach them how to make a traditional bow and arrow, a toothbrush from the 'toothbrush tree', and survive in the bush by identifying the medicine trees. thesafaricollection.com



BELMOND AFLOAT

The Belmond fleet of five luxury barges offers a new bespoke itinerary led by a Master of Wine. The Wine Academy includes an inclusive programme of talks to inspire guests to explore Burgundy, with programmes tailored to individual knowledge. Belmond Afloat in France offers tailormade itineraries around Béziers, Burgundy, Canal du Midi, Carcasonne, Provence and the Rhône Valley.