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In for a swim MAKING A SPLASH

Whether it's a luxury resort sheltering in an azure bay or a city escape with idyllic coves on its doorstep, seek out the blue stuff on your next trip away. Come on in, the water's lovely...



Relax by the pool surrounded by stylish cabanas and landscaped gardens



Suites come with stunning sea views and some boast a day bed for the ultimate in chill time



XO CAPE ARNNA TURKISH RIVIERA

Here at *H! Fashion*, we really appreciate a hotel in a hot location that has something cold and sparkling waiting on arrival. At XO Cape Arnna, you can practically feel the stress slipping from your shoulders as you enter the luxury beachfront resort with no less than 19 bars and restaurants. Perched on the glittering shores of Fethiye on the Turkish Riviera, this striking addition to the XO Collection is where Mediterranean charm meets top-end luxury. Think sun-drenched terraces and enough photogenic backdrops to keep even the most discerning Instagram enthusiast happily occupied. One moment you're stretched out on the private beach with the sea sparkling at your feet, the next you're boarding a boat

excursion or drifting towards the spa for an afternoon of blissful inactivity. Days feel long and leisurely, meals become occasions and emails quickly begin to feel like someone else's problem. And we must talk about the hotel's incredible gym. XO Cape Arnna has partnered with London's legendary BXR to create a fitness offering that is every bit as impressive as the resort itself. Expect boxing, Hyrox training, Pilates, recovery sessions and a gym that may finally convince you to pack activewear on holiday for reasons beyond good intentions. XO Cape Arnna lives in that rare sweet spot between barefoot beach escape and polished luxury retreat. It's the sort of place that makes departure feel deeply unreasonable. *Rooms from £302 all-inclusive, xocollection.com*

MAZZARÒ SEA PALACE & ATLANTIS BAY SICILY

Nestled within the spectacular Bay of the Sirens beneath Taormina's dramatic cliffs, Atlantis Bay feels like one of Sicily's best-kept secrets. Reached by winding roads that reveal increasingly breathtaking views of the Ionian coastline, the hotel occupies a privileged position directly on the water, offering a sense of tranquillity that feels worlds away from the lively streets above.

From the moment you arrive, warm Sicilian hospitality sets the tone. Service is attentive without ever feeling intrusive, with the team effortlessly balancing five-star luxury and genuine local charm.

One of the property's greatest delights is its private beach platform, a rarity in Taormina. Framed by crystal-clear waters and rugged rock formations, it provides the perfect setting for long days spent swimming in the bay, soaking up the Sicilian sunshine or simply admiring the ever-changing shades of blue. With Mount Etna visible in the distance and fishing boats drifting across the horizon, every view feels postcard-worthy.

Dining is equally memorable. Fresh seafood, seasonal ingredients and traditional Sicilian flavours take centre stage, best enjoyed overlooking the water as the sun begins to set across the bay.

Of course, no stay would be complete without exploring Taormina itself. From its charming, cobbled streets and elegant boutiques to the ancient Greek theatre and panoramic viewpoints, it remains one of Italy's most captivating destinations. And don't leave without experiencing the atmosphere of neighbouring sister property Mazzarò Sea Palace. Together, the two hotels offer a seamless expression of Sicilian hospitality, united by the same spectacular waterfront setting. *Atlantis Bay, from £345 B&B, vretreats.com/en/atlantis-bay, Mazzarò Sea Palace, from £431 B&B, vretreats.com/en/mazzaro-sea-palace*



Mazzarò Sea Palace's seafront location means the hotel's private beach is just steps away



Atlantis Bay hugs Taormina's picturesque coastline and is just outside the historic old town

SANT FRANCESC HOTEL MALLORCA

Beach hotels have their place. But in Mallorca, the smartest address isn't necessarily on the sand. Tucked into the honey-hued heart of Palma's old town, Sant Francesc Hotel offers something far more desirable: proximity to all of the island's best beaches, rather than allegiance to just one. While many visitors commit to a single stretch of coastline, checking into Sant Francesc means having Mallorca's entire shoreline on speed dial.

The hotel itself occupies a beautifully restored 19th-century manor house overlooking one of Palma's prettiest squares. From the street, its historic facade blends seamlessly into the old city's elegant architecture. Inside it's a masterclass in contemporary Mediterranean luxury: soaring ceilings, museum-worthy artworks and sculptural furnishings. The rooftop pool remains one of Palma's most coveted perches, particularly when accompanied by an ice-cold cava.

Mallorca may be blessed with 550 kilometres of coastline, but not all beaches are created equal. Fortunately, many of the island's finest are within easy reach. Around 35 minutes from Palma lies Portals Vells, a collection of idyllic coves among fragrant pine forests. Sa Platgeta, the smallest and arguably most charming of the trio, feels wonderfully protected, with rocky outcrops and dense woodland. The south-west coast, meanwhile, hides some of Mallorca's best-kept secrets. The fishing village of Sant Elm is one of them – low-rise and low-key, with an understated charm.

After a day of saltwater swims and scenic drives, returning to Palma feels less like ending the day and more like upgrading it. At the hotel, the rooftop beckons for one final dip before dinner. The restaurant, Quadrat, remains one of the city's most elegant tables, while the overall atmosphere strikes that elusive balance between grand and intimate. *From £271, hotelsantfrancesc.com*



Head to the rooftop pool and terrace for magical views of the city while having a refreshing swim or sundowner



All of the bedrooms in this five-star hotel offer an opulent mix of design, art and comfort

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