

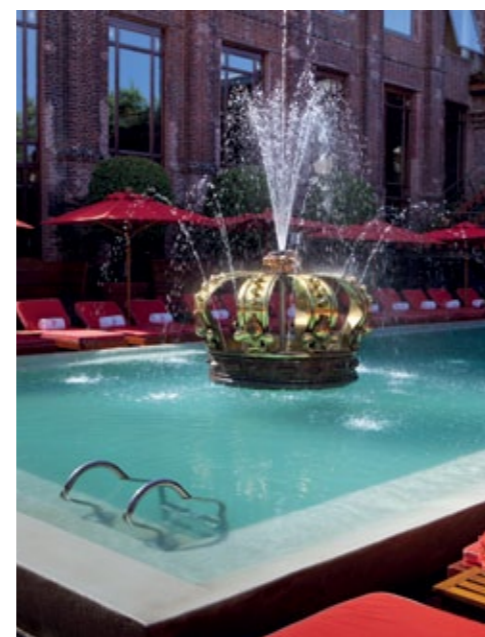
Serenity in Style

Eclectic getaways and extraordinary destinations



TOO TOO TANGO

Housed in a heritage building in Buenos Aires, the Faena Hotel+Universe is big on both style and service. This distinctive design hotel was developed by fashion designer and hotelier Alan Faena in partnership with Philippe Starck, and the result is an ambience that's modern, edgy and very Argentinian. Appointments are rich and sensual in a palette of deep red, gold and crisp white. It may not be subtle, but it's undeniably seductive. Indulge in a deep steam in the eucalyptus-scented hammam, or take in one of the rejuvenating treatments and healing therapies available at the Faena Spa. As well as remarkable guestrooms, the hotel offers one of the city's best tango shows. faenahotelanduniverse.com
Price: From US\$579



CONTEMPORARY HERITAGE

Formerly the Berlin home of the Danish Embassy and now a member of Design Hotels, Das Stue features 1930s architecture that reflects the grandeur of its heritage while maintaining both its social buzz and the privacy so treasured by the former residents. Its 80 rooms and suites come in a variety of layouts and designs to suit single travellers, romantic breaks or family get-togethers. Clean, contemporary lines are layered against plush colours and rich prints for an atmosphere of unfussy glamour, infused with prints by legendary photographers such as Helmut Newton, Horst P Horst and Cindy Sherman. Be warned about some wild neighbours: many rooms overlook the Berlin Zoo. das-stue.com
Price: From €180



LAKESIDE LUXURY

Situated on the shores of northern Italy's Lake Como, The CastaDiva Resort & Spa is a collection of luxury villas set across a private park – some original 19th century, and some newly built in a complementary style. The rooms and suites all have individual layouts and designs that mix classical and contemporary decor and furnishings, and all feature gorgeous lake views, many from private balconies and terraces. The resort has a chic wellness centre and a floating pool. castadivaresort.com
Price: From €370, including breakfast, tax and service



CASTAWAY CULTURE

Beach House Iruveli expands the Maldives holiday experience beyond that of sun, sea and sand, as guests are invited to explore the Haa Alif Atoll culture and delve into the arts, crafts and culinary traditions of the surrounding islands. That's not to say the resort lacks stunning natural charms or luxury accommodations. Beach and overwater villas are simply but sumptuously furnished in island style, providing indulgences such as private plunge pools and i-Spa bathtubs. For a castaway experience, guests can escape to a desert island and be marooned overnight with provisions of champagne and a Maldivian Malaafaih dinner for two. beachhousecollection.com/iruvveli
Price: From US\$644 for a Beach Villa, including breakfast and tax



SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

A colonial Sri Lankan residence in manor-house style, Maya boutique hotel in Tangalle has been restored to 19th-century splendour. Just five spacious suites are split between the Old House and New Wing, each individually furnished by interior designer Niki Fairchild and local architect Pradeep Kodikara, complete with vintage and custom furnishings, and perched alongside a lovely pool. Beyond the landscaped grounds are a picturesque village, rice fields, ancient temples and serene beaches on the Indian Ocean at the southern end of the island nation. mrandmrsmith.com/as/luxury-hotels/maya
Price: From US\$170 for a double room, or US\$750 per night for exclusive use during low season

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