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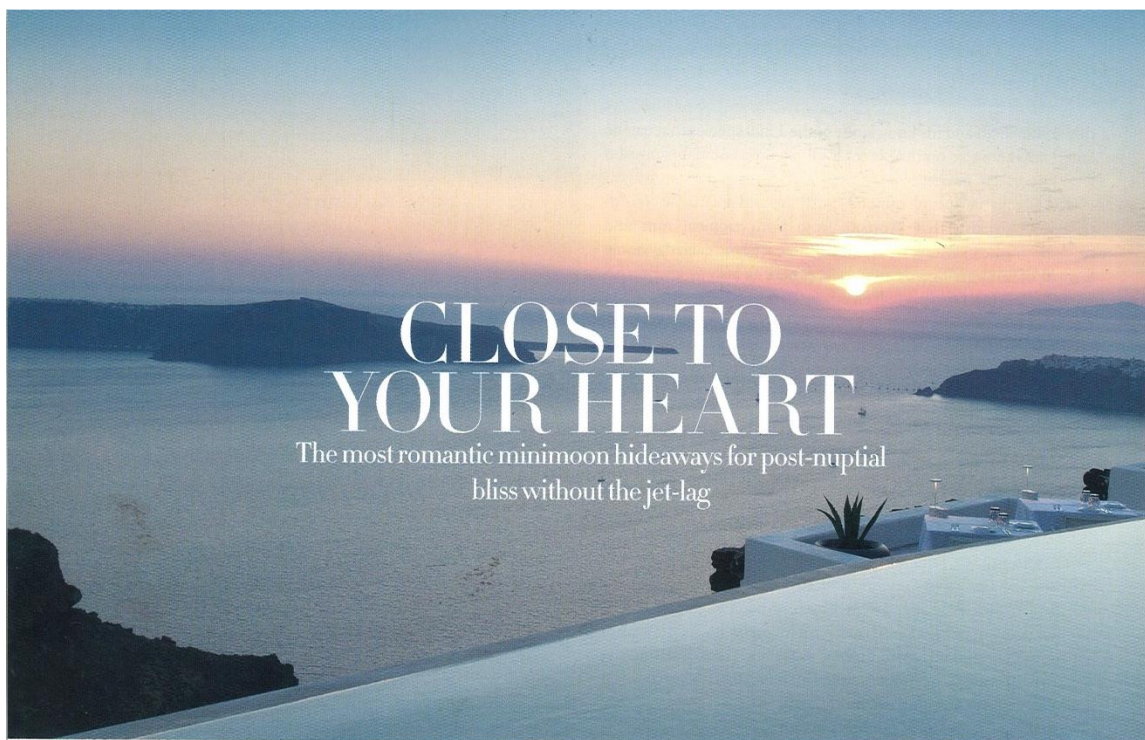


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Grace Santorini SANTORINI

Santorini has come to epitomise the ultimate Greek-island paradise, and this beautiful boutique hotel is proof that it deserves such a reputation. Carved out of a clifftop overlooking the caldera, the whitewashed suites at Grace Santorini feature his-and-hers marble basins, private plunge pools and ingredients for cocktail making. There's a cosy restaurant, Santoro, for dinner with your beloved, and daily free Pilates and yoga classes to help you disconnect; not to mention the largest infinity pool on the island, with double loungers for newly-weds. The mesmerising views and sunsets are best savoured while sipping Bellinis in the hotel's new champagne lounge, perched 363 metres above the sea. LUCY HALFHEAD
Grace Santorini (www.gracehotels.com), from £532 a room a night.



Le Meurice PARIS

Where better to celebrate the start of married life than in the City of Love? The original palace hotel, Le Meurice, offers sumptuous accommodation and a central location near the picturesque Tuileries gardens. No expense has been spared in its embellishment, from marble floors to period furniture and floral displays, while details such as Penhaligon's toiletries and French linen ensure a luxurious stay. A two-Michelin-star restaurant, Le Meurice Alain Ducasse, occupies one of the most spectacular dining-rooms in Europe, recently rejuvenated by Philippe Starck, who kept the rococo ceiling and freshened it up with pared-back tables and Eero Saarinen Tulip chairs. In addition, the concierge can arrange anything from chauffeur-driven tours to a massage in the Valmont spa. LH
Le Meurice (www.dorchestercollection.com), from about £780 a room a night.

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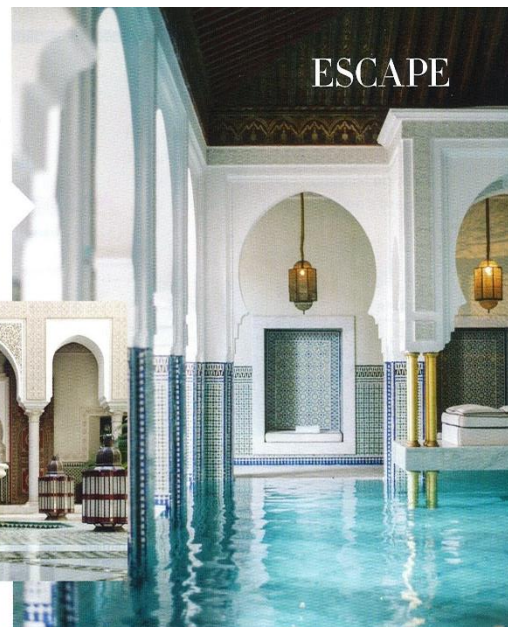
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La Mamounia MARRAKESH

Discreet and decadent, La Mamounia is the established choice of visiting royalty and celebrities; Winston Churchill often came here for his winter holidays. It is perfect for a minimumoon, with splendid Moorish design featuring Zellige tilework and plush velvet furnishings. Despite the hotel's proximity to the medina, 20 acres of tranquil gardens, scented with orange blossom, jasmine and cedar, ensure guests feel as if they're in an oasis. For maximum seclusion you can stay in a riad with a private pool and 24-hour butler service, but every bedroom is magnificent, many with balconies facing the Atlas Mountains. At night, indulge in fresh pasta and red wine by candlelight at L'Italien, one of four restaurants, before enjoying live jazz in the Churchill bar. LH
Seven nights, from £2,400 a room including flights, with Quintessentially Travel (www.quintessentiallytravel.com).



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Hotel Continentale FLORENCE

With its exquisite architecture and delicious cuisine, there is no city more romantic than Florence. The Hotel Continentale stands at its historic centre, moments from the Uffizi and the Duomo; my 'room with a view' overlooked the mediaeval Ponte Vecchio that spans the Arno. Inside, the décor is glamorously contemporary, with huge white-curtained beds, handmade leather trunks that double as desks, and black and white fashion photography on the walls, a homage to Salvatore Ferragamo, shoemaker to the stars, whose family own the hotel (interested guests are offered a visit to the Ferragamo Museum down the road). Head to La Terrazza, the alfresco bar on the top floor, for glorious vistas without the tourists; and if you're in need of a more holistic restorative, the small but perfectly formed White Iris Beauty Spa in the basement offers treatments such as the Body Ceremony For Two. LYDIA SLATER
Hotel Continentale (www.fungarnocollection.com), from £195 a room a night.

Finca Cortesin ANDALUSIA

Enchantment reigns at Finca Cortesin, where spice-hued interiors blend Moorish and Castilian elements, and large aromatic flowers bow over the pretty pathways. Here, on Spain's balmy south coast, you are never far from a cooling swimming pool, while the hotel's Beach Club has plenty of restful loungers. Enjoy sun-dappled breakfasts in El Jardin's courtyard, shaded by ancient olive-trees; after dark, get dressed up for martinis in the Blue Bar, followed by Michelin-starred Japanese at Kabuki Raw. The spa is sublime, with thermal offerings including a steam bath, sauna and snow cave, and oriental-inspired treatments for maximum Zen. LH□
Seven nights, from £3,200 a person including flights and transfers, with Scott Dunn (www.scottdunn.com).

