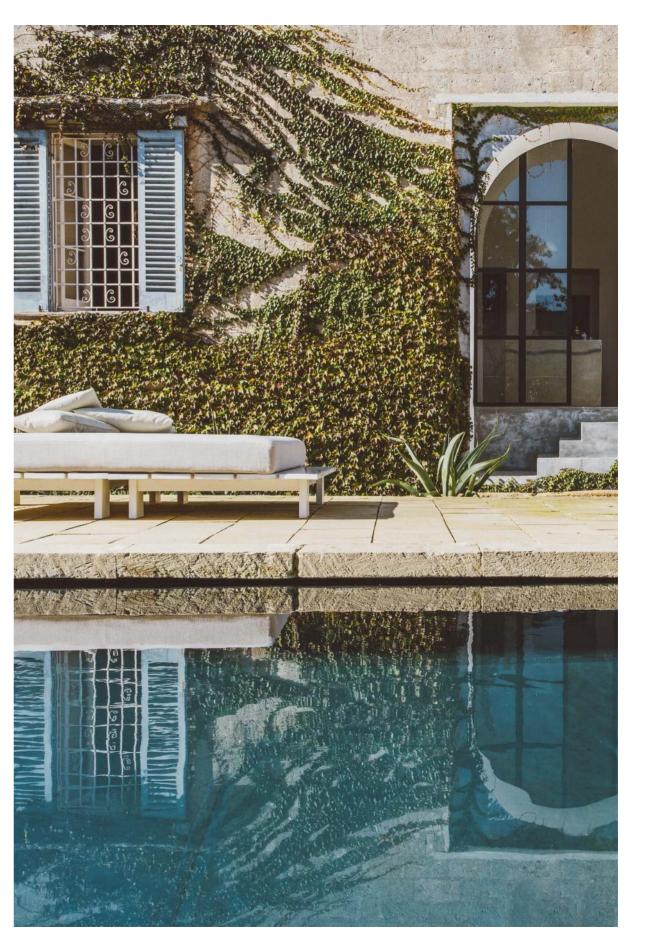


SUMMER ESCAPES

If you're planning a European summer break, try one of these brand new Mediterrannean stays

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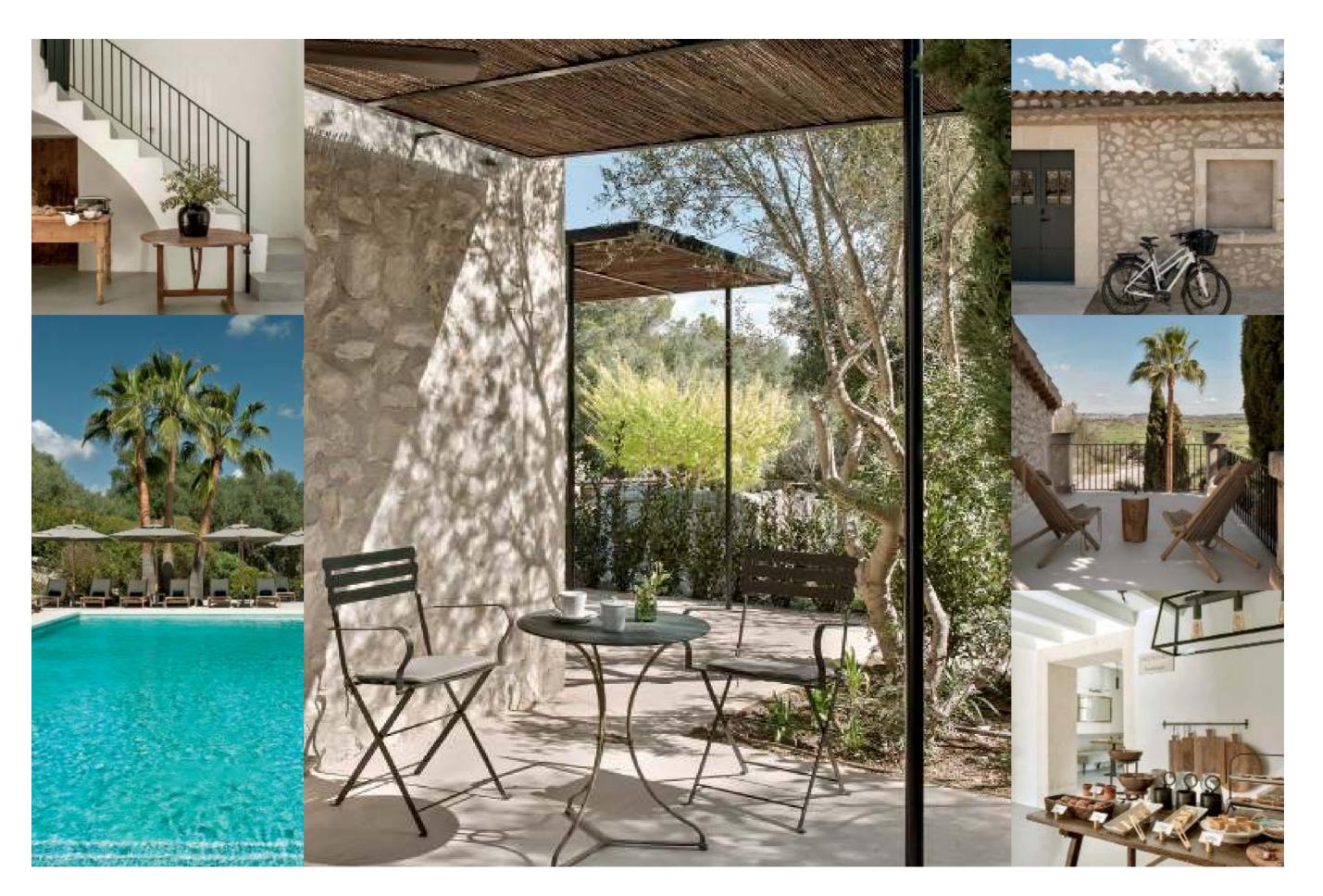


ITALY

PALAZZO DANIELE, PUGLIA

Stripped down to the basics but elegantly luxurious, Palazzo Daniele is a new, nine-suite, boutique gem in Puglia. True to the building's 150-yearold heritage, its bare walls accentuate original ceiling frescoes and mosaic flooring. The building has remained in owner Francesco Petrucci's family for four generations. It was created by locally renowned architect Domenico Malinconico, and the interior was the brainchild of awardwinning Milanese interior-design duo Ludovica and Roberto Palomba, whose work was inspired by the idea of absence. Explore the Adriatic's rocky coastline or visit the palazzo to admire Petrucci's ever-growing contemporaryart collection. Regardless, the haven offers holiday solace that will leave you feeling immersed in Italian culture, and truly removed from the daily bustle of life.

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MALLORCA

FINCA SERENA

Set on 100 acres, just 20 minutes outside of Palma, Finca Serena is a Mallorcan escape from the island's high-energy, beachside bustle. It's surrounded by ancient olive groves and lemon trees. Pines and cypresses dot the landscape, among vineyards, orchards and lavender fields - all of which fully encapsulate Mediterrannean-style living. There are
25 luxurious rooms scattered across the property. Pilar García-Nieto, overall director of interior design for all the Único Hotels, worked with local Mallorcabased architect Sergi Bastidas to create calm and private spaces. Flooded in daylight, each room was created as a unique space, comprised of local materials, stone and wood. Whether you're jogging, meditating or taking advantage of the pool and spa, Finca Serena helps you disconnect from the rest of the world. >>

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LONDON

RADISSON BLU EDWARDIAN MERCER STREET

The Radisson Blu Edwardian, on Mercer Street in London's Covent Garden, is less of an edifice unto itself and more of a neighbourhood staple. It's perfectly blended into its environment, nestled into the centre of the exclusive and historic Seven Dials neighbourhood. Laid out in the early 1690s, Seven Dials is now home to a wealth of top-rated and GQ-approved restaurants, shops and events. On the ground floor of the Edwardian, you'll find the celebrated Monmouth Kitchen, specialising in Mediterranean and South American fare. An adjacent breakout lounge is as comfortable for co-working as it is for afternoon drinks. Upstairs, a blend of elegant, vintageinspired pieces and contemporary touches (and tech integration) make the Edwardian the perfect representation of the city it calls home.





PORTUGAL

VILA FOZ HOTEL & SPA, PORTO

Lavered with opulence and luxury, Vila Foz Hotel & Spa offers old-worldmanor-house-style living, just 20 minutes from Porto's city centre. It's a beach retreat in a culturally dense coastal town. The 19th-century building was worked on by architect Miguel Cardoso, who added fresh details and finishes that still speak to the building's history. Surrounded by gardens and overlooking the ocean, the converted family residence is surrounded by bars and restaurants to explore, and it's ideally located for those who want to explore one of Portugal's most renowned areas.

Vila Foz and Palazzo Daniele are members of Design Hotels. For more information, visit designhotels.com.

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