

A one-of-a-kind hideaway in Mahón's historic quarter, Cristine Bedfor is sure to tug at your heartstrings



THE HIDDEN OASIS
Cristine Bedfor

THE STAY: Sequestered amid a hotchpotch of cafés and ceramics studios in a corner of Menorca's peaches-and-cream capital, this artfully put-together townhouse has to be one of the most heart-fluttering in the Balearics.

Gentle chatter and birdsong echo in the sun-splashed courtyard, where guests gather for hunks of lemon pie served on dainty rose-festooned plates, and from the sliver of a pool – softened by tangles of foliage – to the clusters of gilt-framed sketches, every inch of the

place is pure Instagram fodder. Should you find the resolve to leave, the isle's iridescent, pine-lined calas are close by, and the supremely playful bedrooms are a dream to return to after afternoons spent zipping between coves.

THE STARS: Emily Ratajkowski (below left) has summured in the Balearics.

DETAILS: Rooms at Cristine Bedfor begin at €290 (approx. £240); visit cristinebedforhotel.com. BA flies London to Menorca from £39 one way; visit ba.com.



ONE FOR THE WEEKEND

Making a strong case for an impromptu spring sojourn, these fresh arrivals won't fail to delight. From a curio-filled Menorcan townhouse with a playful kick, to a pared-back beachy beauty on an oft-forgotten Greek isle, we bring you the hottest new openings to make a beeline for...



The Rooster looks out over Antiparos's wildly beautiful Livadia bay



THE CYCLADIC GEM
The Rooster

THE STAY: An itty-bitsy isle of limpid shallows and magical sea caves, Antiparos's allure is undeniable. The air is scented by heat-baked cedar, and strung around a sandy arc on the untouched west coast, you'll find The Rooster. Dancing wild grasses frame salt-and-pepper houses of rough local stone – each with its own lounge-flanked dipping pool – and inside, the sunshine-filled spaces are layered with artisan wares (think sisal rugs, hand-woven baskets and buttery leather ottomans) from every corner of the globe.

A great deal of thought has gone into every element – take the soul-affirming Ila therapies in the spa, for example – yet the mood is ever so mellow; a perfectly pitched go-slow escape.

THE STARS: Frida Aasen (left) has explored the Greek Cyclades.

DETAILS: Scott Dunn offers seven nights at The Rooster from £2,800pp on a B&B basis inc. return flights via Athens and private transfers; visit scottdunn.com.



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Hand Cream, £20.
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£7.64. From
blackwells.co.uk



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Instant Camera, £119.99.
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THE HOMEGROWN HIT
Beaverbrook Town House

THE STAY: With its ravishing good looks and theatrical nods by the dozen, Beaverbrook Town House brings a welcome jolt of whimsy to well-heeled Sloane Street. Jewel-bright walls are hung with West End playbills, joyful bobbin lamps sidle up next to velvet-clad loveseats, and, underfoot, glossy checkerboard tiles gleam. It's gob-smackingly charming and the punchy, colour-pop suites are tough to tear yourself away from.

But downstairs, in Fuji Grill, chef Jan Horak's 20-course Omakase extravaganza awaits. After supper, curious types may opt for a starlit turn amid Cadogan Gardens' leafy expanses (the gate key is yours upon request); others might slink right over to Sir Frank's Bar, where mixologists sling potent creations against a backdrop of sky-blue lacquer and stained glass.

THE STARS: Poppy Delevingne grew up in south-west London.
DETAILS: Rooms at Beaverbrook Town House begin at £400 per night; visit beaverbrooktownhouse.co.uk. Book a hybrid Range Rover Sport via theout.com.



A triumph in clashing pattern and print, Beaverbrook Town House stands proudly on sought-after Sloane Street





THE FAMILY IDYLL

Oasy

THE STAY: As far as run-free rural adventures go, this Tuscan escape ticks all the boxes, making it a lovely spot to encamp with the entire brood. You'll share the misty-green pastures with foxes, porcupines and fallow deer; the pared-down, all-timber lodges are decidedly easy on the eye; and so joy-sparking are the outdoorsy pursuits, even the most aloof youngsters will find themselves giddy to get stuck in.

Along with climbing trees and gadding about on horseback, here they can forage for gigantic mushrooms, master the art of map-reading, and join Oasy's top-of-their-game rangers on wolf-tracking expeditions. All that fresh air will have little ones rolling into bed, happily worn out, at a satisfyingly early hour, leaving you to kick back on your Apennine-view terrace and tune into the soothing hum of nature's orchestra.

THE STARS: Tuscany has played host to Stella Maxwell (left).

DETAILS: Mr & Mrs Smith offers rooms at Oasy from £262 per night inc. breakfast; visit mrandmrsmith.com. BA flies London to Florence from £72 one way; visit ba.com.

Putting Tuscany's splendid landscapes at the centre of the show, Oasy is a back-to-nature escape the whole gang will adore



Jutting out from the rocks in Les Goudes, laid-back Tuba lures an achingly hip crowd of movers and shakers



THE COASTAL CRASH PAD

Tuba

THE STAY: A low-slung waterside stay hunkering down on the edge of Marseille's mellow Les Goudes neighbourhood, Tuba draws an in-the-know creative crowd. Magicked together by long-time friends Greg Gassa and Fabrice Denizot, it's an irresistible slice of sunny nostalgia with bronze-limbed staff and a clutch of simple, cabin-like bedrooms with shell-shaped sconces and windows that frame vignettes of the waves

just outside. Soft-focus afternoons are best spent sprawled on the yellow-and-white striped loungers that fleck the sun-warmed rocks, slurping vodka cocktails muddled with herby house-made syrups. **THE STARS:** Arizona Muse has frolicked in the South of France. **DETAILS:** Rooms at Tuba begin at €160 per night (approx. £135); visit tuba-club.com. BA flies London to Marseille from £37 one way; visit ba.com.

