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Our *love* letter
to the hotels that
make *us* feel sexier,
smarter, *flirtier*...
that make us walk
with a little more
swagger and remind
us who *we* want
to be and *how* we
want to live.

-The Editors

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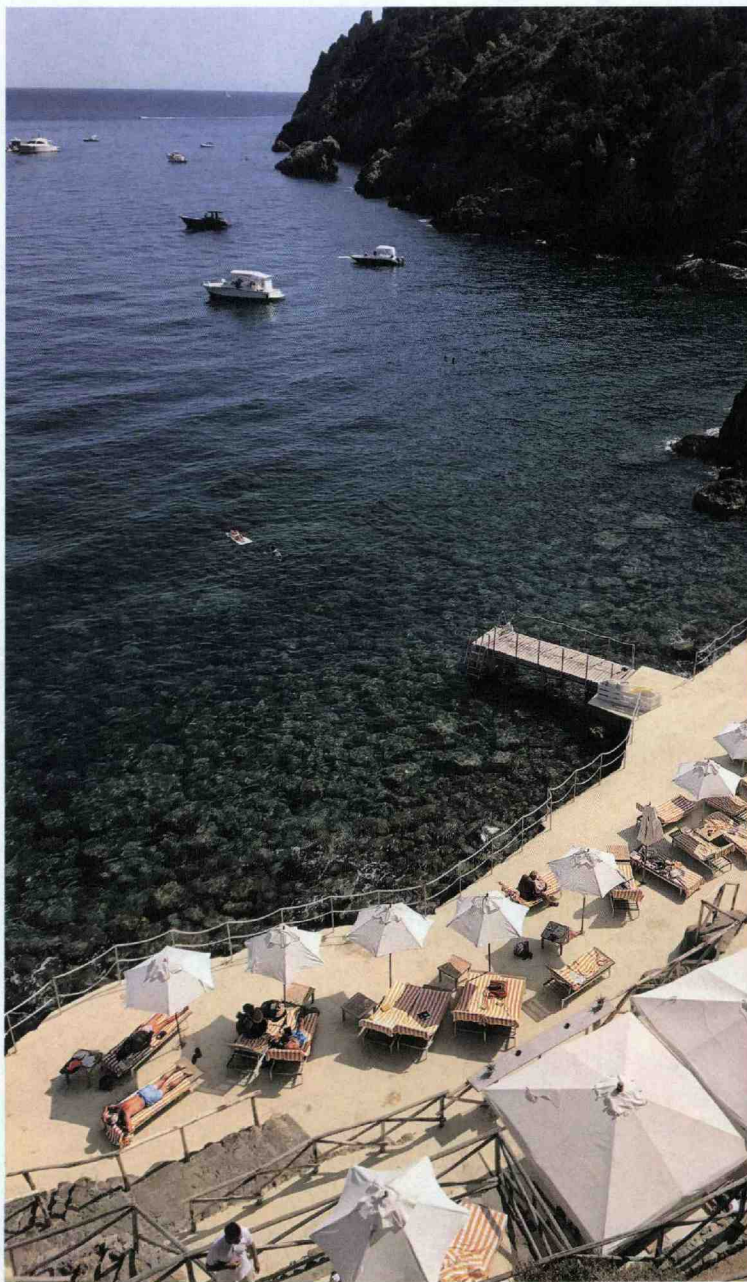
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TAN FEET,
OUTDOOR
SHOWERS, AND
AFTERNOON
NAPS
UNDER A
PALAPA

Some beaches make you want to wear a Valentino dress to dinner, while others require little more than a bikini and a cover-up. Here, the properties we love that satisfy every beach fantasy.



ALWAYS GREAT AND CLOSE (ENOUGH) TO HOME

Amanera Playa Grande,
Dominican Republic

Cheval Blanc St Barth Isle
de France St. Barts

Cuixmala Costalegre,
Mexico

Eden Rock - St. Barts
St. Barts

Four Seasons Resort
Costa Rica at Peninsula
Papagayo Costa Rica

Four Seasons Resort Lanai
Hawaii

GoldenEye Jamaica

Guana Island
British Virgin Islands

Hermitage Bay Antigua

Hotel Esencia Playa del
Carmen, Mexico

Hôtel Le Toiny St. Barts

Insólito Boutique Hotel
Búzios, Brazil

Jumby Bay Island Antigua

Kamalame Cay Bahamas

Malibu Beach Inn Malibu,
Calif.

Malliouhana, An Auberge
Resort Anguilla

Ocean House Watch Hill, R.I.

One&Only Palmilla San
José del Cabo, Mexico

The Resort at Pedregal Cabo
San Lucas, Mexico

Rockhouse Jamaica

Rosewood Mayakoba Playa
del Carmen, Mexico

Uxua Casa Hotel & Spa
Trancoso, Brazil

WHEN YOU REALLY NEED TO GET AWAY

Cheval Blanc Randheli Maldives

The rare Maldivian resort where the beach villas outdo those over water; of all the megawatt luxe resorts in the area, it wins for most elegant.

El Nido Resorts Pangulasian Island Philippines

Forty-two pitched-roof villas on alabaster sand along protected waters teeming with damselfish—and you get sunrise and sunset views.

Four Seasons Private Island at Voavah Maldives

This is the spot for a totally OTT friends or extended-family getaway, with seven bedrooms that sleep 22

spread across a five-acre slip of an island. You'll also have your own private overwater spa and dive center, and exclusive use of a 62-foot yacht.

Halcyon House, Cabarita Beach Australia

Yes, it's an Instagram darling, but it's more than a beachy Aussie photo op with its house restaurant that does some of the best room service and breakfast anywhere—plus there's a tennis court and a spa on the way.

Laucala Island Resort Fiji

This private island is the new Polynesian paradise, with 25 villas set among coconut trees and tropical

gardens, horseback riding, golf, amazing diving, and just about every other water sport ever invented.

Nihi Sumba Island Indonesia

An eco-surf dream with green architecture, 560 untouched acres of jungle, and a legendary left-breaking wave you'll have all to yourself.

Soneva Fushi Maldives

More jungly than others in the archipelago, this resort has a refreshingly unfussy vibe; everyone is barefoot and rides bikes on the winding paths that seem designed to help you get lost.

Trisara, Phuket Thailand

The food alone is enough to get us to this resort that overlooks the Andaman Sea. It's super secluded too, tucked into a quiet cove surrounded by coconut and fishtail palms.



Living the glamorous life at Hotel Il Pellicano in Tuseany.



Off the grid at Kamalame Cay in the Bahamas.



ALL ABOUT THE DAYTIME SPRITZ & WINE WITH LUNCH

Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo Taormina, Italy

A requisite stop on the 19th-century Grand Tour, the flawlessly renovated hotel adjacent to the ancient Greek theater overlooks the Bay of Taormina and an active Mount Etna in the distance.

Belmond Hotel Splendido

Portofino, Italy *A La Dolce Vita* fantasia overlooking Portofino's harbor, with walls lined with photos of Hollywood legends who've passed through and a genteel bar, manned, for the past 47 years, by Antonio.

Borgo Egnazia

Savelletri di Fasano, Italy Possibly the loveliest breakfast buffet, with every charcuterie and cheese you could want, and access to super-in-the-know local advisers (instead of concierges) who can point you to the most authentic *orecchiette con le cime di rapa*.

Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, a Four Seasons Hotel Saint- Jean-Cap-Ferrat, France

Classic Côte d'Azur glam with the best pool scene ever—dedicated sunglass desmudgers, an enormous saltwater pool absent any lap swimmers, and the plushiest blue-and-white striped towels.

Hotel Il Pellicano Porto Ercole, Italy

A morning swim followed by poolside tanning and Aperol spritzes takes you right into cocktail hour. It's like living in a Slim Aarons photo.

Hotel Santa Caterina

Amalfi, Italy Etched improbably into the side of the mountain overlooking the Amalfi Coast, it's refreshingly old-school, with brochure stands at the front desk and the kind of honest food you want to eat in this part of the world.

Il San Pietro di Positano

Italy Still the sexiest place to stay on the Amalfi Coast, full stop.

Le Sirenuse Positano, Italy

Almost every memorable Instagram image of Positano's rooftops, domed church, and deep-blue water of the Mediterranean was shot from the light-flooded deck here.

Maçakizi Hotel

Bodrum, Turkey

At this little-known treasure it'll be just you and beautiful Turkish models and actors you won't recognize sunbathing and taking dips in the Aegean.

Masseria San Domenico

Savelletri di Fasano, Italy

Caught-in-time yet totally on point, with monogrammed mustard-yellow towels, an intimate three-stool pool bar set around an olive tree, and simple alfresco lunches of grilled sardines and tomato salad.

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