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The opening of the year? The stunning La Perla Hotel Boutique

# The Hotel Guru

**West Suffolk travel expert Lulu Townsend starts a new regular column telling us about the hottest boutique hotel openings in 2020**

From Puglia to Mexico, there are plenty of new independent hotel openings to get excited about this year. With several lovely hotels to choose from, here are a few to look out for.

QRA Hospitality (better known for Hotel Villa Carlotta and Hotel Villa Ducale in Taormina) have unveiled their latest addition **Q92 Noto**, a baroque palazzo in one of the best locations in the UNESCO world heritage site of Noto, Sicily. Nine rooms, a pretty garden with small pool, private and romantic, it's a little hidden gem waiting to be discovered. Book now in time for its opening in April. *Rates from £217.*

Head a little further north to the heel of Italy to Puglia which is soon to be home to **Paragon 700**. The only red palazzo in the white city of Ostuni, this stunning newcomer is a timeless place where elegance and history are found in each one of the 11 beautifully finished rooms and suites. Think cathedral ceilings, fireplaces, sunken baths, private terraces and balconies. The private spa is reserved for hotel guests and there's a restaurant, pool and bar. There's no doubt that Restaurant 700 will be exceptional with Michelin Star chef Paulo Airaudo at the helm. *Rates from £250 per night.*

**La Perla Hotel Boutique** has been a while in the making and could well be the opening of the year. No expense has been spared in the renovation of

Right: One of the bedrooms at La Perla and below right, Paragon 700



## LULU'S TRAVEL NEWS

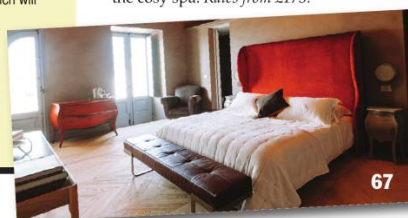


The Eastbury in Dorset (shown above) has just added five new Potting Shed Suites in the garden as well as opening a small, but perfectly formed new spa.

Autumn 2020 sees 72 Riad Living in Marrakech adding a large restaurant as well as a stunning new spa which will boast a very large pool, a second rooftop pool and a second sky bar. There'll also be a double hammam, three massage rooms, relaxing area and Jacuzzi, the perfect winter spa retreat.

this 17<sup>th</sup>-century building, transforming it into an elegant and contemporary hotel in the popular Plazuela de Los Sapos in the historic district of Puebla City, Mexico. A stay in one of the luxurious high-tech rooms will satisfy even the most discerning and curious traveller. *Rates from £165.*

Meanwhile **The Harper** is Norfolk's latest boutique hotel and is set to open in the spring. Showcasing new standards for luxury hotels in the county expect wooden four posters, oak floors, massive beds, and original artworks in the 32 rooms. Enjoy an invigorating hot tub, take a dip in the stone-clad pool or book a treatment in the cosy spa. *Rates from £175.*



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