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10 PARAGON 700 BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA, Puglia, Italy

Known as the 'Red Palace' because of its striking red brick exterior, Paragon 700 was formerly the home of Ostuni's first mayor, Don Paolo Tarzanella. Today, owners Pascale and Ulrike have transformed the historic building into a luxury hotel, while retaining its Puglian character and charm. Located within the whitewashed city of Ostuni, guests will enjoy the hotel's underground Spa 700, private garden, and 5m outdoor pool. Meanwhile, each of the 11 rooms boasts its own decor and is a seamless blend of old and contemporary, think frescoed ceilings, sunken bathtubs and open fireplaces.

BOOK IT: Doubles from €300 B&B. paragon700.com

11 ROSEWOOD VILLA MAGNA, Madrid, Spain

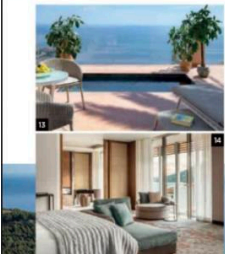
Luxury group Rosewood Hotels is opening in Spain on 15 October, at Rosewood Villa Magna, Madrid. Renowned Spanish architect Ramon de Arana's complete refurbishment of this historic property on the Paseo de la Castellana has luxuriously minimal interiors by B&B Studio. ArtLink is curating the hotel's contemporary art collection, and landscape architect Gregorio Marañón has transformed the gardens into modern oases. Michelin-starred chef Jesús Sánchez is launching a signature restaurant, Amós, bringing the flavours of Cantabrian cuisine to this new destination hotel.

BOOK IT: Doubles from €750 B&B. rosewoodhotels.com

12 KALESMA MYKONOS, Greece

Away from tourist hubs, the collection of whitewashed houses at Kalesma Mykonos is designed to resemble a traditional Aegean village. The hilltop spot means guests can enjoy sunrise and sunset as well as panoramic views over Ormos bay. Whether you stay in one of its 25 suites or a larger villa, expect a private terrace and your own heated pool. With day trips to hidden coves, shopping hotspots and local eateries, it's a perfect base for exploring the island. Alternatively, stay in to enjoy one of Kalesma's three dining options, a personal yoga session, or spa treatment from the comfort of your own room.

BOOK IT: Suites from €1,200 B&B; villas from €2,800. kalesmamykonos.com



13 SAN DOMENICO PALACE, Taormina, Sicily

San Domenico Palace has a rich history dating back to the 14th century, when it served as a convent until the late 1800s. More recently it's been a luxury hotel for the rich and famous, with guests including Oscar Wilde, Audrey Hepburn and King Edward VII. Now in the Four Seasons stable, you can stay in a sea-view room with a terrace - where you start the morning with views over Taormina Bay - and take advantage of the hotel's Italian gardens, spa, cliff-top infinity pool, and restaurants. It's the perfect setting for a relaxing, romantic getaway.

BOOK IT: Doubles from €950 B&B. fourseasons.com

14 ONE & ONLY PORTONOVIL, Montenegro

Fringed by lush forest on one side and lapped by Adriatic waters on the other, the new opening from the five-star resort group doesn't let the side down when it comes to bliss-out standards of luxury and paradisaical surroundings. One day you could find yourself exploring lagoons and ancient cave structures in the Kumbor Strait, the next, clinking glasses at one of the many vineyards. Or simply wander through Montenegro's walled towns, soaking in dramatic mountainscapes and the colonnaded architecture that inspired the hotel's interiors.

BOOK IT: Doubles from €716 B&B. oneandonlyresorts.com

15 MANDARIN ORIENTAL RITZ, Madrid, Spain

Back in 1910, King Alfonso VIII decided he wanted to replicate the Ritz Hotel, Paris, in the Spanish capital - and so Madrid's Mandarin Oriental Ritz was born. Over a century later, the landmark building has undergone an extensive restoration, spearheaded by architect Rafael de La-Hoz alongside French designers Gilles & Bossier. While the hotel's belle époque character remains, it now sports a chic new look, with 153 modernised rooms alongside sleek spa facilities. Michelin-starred superstar Quique Dacosta oversees five tempting new culinary concepts.

BOOK IT: Doubles from €640 B&B. mandarinoriental.com



16 IBIZAN GRAN HOTEL, Ibiza

We're all in need of a little restoration after the past year. Enter Ibizan Gran Hotel, which relaunched this summer with a series of new experiences to replenish mind, body and soul. Bob along the coast in a kiosk, a traditional Ibizan sailing boat, get lost among the vines at Ibiza's finest organic winery, Bodegas Can Rich, followed by a wine tasting with Ibizan Gran Hotel's master sommelier, learn about preserving life in the Balearic Sea with marine biologist and photographer, Manu San Félix. Alternatively, you could just stretch out by the azure swimming pool, and take in the view over Formentera.

BOOK IT: Doubles from €230. (Closed 16 Oct 21 to April 22). ibizagranhotel.com

17 SANI RESORT, Halkidiki, Greece

This sprawling, elegant luxury resort in northern Greece is the epitome of escapism. Featuring five award-winning hotels, Sani Beach, Sani Club, Porto Sani, Sani Asterias and Sani Dunes, the Halkidiki escape is nestled in a 1,000-acre resort surrounded by stunning coastline and lush pine forests. Explore the private marina, hone your skills at the Rafa Nadal Tennis Centre or train the kids for future stardom at the Chelsea FC Foundation. There are also five tranquil spas to choose from, offering treatments designed by renowned French skincare brand Anne Semonin.

BOOK IT: Doubles from €129 half-board at Sani Beach. sani-resort.com

18 CASA PACHA, Formentera

Pacha hotels are known for their wild parties, but Casa Pacha - located on the smallest and most tranquil of the Balearic Islands, the idyllic, sun-soaked Formentera - could not be more peaceful. Decorated throughout with calming natural materials and a mere step from the white sands of Migjorn beach, it's built for relaxing. Rooms range from doubles with sea views on either side to suites with direct access to the dunes. The hotel's chiringuito beach bar serves classic dishes (think fresh grilled fish, seasonal veg and sunset tapas) under canvas parasols. A hotel that makes chilling-out look oh-so-chic.

BOOK IT: Doubles from €400 B&B. casapacha.com

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BOOK IT: Doubles from €300

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