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TRAVEL

A SIGHT to behold

Soul-stirring vistas take centre stage at these captivating stays

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Exquisite cliff-top panoramas come as standard at Ca's Xorc.



CA'S XORC, MAJORCA

A bougainvillea-clad ode to artful opulence and old-world rusticity, this 18th-century former olive mill boasts an indoors-outdoor vibe that's almost bohemian. From the colourful tiled suites with huge canopied beds, weave your way through the citrus tree-lined path to a pool of vivid turquoise that gazes out over the Spanish isle's soul-stirring Tramuntana mountains. Sip freshly squeezed orange juice as you laze beneath cream parasols while swallows dip and dive overhead – you feel as if you have the whole place to yourself. Those in search of adventure can ramble along the cliffs and seek out a hidden slice of beach to commandeer – though nobody could blame you for wanting to stay put. When dusk falls, slink down to the terrace – lit by flickering torches – to feast on veal cheeks and lush fondant potato washed down with a glass or two of the finest local red.

THE STARS: Claudia Schiffer has been won over by Soler's natural beauty.
THE DETAILS: Rooms begin at £214 a night including breakfast; visit mrandmssmith.com. Norwegian Air flies London to Palma from £56 return; visit norwegian.com.



FOGO ISLAND INN, CANADA

Rising out of the rocks on what feels like the very edge of the Earth, Fogo Island Inn – crafted entirely from natural materials – is a true assault on the senses. The Atlantic waters surrounding this Newfoundland isle are home to humpback whales that can be spotted from the Inn's floor-to-ceiling windows, and up on the rooftop sit two wood-fired saunas from which you can watch the sunlight dancing on the waves, while fishermen bob about in painted wooden skiffs. Each morning you'll find a basket of buttery scones and piping hot coffee at your door – in case the golden light pouring in from outside is not enough to lure you out of bed. Hike across the jagged terrain – spotting caribou and foxes as you go – and you'll return with a ravenous appetite. It's just as well: delicious local ingredients – from just-caught snow crab to marshberries and lichen – take centre stage in the dining room and those uninterrupted ocean vistas make quite the accompaniment.

THE STARS: Newfoundland's striking landscapes have beguiled Gwyneth Paltrow.
THE DETAILS: Suites start at £1,015. Air Canada flies from London to Gander; visit aircanada.com.



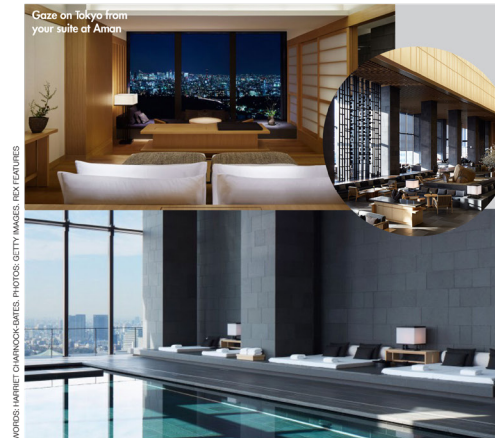
SHER BAGH, INDIA

Perched on the doorstep of Ranthambore National Park in the grasslands of southeast Rajasthan, Sher Bagh possesses the sort of magic that's tricky to put your finger on. It is here that, with the help of the exceptional rangers, you have one of the very best chances to steal a glimpse of the tiger in the wild. The hand-stitched canvas tents are layered with an abundance of Edwardian pieces and artisan textiles, from heavy writing desks to bold embroidered cushions, and the tranquil pool is a welcome sight when the mercury soars. Spend your evenings gathered around the fire, chinking glasses and devouring colourful thalis, and your days bumping around the sprawling Mughal ruins in a tough-looking jeep, tracking antelope, jackals and sloth bears.

THE STARS: Russell Brand adores Rajasthan.
THE DETAILS: Tents at Sher Bagh start from £336; visit sujanluxury.com. Etihad flies from London to Jaipur via Abu Dhabi from £526; visit etihad.com.



Tents at Sher Bagh come with wild atmosphere

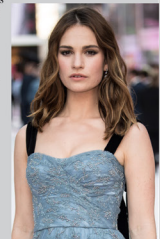


Gaze on Tokyo from your suite at Aman

AMAN TOKYO, JAPAN

Suspended above Tokyo's technicolour skyline in futuristic Dremachi, this urban sanctuary is as cool as they come. Outfitted in a zen-inducing palette of white and taupe, the bedrooms feature sliding washu paper screens, blonde wood panels and deep soaking bathtubs. The view is a glittering sweep of steel and glass, and on clear evenings you can witness the sky turn from pink to tangerine-orange as the sun sinks beneath snow-capped Mount Fuji. A temple to relaxation, the whisper-quiet spa places focus on *kampo* herbal therapies. There's an enormous pool in which you can swim off the jet lag as well as pillow dabbers to crash on post-treatment. Surrender yourself to one of the seasonally-led spa journeys and then, after dark, trot down to the Black Bar for a heady Kir Noir or a smoky bourbon on the rocks.

THE STARS: Tokyo's neon cityscapes have dazzled actress Lily James.
THE DETAILS: Rooms start at £730 a night; visit amantokyo.com. ANA flies London to Tokyo from £1,785 return; visit ana.co.uk.



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