

BEAUTIFUL HOTEL DESTINATIONS

Somewhere along the way, hotels have become a rightful destination on its own. Here are some that is currently on top of our wander list.

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Como Parrot Cay

📍 Turks and Caicos

Once a wild, uninhabited island is now a shimmering whitewashed wellness retreat. Como Parrot Cay is a colourful Caribbean resort under the Como hotel group. Destination du jour for celebrities alike, what this private Caicos island luxurious boutique hotel has is effortless and minimalist cool, supplemented by an award-winning spa and a mile of unspoilt, uninhabited and unforgettable beach. Rooms in the main resort aren't lacking of glamour — with white-draped four-posters, Balinese-style furniture, private sun-decks, and a peace-inducing palette of cream, terracotta, powder blue and beech wood. Indulge at the hotel's Lotus Restaurant, where light dishes and Caribbean-inspired lunch is served during the day, and by night, it transforms into a Southeast Asian eatery.

www.comohotels.com



Matakauri Lodge

📍 New Zealand

Merely seven minutes' drive away from New Zealand's capital, lies a jaw-dropping, view-flashing Queenstown hotel, Matakauri Lodge. Boasting 11 luxurious rooms — all with majestic alpine and lake views — this beauty is blessed with flawless natural assets. Pairing immaculate service, uncontrived dining and light-filled interiors by Virginia Fisher, the luxurious boutique hotel will make you hesitant to leave. The Deluxe Suite 7 or 9 envelops you with Matakauri's mesmerising mountain and lake views with beds and baths positioned to make the most of them. Be spoilt by the serenely stylish interiors, including fireplace-warmed sitting areas, walk-in wardrobes, oversized bath tubs and private decks. Playing its part in being eco-friendly, Matakauri uses energy-saving lightings and sources local, seasonal and organic food for its restaurant where possible, some of it grown on site.

www.robertsonlodges.com/the-lodges/matakauri

Anantara Qasr al Sarab Desert Resort

 United Arab Emirates

Luxurious, remote and romantic, the Anantara Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort, near Abu Dhabi's Liwa Oasis is located in a staggering, sun-baked landscape. If the desert heat rages outside, inside is cool, calm and brimming with Middle Eastern opulence – arches twinkle with Arabic lanterns and palm-lined courtyards centre on tinkling fountains. Spend your days lounging at the poolside, indulge in the Anantara spa or kick up a sandstorm in a four-wheel drive vehicle, then dine under starry skies in a Bedouin tent big enough for two. With desert views of varying distances, all rooms and villas mix Arabic decor with dark wood furniture, marble floors and neutral earth tones. Snag a super-luxurious, one-bedroom Anantara Pool Villa for a separate living area, kitchenette, a private plunge pool, sun deck and personal butler.

www.anantara.com/en/qasr-al-sarab-abu-dhabi



Six Senses Bhutan Punakha Lodge

 Bhutan, Nepal

Having served as Bhutan's capital for centuries, the temperate valley town of Punakha is steeped in national history, with much of it centred around its vast riverside monastery. Six Senses Bhutan Punakha Lodge is a beautiful resort that overlooks terraced rice fields and a picturesque mountainside, making it look as if the hotel has unfurled a staircase to higher plains. Not content with mere elevation, the designers aimed for levitation with a cantilevered lounge that juts over the pool, making it feel as if you're floating above the water. Yet for all its loftiness, the hotel couldn't be more rooted to the local landscape: the rooms are clad in warm-toned woods sourced from nearby forests, creating sleek, zen-like interiors that heighten the pacifying power of the view.

www.sixsenses.com