

🔺 La Mamounia, Private Riad

MARRAKECH

'Mamounia' means 'safe haven' in Arabic, which accurately encapsulates the vibe at this storied hotel. A beloved haunt of everyone from Charlie Chaplin to Winston Churchill (Churchill would reside at the hotel during the winter to paint). La Mamounia is less of a hotel and more a monumental landmark within the vibrant city; 2023 marks its 100th anniversary. The decor is exquisite — handcrafted Moorish opulence is at every turn, perhaps most evident in the private riads. There are three to choose from, and each one spans 7,535 sq ft and can accommodate up to six guests. The riads are arranged around a patio-terrace with an ornate heated swimming pool and an outdoor lounge. Inside, you'll find three bedrooms (one of which has a walk-in wardrobe), three bathrooms with a bathtub and shower plus one guest bathroom, and a spacious dining room. Guests of the private riads also have butler service 24/7. From \$15,000 per night. Contact Raja Foura, reservations manager, rfoura@mamounia.com, +212 524 388 600, mamounia.com



▲ Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Diamond Suite - Prince Rainier III

MONACO

Housed in a grand Belle Époque building in Monaco's famed Place du Casino, Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo is legendary and considered the best (which, for Monaco standards, is certainly saying something). The Diamond Suite - Prince Rainier III Suite pays tribute to the 'Builder Prince' (you'll see artwork of the prince and Grace Kelly on the walls); the two-bedroom, 8,934-sq-ft suite has a large main living room with a bar area, sitting room and library, dining room and office space. The crowning glory is the spacious terrace with heated infinity pool equipped with countercurrent swimming jets and views of Place du Casino and the glittering Mediterranean Sea. Guests of the suite are privy to a host of extras, too - from a limousine for private transfers within the Resort Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer to a 90-minute in-suite spa treatment. From \$50,750 per night: minimum four nights. Contact Ivan Artolli, managing director, resort@sbm.mc, +377 980 630 00. montecarlosbm.com



▼ Hotel Château Du Grand-Lucé, Baron's Suite

LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE

Situated in the Loire Valley within a private estate, Hotel Château du Grand-Lucé is a ridiculously romantic hotel. Set among some 80 acres of formal gardens, lakes and ancient white oak forest, the chateau was built in 1764 for Jacques Pineau de Viennay III (aka Baron de Lucé), who sadly died not long after the building was complete — rumor has it, he suffered a heart attack after witnessing the sheer beauty of the chateau. There are just 17 rooms, each as sumptuous as the last, but the top key is undoubtedly the Baron's Suite. The 2,120-sq-ft, one-bedroom suite was, as the name suggests, built for the Baron and is suitably grandiose: 17-ft ceilings, Versailles patterned oak floors, massive casement windows, antique furniture and gilded touches. The suite has three entrances, one of which is a private entrance leading directly from the west garden (the marble bathroom with freestanding tub has pretty views of the garden). Every inch of the suite is splendid, from the private library dressed in green and stocked with French literature to the Salon Chinois with its canvas-covered walls painted by Jean-Baptiste Pillement.

From \$15,000 per night. Contact Michael Gregory, managing director, info@chateaugrandluce.com, +33 255 484 040, chateaugrandluce.com



Coworth Park, The Dower House

ASCOT, ENGLAND

Coworth Park sits on the border of Windsor Great Park on 240 acres of parkland. Contrasting its historic English charm is the sleek spa — its crescent-shaped design is topped with grass to blend into the leafy surrounds. The three-bedroom Dower House is a stand-alone cottage that dates back to 1775; many heritage features have been maintained — fireplaces, wooden beams and even a clock tower. The 3,283-sq-ft house is private from the rest of the hotel, and it comes with its own garden complete with a trickling river (which is home to a resident swan couple), alfresco dining area and serene lake views. There's also a fully equipped modern kitchen, and a private chef can be arranged to organize everything from a cute picnic to a lavish multicourse affair.

From \$6,000 per night. Contact Mary Michelle Sangil, guest relations manager, reservations.cpa@dorchestercollection. com, +1855 900 7009, dorchestercollection.com