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WHAT'S HOT



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TAORMINA, ITALY

In Sicily you have two choices of where to stay with Belmond – one up on the hill overlooking Mount Etna and the other down the hill on the pebbled beach. With refined Sicilian cuisine, beautiful spas and the finest white-glove service at both, choosing between the two will be tough. www.belmond.com/grand-hotel-timeo-taormina

NEW YORK

Margaux hides away inside the Marlton Hotel, in the heart of Greenwich Village. For some romance, make sure you get a table in the back conservatory area where cauliflower custard and squid ink Bucatini await for dinner. www.margauxnyc.com

MELBOURNE

The QT Melbourne opens its Aussie doors this month – promising, as usual, quirk above all. Inspired by “rag traders of the 1900s and French fashion”, the hotel encourages dress-up and play. With 200 rooms and suites, 24 private apartments and, of course, a laneway speakeasy to boot, the hotel is well stocked. www.qthotelsandresorts.com/Melbourne

LISBON, PORTUGAL

The Four Seasons, in that iconic modernist building, is known for its classic luxury. For a little something that's extra-special, it's added its Extraordinary Experiences – a sidecar tour of the city. The choices are endless – street art focus, finding the heritage tiles or just an overview of what this magical city has to offer. The Four Seasons knows how to hook it all up. www.fourseasons.com/lisbon

MONTREAL, CANADA

For the perfect weekend escape from New York, Toronto, Chicago or Boston, why not hop over to the French capital of the West? The Ritz Carlton offers suites with views across the city – and the executive suite boasts a fireplace. The Dom Pérignon Champagne Bar will kick off your stay in style. www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/canada/montreal

PALMETTO BLUFF, USA

With an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus signature course, an exclusive spa, some private residences and, of course, various fine dining options at Montage, Palmetto Bluff offers the very best of the low country. After a massive renovation the hotel reopens this month. www.montagehotels.com/palmettobluff