

A world above

Now the world is opening up again, we look to all corners for six of the most luxurious resorts on the planet

LIKULIKU LAGOON RESORT FIJI

As the story goes, the first visitors to this stunning blue lagoon honoured the magic of the place by naming it Likuliku, meaning calm waters. Likuliku Lagoon Resort is a haven of luxury for adults only, reserved exclusively for guests in-residence at the resort. A wilderness island retreat, it is the first and only resort in Fiji with authentic overwater bures in a natural ocean lagoon, surrounded by a protected marine sanctuary. Designed with respect to Fijian cultural values, traditional

designs and architecture, the resort is said to be embraced by the renowned warmth of the Fijian people. It is 100% Fijian family-owned, which is quite rare in Fiji.

From the water it looks like an ancient village, but the beating heart of the resort is a magnificent building in the design of a Fijian canoe house. Surrounded by sprawling ceilings, hand-woven thatch, and an exotic mix of natural materials and modern elements, the resort embodies the richness of an ancient culture with vibrant present-day touches. likulikulagoon.com

ROYAL MALEWANE SOUTH AFRICA

Royal Malewane, a luxury safari lodge in South Africa's Greater Kruger National Park, exudes the romance and beauty of a bygone age, while offering every modern comfort. The most qualified guiding team in Africa delivers an unrivalled wildlife experience, providing fascinating insights into the complex ecosystems of the South African bushveld.

There are two accommodation options at Royal Malewane; the Main Lodge which is more classic and grand in style, and The

Farmstead which is more intimate and contemporary.

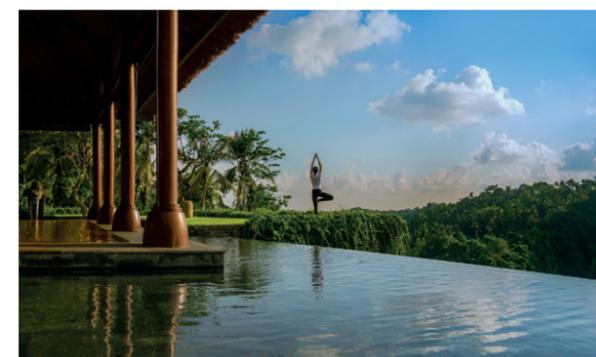
Whichever style you choose, the lodge's expert guides will bring you thrillingly close to the Big Five. And after a day out on safari? Indulge in sensual spa treatments and nightly feasts under the African stars.

The lodge is easily accessible by air and road and is located in the Thornybush Private Game Reserve on the Western Border of The Greater Kruger National Park. The closest airport is Hoedspruit and there is a private landing strip at Royal Malewane called Jackalberry Airstrip. www.theroyalportfolio.com/royal-malewane



LE BARTHÉLEMY HOTEL & SPA ST BARTS

A sophisticated beachside hideaway and refined testament to astronomical standards and amenities, Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa is a proud member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World. Here you will find timeless elegance, warm authenticity and stunning beachfront settings, in the electric atmosphere in St. Barts. Named the number one resort in the Caribbean, and among the 15 Best Resorts in the World by the Condé Nast Traveler in the 2020 Reader's Choice Awards, 44 supremely luxurious rooms and suites conjure an emotional response that complement their stunning island backdrop. Invisible drop-down screens easily transform outdoor terraces into private enclaves, shady and comfortable but without



disturbing the view. Adding to this modern interpretation of tranquil Caribbean style, is the thoughtful integration of technology and in-room amenities by Hermès.

Le Spa at Le Barthélemy, is an oasis of serenity aimed at restoring the mind, body and spirit to its natural and most authentic self. More than simply a spa, this haven of holistic healing encapsulates all of the senses,

beginning with its soothing Caribbean setting and open-air atrium which invites the outdoors in. Amenities at Le Spa include vitality pools, a sauna and steam bath, as well as a nail bar. lebarthelemyhotel.com

Left: An aerial shot of the Likuliku resort in Fiji Top: Enjoy a warm welcome in Fiji Above: Mandapa's infinity pool

MANDAPA, A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE

Befitting its name, which means temple in Sanskrit, Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve offers guests a luxury sanctuary for absolute serenity. Nestled in Bali's cultural heart of Ubud, with the Ayung River floating peacefully by, the 5-star resort offers butler-serviced villas and suites; vintage VW convertible tours of villages, rice fields and temples; and dining at Kubu, the signature restaurant which serves Mediterranean-European food in private 'cocoon'. Whether being led through an ancient healing session at the hotel's luxury spa, enjoying a cocktail crafted from Indonesian ingredients or dining on Balinese barbecue overlooking the rice fields of Ubud – at Mandapa luxurious locally-inspired experiences abound. ➤



The resort's Spa draws on traditional Balinese healing practices to offer a modern, luxury retreat amid the lush rainforest, featuring 'Subtle Energies' and locally sourced products, and unique opportunities include a session with a local Balinese healer. The riverfront spa is a complete wellness destination; in addition to its five treatment rooms, it boasts a yoga pavilion, meditation temple, vitality pool, saunas and relaxation areas.

ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/indonesia/mandapa

OBEROI MAURITIUS

Located in the Indian Ocean, far off the south-east coast of Africa, Mauritius is a melting pot of ethnicities, languages and religions. It was colonised by the Dutch, French and British, who came for its natural resources; from ebony trees to vanilla,

Pictured: The famous St Barts beach where Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa is one of the world's finest luxury resorts – just metres from the Caribbean beach, the resort was named #1 in the Caribbean, and among the 15 Best Resorts in the World by the Condé Nast Traveler in the 2020 Reader's Choice Awards



sugarcane and peppercorns. The island's capital city Port Louis has a diverse culture that is reflected in its vibrant arts, architecture, museums and markets. The Oberoi Beach Resort, Mauritius is the finest hotel in Mauritius; directly located on the pristine white beach of Turtle Bay, a natural marine park. Spread over twenty acres of lush, sub-tropical gardens, it offers views of breathtaking sunsets and night skies bursting with stars.

Featuring magnificent accommodation with traditional thatched roofs, unique restaurants serving authentic Creole and international cuisines, and a wellness and relaxation programme of daily cultural and mindfulness activities. All

complemented by warm, intuitive hospitality at this five-star resort. oberoihotels.com/hotels-in-mauritius

L'HORIZON PALM SPRINGS

With iconic, mid-century modern architecture, and a rich Hollywood history, L'Horizon offers a perfect boutique-hotel experience just minutes from downtown Palm Springs in California.

Built in 1952 by renowned architect William F. Cody, L'Horizon was a favourite celebrity hotspot in the fifties and sixties, and it attracted guests of Hollywood's golden era including Marilyn Monroe and Betty Grable and several U.S. Presidents.

After completing an incredible multimillion-dollar re-envisioning



by celebrity designer Steve Hermann, it is the only luxury boutique hotel in Palm Springs. Its 25 bungalows feature private patios and outdoor showers, spread out over three acres, with an exclusive and intimate feel to the property.

Featuring Frette Linens, Le Labo toiletries, marble baths, and a mix of bespoke and high-end vintage furniture, it is once again an iconic property in the making. L'Horizon Resort and Spa is an Adult only Resort, all guests must be 21 and over.

lhorizonpalmsprings.com ■