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WHERE TO GO NOW

## Euro STARS

*The best new city and country hotels from Lake Como to Barcelona and beyond*

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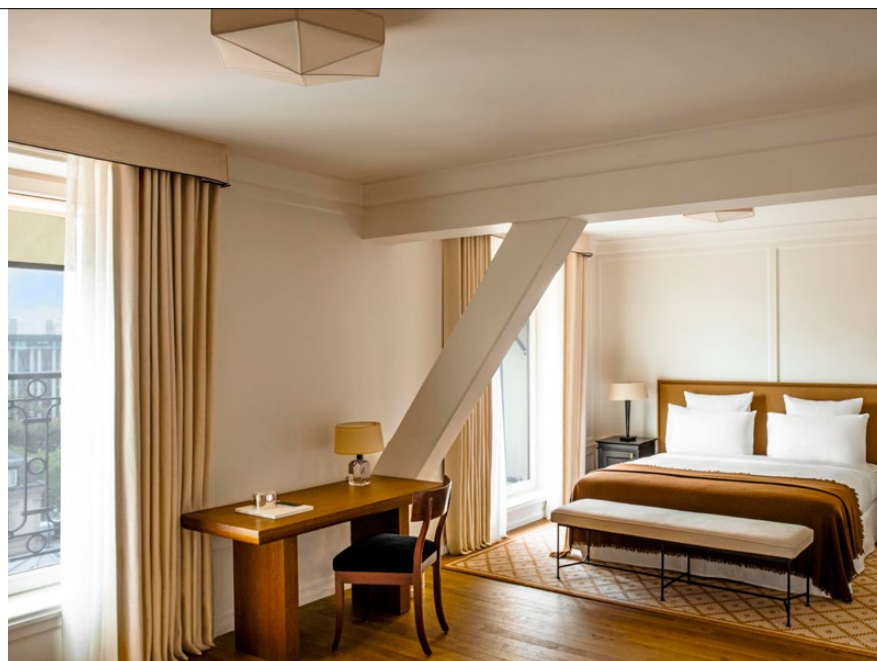
For those interested in a summer holiday in Europe, the time to start planning is right now. With a strong U.S. dollar, increased flight capacity and added routes to smaller cities, the appetite for adventures abroad shows no signs of waning. Here are just a few of the recently—or soon to be—opened hotels across the Continent and in the U.K. From a chic French chateau to a design-led, historic project by British architect Sir David Chipperfield in central London, travelers are spoiled for stylish choice this spring.

FROM TOP:  
The terrace and salon  
of the Ciel de Paris  
suite at Hôtel Balzac

# FRANCE

## HÔTEL BALZAC

Just off the Champs-Élysées in the 8th arrondissement, this 58-room hotel is a chic haven offering Eiffel Tower views and open-air terraces. With a recent re-do by Festen Architecture, the glass-roofed lobby lounge invites guests to linger, while the Japanese-inspired Spa Ikoi is a unique offering in the city's wellness space. Of special note is one of Paris' chicest hotel bars (don't miss the elevated take on a lobster roll) where travelers and locals alike meet for apéritifs. [hotelbalzac.paris](http://hotelbalzac.paris)



HÔTEL BALZAC: MATTHIEU SALVAING



## CHÂTEAU DE FIAC

The lesser-known Occitania region in the South of France is now home to Château de Fiac, a 19th-century castle-cum-boutique hotel. Just 30 miles from Toulouse, the property's 16 rooms and suites have been designed by Alexis Dupont and incorporate both historical and modern elements—with each enjoying expansive views of the surrounding lush gardens. A state-of-the-art Revivo spa (the first one for The Pavilions Hotels & Resorts brand in Europe) inspired by the original Balinese outpost is focused on the power of the ocean, from marine peels and spirulina-boosted facials to an Icelandic plunge pool, swimming pool and a hammam. Signature Retreats are also offered (a three-night minimum) to destress, detox and focus on nutrition and yoga technique. [chateaufiac.com](http://chateaufiac.com)

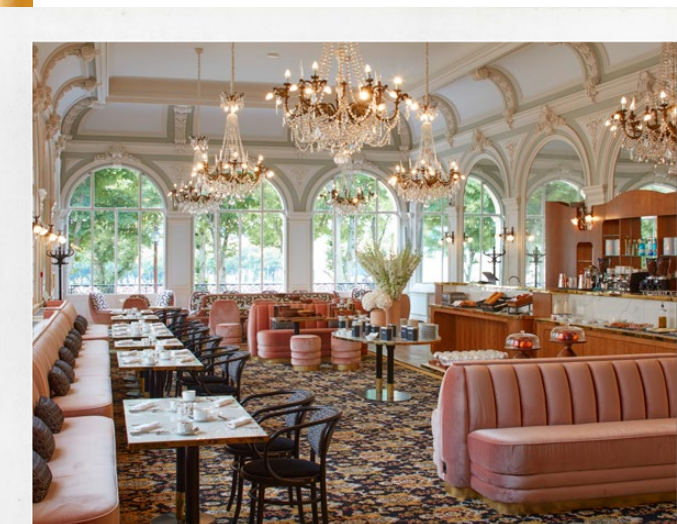
## COQUILLADE

The lavender-strewn Luberon is home to this 69-room Provençal oasis—one that features five new, sumptuous suites complete with antique furnishings from nearby Isle-sur-la-Sorgue. Spacious suites ranging from 645 to 1,614 square feet are named for nymphs—Calista, Cyrène, Ida, Elysia, Daphné and Cassiopée—and each has a distinct aesthetic. A spa with Tata Harper and Nescens treatments, three swimming pools and an ever-changing art program all stay true to Coquillade's ethos of culture, community and consciousness. [coquillade.fr](http://coquillade.fr)



## LES LUMIÈRES VERSAILLES

Opened late last summer, this 31-room gem is just steps from Versailles and pays homage to the Age of Enlightenment with spaces named for the great philosophers of the time. Café Pierre Hermé—the chef's first location in a hotel—serves decadent breakfast, lunch and pastries, while La Table des Lumières restaurant serves a vegetable-centric menu using ingredients sourced from the property's own gardens. For a chic drink, Le Bar de Philosophes serves exclusively French-made spirits and wines, while the spa features facials with Brad Pitt's Le Domaine skincare range that is produced in the region. For those who can pull themselves away from this cossetting hotel, the area is full of fabulous flea markets, antiques and vintage shop finds. [leslumieres.com](http://leslumieres.com)



FROM LEFT: The library at Les Lumières Versailles; Café Pierre Hermé



## EXPERIMENTAL CHALET VAL D'ISÈRE

Val d'Isère, in the Haute Tarentaise region of the Alps, offers access to 186 miles of pistes as well as the just-launched Experimental Chalet Val d'Isère. Its 113 rooms by interior designer Dorothée Meilichzon capitalize on views of the surrounding glaciers. Food and beverage offerings range from the elegant brasserie l'Aigle d'Or to the sleek Experimental Cocktail Club, where craft quaffs and croquettes are served throughout the day.

[experimentalchaletvaldisere.com](http://experimentalchaletvaldisere.com)

## ABBAYE DES VAUX-DE-CERNAY

A stunning Cistercian monastery-turned-country hotel awaits just 45 minutes outside of Paris. Surrounded by 185 acres of unspoiled natural beauty, the 145-room property is the brainchild of Laurent de Gourcuff, founder of Paris Society, with interiors by Cordelia de Castellane, artistic director of Dior Maison. The result is a sprawling, stylish playground with spacious suites set between buildings—from the abbey to the former stables to the family-friendly

farm with its abundant gardens and animals. Four restaurants offer everything from fine French cuisine to wood-fired pizzas, while two chic bars serve classic cocktails. Outdoor enthusiasts will love everything from tennis to pétanque, fishing and cycling. A world-class wellness spa is set in Les Haras and offers transformative treatments using Tata Harper products.

[abbayedevauxdecernay.com](http://abbayedevauxdecernay.com)

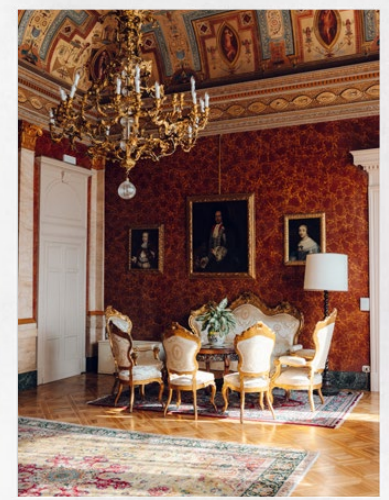


EXPERIMENTAL CHALET VAL D'ISÈRE: MR. TRIPPER

## ITALY

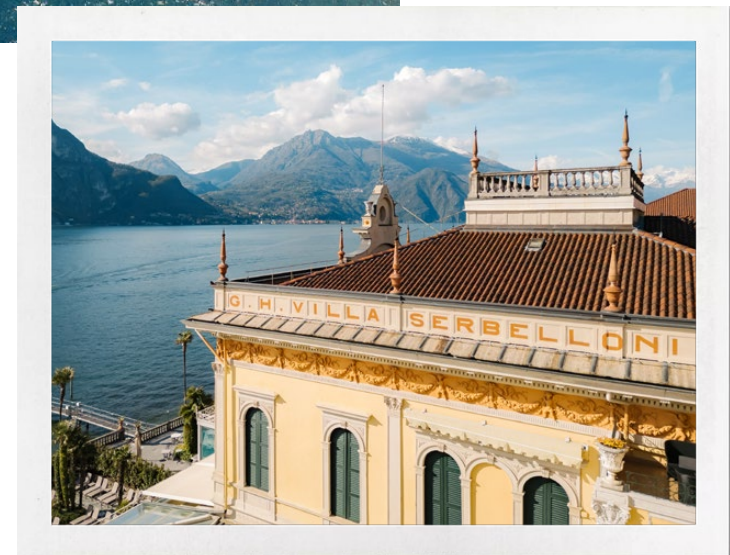


Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni



## GRAND HOTEL VILLA SERBELLONI

This storied property on the shores of Lake Como is now home to Luce del Lago, the region's largest, most comprehensive spa for holistic health and rejuvenation. Personalized care meets the timeless beauty of the lake in the 16,000-square-foot wellness center where water—specifically, hydro pools with hydromassage benches—are a fundamental part of any relaxing stay. Emotional shower and steam experiences offer colorful, immersive chromotherapy healing, while the traditional hammam with its Morning Mists and Night on the Lake treatments, as well as a Finnish sauna, are all welcome additions to the picturesque town of Bellagio. Sumptuous spa suites clad in blue marble feature warm quartz sand beds and serene relaxation spaces, while the adjacent Tepidarium—a warm, low-humidity room with heated seating—and a higher humidity Caldarium featuring a private steam bath ensure customized relaxation. After days spent exercising, exfoliating and taking in the waters, guests can retire to 94 rooms and suites finished with Italian marble, vibrant frescoes, rich velvets and Murano glass chandeliers, all with breathtaking views of the lake and lush gardens. Also new this season are a reimagined American Bar, an extensive beach addition (rare for the lake) and a total refresh of the beloved La Goletta restaurant, where Mediterranean flavors are served poolside. [villaserbelloni.com](http://villaserbelloni.com)



**SPAIN**

**SLS BARCELONA**

In the waterfront Port Fòrum neighborhood of Barcelona, this new hotel is set behind a striking, undulating façade that emulates the waves of the sparkling Mediterranean Sea. With 471 guest rooms and suites, six distinct restaurant and bar concepts, three pools and a spa, there is a lot to love about the brand's first European foray. A creative collaboration between leading designers AIME Studios, AvroKO and Rockwell Group has resulted in striking spaces that set the stage for an extraordinary stay. Guest rooms feature oversized headboards, mirrored glass and warm timber accents, while the chic bathrooms are informed by white marbled details, clean white tiling and sculptural mirrors. In the majority of rooms, balconies and terraces are perfectly positioned for guests to take in breathtaking views over the marina. [slshotels.com](http://slshotels.com)



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**SWITZERLAND**

**THE CAPRA**

Skip the crowds in St. Moritz and Zermatt and head for the quaint, authentically Swiss village of Saas-Fee for a stay at The Capra, a 34-room property where contemporary touches meet a classic chalet aesthetic. The passion project of one family, no expense has been spared here, from the sumptuous furnishings to the comprehensive wine cellar to the Peak Health Spa where saunas and steam rooms await guests after long days spent outdoors. In addition to the hotel's modern brasserie, don't miss Spielboden by The Capra—a mountainside treasure that's accessible by cable car where hearty rösti is the order of the day. [capra.ch](http://capra.ch)

**CABANE TORTIN**

High above the ski resorts of Verbier and Nendaz in Valais at 9,500 feet sits the just-launched Cabane Tortin—a private buy-out chalet that accommodates eight guests in alpine splendor. Three bedrooms as well as an upstairs sleeping pod for two additional guests feature wood-burning fireplaces and a Scandi-chic aesthetic. Inspired by the surrounding mountain vistas, architect

Snorre Stinessen has employed natural materials—wood, stone and glass—that do not compete with nature. Every stay includes a personal chef, a dedicated mountain guide, ski equipment and ski passes for 4-Vallées. For the hardcore adventurer, heli-skiing, backcountry climbing, mountain biking and dog sledding are all on offer as well. [cabanetortin.com](http://cabanetortin.com)



CABANE TORTIN: YVES GARNEAU



**ENGLAND**

**THE CHANCERY ROSEWOOD**

While the opening date has yet to be set, a Grosvenor Square icon will open as The Chancery Rosewood in the coming months. The Eero Saarinen-designed building was formerly the U.S. Embassy and is considered a brutalist landmark. With an architectural renovation by Sir David Chipperfield, the Chancery will offer 146 sumptuous rooms and suites by interior architect Joseph Dirand, as well as several dining venues by Tristan Auer and Bar Studio. A Yabu Pushelberg-designed wellness space and stunning ballroom will be welcome additions to bustling Mayfair. [rosewoodhotels.com](http://rosewoodhotels.com)

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