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So much has been happening at Historic Hotels of Europe this year. From naming the winners of the eighth Historic Hotels of Europe Awards to introducing some amazing new properties to our Collection, these past few months have been a real adventure... and with summer in full swing, it's time to put adventure on your agenda, too.

In this edition of *The Historic Traveller*, you'll find a range of remarkable ways to embrace the special fruits of summer and autumn from the comfort, class and charm of our historic hotels. Our ever-growing Collection is filled with castles, villas, country houses, and so much more - ensuring that with us, no two holidays are ever the same.

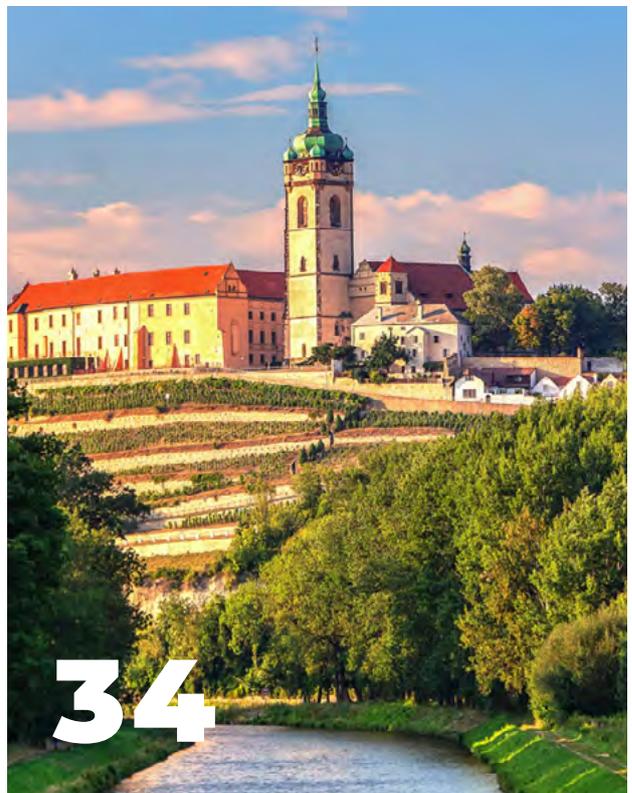
Wishing you a wonderful escape (or two),

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Avdis

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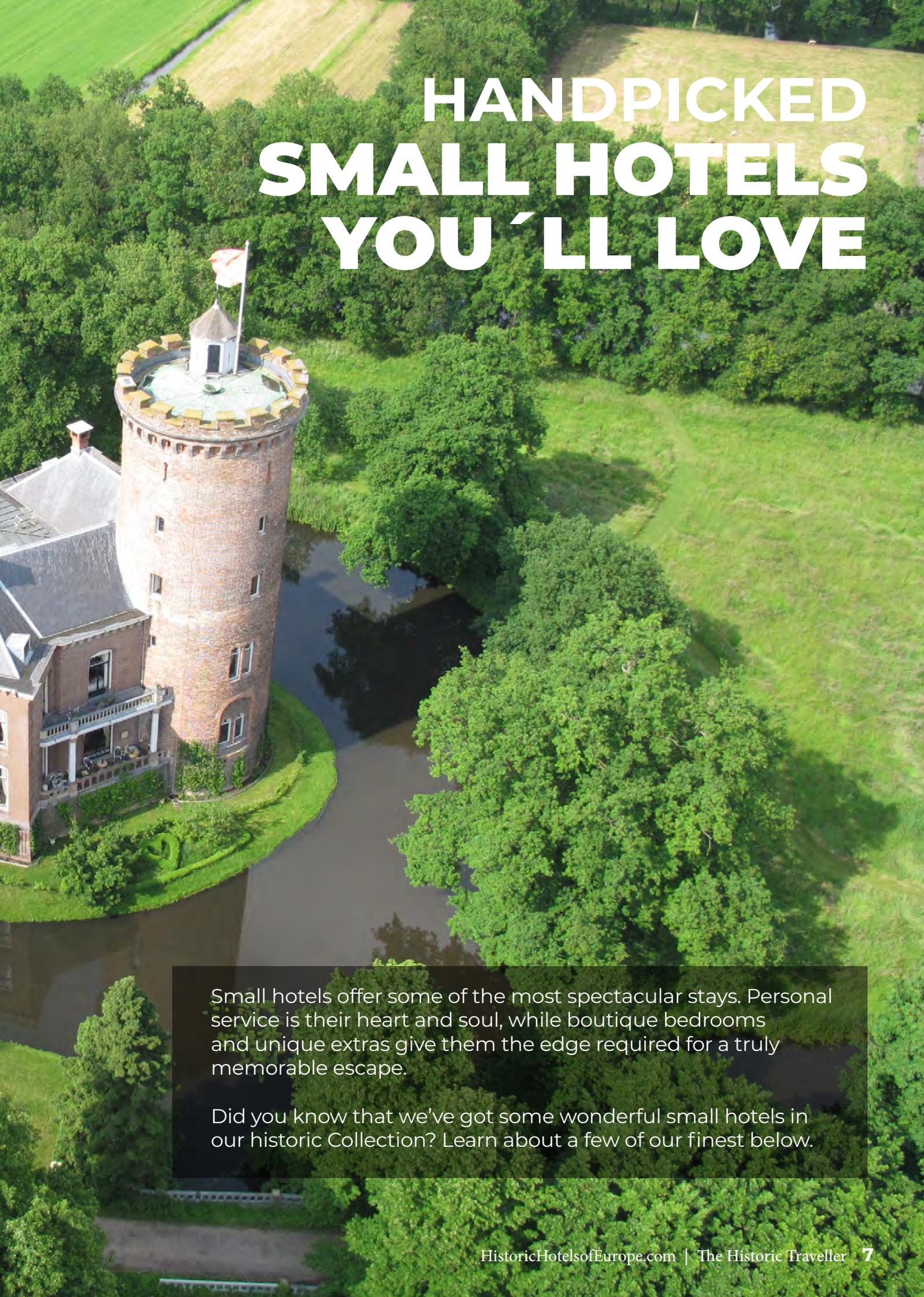


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HANDPICKED SMALL HOTELS YOU'LL LOVE

Small hotels offer some of the most spectacular stays. Personal service is their heart and soul, while boutique bedrooms and unique extras give them the edge required for a truly memorable escape.

Did you know that we've got some wonderful small hotels in our historic Collection? Learn about a few of our finest below.



Villa Bergzauber

How many rooms? **13**

Roßleithen, Austria

What makes this small hotel special?

The Austrian countryside is simply a must-see. Between its emerald valleys and sparkling blue vistas, you feel as though you've entered another world - one in which serenity and natural beauty sits firmly at the core.

There's no better place to see it all from than Villa Bergzauber, either. This romantic locale lives on top of a hill, promising vibrant views from its beautifully-kept rooms - of the pool, mountains, lake and more - depending on which one you book.

Inside is a real treat, as well. From a relaxation cabin to heated outdoor saltwater pool, you'll find a dozen dreamy ways to unwind. You'll be well looked after by the hoteliers, too, for which the hotel is a real passion project - it's been run by the same family for years. A real winner

www.hhe.travel/bergzauber





Old Bank House

How many rooms? **17**

Kinsale, Ireland

What makes this small hotel special?

For one thing, Old Bank House boasts an incredible location - set in quaint Kinsale on the cusp of the Wild Atlantic Way. You won't be short of entertainment, here. It's a stone's throw from the town's best boutiques, restaurants and amenities, and is only half an hour's drive outside of Cork.

History lovers have plenty to see at the hotel itself. The hotel's exciting history is evident on arrival: its impressive architecture whispering of a long and storied past. A staple of the Kinsale landscape since the 1800s, you'll see traces of its history as you traverse the building - from the period pieces and original art lining its walls to its arresting Georgian exterior.

Better yet, this hotel isn't just a pretty face (or, should we say, facade!). Along with its staff's stellar reputation for customer service and delicious onsite cafe - from which you can pick up picnics to take on any number of Irish adventures - a getaway here is nothing short of charming.

www.hhe.travel/bank-house



Sterkenburg Castle



How many rooms? **12**

Driebergen-Rijsenburg, Netherlands

What makes this small hotel special?

Appreciators of history and nature will fall head over heels for this captivating castle. Sterkenburg Castle dates back to the thirteenth century, and along with the seven regal rooms found within its walls, guests can also stay at the gorgeous Coach House or Gardener's House on the castle grounds: choosing from several singular stayovers.

Whichever exciting location you choose to make your temporary home, you won't be disappointed. The castle and its properties are surrounded by canals, meadows, orchards, wooded banks and more, guaranteeing plenty of walking, biking and other outdoorsy activities. Elements of the Netherlandic wilderness can also be found on your plate at the hotel's restaurant. The family who owns the hotel use apples and plums from their orchard to make homemade apple juice and preserves. It's thoughtful touches like this that set this hotel apart from the rest: and best of all, you're even allowed to bring your four-legged friend along for the ride! Dogs are welcome.

www.hhe.travel/sterkenburg



Penrhiw Priory

How many rooms? **7**

St Davids, Wales

What makes this small hotel special?

Now *this* is a truly tiny hotel. With less than 10 rooms under its roof, it promises a private escape just outside Britain's smallest city. The beautifully-restored Penrhiw Priory has been brought back to life with the utmost attention to detail, its original features coupled up with modern touches in perfect balance. You'll revel in its cosy atmosphere: from the warm furnishings in its corridors to the amenity-stuffed rooms, which come complete with aromatherapy toiletries, tea and coffee making facilities and more.



Ensuring that no stone is left unturned during your stay, the hoteliers also offer a complimentary transfer to and from Blas Restaurant. It's just a few minutes away by car, and offers the best in local and seasonal Welsh meals. You'll want a full stomach, too, because there's lots to explore around here - Whitesands Beach, the breathtaking hills of Carn Llidi and St Davids historic cathedral are all just a short trip away.

www.hhe.travel/penrhiw





Ghan House

How many rooms? **12**

Carlingford, Ireland

What makes this small hotel special?

Everything in and around Ghan House has a tinge of the spectacular to it. The hotel itself is filled with the charms of a typical country house: think open log fires, walled gardens growing herbs, vegetables and flowers, and warmly furnished rooms which have no shortage of character. Enjoying close proximity to Carlingford Lough and the Cooley and Mourne Mountains, candlelight dinners at this property are an intoxicating affair of local fare, too - featuring everything from succulent lamb and beef to the freshest oysters and mussels.



Outside and nearby, guests of Ghan House can collect even more treasured experiences. Reach the ancient UNESCO burial sites of Newgrange and Knowth or the famous Giant's Causeway by car, wander the streets of the medieval town of Carlingford and explore the lush forestry of the Slieve Gullion, all within one holiday. For days out that are closer to your home away from home, hike the looped walks on the mountain to breathe in the fresh country air, or hire a bike to explore the Carlingford Greenway - a gorgeous trail that cuts straight through some of the area's most breathtaking landscapes. However you choose to spend your time at Ghan House, your stay is sure to leave your belly, heart and soul feeling full. www.hhe.travel/ghan-house



Relais Antico Monastero di San Biagio

How many rooms? **16**

Nocera Umbra, Italy

What makes this small hotel special?

Peaceful days in a truly spiritual setting. That's what Relais Antico Monastero di San Biagio delivers, based in the mythical setting of Perugia on the slope of a vast park. You won't be hard pressed to find ways to unwind, here. The Holistic Centre of Regeneration and Wellness at the centre of this centuries-old monastery combines oriental arts with western disciplines for a truly unique spa experience. Their onsite experts can even advise you as to which treatments you should take to nourish your mind, body and spirit - the perfect way to kick off your relaxing retreat.

There are other things that this hotel offers that nowhere else can, too: notably, its own-brand beer. This old monastery has its own brewery onsite, from which it makes craft drinks including a "Monasta" beer, which contains laurel from the building's own plant and rare Gubbio honey. The brewery tour they offer is fascinating and a great way to spend an evening before returning to your room, which comes complete with antique furnishings and traditional wooden beams. In such a history-steeped and reposeful setting, it won't be hard to imagine the medieval monks that used to dwell there.

www.hhe.travel/san-biagio



FOR TRAVELLERS WHO LOVE HOTELS CLOSE TO THE WATER





Summer holidays have long been synonymous with beautiful hotels by the sea, and for good reason. Few sights are more spectacular than the sun shining down on cerulean waters, and water-based activities - from sailing to swimming and surfing - are all the more enticing in the hotter weather. Keep reading for some of our favourite properties based near Europe's best oceans, bays, lakes and more: perfect for satisfying your wanderlust by the waterside....



TAORMINA, ITALY

Hotel Villa Schuler

Built in 1902, this flamboyant four-star boutique hotel gazes out across the Ionian Sea, and is only a stone's throw away from **Mazzarò Beach** and **Isola Bella**. These gorgeous coasts grow no less enchanting over time, and are the perfect places from which to sunbathe by, swim in and admire the aquamarine waves. That is, if you can bring yourself to leave your **Hotel. Villa Schuler** overflows with enchanting natural areas, including an orangery and subtropical botanic garden, which contains over 350 species of mediterranean flora and horticultural rarities. The words "exotic paradise" definitely apply. www.hhe.travel/schuler





GLENGARRIFF, IRELAND

Eccles Hotel

Eccles Hotel is an exemplary **hotel and spa by Bantry Bay**, and when you're not living it up at its top-end spa, you'll most likely be enjoying one of the many water-based adventures on offer just outside. Take a ferry to the **island garden, Garinish**, or try your hand at fishing, kayaking or more. It's all at your doorstep. The hotel's West Cork location also puts it right in the heart of what is arguably Ireland's most famous culinary locale, the **Wild Atlantic Way**: a prime spot for foodies. The area's influence is clear to see through the unforgettable fare dished up at the hotel restaurant, which wins awards regularly. Just one bite of their melt-in-the-mouth Fritto Misto, and you won't struggle to see why...

www.hhe.travel/eccles



LOVRAN , CROATIA



Hotel Villa Astra

Say hello to another of the continent's most captivating coasts. Hotel Villa Astra, based in Lovran **in the Kvarner Gulf**, lays claim to yet more awe-inspiring aquatic views... this time, of the Adriatic Sea. Set against a backdrop of furrowed, leafy cliffs and filled with traditional parks, gardens and architecture, this coastal village is ideal for travellers who want their seaside stay to include a heavy dose of history. Intersperse walks along the **Lungomare coastal promenade** - flanked by trees and impressive villas - with dips into cafes and boutiques to get a taste of both modern and classic Croatian culture. You're bound to love the privacy on offer at **Villa Astra**, as well. There are only seven rooms, and the property even has access to a **secluded beach**.

www.hhe.travel/astra



Twr y Felin Hotel

The **breathhtaking peninsula** on which St Davids lies is bound by the **Celtic Sea**. Equally close to “England’s smallest city” and the astonishing Welsh coast, Twr y Felin Hotel reaps the benefits of both: giving its guests direct access to the heritage-steeped streets and stunning sea at once. Those wanting to connect with the water as a priority will find plenty to do, in particular, starting with **Pembrokeshire’s 11 Blue Flag beaches**, renowned for their water cleanliness and quality. The closest to the hotel is Whitesands, which sees plenty of swimmers and surfers during the summer season. Setting it apart from the other hotels by the sea, **Twr y Felin** is also a remarkable **refuge for art lovers**. This converted windmill is home to over 100 pieces of specially-commissioned art, all of which are inspired by Pembrokeshire and the peninsula itself.
www.hhe.travel/felin

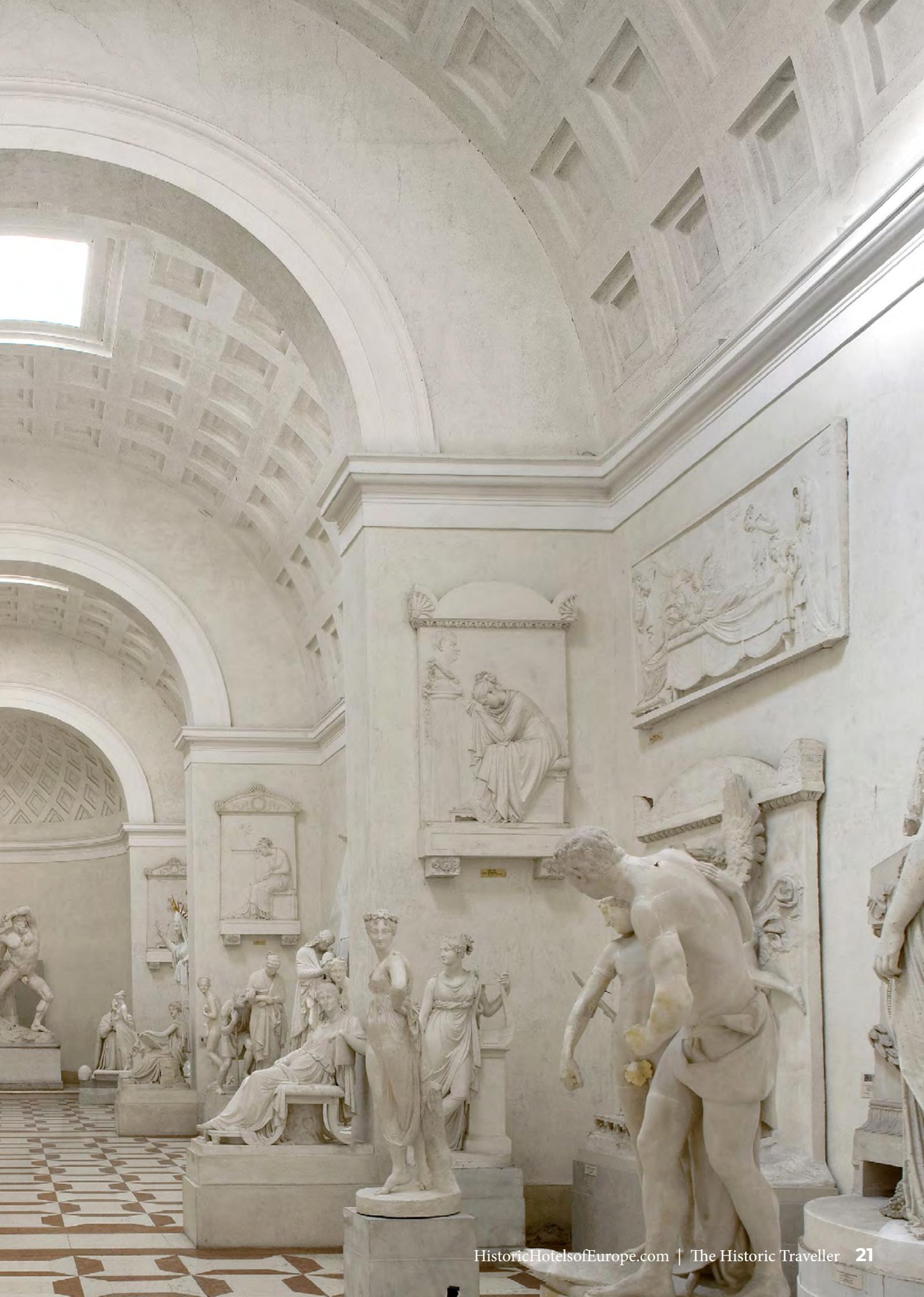


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UNUSUAL MUSEUMS ACROSS EUROPE

For the curious culture lover







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3D Museum Brugges, Belgium

View some of the characters from Europe's best-loved art in a completely new way, including those from the world-famous 'Garden of Earthly Delights' by Hieronymous Bosch, at Bruges' 3D Museum. Here, painted people that were once confined to the canvas have been made 'real', transformed into **sculptures** by expert visual artists from all around the world.



Flanders Hotel



WHERE TO STAY:

Afterwards, spend the night at **Flanders Hotel**. Based in the historic heart of the city, this property is brilliantly-placed to enjoy all of Bruges' most marvellous sights. It's also lovely within, and boasts a beautiful garden and contemporary rooms. It's no wonder it's been voted as one of the **Top 15 Hotels in Belgium** in Tripadvisor's Travellers' Choice Awards for eight years running.
www.hhe.travel/flanders



Hunt Museum

Limerick, Ireland

Out of all of the museums in Europe, the Hunt Museum arguably has one of the most unique origin stories. It was founded by a couple of antique dealers and advisors, John and Gertrude Hunt, who over the course of their lifetime collected around 2,000 works of art and antiquities. Wanting to preserve their life's work, they campaigned tirelessly to create the Hunt Museum as we know it today. Now, its **eclectic collections** - which feature everything from paintings to artefacts from Greece, Rome and Egypt - are a testament to the founders' wide-ranging historic interests, as well as their passion and grit.

No.1 Pery Square

WHERE TO STAY:

No.1 Pery Square Hotel and Spa peeks out from behind the trees at People's Park. Considered one of the country's most characterful hotels, it contains fourteen bespoke bedrooms that have been individually named after Irish poets and writers. You'll also find a spa in the basement vaults... quite the serene (and singular!) experience. www.hhe.travel/one-pery-square





3

Puppet Museum Palermo, Italy

Theatre and museum culture combine at The Antonio Pasqualino International Puppet Museum. Founded in 1975 by the Association for the Conservation of Folk Traditions, it contains **over 5,000 items**, including marionettes, hand puppets and shadow puppets **from around the world**: helping to preserve the art of puppetry, in all of its forms. In this spirit, the museum hosts events throughout the year to highlight its collections, too, including the **Festival di Morgana**, which features puppet performances and exhibits from international artists.





WHERE TO STAY:

Follow up this unique spot of sightseeing with a night or two at **Villa Lampedusa**. Only twenty minutes by car from the heart of Palermo, there's plenty to admire about this **country mansion**, from its stunning frescoes to huge glass observatory. What could be more romantic than stargazing in the Italian countryside..?

www.hhe.travel/lampedusa

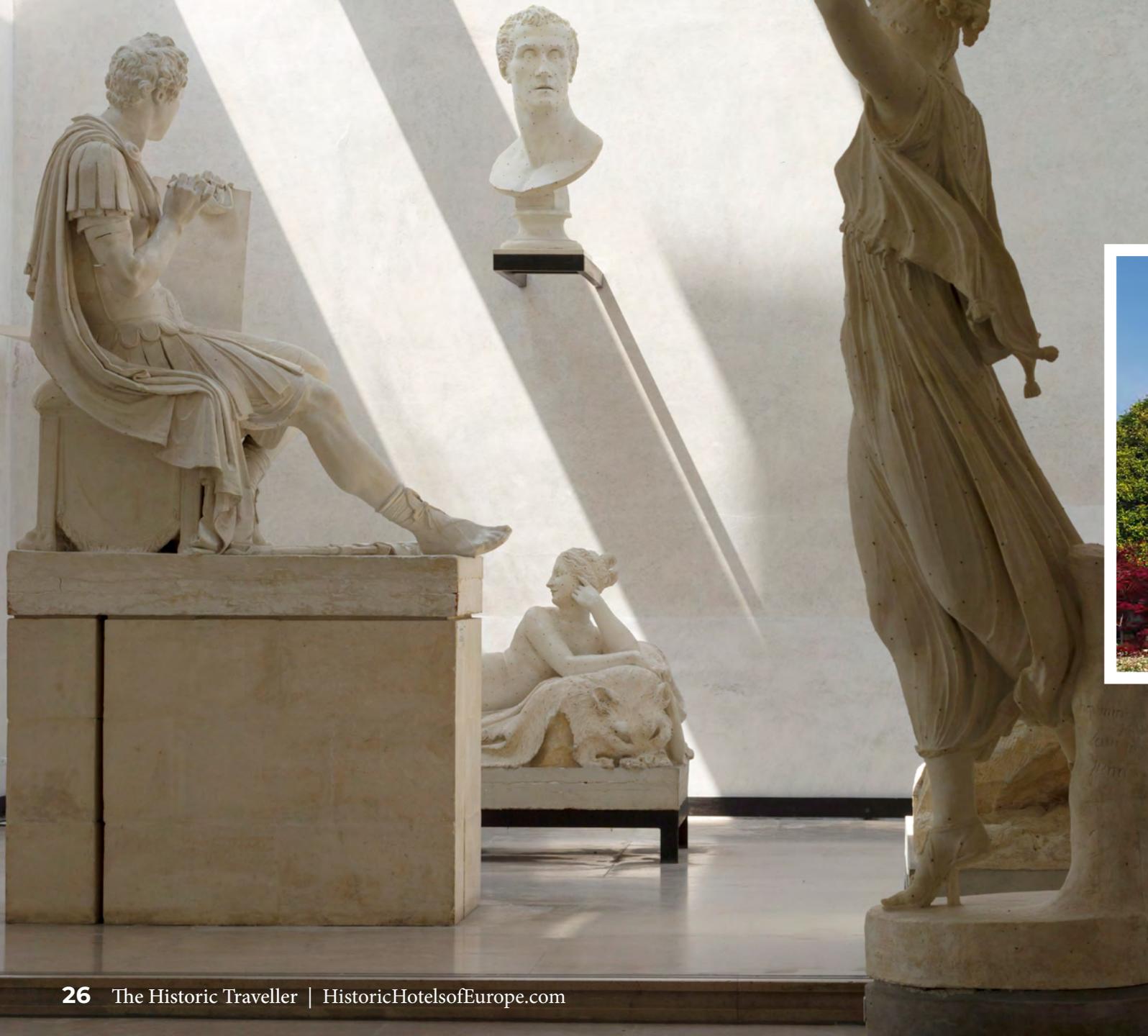


Principe Lampedusa

4 Gipsoteca Antonio Canova

Possagno, Italy

Another one of Italy's most astonishing museums resides in Asolo: the Gipsoteca di Antonio Canova-Possgno. This museum centres around the work of the **famous Neoclassical sculptor**, Antonio Canova. Explore some of his magnificent masterpieces, and see where he was born and artistically inspired during your visit. Take special note of the Gypsotheca, which contains the original plaster cast **models of some of his most famous works**.





WHERE TO STAY:

Accommodation-wise, you can't get much better than **Villa Cipriani**. This five-star hotel is **filled with luxuries** to make your trip feel extra special. Book a room with a terrace to enjoy panoramic views of the stunning valley, enjoy a Turkish bath, take a dip in their outdoor pool and much more. You'll want to stay forever. Awards for eight years running. www.hhe.travel/cipriani



Villa Cipriani



5 The Museum of Art Fakes

Vienna, Austria

The Museum of Art Fakes is stuffed with **replicas made by famous forgers across decades**, including by the likes of Han Van Meegeren, Tom Keating and Elmyr de Hory. Wander the history-packed walls of this unique spot and learn all about the lives of these notorious figures and more - exciting stories that mirror the plots of your favourite crime novels, featuring everything from murder to gasp-inducing double-crosses. Described as **'the only real counterfeiting museum'** around, it's (ironically) completely one-of-a-kind - and you can't miss it, either, being based just across the street from the rainbow-painted Hundertwasser House. interests, as well as their passion and grit.



WHERE TO STAY:

We consider **Hotel Stefanie** the best hotel in Austria's capital... after all, they've had a lot of practice! The oldest hotel in the city, it's been treating guests to **top-class service since the year 1600**. Nowadays, its owners take special care to keep a traditional atmosphere alive, and you'll find each corner of the property filled with fascinating antiques - peppering your moments of repose with echoes of the past. www.hhe.travel/stefanie





6

‘LOVE BANK’ Museum Slovakia

Head to ‘the only love vault in the world’ within Slovakia’s LOVE BANK: a museum made to commemorate the longest love poem in the world, MARÍNA. See the original manuscript up close, walk under the ‘sky of love’ and pass through the LOVE VAULT, where you can leave your own romantic notes, musings and letters. (You can even try and write the new longest love poem, if you’d like, though we wouldn’t recommend it. MARÍNA is 2,900 verses long!)



Love Bank Museum



Hotel Royal Palace

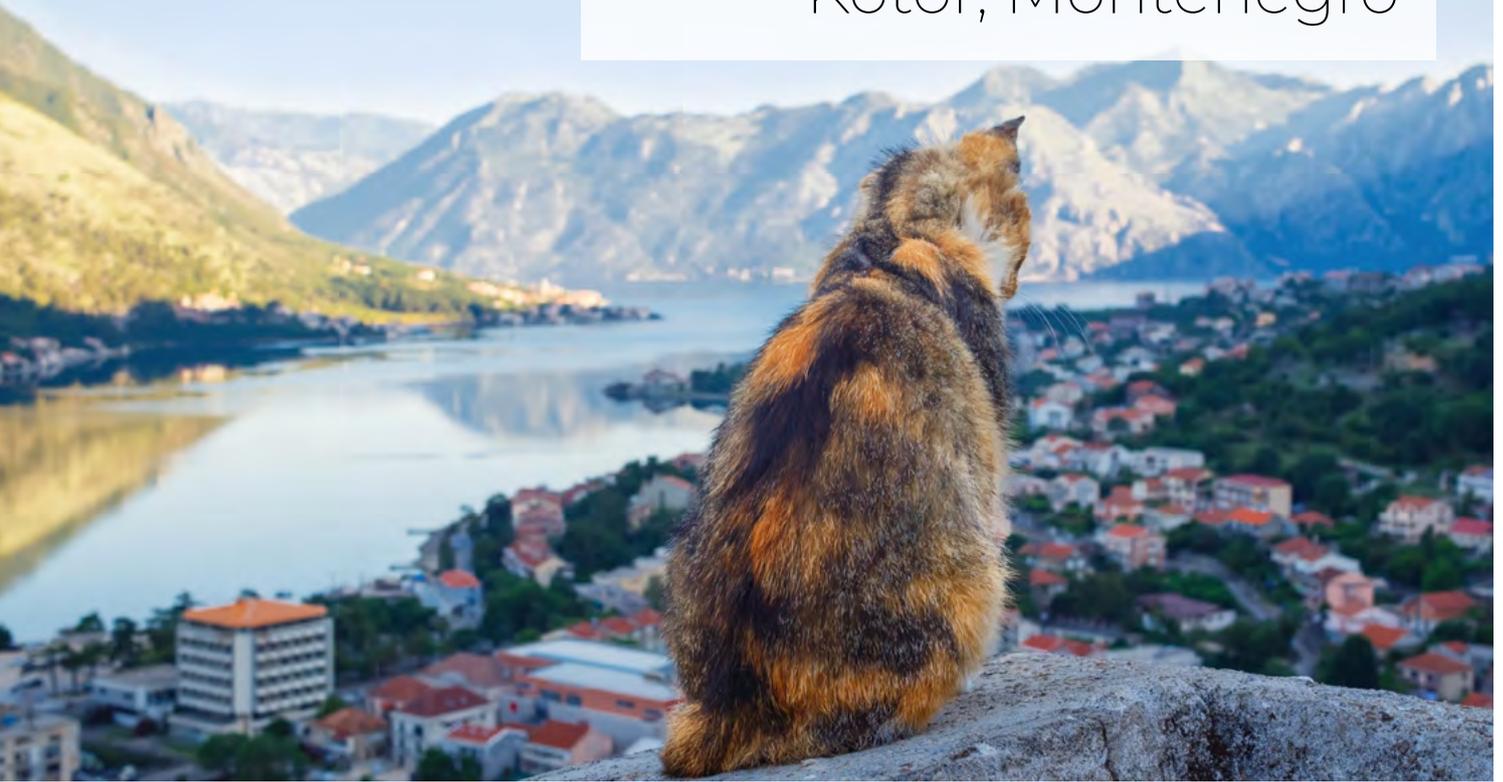
WHERE TO STAY:

For an elegant getaway, you need look no further than **Hotel Royal Palace**. Pampering is just part of the package, here, and there’s seemingly no end to the **luxurious ways you can unwind**: from sampling the finest dishes in the exceptional Sissi Restaurant, to relaxing in their sumptuous spa, which actually incorporates gold into several of its treatments. You’ll feel reborn. www.hhe.travel/royal-palace



Cats Museum

Kotor, Montenegro



From tabbies to tortoiseshells, the curious **Cats Museum** is dedicated to the furry residents of Kotor's Old Town. Back in 168 BC, felines flooded the town after being left behind by trading ships. The museum itself is small, but it's stuffed with everything **from cat coins to cat writings to cat postcards from WWI**. Art-wise, you'll see cats rescuing humans, cats selling Rolex watches... even cats breaking the sound barrier. Added bonus - your entry fee (one euro) will go towards the lovely feline locals themselves.



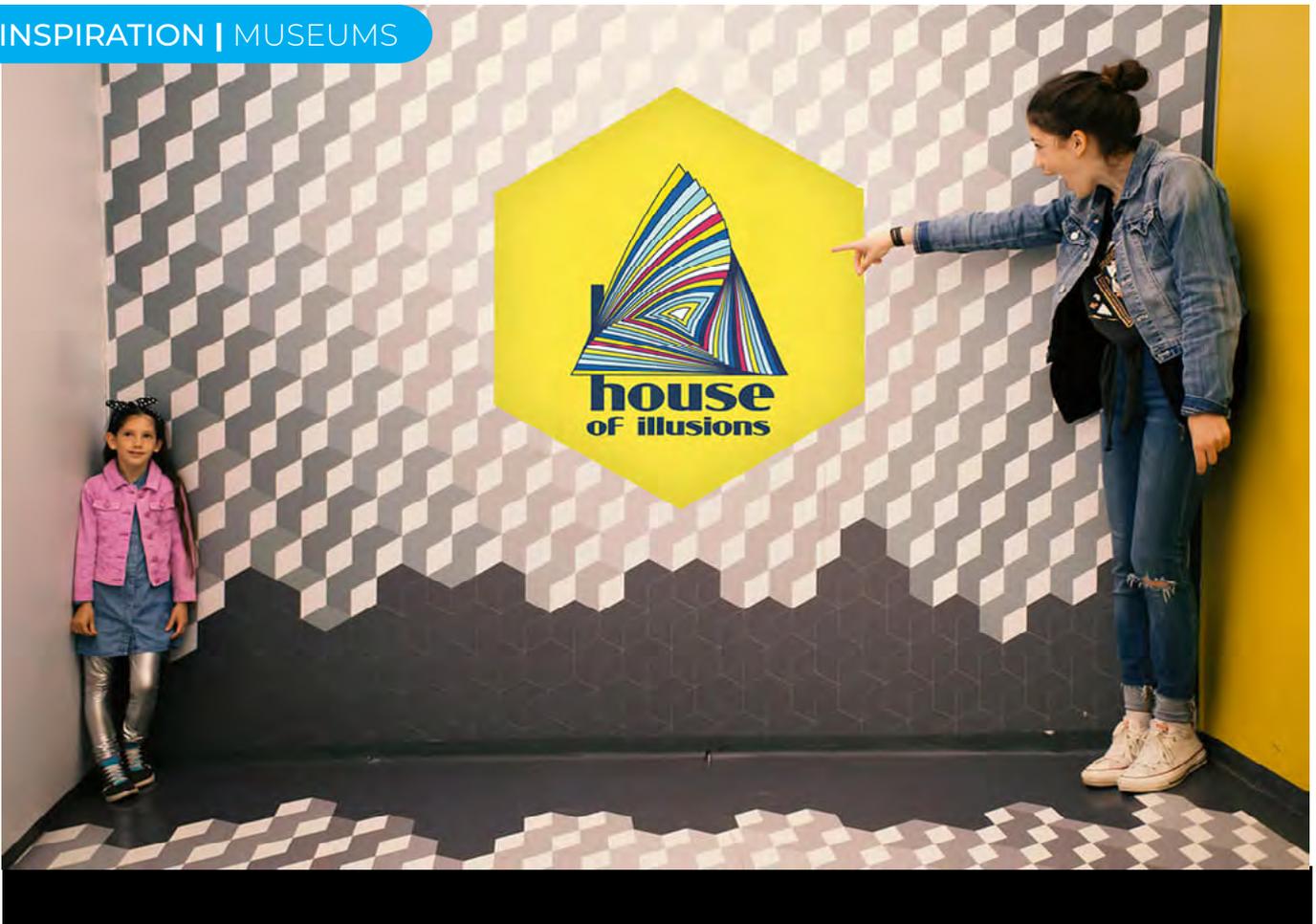
WHERE TO STAY:

You'll have the Bay of Kotor as your backdrop at **Hotel Cattaro** - a perfectly genteel retreat that makes the ideal base for the city's plentiful sightseeing spots and museums. It's a treat for the eyes, too, **composed of three exceptional historic buildings**: a city guard tower, the 'Prince's palace' - where royalty used to gather - and the eye-catching Napoleon's theatre. Captivating culture and a cerulean coastline... what more could you want?
www.hhe.travel/cattaro



Hotel Cattaro





8 The House of Illusions

Ljubljana,
Slovenia

Enter a realm where nothing is as it seems at the House of Illusions, where across 40 exhibits, you'll have your **sense of reality stretched to the limit.**

In the Anti-Gravity Room, the laws of gravity appear not to apply. Elsewhere, in the Infinity Disco Room, a colourful party atmosphere seems to morph into an infinite dancefloor. There's so much to see... though you won't believe what you're seeing! Crammed with interactive ways to push the boundaries of your imagination, this fascinating locale is bound to be a highlight of your Slovenian holiday.

WHERE TO STAY:

The small but mighty **Antiq Palace** is right in the heart of Ljubljana: based just moments away from several of its finest landmarks, such as the castle and river, as well as many of its best eateries and shops. Beyond its **excellent location**, the hotel itself exudes appeal, decorated thoughtfully with furnishings that reflect its past as the residential palace of noble families. **Characterful and quaint**, there's nothing not to love. www.hhe.travel/antiq-palace





SIGHTSEEING IN EUROPE

THE LOWDOWN ON WHERE TO GO
SIGHTSEEING IN EUROPE THIS SUMMER



Sightseeing in Europe is a nearly overwhelming concept. Between its age-old attractions and the new and emerging sights cropping up constantly across the continent, there are seemingly endless ways to satisfy the curious tourist within you. Here are just a few of our favourite ideas for the sights to take in this summer.



1

Kinsale Ireland

Quaint Kinsale is renowned for its charming atmosphere and colourful streets, but it's got a few brilliant historic sites up its sleeve, too. Among its most standout cultural locales is **the 17th century Charles Fort**, much of which is still in its original condition. Elsewhere, sightseers with a steely eye **should track down Desmond Castle**: a tiny castle that's served as a prison, workhouse and more. Tucked away in a quiet street, it's easy to miss if you don't know where to look! On a different note, Kinsale is coastal: meaning you can split up your days of sightseeing with fun on the beach, and make the most of the summer rays while you're vacationing.

WHERE TO STAY:

Based in historic Kinsale. **Blue Haven Hotel is a veritable food lover's paradise**, and has won numerous awards for its fantastic fare - prized for everything from its amazing breakfasts to Fish Market Bistro, which dishes up local seafood.

www.hhe.travel/blue-haven



4

Krakow, Poland

Krakow's Old Town is an enchanting place to while away a summer's day. Between filling up on coffee and pastries in the cafes lining the main square, soak up some **nineteenth-century art at the Cloth Hall**, and make sure to stop and admire the **spectacular St Mary's Basilica**. For a taste of something more modern, travel to the architectural wonder that is the **Molopolska Garden of Arts**. Built in 2005, this glass-walled building is dedicated to modern creativity in the form of art, theatre and more. Its ultra-contemporary look is in total contrast to the older buildings around it - creating a striking fusion between the old and new.



St Mary's Basilica

WHERE TO STAY:

Not far from the city, you'll find **Sierakow Manor**: a four-star hotel with an attentive staff ready to cater to your every need. Enjoy **delicious 'slow food'** at the on-site restaurant, a wooden hot tub, and peaceful countryside views during your stay. We couldn't recommend it more.
www.hhe.travel/sierakow



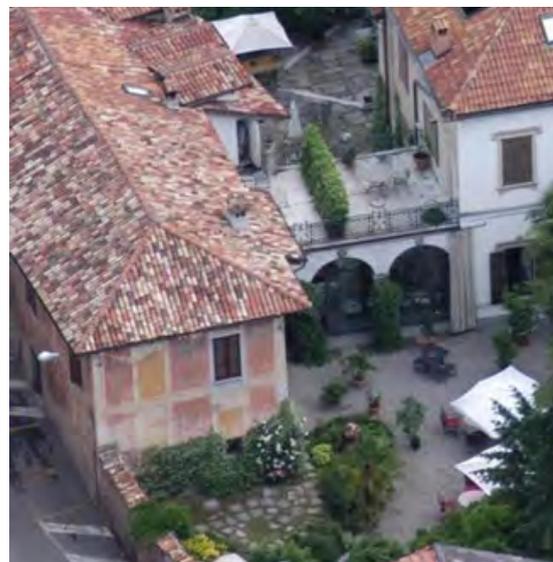
Sierakow Manor



3 Angera, Italy



Magnificent views are aplenty at the hilltop castle, **Rocca di Angera**. Feel transported as you wander its spectacular rooms and buildings, filled with frescoes and artefacts that whisper of times gone by. One of its most interesting parts is its **Museum of Dolls and Toys**, established in 1988 by Princess Bona Borromeo Arese. It's filled with over one thousand dolls of unique and wide-ranging origins. **Lake Maggiore, which neighbours the castle**, is also an amazing spot for sightseeing in Europe. The second largest lake in Italy, it's a scintillating blue dream in the summer sun.





WHERE TO STAY:

Locanda dei Mai Intees is an excellent choice regarding where to stay. Not only is it near Lake Maggiore, it's close to the famous Lake Como and Milan as well, putting you right at the heart of some of Italy's most exciting activities. The hotel is a real treasure trove of historic discoveries, too - it was once a small medieval village in the 15th century.

www.hhe.travel/mai-intees





Telemark Canal



Eidsborg Stave Church

5 Dalen, Norway

Don't be mistaken. Despite Dalen's sleepy surface, there's a world of wonder that awaits here... particularly if you're a fan of the outdoors. The **Ravens Gorge** is an incredible place to hike while enjoying panoramic views of the river Tokkeåi snaking between tree-filled cliffsides. **Cruising down the Telemark Canal** with the boat "M/S Henrik Ibsen" is also a wonderful way to soak up more of rural Norway, which connects Skien to Dalen: covering 105 km. Don't miss **Eidsborg Stave Church**, either. Dedicated to St. Nicholas and built between 1250 and 1270, it's considered one of the best preserved stave churches in the whole country.

WHERE TO STAY:

Dalen Hotel is something like the centrepiece of Dalen. Built in a dramatic 'dragon style', there's no mistaking the jagged mustard walls, towers, spiers and more that festoon its exterior. Along with its other glorious facets, this hotel includes a **'floating spa'** dubbed Soria Moria, which sits like a glimmering jewel in the centre of a lake. Book a room this summer for an experience you'll never forget.
www.hhe.travel/dalen





2 Mělník Czech Republic

Get off the beaten track while sightseeing in Europe with a trip to Mělník: a town in the Czech Republic with historic roots in the wine industry. First on your agenda should be a visit to the impressive castle, the **Mělník Chateau**. Aside from its opulent interior, it also has over 20 hectares of vineyards that nod to the town's roots in wine production, along with expansive cellars that date back to the 11th to 14th centuries. Make sure to squeeze in some time to see the **Church of St. Peter and Paul**, too. This church sits aesthetically at the cross-section of a variety of influences, ranging from Romanesque to Gothic and Renaissance to Baroque. It's an astonishing sight that history lovers will appreciate.



Chateau Liblice

WHERE TO STAY:

If you're a fan of the chateau theme, **Chateau Liblice** should be your number one choice on where to stay while exploring the Czech Republic. **Architecturally astonishing** and home to a **stunning restaurant and spa**, every moment in this elegant property has the potential for bliss. www.hhe.travel/liblice

6

St. Gallen Switzerland

If you ask the people of Switzerland which of their towns is the most beautiful, many will answer St. Gallen. Nestled between Lake Constance and Appenzellerland, its views are unrivalled, while its host of local attractions are sure to keep you inspired and entertained. High on the list of places to go is the town's famous **Baroque cathedral – complete with Abbey Library**, which houses more than 170,000 historically significant documents. But whether you're into cultural activities or not, a quick caper around this town is one you're not likely to forget.



Schloss Wartegg





St. Gallen Abbey Library



WHERE TO STAY:

There's no better choice than scenic **Schloss Wartegg**. This charming castle hotel, based right next to **Lake Constance** itself, has more feasts for the senses than you can count: from the exquisite scent of its verdant green gardens to the delicious, organic food served in its **Michelin-recommended restaurant**. Perfection, defined. www.hhe.travel/wartegg

THE ULTIMA GUIDE TO LATE-SUMMER IN GREECE



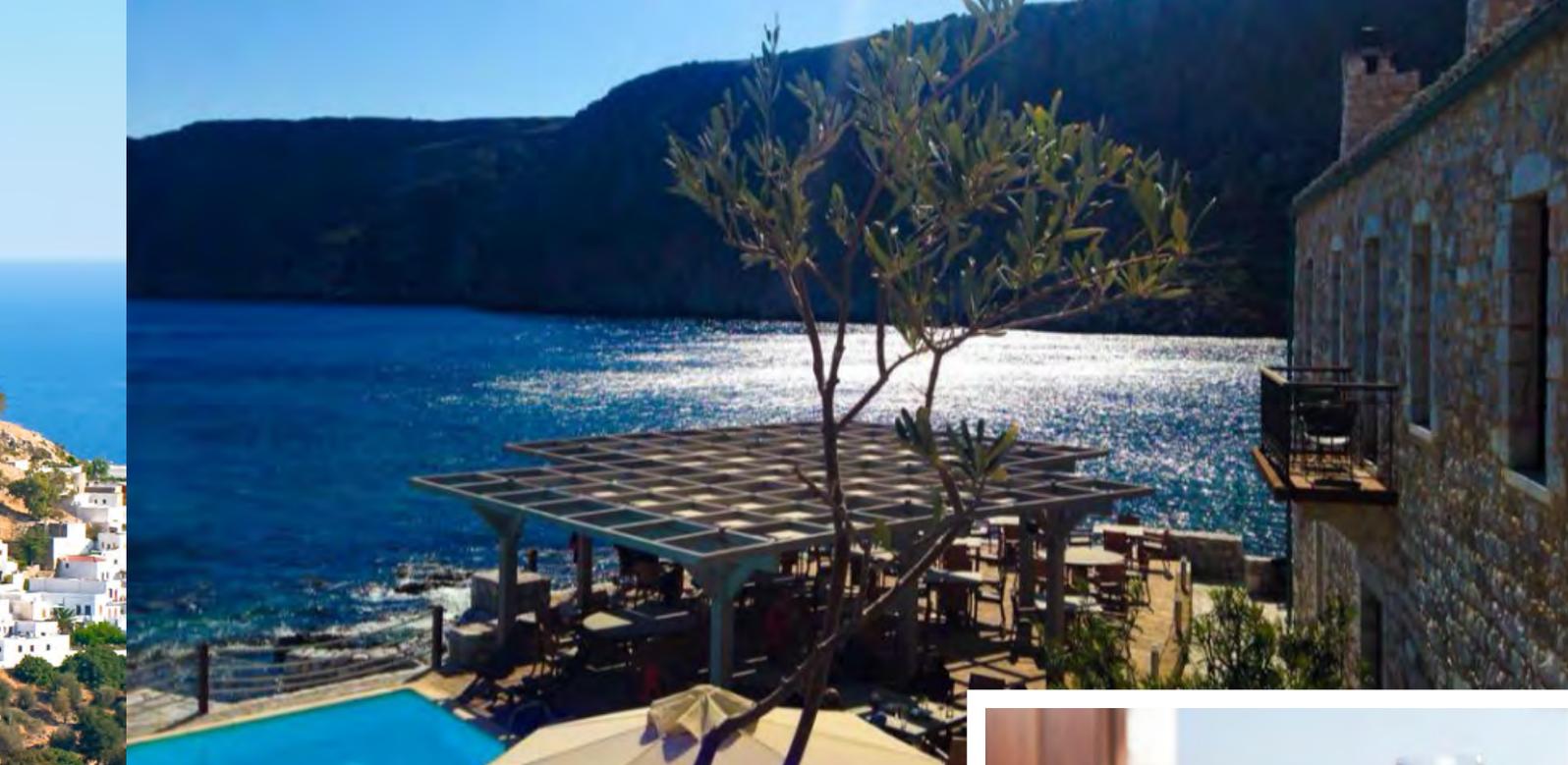
Feeling like summer's just disappeared? If only it could last forever. Fortunately for sunseekers, Greece is generous with its rays. Travel to the ancient paradise outside peak season and you'll feel like you have all the time in the world. Locals loving life, chefs whipping up culinary delights you've never heard of and a throb of culture that pulses through legendary landmarks, cobbled streets and historic hotels in Greece.



1 For ancient drama: Rhodes

If you're visiting Rhodes in late summer, head to the **car-free cobbles of Lindos**. Donkeys ramble through the whitewashed village, travellers marvel at the **cliff-top Acropolis** and water babies bob in **Saint Paul's Bay**. West of the island, Petaloudes (**Valley of Butterflies**) is a natural splendour – and perfect without the peak-summer crowds. Stay in the heart of Rhodes' medieval town at **Allegory Boutique Hotel**. Hip and historic, this Greek hotel has six inviting suites that complement the earthy island tones perfectly: wooden beams, stonewalls and artwork popping with Aegean-hued blues. www.hhe.travel/allegory





2

For wild beauty: Mani

In Southern Greece's magnificent Peloponnese you'll find Mani, a peninsula famed for its **dramatic mountains, secluded coves and placid bays**. There's a world of adventure to be found here that's off the beaten track, from **Byzantine churches** enclosed by jagged rocks to spectacular seascapes hugging the coastline. Seeing **Porto Kayio** is always worth the trip, too - once home to pirates, it sports some of Greece's most astounding natural views.



For some of the best food in the region (and the best beds), look no further than **Hotel Kyrimai**, wherein you'll find an intimate restaurant that dishes up **delightful Mani specialities** built with Mediterranean flavours. Dig in. www.hhe.travel/kyrimai





3 For all-round Cretan warmth: Rethymnon Old City

Cretan summers are long and warm, blessed with Vitamin D well into September. One of the best hotels for a hideaway vibe is **Avli Lounge Apartments**. For a start, dinner in its fragrant garden as the sun goes into its third act, before taking a dip, is a bewitching experience. The Cretan food: sea-fresh fish, handpicked vegetables and glorious speciality ravioli are a few menu highlights. When you're not snoozing on a hammock, Rethymnon's old city – with its **Venetian harbour, lighthouse and sandy beaches** – is on your doorstep. You may be in the heart of this ancient centre, but it truly feels like you're lightyears away from everything.

www.hhe.travel/avli-lounge



4 For spa-based escapism: Lesbos



It stands to reason that Sappho's birthplace would possess such poetic charm. Within the colourful towns and astounding curiosities that make up this Grecian paradise, a particular kind of bliss awaits at **Eressian Hotel and Hammam Spa**, named the 'Small Hotel Spa of the Year in Greece' in 2021. This is a true sanctuary of wellbeing, where warm steam baths are paired with luxurious massages and other treatments. Each sumptuous suite at the property boasts exquisite views of the surrounding landscape, as well, sweeping across the **Eressian valley** to **Eressos village**. In-between rejuvenating your mind, body, and spirit, there's so much to see.

www.hhe.travel/eressian



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For For endless sunsets: Santorini

Santorini is the best place for a late-summer getaway. Time-weathered windmills and whitewashed buildings cling to rugged clifftops, all watching over azure seas.

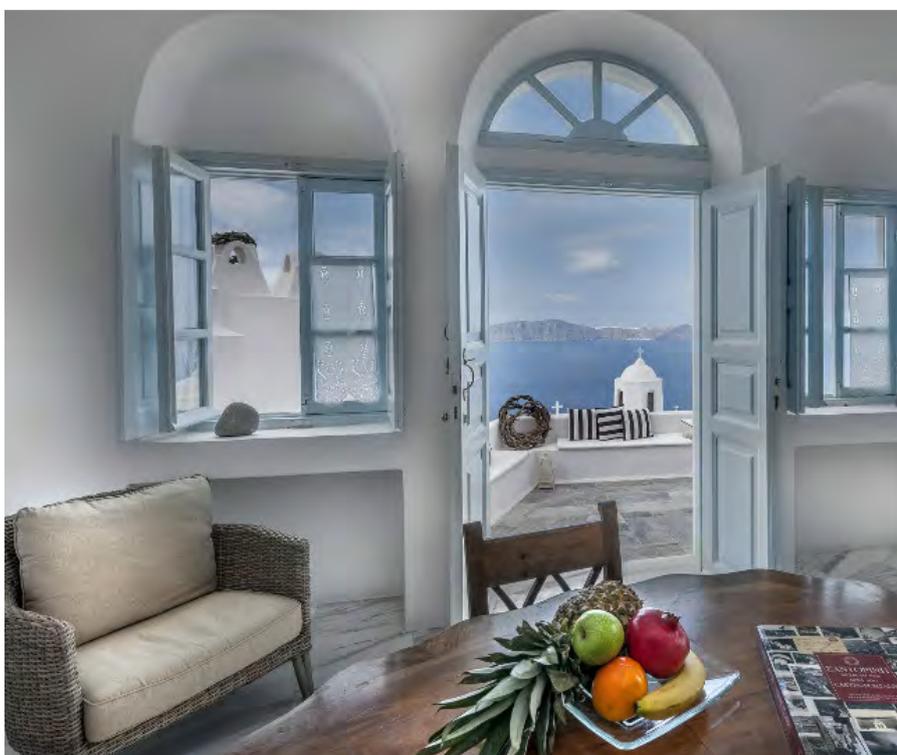
Never miss a sunset from your very own rooftop haven at **Aigialos Hotel Santorini**. Voted our 'most romantic historic hotel', its large private terraces are heavenly spots to watch the sun kiss the horizon each evening, and raise its head over the sea again the following morning. www.hhe.travel/aigialos

Another one of our award-winning hotels in Greece can be found in Oia: the **Esperas Hotel Santorini** is carved into a rock and gently restored to preserve its past charm and magnificence. www.hhe.travel/esperas



Esperas Hotel Santorini





Aigialos Hotel





HOLY IRELAND

A religious site itinerary for heritage lovers

Ireland is unique in the sheer wealth of sacred sights it offers. You can seemingly find a religious site around every corner, and with them, gripping ways to connect with the country's history and culture through a more spiritual lens.

Ready for a holy holiday? We've compiled some of the most unmissable religious spots across nine of Ireland's counties, along with places to stay nearby. Take a look.



County Donegal

Lough Derg

Station Island in **Lough Derg** has been a **pilgrimage destination** and religious site since at least the 12th century, named for local legend which claims that the lake is “Dearg” (Gaelic for “red”): reddened by the blood of the last serpent of Ireland, which St. Patrick is said to have slain here. Over the past 150 years, over two million people have visited the holy island to take part in a variety of one to three day pilgrimages, and it’s due to this that Lough Derg is still considered to be one of the most religiously significant places in all of Ireland today.

Love the lough theme? Wrap up your visit at Lough Derg with **a night or two at Rathmullan House**, a quaint four-star hotel overlooking Lough Swilly. This tranquil locale is one you’ll want to visit again and again, as evidenced by the hotel’s many regular visitors who credit the hotel’s friendly staff and individual charms among the reasons they so often return. The Tap Room, which opened in 2014, has already been recognised by the McKennas Guide as one of the top 100 places to eat in all of Ireland, as well. Don’t miss it.

www.hhe.travel/rathmullan



Rathmullan House



County Kildare

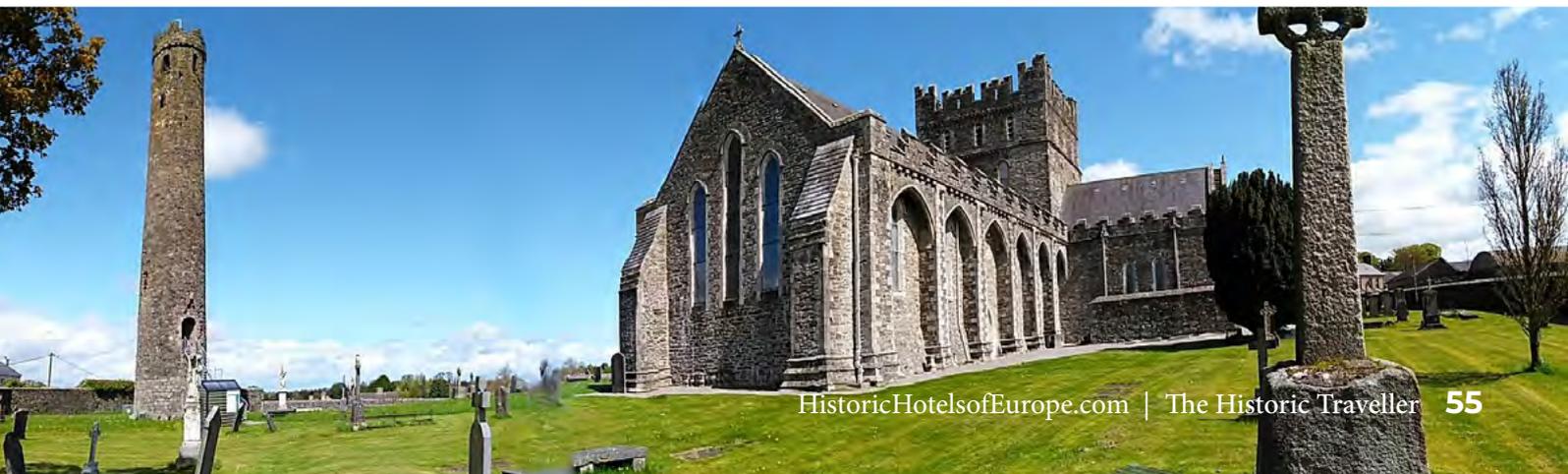


Moon High Cross

Moone High Cross, St. Brigid's Sacred Sites

In Moone stands **the second tallest High Cross** in Ireland. Unique in shape, the cross consists of three parts, each with their own story to tell. The upper part and base were discovered in the graveyard of the abbey in 1835, and re-erected as a complete cross - however, over fifty years later (in 1893) the middle section of the shaft was discovered, and the cross was then reconstructed to its original size. Now standing at 17.5 feet, the cross resides within the remarkable ruins of a medieval church, believed to have been founded by St. Palladius in the fifth century.

There's far more to see in County Kildare, too: particularly if you travel there in early February. Mary of the Gael - the patroness of Ireland - has a five-day festival dedicated to her by the Brigidine Sisters here, which involves a pilgrimage to St. Brigid's Well, a peace and justice conference and more. Even if you don't make it to the festival, there are still lots of sacred sites to explore in this area - including **St. Brigid's Cathedral and Round Tower**, the latter of which is Ireland's highest accessible tower of its kind.





Barberstown Castle

After busy (but satisfying) days, enjoy peaceful nights at **Barberstown Castle**. Conveniently close to Dublin, this majestic property is a brilliant base for your Ireland trip. Its 55 rooms each reflect the castle's heritage while catering to contemporary needs: a fusion of old and new influences that are bound to inspire every culture lover. Time to relax.
www.hhe.travel/barberstown

St Brigid's Cathedral





County Wicklow



Rathsallagh House

The Seven Churches of Glendalough, St. Mary's Church Gowran

If you're a fan of the outdoors as much as you are a fan of a religious site or two, **a trip to Glendalough** should definitely be on your list. The "valley of the two lakes" is rich with incredible scenery, archaeology, wildlife and history, including its very own "**Monastic City**". In the sixth century, St. Kevin lived here as a hermit in isolation, but accumulated so many followers that a city was required to house them. Much of this still remains - and is collectively referred to as The Seven Churches of Glendalough - including the cathedral, round tower, and a church that was referred to as St. Kevin's Kitchen.

Close by, explore **the one-of-a-kind site, St. Mary's Church Gowran**. Built in the late 13th century, this church was originally served by a "college" - clerics who lived together but didn't follow the rules of a monastery. See elaborate medieval tombs and impressive ruins on an in-depth tour of the carefully-restored building, and pass a riveting afternoon before making your way back to **your hotel for the night, Rathsallogh House**.

The sightseeing aspect of your day doesn't stop when you step through the doors of this hotel. Archaeological evidence suggests that Rathsallogh has been continuously occupied for at least 3,000 years, though it was first recorded in 1172-76 when it was listed as a farm belonging to Glendalough. By the early 1200s, the estate passed into the control of laymen, and by 1326 the earls of Kildare rented Rathsallogh for 70 shillings "and two pounds of wax"! Now, of course, it acts as a hotel for historic travellers, with perks such as a **delightful restaurant** www.hhe.travel/rathsallagh.



St. Marys Gowran

County Tipperary



Rock of Cashel, Holy Cross Abbey

The Rock of Cashel, with its well preserved ecclesiastical remains, is one of Ireland's most spectacular landmarks. There's so much to see: a 12th-century round tower, high crosses, a Romanesque chapel, a 13th-century Gothic cathedral, a 15th-century castle and the restored Hall of Vicars Choral, to name a few. For the people of Ireland, the Rock of Cashel serves as a reminder of spiritual strength and Irish courage - and it's a place you'll want to see at least once in your lifetime.

Just 15 kilometres away, **you mustn't miss Holycross Abbey**. It's believed that the physical remains from the cross on which Jesus was crucified had made their way here in the 12th century, and after being preserved elsewhere for a number of years, returned to the abbey where it was joined by similar remains. The relic of the "True Cross" made Holycross one of the most famous places of pilgrimage in Ireland during the Middle Ages, and - rich with history and folklore - it now functions as a truly memorable religious site.



Holycross Abbey

After so much activity, you'll probably be feeling like a little luxury. **Cue, No.1 Pery Square**. This **boutique townhouse** is one of the country's most characterful hotels, with rooms named after Irish poets and writers, an "organic urban spa" and picturesque placement on the verge of the tree-filled People's Park. There's a lot to love. www.hhe.travel/one-pery-square

No.1 Pery Square





County Cork

Timoleague Abbey

On the bank of the River Argideen and overlooking a glittering bay, **Timoleague Abbey** occupies an enviable slice of the Irish countryside. Within, you'll find several fascinating corners to explore, like mysterious wall passages, tall arches and a typical Franciscan bell tower. The cellars are also an interesting sight. One of them leads to an outbuilding which would have opened up onto the river, which would have received fish and other goods back in the abbey's heyday.

Between its centuries of remarkable history and gorgeous offerings, **Fernhill House Hotel** is a worthy contender for your place to stay. Further - through its food and gardens - the hoteliers have masterfully captured the magic of West Cork. You're sure to make some marvellous memories. Elsewhere, there's the charming **Blue Haven Hotel** (p. 36) or **Old Bank House** (p.9), both based in the town of Kinsale. www.hhe.travel/fernhill; www.hhe.travel/blue-haven, www.hhe.travel/bank-house



Blue Haven Hotel



Fernhill House Hotel





County Kerry

Skellig Michael

Skellig Michael (or “Michael’s Rock”) is a steep rocky island about 15 kilometres west of the coast of County Kerry. It’s the larger of the two Skellig Islands, and for 600 years, was an important centre of monastic life for Irish Christian monks. If you’re willing to brave a difficult walk, you’ll be well-rewarded. An Irish Celtic monastery is situated almost at the summit of the 230-metre-high rock, which became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996. Here, the monks lived in stone “beehive” huts, perched above nearly vertical cliff walls. Skellig Michael illustrates - as no other religious site really can - the extremes of Christian monasticism.

Back on level ground and overlooking Kenmare Bay, **travellers can book a room at Park Hotel Kenmare**: winners of The Historic Hotels of Europe Best Spa Award in 2013. Indeed, a spa visit will probably be just what you’re after following your demanding hike up Skellig Michael, and this hotel promises to revive you with its healing and therapeutic treatments. If you’re staying for a few days, there’s lots to do, too: the hotel’s leisure facilities include a huge pool, sauna and 18-hole golf course. www.hhe.travel/kenmare

Another brilliant option is Ard na Sidhe Country House Hotel. On the shores of Caragh Lake, you can pass many a peaceful hour enjoying tea on the terrace while admiring its crystal waters. Cosiness is worked right into the fabric of this hotel, too, where four poster beds and country-style cooking conjure up the comforting atmosphere of a traditional Irish home. True serenity. www.hhe.travel/ard-na-sidhe



Skellig Michael



Park Hotel Kenmare



Ard na Sidhe Country House



*Croagh Patrick*

County Mayo

Croagh Patrick, Ross Errilly Franciscan Friary

Croagh Patrick was a sacred place long before the arrival of Christianity. It was regarded as a main site for the harvest of Lughnasa, and women visited the summit to encourage fertility. Early Christian stories tell of Saint Patrick spending 40 days and nights on the summit, banishing snakes, dragons and pagan demons. Currently, it's estimated that almost one million pilgrims take on the climb to the summit each year, with as many as 40,000 making the trek on the last Sunday in July, often barefoot.

Founded around 1460, **Ross Errilly Franciscan Friary is well worth seeing.** It's one of the most impressive and complete Franciscan friaries, with particularly well-kept domestic buildings and two large chapels on its grounds. Thanks to the remarkable way in which this religious site has been preserved, visitors can immerse themselves in the spirit of the place: picturing what it would have been like to serve as a friar within its walls,





Ross Errilly Franciscan Friary

Sightseers have two extraordinary hotels to choose from in this county, too. **Ice House Hotel gets its name from once being a 19th-century ice store**, though it now functions as an ultra-modern and chic haven for travellers from all over the world. Treat yourself to a Heritage Suite to enjoy “monsoon” showers, cast-iron baths and other luxurious features.
www.hhe.travel/ice-house

Alternatively, there’s **Renvyle House Hotel**. Located on 150 acres of land - including a private lake, beach, woodlands and more - it’s a great option for outdoorsy types. Its restaurant leaves nothing to be desired, either. Managed by an award-winning chef, you can choose from a range of tantalising dishes, many of which are made with ingredients from the kitchen’s own gardens and orchard.
www.hhe.travel/renvyle



Ice House Hotel



Renvyle House Hotel



County Sligo

Drumcliffe, Sligo Abbey

The picturesque village of Drumcliffe belonged to a family of monasteries, and its spiritual origins can still be felt today. Pay special attention to the village's High Cross - on the road towards the church - which includes engravings of Adam and Eve, unusual animals and more - before you pay your respects to the poet W.B Yeats, who's laid to rest in the church's graveyard.

If ornate carvings are a particular interest of yours, **Sligo Abbey should be the next religious site on your agenda.** This landmark was founded over 700 years ago, and contains Gothic and Renaissance tomb sculptures along with the only sculptured 15th-century high altar in any monastic church in Ireland. Damaged over the years by fire and rebellions, legend claims that worshippers at the abbey salvaged its silver bell and threw it into Lough Gill, and that only those who are free from sin can hear its heavenly chime.



Coopershill House is like something out of a storybook. Find it at the end of a winding woodland road, surrounded by pastures that occupy dozens of deer. Built in the 1700s, the hoteliers have taken great care to ensure the historic atmosphere of the house has been retained, which is why you'll find original antique furniture and TV-free rooms throughout, enabling you to truly disconnect and unwind. www.hhe.travel/coopershill



County Galway

Kylemore Abbey
Clontuskert Augustinian Priory

Kylemore Abbey





Against a stunning backdrop of cliffs and trees is **Kylemore Abbey, an eighteenth century home** and 1900s Benedictine monastery that grows more beautiful with each year. Aside from the house itself, visitors can explore the nearby Victorian walled gardens and Gothic church, primed for inspiring fantasies of the past. Guided hikes above Kylemore Abbey are available, too, and offer some of the best views in the whole of Ireland.

Close by, more ruins await. **Clontuskert Augustinian Priory sits within the medieval territory of Hy Many.** Resplendent with impressively-restored architecture, and having passed through many hands and famous families - including the O'Kellys - there's plenty to see and to learn at this religious site.

Afterwards, you can once more choose to stay at the nearby Renvyle House or take a regal route with **a room at Gregans Castle.** This oasis of Irish hospitality is the ideal spot for foodies, as the onsite restaurant has won several awards, including three rosettes from the AA for "culinary mastery and excellence" in 2018 and the RAI Restaurant of the Year "Best Hotel Restaurant" award in 2017. Are you (and your tastebuds) ready?
www.hhe.travel/gregans-castle



Gregans Castle

My Town ZURICH





You're never short of things to do in Zurich. Before becoming the wealth (and chocolate) capital it's known as today, it was once a bustling trade town dating back to 15BC. Having seen over a millennium of history, it's no surprise that the capital radiates so much culture and heritage... but it's kept up with modern life, too, and is also a hotbed of exciting activities, amazing entertainment and truly great food.

Yes: Zurich has it all! Get a trip to the Swiss capital on the cards and start pulling together your itinerary by checking out the top things to do in Zurich below. You won't be sorry.



Grossmünster

CULTURE SPOTS TO SEE IN ZURICH

If you've made your way to our website, chances are high that you're a culture lover. In which case, you'll be delighted by the things to do in Zurich! This lavish city doesn't hold back when it comes to delivering the historic goods, from having more museums than you can count to sporting a tremendous medieval minster - one of its best-known landmarks.

Start with a little taste of the eclectic **by visiting Villa Patumbah**. Built in the late 1800s by the wealthy merchant Carl Fürchtgott Grob-Zundel, this architectural anomaly factors in styles including Italian Renaissance, Rococo and Swiss chalet. On the second floor you'll even find an Asian temple, which you can visit as part of a tour led by the 'immortal' butler Johann. Apparently, he's worked there for 130 years (or so he says)...



Grossmünster is also one of the city's classic 'must-see' spots. This Protestant reformed church was inaugurated around 1220, and has been at the base of many interesting legends and stories since. In fact, it's said that the church was originally built because the famous king Charlemagne stumbled across the graves of the patron saints of Zurich, Felix and Regula. Amazed by his discovery, he allegedly decided to have the church built on the spot. Now, its characteristic towers have become something of a symbol for the wealthy and wide-ranging capital... and they're well worth a closer look, particularly from the top. **Make sure to book your tower climb before you go** for some of the best views of the city.

Next up under the magnifying glass: Zurich's magnificent museums. **Dive into the history of Switzerland or take a 'magic carpet ride through history' at the Swiss National Museum:** the country's most frequently visited museum, and one that's crammed with memorable displays, artefacts and historic tidbits. **If walking with dinosaurs is more your thing, the Zoological Museum definitely won't disappoint,** either... and once you've satisfied your palate for all things prehistoric, there are over 1,500 animals to see up close! Equally impressive, **Zurich's Kunsthaus** contains one of the largest art collections in Switzerland, covering the present day all the way back to the 13th century. From Warhol to Rembrandt, nearly **every** artistic legend you can think of is included in one of this museum's aesthetic exhibits. Keep your eye on the events calendar to check out if there's anything extra special happening that you should factor in when you go.

Zurich Botanical Garden



Lots of cities are defined by their old town, and Zurich is no exception. The city's historic heart is split in two by the Limmat river and offers a range of compelling sights that will fill more than an afternoon or two, like its historic main street, the banking centre Paradeplatz and some truly stunning churches. Of particular note are **the Giacometti murals tucked within the Uraniastrasse Police Station**: a rich red display of botanical brilliance splashed across

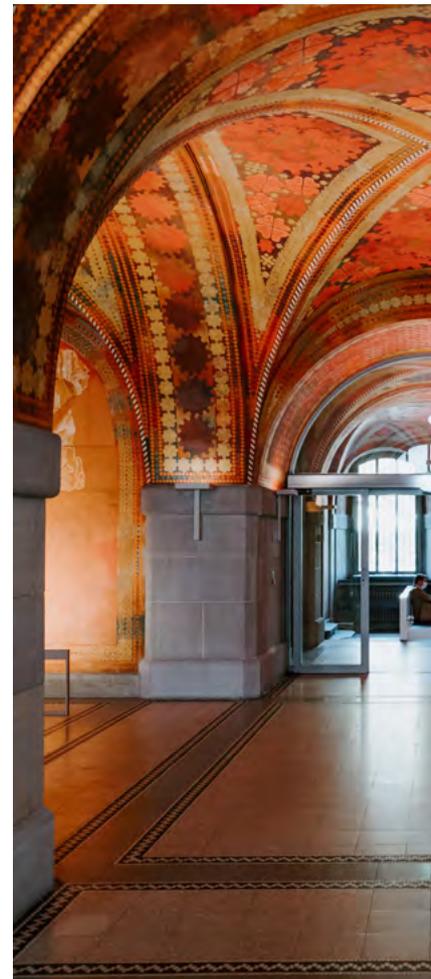
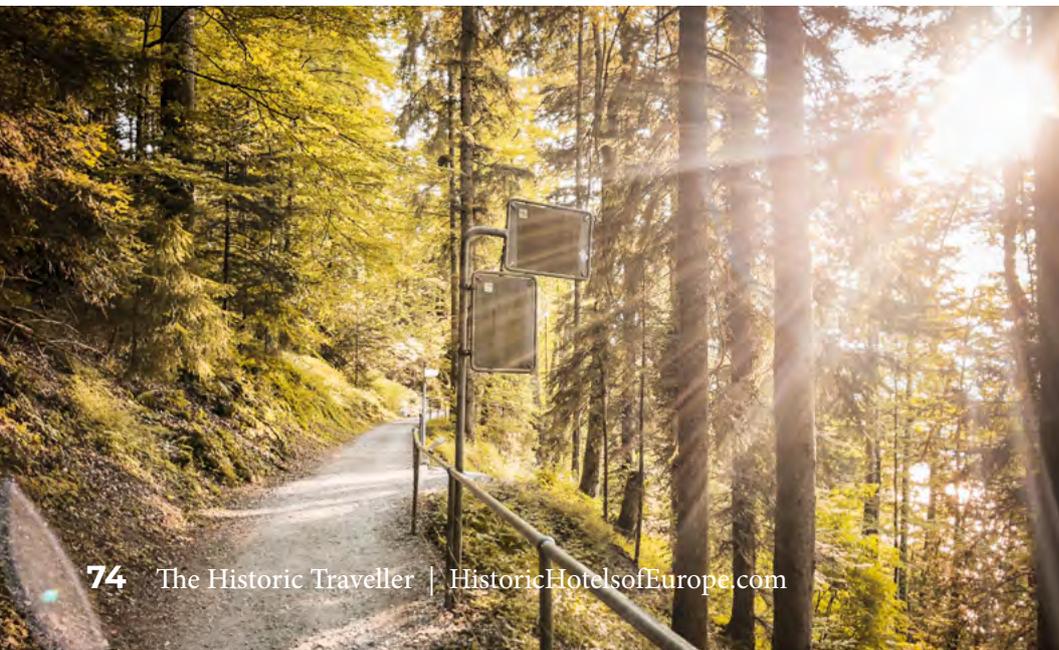
arched ceilings. And of course, it would be remiss to not mention **Niederdorf - a popular spot for both locals and tourists alike**. This nostalgic neighbourhood is like Zurich's perfume - a concentrated splash of everything that makes the city so charming. Between its quaint and striking architecture and endless range of fun activities and foodie finds, you'll find yourself heading back to its cobbled streets time and time again. Make sure you pack good walking shoes.

OTHER THINGS TO DO IN ZURICH

When you think of a city, the words 'lake' and 'mountain' don't often spring to mind... but that's exactly what you get with Zurich! Marked by its gigantic lake and sprawling mountains, this capital is more than just a city dweller's dream: embodying the perfect yin and yang of city sights and countryside delights.

Intersperse your urban getaway **with a trip to Lake Zurich** first - a huge splash of crystal water that's easy to access from any point in the city. Here, you can engage in a range of group excursions, hikes, camping opportunities, swimming sessions and more. It's the perfect way to get in touch with your wilder side, if you're a fan of the water. For those of you who want to ride the waves, **there are some incredible boat rides to choose from**, including mini lake cruises and a 'brunch boat' (which really is as good as it sounds)...

Rieterpark





Giacometti Hall

If you're all about the best views with a heady dose of thrills thrown in, step lively to **Uetliberg, Zurich's very own mountain**. At a whopping 2,850 feet above sea level, this mountain simply **soars** over the metropolis below, and with its exquisite trails, hundreds of trees and photogenic displays of Swiss nature, it's a stunning place to visit no matter what time of year you go. Walk with your family, trek solo, zip around on your mountain bike or wait until winter to **toboggan down the hiking trails** which are converted into sledding runs during the colder seasons. There's nothing quite like flying through the crisp winter air in a landscape of white and crystal blue, sheltered by the snowkissed boughs of the surrounding trees. It's Narnia brought to life.

Looking for things to do in Zurich with friends? Your search ends here. **Foxtrail is a team experience** in which you use clues, codes and riddles to 'outfox' an elusive fox! Not only is this a brilliant way to bond with your loved ones, the trail itself snakes through some of the most gorgeous parts of the city and even, occasionally, its monuments: allowing you to drink in the best of the capital while you play the game. Able to accommodate nearly any number of players, it's a great option to explore regardless of how many are in your group.

For a more chilled way to engage with the city, **Zurich's Botanical Garden is well worth considering**. A tropical idyll with greenhouses, abundant ponds and verdant flora and fauna around every corner, it'll sweep your inner horticulture lover off their feet. Those committed to the garden theme should also bear **Rieterpark, Zurich's largest park**, in mind. This sweeping landscape garden covers over 70,000 square metres and simply **oozes** with 19th century decadence. Wander through the stunning flower displays and tree groves for a couple of hours to tap into your inner zen while marvelling at the longevity of nature: some of the park's beech trees are over 150 years old!

There's also a beautiful villa, Museum Rietberg, in the grounds, an art museum with art from all over the world.

Of course, Zurich is well known for its shopping culture, too... so if picking up a souvenir or two is high on your list of priorities, **make your way down to Bahnhofstrasse**. As Zurich's main shopping street it is, as you'd expect, **jam-packed** with places to pick up everything from designer wares to household items and high-end fashion to traditional Swiss chocolate, interspersed with plenty of places to take a break and assess your purchases over coffee as well. A great place to satiate your inner big spender

PLACES TO WINE AND DINE IN ZURICH



Onto one of the most important things to do in Zurich: **eating!** Switzerland is top tier when it comes to comfort food, and is a land that's well-versed in indulgences such as

cheesy fondues, buttery soft veal and crunchy rösti. Trust us when we say that your tastebuds are about to take the trip of a lifetime...



Starting with lunch, Zurich offers some truly charming cafes for your midday meal. **Search out Kafi Dihei Zurich for some light bites** or a spot of high tea, featuring two scones fresh from the oven: truly one of life's greatest pleasures. You can't miss this place, either. In the summer it's covered in a blanket of deep green vines - a lovely, natural facade to complement the rustic vibes within. **Elsewhere, Café Sprüngli is the number one choice for those with a sweet tooth.** This longstanding sweet shop was first acquired by its namesakes David and Rudolf Sprüngli in 1859, and quickly rose the ranks to become the best place for confectioner's goods in the city. Get yourself a seat in the cafe to enjoy art nouveau furnishings and chocolate made by some of the best artisans in the business. It's a real treat in every sense of the word.

Restaurant IGNIV

Moving on to dinner, **embrace traditional flavours and ambiance at Wirtschaft zur Burg**: a half-timbered building that offers an ever-changing seasonal menu within. The restaurateurs here are passionate about making food that reflects the region, and rely on ingredients that can be locally sourced, helping the environment while thrilling your tastebuds to no end. Alternatively, **the art of fine dining has been mastered by The Restaurant at the Dolder Grand**. With two Michelin stars under its belt, you know you'll be experiencing - and tasting - only the very best from the minute you pick up the wine list. Hello, food heaven.

Also striking the perfect balance between tradition and finery is the **Kronenhalle, which has been blazing a mouthwatering trail in the capital since 1924**. Many artists and celebrities have flocked here over the decades, attracted by its enticing menu and proximity to Zurich's best theatre and entertainment venues. When you book a table here, you'll be continuing in the tradition of James Joyce, Coco Chanel, Yves Saint Laurent and many more, besides. Quite the classy affair.



Historic with a difference, **the restaurant Hiltl has been serving vegetarian dishes since 1898**, making it officially recognised by the Guinness World Records as the world's oldest vegetarian restaurant! Whether you're vegetarian or not, this locale is well worth visiting for its historic significance and delectable platters. We particularly like their mediterranean board - ideal for sharing.

After feasting on flavourful food at the restaurant of your choice, **venture over to the Jules Verne Panorama Bar**. The views from this locale are among the most romantic in all of Europe, particularly at night: with the city lights twinkling below and rippling across the waters of Lake Zurich. Simply curl up with your cocktail and gaze out of the windows that encompass this sophisticated space. The perfect way to end yet another perfect Zurich day.

WHERE TO STAY IN ZURICH



Marktgasse Hotel

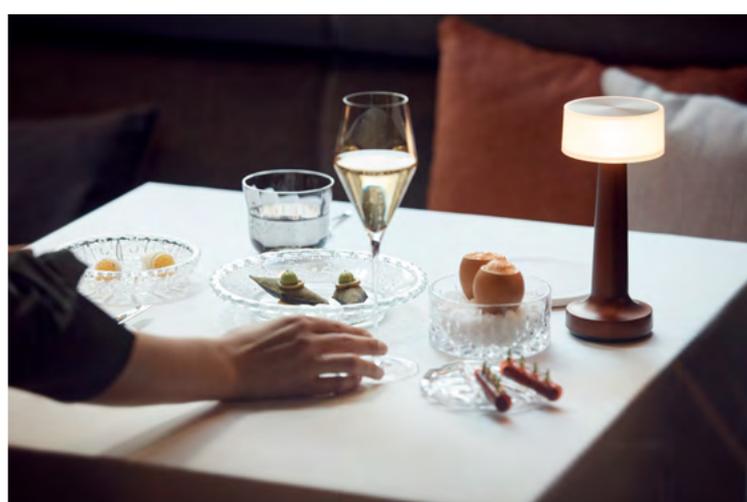


Though it may take a minute to discover the best things to do in Zurich to suit your tastes and interests, there's no question about where you should **stay** during your visit to the Swiss capital.

Marktgasse Hotel is a four-star boutique hotel in the heart of the city's old town... a fitting location, considering its status as one of our best-loved historic hotels! Enjoy close proximity to a range of colourful amenities before heading back to your room or suite, fitted with modern furnishings and decorated in a minimalist style that brings the city's contemporary edge into a historic mould.

In addition, guests of the hotel enjoy special perks. For one, you can enjoy free access to the fitness and wellness areas and group classes of two neighbouring gyms. What's more, there's an extremely tempting dinner and drinks option onsite - the restaurant IGNIV. Priding itself on its innovative creations and Gatsby-esque ambience, it's a model place to sample gourmet dishes or close off your evening with a fancy nightcap. Sweet dreams - another glorious day in Zurich awaits.

www.hhe.travel/marktgasse



EXCITING NEWS!

Historic Hotels of Europe has partnered with
KLOSTERS MUSIC 2022



We're delighted to be one of their official partners this year, for like the event, the spirit of Historic Hotels of Europe revolves around shining a light on the continent's most historic gems, and bringing its awe-inspiring stories to life. They're our perfect musical match.





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Klosters Music

An extraordinary past

Though Klosters Music has only been taking place for the past few years, Klosters itself has been known for over 100 as a beloved resort for travellers to come and get their skiing fix! Encased by the breathtaking Swiss alps, this perfectly placed village epitomises everything there is to love about Switzerland's dramatic landscapes. It's no wonder that everyone, from the British royal family to a host of celebrities in-between, have flocked here to spend their winter and summer vacations and gave Klosters the name "Hollywood on the Rocks". Inspired by great film stars of the day, the musical "Singing in the Rain" with Gene Kelly will be shown at Klosters Music on the big screen on Friday, 5 August, with live orchestral music by the City Light Symphony Orchestra.

Before Klosters became a popular holiday spot, however, it was a quiet locale established eight centuries ago. From near total seclusion to dizzying fame, the village has had quite the journey throughout time... a journey that the Art & Music Foundation, Klosters eventually decided to capture through Klosters Music. They put together the festival to shine a light on what this special location has to offer, and each year, the event takes its audience on an audio-centric adventure that's as diverse as the history of Klosters itself. It's truly something to behold (and hear).



Hagen Quartett



Sir Andras Schiffat

KLOSTERS MUSIC 2022

A Musical Journey

Taking place between 30 July and 7 August 2022, famous soloists, orchestras, ensembles and conductors are set to gather in historic Klosters to take your musical appreciation to new heights.

The event begins with an outstanding orchestral tribute to Romanticism, interspersed with nods to Switzerland's storied past. Elsewhere in the programme, enjoy eclectic musical ecstasy with a Berlin-based Philharmonic group, before listening to a fusion of music and literature performed by Alain Claude Sulzer and Oliver Schnyder. And there are far more acts, besides.

The motto "Zeitreise. A Musical Journey" was deliberately chosen by artistic director David Whelton to musically reflect the 800th anniversary of Klosters

Further information and tickets available at ["klosters-music.ch"](https://klosters-music.ch)

Klosters



BOOKING A TICKET (or two)?

Here's where you should stay

Hotel Chesa Grischuna has hosted a number of celebrities since opening in the 1930s, earning it the nickname "Hollywood on the Rocks"! This cosy property is one you don't want to miss if you're bound for the festival. Festooned throughout with chalet-style details and boasting a beautiful restaurant dishing up fresh food, it's bound to be a popular pick for those heading to Klosters Music 2022. Reserve your room soon... There are only twelve on offer at this intimate locale.

www.hhe.travel/grischuna





KLOSTERS MUSIC

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HAGEN QUARTETT

KIRILL GERSTEIN PIANO

Works by Mozart ("The Hunt"), Brahms (Piano Quintet), and Webern (Slow Movement)

Thu, 4 August 2022, 7.00 pm, St. Jacob's Church, Klosters

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Works by Uccellini, Monteverdi, Scarlatti, Händel, and others

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ANTHONY GABRIELE CONDUCTOR

CITY LIGHT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Timeless musical film with Gene Kelly on big screen with live music by Nacio Herb Brown

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ARABELLA STEINBACHER VIOLIN

PATRICK HAHN CONDUCTOR

MOZARTEUMORCHESTER SALZBURG

Works by Mendelssohn, Brahms (Violin Concerto), and Haydn ("London Symphony")

Sun, 7 August 2022, 5.00 pm, Concert Hall, Arena Klosters

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