

**HOTEL HAVEN,  
Helsinki, Finland**

Hotel Haven is small but lavish, and right in the heart of Finland's capital. Winner of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World award, the hotel has 77 rooms with three different price ranges – Comfort, Style and Lux. It's next to Port Helsinki and not far from the World Heritage Site of Suomenlinna (accessible via ferry).

● **DO IT** Hotel Haven (hotelhaven.fi) has double rooms from £134. Return flights with Norwegian Airlines (norwegian.com), from £103.

**CHALET HOTEL ROVANIEMI,  
Rovaniemi, Lapland**

If you're looking for the perfect 'winter moon' with outstanding natural beauty, we have it at Chalet Hotel Rovaniemi, a resort in Finnish Lapland close to the Arctic Circle. It is a full-service resort with luxury lodges, ski facilities and restaurants offering traditional Lappish menus. And take a walk to visit you-know-who at the Santa Claus Village!

● **DO IT** Chalet Hotel Rovaniemi (chalethotelrovaniemi.fi) has standard apartments with sauna, from £78. Return flights with Finnair (finnair.com) via Helsinki, from £196.

**PALAZZO VICTORIA,  
Verona, Italy**

In fair Verona where we lay our scene is the magnificent Palazzo Victoria. With balconies even Juliet would envy, stay here for the most enchanting trip of your life. The hotel epitomises romantic Italy with its inner courtyard and gardens, but also its gorgeous rooms, spa and Borsari 36 restaurant. The Piazza delle Erbe market is close by, as is the Arena. Be sure to visit Corso di Porta Borsari with its quirky boutiques, restaurants and cafés.

● **DO IT** Deluxe rooms at Palazzo Victoria (palazzovictoria.com) start at £220. Return flights with British Airways (ba.com), from £120.

**ST JOSEPH'S,  
Dubrovnik, Croatia**

Old-world charm, down a side street, within the city walls – St Joseph's is a delightful, small, family-run hotel. With rustic elegance and chic décor, the building is over 400 years old but has all mod cons – marble bathrooms and smart kitchenettes. Take a cable car over the Old Town, then enjoy a glass or two at D'vino Wine, close to the hotel.

**'THIS WONDERFUL 19TH CENTURY VILLA HAS BOUTIQUE SUITES AND CONTEMPORARY ROOMS... AND THE RESTAURANT OVERLOOKS LAKE BLED'**

● **DO IT** St Joseph's Hotel (stjosephs.hr) offers Queen rooms from £185 per night. Return flights with British Airways (ba.com) begin at £166.

**HOTEL SONNE, Zermatt,  
Switzerland**

The family-run Hotel Sonne is your home from home in the Swiss Alps. The hotel features a spa with swimming pool, sauna, steam baths and massage facilities. From double standard rooms to Junior deluxe suites, every budget features a living area and bathroom. Points of interest in Zermatt include the Matterhorn mountain, Matterhorn Glacier Paradise and Gornergrat Bahn, a rail tour with fabulous alpine scenery.

● **DO IT** Double standard rooms at the Hotel Sonne (sonnezermatt.ch) start at £280 for a minimum of three nights. Return flights with Swiss Airlines (swiss.com) to Geneva, from £70.

**ON THE ROCKS,  
Santorini, Greece**

For the best views of the Aegean Sea, stay at On The Rocks in Santorini. The hotel is located at Imerovigli, the highest point on the island to view the nearby tiny island of Thirassia and the Caldera (volcanic basin). Rooms are decorated in typical Grecian style, whitewashed and simplistic, but with all the amenities

you need. In the village of Emporio (just a 20-minute drive away) you can stroll through the streets of the well-preserved Kastelli. Also on your to-do list should be a visit to Akrotiri, a prehistoric city of 30,000 inhabitants that was destroyed by a volcanic eruption in 1627 BC. For a culinary delight, eat at Aegeon, an outdoor restaurant that serves ▶

**BARCELÓ LA BOBADILLA,  
Andalusia, Spain**

This 350-hectare country-house-turned-hotel among olive groves is a stunning playground for tennis and horse riding in the warm Spanish sun. Take a day trip to Granada and the Alhambra – the famous majestic fortress adorned with intricate detailing. Or head down to Malaga for the sea. The U-Spa features sensation showers and a solarium, and food is served at the relaxed La Plaza bar and restaurant, or at the more formal La Finca Restaurant. Using olive stones to make biofuel, the hotel heats its water and rooms with this environmentally friendly source – perfect for couples conscious of their carbon footprint.

● **DO IT** Barceló La Bobadilla (barcelolabobadilla.com) offers suites from £350 per person per night. Return flights to Malaga begin at £51 with Norwegian (norwegian.com).

The luxury U-Spa at the Barceló La Bobadilla

