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FINCA MALVASIA LANZAROTE, SPAIN

Set amid a vineyard in La Geria, this family owned gem has a quirky design giving you an insight into the real Lanzarote. The four whitewashed apartments have volcanic-stone walk-in showers, and are dotted around a lagoonstyle pool in a garden of palms and cacti. DOUBLES FROM €110. TEL: +34 692 155 981, WWW.FINCAMALVASIA.COM FLY TO LANZAROTE FROM 18 DESTINATIONS. INCLUDING BOLOGNA, BRISTOL AND DUBLIN. WWW.RYANAIR.COM

THE YELLOW HOUSE NEAR PALMA, MALLORCA, SPAIN

This tiny hideaway, a one-room, ochre-hued garden house, lies in the pretty Mallorcan hinterland 5km from Palma. Inside, the villa is eclectically stylish, with antique pieces creating atmosphere and cosiness. With nothing but wandering goats and gnarled olive groves around, you'll have plenty of time to dip into the pool. Yet the island's beaches are within striking distance, just 20 minutes away. £100 A NIGHT WWW I-ESCAPE COM FLY TO PALMA MALLORCA FROM 13 DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING BREMEN AND VALENCIA, WWW.RYANAIR.COM

MONTE VELHO NATURE RESORT CARRAPATEIRA, PORTUGAL

Wild, windswept and utterly idyllic, Monte Velho has it all. Set in a national park on the Atlantic coast, it's a natural haven in 50ha of farmland. The rustic but comfortable lodging comprises 13 airy, colourful rooms and suites. There are no TVs or phones and solar and wind power are used. There's no pool either, but the surf is a walk through the hills. So come to hike, swim and ride the waves. DOUBLES FROM €100 TEL + 351 96 600 7950 WWW.WONDERFULLAND.COM/MONTEVELHO FLY TO FARO FROM 23 DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING PORTO. WWW.RYANAIR.COM

BB22 PALERMO, SICILY, ITALY

This beautiful B&B bolthole is perfect for discovering the markets and monuments of the Sicilian capital. With seven simply stylish rooms and a roof terrace wedged into the streets of the old city, it's lauded for its personable service. The owner, who hails from Milan, has injected a truly modern spirit into this wonderful 15th-century palazzo. It's the ultimate secret hideaway in Palermo.

DOUBLES FROM €110. TEL: +39 091 611 1610, WWW.BB22.IT

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L'HÔTEL DE TOIRAS SAINT MARTIN DE RÉ, FRANCE

Long a well-kept secret of chic Parisians, the Ile de Ré boasts wild beaches, idyllic cycling tracks, markets, and top-notch seafood joints. Comprising 20 rooms and suites, the 17th-century Hôtel de Toiras sits right on the harbour of the main town, Saint Martin de Ré, and is the grandest lodge in these romantic streets. Artworks, an interior garden, and a spa opening in May make it a real haven. DOUBLES FROM €135. TEL: +33 (0)5 4635 4032, WWW.HOTEL-DE-TOIRAS.COM FLY TO LA ROCHELLE FROM LONDON (STANSTED). WWW.RYANAIR.COM

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