

Soak up the SUNSHINE

Shake off winter with an uplifting dose of vitamin D at these new design-focused hotels



DOURO41 HOTEL & SPA, PORTUGAL

The stone and shale-clad exterior blends this hotel into the landscape, while floor-to-ceiling windows capture views of the river Douro. Located halfway between Porto and the Douro wine region, it follows that the food and drink here is of exceptional quality. Choose from the relaxed al fresco tapas bar or restaurant Raiva, which celebrates regional dishes. From £100 per night (designhotels.com).

BIKINI ISLAND & MOUNTAIN HOTEL, MALLORCA

Looking more like a Californian hangout than a boutique hotel, this venue, located in one of Mallorca's smartest towns, is the ultimate stress-relieving escape. Chill by the pool, check into the spa, hike in the nearby Tramuntana mountains or pull up a lounger at the Pikkini Bar and order a Watermelon Sangria. Design-wise, the vibe is 1960s bohemian, with rattan and macramé at every turn, plus a scattering of peace signs for good measure – all done with a knowing, contemporary twist, of course. From £118 per night (bikini-hotels.com).



VORA, SANTORINI

Overlooking a volcano and the glittering Aegean sea, Vora is a clutch of private villas carved into this Greek island's cliffs. Each residence is unique, but every interior has the same palette of calming off-white, dark wood furniture and luxurious textures, such as washed-linen sheets and hessian rugs. Secluded from each other yet all with panoramic views, the villas have generous terraces and infinity plunge pools. Admire the views and the stunning sunsets in perfect privacy. From £537 per night (designhotels.com).

