

HOTELS

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From the most photographed suites to the best women-friendly hotels, *Vogue* checks in to the world's most glamorous hideaways. By AARTI VIRANI

Naomi Campbell lives it up at the Dorchester in London

## 2 HAUTE HOTELS

It's where the fashion editors stay

### HOTEL PRINCIPE DI SAVOIA, MILAN ([Dorchestercollection.com](#))

"This hosts one of the city's most popular bars, especially during Milan Fashion Week. I love the candied almonds at their bar at the lobby level. It has an old-world charm but you can tell it's seen its share of wild nights"

—Anaita Shroff Adajania, fashion director, *Vogue India*

### LE BURGUNDY, PARIS ([Leburgundy.com](#))

"The ideal location for fitting in a last-minute shop at Colette and Astier de Villatte between shows"

—Serena Hood, executive fashion director, *British Vogue*

### MANDARIN ORIENTAL, NEW YORK ([Mandarinoriental.com](#))

"It has the best pool. Sometimes they let me go swimming at night if I have an early-morning show"

—Anna Dello Russo, editor-at-large, *Vogue Japan*

## 1 FASHION'S MOST PHOTOGRAPHED SUITES

The rooms that don't need make-up

for a Patrick Demarchelier shoot for *British Vogue* in 2007. The suites have four-poster beds and come with a personal butler. [Dorchestercollection.com](#)

### THE RITZ, PARIS

For one final hurrah before closing for refurbishment in 2012, the Paris Ritz hosted Kate Moss in haute couture. Tim Walker shot in the Imperial and Coco Chanel suites; the latter was recently restored by Chanel for their December reopening last year. [Ritzparis.com](#)

### CHATEAU MARMONT, LOS ANGELES

A penthouse with a wraparound terrace, Room 64 is the most requested at the legendary bolthole. It's where Bruce Weber captured Natalia Vodianova, in Oscar de la Renta, mid-pillow fight with Elle Fanning, Chloë Grace Moretz and Hailee Steinfeld for *US Vogue* (May 2011). [Chateaumarmont.com](#)

Each suite here comes with a personal butler to cater to guests

### CLARIDGE'S, LONDON

Cara Delevingne moved into the Royal Suite with a barn owl and a whippet for a Mulberry autumn/winter 2014-15 shoot. The suite's grand piano, which was used by Gilbert and Sullivan, also made the shots. [Claridges.co.uk](#)

### THE DORCHESTER, LONDON

Naomi Campbell and Claudia Schiffer were pampered silly in a Dorchester suite



Al fresco restaurant Chandni serves Rajasthani cuisine with views of the lake and the city palace



## FEMME FORWARD

Women-friendly stays around the world

### THE LEEA PALACE, DELHI

The Leela in Delhi unveiled its female-friendly “Kamal” package last fall—a customisable experience that includes perks such as round-the-clock service from a crew of female housekeepers, an in-room library comprising books by leading Indian women authors, access to a personal chef, an on-call make-up artist, and guided day tours to the Taj Mahal. [Theleela.com](http://Theleela.com)

### NAUMI HOTEL, SINGAPORE

This plush boutique hotel, tucked in Singapore’s pulsing Central Business District, has a dedicated Privacy Floor, which features additional security. Nine rooms on the property’s third level—reachable with special cards only—are furnished with thoughtful touches like Malin + Goetz toiletries, hair straighteners, yoga mats and soft lighting. [Naumihotel.com](http://Naumihotel.com)

## 3 THE TIME TRAVELLER’S RETREAT

Heritage hotels that promise to transport you to another era

### THE OBEROI UDAIVILAS, UDAIPUR

Partake in all things palatial at this honey-hued Mewari palace, lined with hand-painted frescoes, fountains and reflecting pools. From the moment you’re ferried across Lake Pichola, you’ll be immersed in a royal reverie, complete with Victorian bathtubs, sundowners on the property’s shikara, and your very own courtyard at this opulent 30-acre resort. [Oberoihotels.com](http://Oberoihotels.com)

### THE SIAM, BANGKOK

Thai traditions and Art Deco accents co-exist at this ultra-luxe, garden-studded sanctuary on the banks of the Chao Phraya. Browse through an impressive collection of rare, century-old first editions at the sprawling onsite library, indulge in a riverside cooking class (preceded by a chef’s tour), or lounge in one of the 39 antique teakwood rooms and let the royal grandeur shine through. [Thesiamhotel.com](http://Thesiamhotel.com)

### ASHFORD CASTLE, COUNTY MAYO, IRELAND

Manicured lawns, golden interiors and secret passageways fuel the fairytale vibe at one of Ireland’s oldest castles, fresh from a two-year renovation. With a history that dates back to the 13th century, the 350-acre estate, which offers an assortment of

outdoor activities including golf, horseback riding and even falconry, was once home to the world-renowned Guinness family. [Ashfordcastle.com](http://Ashfordcastle.com)

### PERA PALACE HOTEL JUMEIRAH, ISTANBUL

This 120-year-old Ottoman icon once rolled out the red carpet for the likes of Agatha Christie and Alfred Hitchcock. The property, which scored “museum hotel” status in 1981 thanks to a room filled with items of Turkey’s founding father, Mustafa K Atatürk, remains a celeb haven, courtesy its Murano glass chandeliers and domed ceilings. [Jumeirah.com](http://Jumeirah.com)

## 5 THE MOST ROMANTIC RETREATS

The best check-ins for two

### AMANKORA PARO, BHUTAN

Each of the 24 suites at this tranquil Himalayan hideout is equipped with a *bukhari* (wood-burning stove) and terrazzo-clad bathtub. But if it’s an adventure you’re seeking, take a guided trek that crisscrosses the surrounding meadows and rice paddies, and end it all with a visit to the retreat’s blissful, cedar-wood-scented spa. [Aman.com](http://Aman.com)

### CASTELLO DI CASOLE, TUSCANY, ITALY

It’s impossible not to be seduced by this storied stone castle and the adjacent vineyards. Splurge on the Suite Magnifica, awash in calming blues and greens, local

antiques and oil paintings. For an alfresco meal, reserve a terrace dinner at Ristorante Tosca—all their homemade pasta dishes are tossed in estate-grown extra virgin olive oil. [Castellodicasole.com](http://Castellodicasole.com)

### HOTEL WAILEA, MAUI, HAWAII

There’s no better perch to take in a fiery Maui sunset than a veranda—or a *lanai*, as the locals say—at this serene hillside resort. Coral walls, white-oak floors and locally sourced wood lend an intimate, beach house sensibility to each of its 72 suites. And bonus points for outrigger canoe rides and Mercedes limousine service, both included as part of your stay. [Hotelwailea.com](http://Hotelwailea.com) >

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Castello Di Casole was built on the ruins of a 10th-century castle



Opt for the treetop pavilions, which feature private plunge pools



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### URBAN OASES

The plushiest places for big-city hauls

## 6 ECO-FRIENDLY ESCAPES

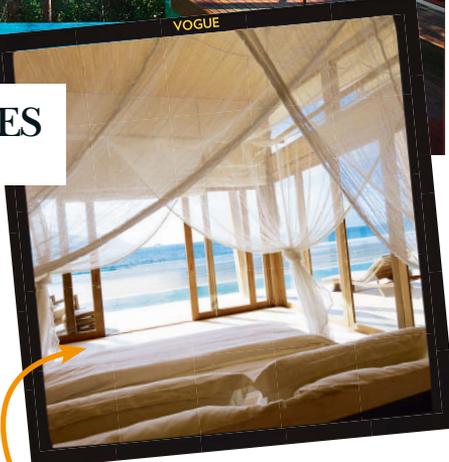
Green stays for responsible travellers

### BEDARRA ISLAND RESORT, AUSTRALIA

Solar hot-water systems, onsite composting and ionic pool chlorinators are just three of the countless ways in which this exclusive resort—nestled in a tropical rainforest—is reducing its carbon footprint. Whether you're lounging by your villa's very own plunge pool, paddle-boarding, or picnicking on a deserted island nearby, you'll feel like a lucky castaway at this far-flung sanctuary. [Bedarra.com.au](http://Bedarra.com.au)

### ANANDA IN THE HIMALAYAS, NEAR RISHIKESH

Once the lavish palace of the maharajah of Tehri Garhwal, this mountainside estate, just 20 minutes from Rishikesh, is now the site of India's very first destination spa, complete with ornate yoga pavilions (private meditation sessions are offered). Its many gardens, often frequented by peacocks, are replenished with recycled water, while the resort regularly leads afforestation drives to conserve and expand its neighbouring forests. [Anandaspa.com](http://Anandaspa.com)



### SIX SENSES CON DAO, CON DAO ISLANDS, VIETNAM

This 50-villa retreat lies on a palm-fringed sliver of a protected marine park (from May to October, sea turtles nest in the area). With luxurious flourishes like a butler service, Bose sound systems, and private infinity pools, it would be easy to forget that the property places special emphasis on the environment. Ingredients at the two onsite restaurants, which serve up a blend of Vietnamese and Mediterranean flavours, are almost entirely locally sourced. Their villas are crafted from sustainable timber frames and natural ventilation is used wherever possible. [Sixsenses.com](http://Sixsenses.com)

### HYATT UNION SQUARE, NEW YORK

Don't be fooled by its antique limestone façade—there's nothing old-fashioned about this city gem. Just a stone's throw from Manhattan's vibrant downtown, this hotel—designed by Paul Vega—draws New Yorkers for its buzzy Brazilian restaurant, Botequim. Out-of-towners come for its artsy interiors and loft-like digs, kitted out with oak floors and an elegant black-and-white palette. [Unionsquare.hyatt.com](http://Unionsquare.hyatt.com)

### ARMANI HOTEL, DUBAI

Claiming 11 floors of the legendary Burj Khalifa tower, designer Giorgio Armani's maiden hotel venture is an over-the-top experience: on site, you'll find an aquarium, an Olympic-size ice-skating rink, a mall, eight in-house restaurants and a larger-than-life spa. Their sleek rooms have curved walls and leather panelling, and each is assigned a "lifestyle manager" who swoops in to book dinner or spa reservations. [Dubai.armanihotels.com](http://Dubai.armanihotels.com)

### TAJ BENGAL, KOLKATA

Each of the 216 rooms of this iconic hotel features windows with lush hanging gardens. Located close to the city centre, it affords views of the dome of the Victoria Memorial, and has the race course on one side and Alipore Zoo on the other. Don't miss a meal at Sonargaon, the Bengali cuisine restaurant. [Tajhotels.com](http://Tajhotels.com)

### PARK HYATT, TOKYO

Who can forget the stratospheric hotel jazz bar—practically a character itself—in *Lost In Translation* (2003)? Channel your inner ScarJo and take a dip in the dramatic, glass-encased pool, towering high on the 47th floor, then retire to your ebony-clad room and sip on sake while you stare at Mount Fuji in the distance. [Tokyo.park.hyatt.com](http://Tokyo.park.hyatt.com)

### BEVERLY WILSHIRE, BEVERLY HILLS, A FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES

It's been 25 years since *Pretty Woman* (1990) but the popular rom-com is synonymous with this historic landmark, with even a suite named after the film. ■ [Fourseasons.com](http://Fourseasons.com)

## 8 CINEMA STARS

Hotels that have played starring roles in Hollywood

### GRANDHOTEL PUPP, BUDAPEST

If the frothy pink exteriors, generous corridors and gargantuan crystal chandelier here look familiar, it's because they all inspired Wes Anderson's whacky murder-mystery adventure, *The Grand Budapest Hotel* (2014). The 300-year-old hotel also snagged a starring role in 2006's *Casino Royale* (Daniel Craig's James Bond plays a nerve-wrecking hand of poker here), and one of its neo-Baroque halls has featured in *La Vie En Rose* (2007). [Pupp.cz](http://Pupp.cz)

