



A BEDROOM AT VERMELHO, CHRISTIAN LOUBDUTINS NEW BOTEL IN PORTUGAL. PHOTOGRAPHED BY STETAN CITTHALER READ THE REVIEW ON THE NEXT PAGE



CASA CHABLÉ

On a land spit south of Tulum, in the Unesco World Heritage Site Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve, this 10-room castaway retreat (five rooms are in the main house and a handful of bungalows are on the sand) revolves around nature. Guests can go on turtle- and dolphinspotting boat trips and snorkel on the reef and look out for flocks of brown pelicans as they fly over the beach at sunrise. Highlights of the menu include Tikin xic fish - spiced seabass cooked in a corn leaf and served with sweet potato mash. Rooms from \$709, B&B. chablehotels.com



&BEYOND GRUMETI SERENGETI RIVER LODGE

The wow-factor living area at this recently rebuilt lodge on a tributary of the Grumeti River looks out towards a pod of resident wallowing hippos. Nine rooms, plus a family suite, are all well rooted in their environment, with woven banana-leaf ceilings, furniture covered in colourful kitenge fabric and mouth-blown glass lights. In addition to game drives that can bring sightings of lion cubs and hyena clans, staff can arrange a hot-air balloon ride over the treetops, as animals roam below. Rooms from £895, all inclusive. and beyond, com



R48 HOTEL AND GARDEN

Tel Aviv's newest design hotel comes with impressive credentials. Housed in a 1930s Bauhaus building on Rothschild Boulevard, it has a rooftop pool, an urban garden by Dutch designer Piet Oudolf and interiors by Studio Liaigre. The brutalist building features wraparound balconies and the thermometer windows typical of Bauhaus architecture; these meet a contemporary glass extension that introduces more natural light into the hotel. Showcasing Israeli makers and artists was a requirement of the design for owners Ruti and Mati Broudo - Tel Aviv locals with several bars and restaurants already under their belts. So artworks by the likes of Ori Gersht and Tal Shochat coexist with bespoke furniture designed by Studio Liaigre. The result is ultra-modern yet warm and comfortable interiors. There are just 11 suites, a fine-dining restaurant and a casual brasserie. Rooms from \$1,500 a night, B&B. r48.co.il



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