DISCOVER YOUR Europe

GLAMOROUS GETAWAY

Spain's most cosmopolitan city upped its hip factor last year with the opening of W Barcelona. Housed in a shiny sail-shaped tower overlooking the sea, it's super stylish, and lots of fun too. Where else has rooms called Wow, Wonderful, Mega and Cool Corner Suite? You'll know the honeymoon's got off to a flying start when you wrap yourselves in your fluffy W robes, switch on your state-of-the-art sound system and gaze out through floor-to-ceiling windows at the white cabanas and infinity pool far below. Continue the in-crowd vibe with a triple oxygen beauty treatment at Bliss Spa and drinks in the scene-y W Bar, where international DIs play and the beautiful people hang out looking, well... beautiful. From £190 per room per night (w-barcelona.com). Flights from £163pp (airfrance.co.uk).

LAID-BACK LIVING

Italy's Amalfi Coast is one of the most romantic places on the planet, but incredible beauty means a huge pull for the summertime crowds, so those in the know head south to Palazzo Belmonte for stunning picturesque landscapes without the tourists. Two hours from Naples and a five-minute stroll from cute fishing village Santa Maria, your heart will beat a little bit faster as you sweep through an archway into the pretty flower-filled courtyard and set your eyes on this divine 17th century mansion. The airy suites with vaulted ceilings are furnished with choice antiques, and life doesn't get much better than long lazy lunches of fresh La Caprese salads overlooking the sparkling Mediterranean, or a signature cocktail whipped up by Francesco at the beach bar as the sun sinks into the sea. Belissimo! Rooms from £154 (palazzobelmonte.com). Flights from £60 (easyjet.com).

PALAZZO BETAVONTE

CHAMPAGNE

LOCAL HIDEAWAY

What could be more chic than living like a (wealthy) Parisian during your stay in the city of love? Forget the usual mega-priced hotels and enjoy your own parquet-floored apartment just steps from the Eiffel Tower instead. Living up to its name, Champagne is a très chic one-bedroom pad on the Left Bank with a balcony where you can gaze at the illuminated iconic tower while sipping bubbles and nibbling macaroons from your I Love You honeymoon gift basket (£70). With two tickets for a cruise along the Seine also included, what's not to love? Seven nights from £1951 (parisperfect.com). Eurostar from £69pp return (eurostar.com).

SPLASH THE CASH

At the five-star Annabelle, lush gardens lead down to the sand, where bronzed goddesses prop up the beach bar in slinky kaftans. This super-luxe hotel on the island of Cyprus has all you'd expect of the Med (bluer than blue seas; near year-round sun; knockout cream pool suites, with marble bathrooms, private pools and Jacuzzis) and so much more besides. The dining here is legendary, from Asteras, with its al fresco terrace overlooking the water gardens, to Amrosa, a chi-chi eatery where a pianist provides the romantic soundtrack. Seven nights from £835pp, including flights (seasons.co.uk).

