

LIFESTYLE



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Small Luxury Hotels of The world have a diverse collection of over 520 independently minded hotels all over the world. From this collection, we have highlighted eight great escapes for both winter sun and our own favourite, winter snow! To discuss a booking call the charming SLH reservations team on 0800 0482 314 or simply visit www.slh.com

WINTER SUN



HALCYON HOUSE - CABARITA BEACH, AUSTRALIA

Halcyon House is a stylish coastal retreat just moments from Cabarita Beachin New South Wales. The hotel which looks as if it has stepped out of an interiors magazine is the vision of Brisbane designer, Anna Spiro. Many of the 21 individually-styled suites offer sea views and are stylishly decorated with blue hues and nautical touches. The saltwater pool offers a touch of the Mediterranean with candy striped daybeds and palms fringing it. Halcyon House's poolside restaurant, Paper Daisy, is headed up by ex-Noma chef, Ben Devlin, an Aussie native who puts emphasis on local produce and casual fine dining.

Rooms from 328 GBP per night
www.slh.com/halcyon

MILAI DHOO ISLAND - BAA ATOLL, MALDIVE

This tiny island in the breath taking Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve has been transformed into a brand new contemporary luxury resort, opening this November, where coconut palm thatched villas sit nestled among pristine beaches and lush greenery. A 30 minute trip by seaplane from Male international airport, and with its closest neighbouring island home to just 420 residents, this resort provides the perfect secluded location for an exotic luxury break this winter. With 50 rooms ranging from lodges to land and overwater villas, each with a private pool, guests can indulge in all aspects of island life from rejuvenating spa treatments, yoga and meditation classes to sensational gourmet food at one of three restaurants. The resort's no infant and informal dress code policy makes for a tranquil and casual stay.

Rooms from 800 GBP per night
www.slh.com/milaidhoo



OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT HOTEL - GALLE, SRI LANKA

One of Sri Lanka's newest boutique hotels, having opened in January 2016, the Owl and the Pussycat Hotel is a luxurious coastal retreat with a laid back feel. Situated close to the historic Galle Fort and Buddhist temples, the hotel provides access to an unparalleled authentic Sri Lankan experience. The property was designed by New York architect Udar Dhar. The hotel's furniture, colourful textiles and artwork are hand-made by 20 artists from all over the world, including local craftsmen. Together with its jazz band and selection of musicians playing at the weekend, and its local learning programme and philanthropic heart, this new hotspot is inspired by local influences, whilst still promising sophistication and style.

Rooms from 147 GBP per night
www.slh.com/owl

WINTER SNOW

STORFJORD HOTEL - SKODJE, NORWAY



This forest retreat, handcrafted from Norwegian wood, offers guests panoramic views of dramatic fjords and Alpine peaks in one of the world's most beautiful landscapes. The 23-room hotel puts a designer spin on the traditional log cabin with raw timber and sleek grey tones with a sense of Scandi-chic. The bedrooms are the epitome of comfort, with four poster beds and cosy fur throws draping stylish sofas, many offering fireplaces or private balconies from which to enjoy the forest framed views of Alpine Norway. The restaurant at Storfjord hotel is a relaxed and unpretentious fine-dining experience, showcasing local delicacies and flavours with a four-course feast every evening, accompanied by the hotel's own brewed ale – Storfjordbrygg. Guests looking to explore the west coast of Norway can go fishing around Ålesund or paddle to Gloms et Cove in a Kayak. The hotel's ethos is 'luxury the Norwegian way' so guests can expect an intimate and relaxed experience with warm and friendly staff who are happy to meet guests needs anyway they can.

Rooms from 195 GBP per night

www.slh.com/storfjord

EL LODGE - SIERRA NEVADA, SPAIN

El Lodge is a magical alpine-style retreat in the midst of Sierra Nevada's enchanting landscape with mountain views from every window. The hotel's 20 rooms are kitted out with vintage ski posters, antler chandeliers and snug fur throws by interior designer Andrew Martin. El Lodge is a haven for skiers, offering everything from private lessons to a boot warming service and pret-a-porter equipment hire. Guests can enjoy après ski on The Terrace with ski in, ski out access, or warm up in the spa's heated pools, sauna and steam rooms. 45 pistes and six off-piste ski runs surround the hotel and Chairlift Parador is just 50km from the front door. Head just 30 minutes out of the resort and explore the stunning city of Granada with the Alhambra and local flamenco bars.

Rooms from 270 GBP per night

www.slh.com/ellodge



DAS POSTHOTEL - TYROL, AUSTRIA

Das PostHotel is a classic alpine lodge with an eco-conscious design, deeply rooted in mountain traditions. The hotel oozes with character with its contemporary furniture and colourful fabrics and is rich in raw pine, oak and native spruce. Sustainability is at the heart of the resort which shows in the many design features like the solar-heated pool as well as in the kitchen with the organic menus at HeLeni restaurant. Das PostHotel is situated in the Zillertal ski area of Austria, boasting optimally groomed pistes, super modern lift facilities and guaranteed snow – you can even ski all year round on the snow-sure slopes of the Hintertux Glacier.

Rooms from 175 GBP per night

www.slh.com/posthotel



HOTEL PASHMINA LE REFUGE - VAL THORENS, FRANCE



Opening just last season, Hotel Pashmina Le Refuge is the newest five-star hotel in Europe's highest ski resort, Val Thorens. Guests have access to the entire Val Thorens domain and the rest of the Three Valleys beyond. A cosy home-from-home, the hotel is the ideal mountain hideaway combining the traditional and the modern. All rooms have views over the surrounding valley and peaks and are very spacious, perfect for families and groups. For a night to remember, book the rooftop igloo which lets you sleep under the stars. Gastronomy is at the heart of the hotel, with two restaurants overseen by award-winning French chef Romauld Fassenet. End the day at the Pashmina Spa by L'Occitane which overlooks the mountain, for the ultimate in relaxation.

Rooms from 148 GBP per night

www.slh.com/pashmina