

BEST FOR: GUILT-FREE LUXURY

BELLE MONT FARM ON KITTITIAN HILL ST KITTS

This eco-conscious hotel's private cottages are set on an organic farm, hence its farm-to-table fine dining concept. More than 100 types of mango are grown on the grounds (the local green vervet monkeys are as fond of them as the guests are) while star chef Christophe Letard is a welcome French import. In a first for St Kitts, this retreat was built from

sustainable materials by local contractors. Staying in Laze in your outdoor bathtub; swim; take a yoga class; or forage for fresh fruit. After dark, your blackout blind doubles as a Netflix projector. Going out The capital, Basseterre, is an easy drive. Book it British Airways offers seven nights from £4,639pp, travelling 4 May-22 June, including return flights from London Gatwick*. ba.com/bellemontfarm

BEST FOR: CUBIST KICKS

THE SERRAS BARCELONA

In 1896, Pablo Picasso set up his first studio here on Carrer de la Plata, on the Port Vell Marina. Fast forward to 2015 and the building is a charming boutique hotel, with a fittingly artistic vibe. The original exterior, by the modernist architect Francesc Daniel Molina, remains, while interiors are by the designer Eva Martinez Torres. Prepare to

covet everything from the sofas to the quirky cutlery. Staying in Enjoy expansive views of the marina and a plunge pool on the roof terrace. By night, you can make the most of the Michelin-starred in-house restaurant, Informal. Going out Walk from your room and to the beach in five minutes. Book it Double rooms start at £170, including breakfast. hoteltheserrasbarcelona.com



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HOTELS OF THE MONTH

On our radar: going green in St Kitts, following in Picasso's footsteps in Barcelona, a Moorish marvel in Egypt and an Art Deco delight in Miami



BEST FOR: A DESERT IDYLL

BARON PALMS SHARM EL-SHEIKH

The tropical gardens here are dotted with bright white Andalusian-style buildings, with sumptuously designed archways and Moorish motifs. Sharm el-Sheikh is of course known for its diving, but the two giant lagoon pools with waterfalls here are certainly tempting. Prefer the real thing? No problem. The hotel also has a private beach. Linen is fine Egyptian cotton – what else?

Staying in The resort is all-inclusive with plentiful dining options, but don't miss out on the traditional Egyptian restaurant – try the fava-bean dish Ful medames. Going out Dive in the rich coral reefs at the Ras Nasrani National Marine Park. Book it BA offers seven nights from £499pp, travelling 1 December-29 February, including return flights from London Gatwick**. ba.com/sharmelsheikh

BEST FOR: BOOKWORMS

THE BETSY MIAMI

The Betsy's impressive columned façade is the lone surviving example of Florida's Georgian architecture on Ocean Drive. The hotel has a focus on philanthropy, arts, culture and education – a writer's room pays homage to the owner's father, the Pulitzer-Prize finalist Hyam Plutzik. Bedrooms channel beachside glamour with coral print and green-and-

white striped furnishings reminiscent of sunloungers. Staying in Arguably the best steak in Miami is at BLT-Steak, overseen by chef Laurent Tourondel. Relax afterwards at the rooftop spa. Going out Stroll along nearby South Beach or swim in the Atlantic. Book it BA offers three nights from £869pp, travelling 11 January-28 February, including return flights from London Heathrow***. ba.com/miami



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