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From private islands and five-star cruises to posh wellness retreats and world-class culinary destinations, the Modern Luxury editorial team curates the ultimate list for luxury travel around the globe.

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THE 2025 TRAVEL AWARDS

BEST PERSONALIZED LUXURY TRAVEL: SCOTT DUNN

Since 1986, this award-winning luxury travel company has been curating journeys around the globe that are tailored to each guest's desires. From private safaris and exclusive villa stays to family getaways, intimate wildlife encounters, bespoke honeymoons and posh private yacht cruises, you can expect unparalleled insider access, seamless service and expert guidance from seasoned travel specialists. scottdunn.com/us



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BEST HOTEL, ITALY: ANANTARA CONVENTO DI AMALFI GRAND HOTEL

Built into the cliffs of the Amalfi Coast just a 10-minute walk from the center of Amalfi, this former 13th century monastery has been transformed into a sanctuary of Italian elegance. Vaulted ceilings, arched walkways and cloistered courtyards maintain the charm of its past, while contemporary touches—and a recent renovation—offer modern conveniences. Guests can indulge in the spa's signature lemon-infused treatments, inspired by the region's famed citrus groves, or dine on Michelin-starred cuisine overlooking the Mediterranean. anantara.com

BEST SAFARI CAMP REINVENTION: ANDBEYOND NGALA TENTED CAMP, SOUTH AFRICA

After a recent redesign that added roomier tents, a new gym and pool, and an extended outdoor deck, andBeyond Ngala Tented Camp has emerged as one of Africa's most stylish safari destinations. Nestled along the banks of the Timbavati River, its intimate tented suites feature floor-to-ceiling glass walls, outdoor showers and private plunge pools that bring guests even closer to the wilderness. For those seeking adventure, Ngala is home to thrilling game drives, where guests have the rare chance to spot white lions. andbeyond.com

MOST ROMANTIC HOTEL, U.S.: SAN YSIDRO RANCH, CALIFORNIA

For over a century, San Ysidro Ranch has been a secluded escape for lovers, artists and Hollywood's elite. Jackie and John F. Kennedy honeymooned here, while Audrey Hepburn, Winston Churchill and Vivien Leigh

found solace in its fragrant gardens and cozy cottages. Set in the hills of Santa Barbara, the ranch exudes charm with private cottages, wood-burning fireplaces and outdoor hot tubs tucked into lush gardens. The award-winning Stonehouse Restaurant is the perfect way to end the day. sanysidroranch.com

BEST EUROPEAN ESCAPE: COQUILLADE PROVENCE, FRANCE

Set within a restored 11th century hamlet, this Relais & Châteaux property in the heart of French wine country offers a serene retreat amid rolling vineyards and lavender fields. Guests can indulge in extensive spa treatments, explore the countryside by e-bike, sip award-winning wines from the estate or dine on Michelin-starred Provençal cuisine. coquillade.fr

BEST HOTEL DESIGN: LE GRAND MAZARIN, PARIS

A bold new addition to the Parisian hotel scene, Le Grand Mazarin is a masterpiece of playful opulence. Designed by renowned interior designer Martin Brudnizki, the hotel's aesthetic is a dazzling mix of 17th century grandeur and contemporary whimsy—think jewel-toned velvets, antique chandeliers and hand-painted murals. Located in the heart of the Marais, the hotel's underground mosaic-tiled swimming pool adds to the extravagance. legrandmazarin.com

HOTTEST DESTINATION OF 2025: BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

The British Virgin Islands continue to dazzle with ultraluxurious developments, including the much-anticipated Peter Island Resort reopening and resident jewels like Sir Richard Branson's Necker and Mosquito islands. These exclusive retreats promise elevated exclusivity with stunning beachfront villas, world-class spas and a yachter's paradise in the Caribbean's most coveted waters. bvitourism.com

Clockwise from top left: San Ysidro Ranch has several lush gardens on property; the Pool Suite at Coquillade Provence; sail the Caribbean's most spectacular waters in the British Virgin Islands. Opposite page: Custom adventures in exotic destinations like the Maldives are Scott Dunn's specialty.

