

THE



most romantic
HOTELS
in Europe

Budget

44. Casa Cook, Rhodes

There's a lot more to Rhodes than you might think – from its extraordinary medieval walled Old Town, which rivals any in Europe, to a clutch of sophisticated new hotels. This includes Casa Cook, the first from a new adult-only lifestyle brand by Thomas Cook. With a mid-century modern aesthetic, it has direct access to a pool from every bedroom, a laid-back communal area with a restaurant and an open-air bar, plus a DJ at night.

Room to book: For maximum privacy, a mountain-facing two-level loft suite with an indoor Jacuzzi. Doubles from £96 (casacook.com).

45. Lord Crewe Arms, Northumberland

In Blanchland, a mist-shrouded medieval village on the North Pennine Moors, this absurdly atmospheric country pub was originally the abbot's house in a 12th-century abbey. Today, cosy bedrooms are split between the main house and seven miners' cottages around the corner. The pub inhabits the old crypt and there is fabulous food by Simon Hicks, formerly head chef at Hix Soho.

Room to book: The Blackdene Suite in one of the miner's cottages, a two-minute walk away, has a roll-top bath in the bedroom and a living room with a log burner downstairs. Doubles from £119 (lordcrewearmsblanchland.co.uk).

46. The Howard Arms, Cotswolds

On the village green in Ilmington, the prettiest of honeycomb Cotswolds villages, The Howard Arms is a pub with eight lovely rooms and an even better restaurant. After a circular walk up Ilmington Hill and a pint of local cask ale by the fire, there's just time for a snooze



Left
The Howard
Arms,
Cotswolds



Above
Casa Cook,
Rhodes

47. Casa Bonay, Barcelona

One for the hipsters, this is an eclectic, quirky urban retreat in Dreta de L'Eixample, famous for its Modernist mansions and a 10-minute walk from Gaudi's iconic Sagrada Família church. Rooms have hugely comfortable beds, locally woven bed throws and yoga mats. The excellent restaurant by rising star Estanislao Carenzo is a Vietnamese barbecue affair by day, an Argentinian fusion at night, and the rooftop bar is a triumph on balmy evenings.

Room to book: One of the Courtyard Large Terrace rooms, with a hammock and an outdoor shower on the terrace. Doubles from £112 (casabonay.com).

48. Guesthouse Bonifacius, Bruges

The current owner bought this medieval canalside gabled house from a baron and turned it into a luxurious three-suite guesthouse, filled with interesting antiques and objets d'art. It feels like a grown-up private house, and continental breakfast is served in the Gothic Room. There are also roof terraces and free minibars in the suites. The house is surrounded by great restaurants, including the Michelin-starred Den Gouden Harynck.

before a delicious dinner packed with local ingredients in the elegant mezzanine dining area. Just add a big glass of Mendoza Malbec.

Room to book: The atmospheric Oak Room has a hand-carved four-poster. Doubles from £110 (howardarms.com).

49. Hotel San Telmo, La Palma, Canary Islands

Partly housed in one of the oldest homes in Santa Cruz, this little gem offers a slice of traditional Canarian living with the perks of a hotel. A simple, delicious fresh breakfast is served in a little dining room. In the afternoon and evening, drinks are available on a roof terrace overlooking the town.

Room to book: A double in the old house, with ancient wooden ceilings and direct access to the lush, plant-filled patio. Doubles from £54 (hotel-santelmo.de).

50. Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik

The friendly, clifftop Sun Gardens feels like a remote seaside retreat but it's an effortless 15-minute taxi ride from Dubrovnik. It has at least 10 restaurants and bars from which to choose, and there are good authentic seafood restaurants in the local village of Zaton. Sporty types will love the tennis, squash and badminton courts, climbing wall and exercise classes, while steps to and from the beach provide a good workout.

Room to book: One of the Club Rooms on the top two floors, for sun-drenched views over the Adriatic from the balconies. Doubles from £84 (dubrovniksulgardens.com). telegraph.co.uk/travel/hotels