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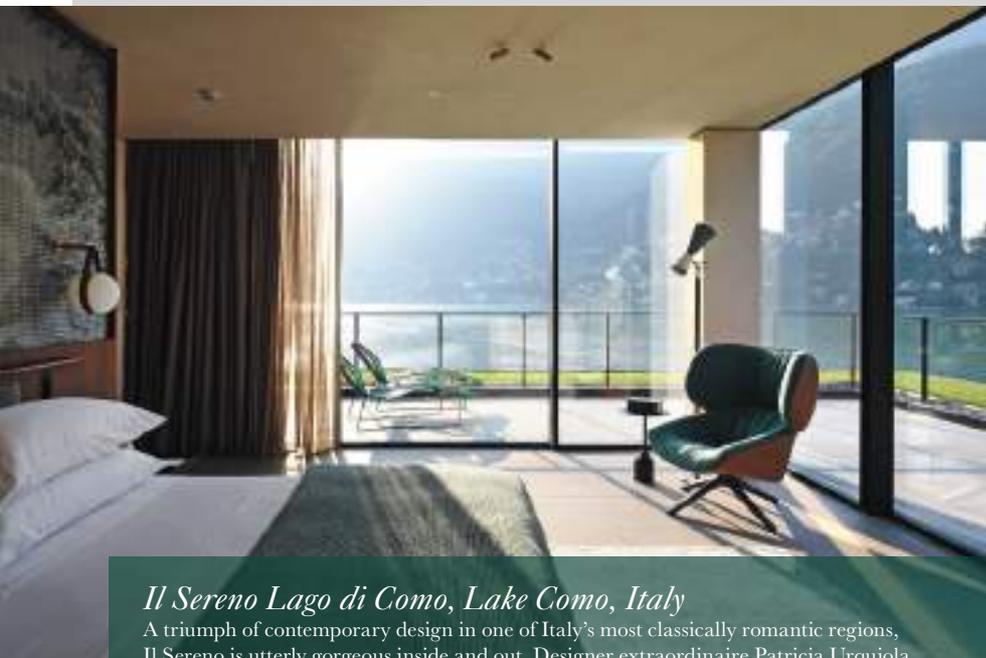
Europe

These short-haul heroes mean that breathtaking views, opulent surroundings and magical experiences are closer than you think

Amanruya, Bodrum, Turkey

Fragrant pines and ancient olive trees surround this serene hillside retreat overlooking the rugged Turkish coastline. The pavilions and suites, all with private gardens and pools, have been designed in homage to an Ottoman village, hewn from local stone and finished with Aman's signature design flair. Each 'street' leads to the show-stopping Olympic-sized pool at the heart of the property, next to which you'll find the spa. There's an excellent beach club, a three-storey library and first-class dining options showcasing Turkish and Mediterranean specialities. If you can bear to leave this tranquil haven, the hotel has its own 40ft motor yacht for exploring hidden coves and nearby islands. **aman.com**

Turkish Airlines offers flights to Bodrum and beyond, serving more than 200 destinations around the world. turkishairlines.com



Il Sereno Lago di Como, Lake Como, Italy

A triumph of contemporary design in one of Italy's most classically romantic regions, Il Sereno is utterly gorgeous inside and out. Designer extraordinaire Patricia Urquiola has well and truly worked her magic, with floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows framing the view of Lake Como's eastern shores at every turn and slick furnishings that wouldn't be out of place in a hip urban hotel. Just 30 suites make for an intimate ambience and there's a knockout spa housed in a converted boathouse. Dining under Michelin-starred chef Raffaele Lenzi is excellent – be sure to try the five-course tasting menu – while the sundeck is an idyllic spot for a long, lazy lunch of spaghetti and spritzes. **serenohotels.com**



Puente Romano, Marbella, Spain

A traditional appearance – white-stone villas sit in bougainvillea- and lemon tree-filled gardens that spill down to the sea – belies an ultra-glam soul at this elegant beachfront property. Waft from breakfast (do it the Spanish way with a slice of melt-in-the-mouth tortilla and a glass of cava) to the Six Senses spa or one of the three pools; perfect your forehand at the hotel's famed tennis academy; or go horseback riding in the Andalusian foothills. Come nightfall, as lanterns flicker along the paths that wind through the resort, an altogether more electric vibe emerges. Renowned for its dining scene, Puente Romano attracts the great and the good of Marbella to its Plaza, a fairylike square around which you'll find a number of top-notch restaurants covering everything from Italian to Michelin-starred Spanish, plus Spanish-Japanese fusion at Nobu. **puenteromano.com**

Hôtel de Crillon, A Rosewood Hotel, Paris, France

Paris needs no introduction and few places are better positioned to enjoy it than Hôtel de Crillon, located slap bang on Place de la Concorde, with the Champs-Élysées leading to the Arc de Triomphe in one direction and the Louvre in the other. When this revered 18th-century palace hotel closed for four years to undergo a top-to-toe restoration, the city's cognoscenti waited with bated breath. Thankfully, in the capable hands of Rosewood, who have previous form on restoring historic gems, the results were suitably fabulous – the marble! The hand-painted walls! Suites designed by Karl Lagerfeld! It is opulent without feeling stuffy, while modern artworks bring this grande dame further up to date. Plus, should you decide to say your 'I do's here, they'll give you a two-night honeymoon for free. rosewoodhotels.com



Deplar Farm, Troll Peninsula, Iceland

Who says honeymoons have to be all palm trees and tropical seas? Surrounded by ice-cloaked mountains in winter and wildflower meadows in summer, Deplar Farm is the kind of deeply magical place that will stay with you for life. Make the most of Iceland's midnight sun on hikes through the wilderness, heli-skiing adventures or fly-fishing expeditions. Or take full advantage of the extraordinary spa, with its geothermal pools, flotation tanks and outdoor Viking sauna. This also happens to be one of the best places to view the Northern Lights – you don't even have to hop out of the pool to see them, but instead can stay submerged in the warm waters as the mesmerising colours twist and loop above you. elevenexperience.com

