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**HOTELS OF THE MONTH**

**EMIRATES PALACE, ABU DHABI, UAE**

Set in grounds filled with palm trees that are illuminated at night, this Taj-Mahal-esque hotel is so dazzlingly grand it feels a little like staying in a dreamscape. With pink walls, domes and high ceilings, it shares a peninsula in the Arabian Gulf with the UAE's Presidential Palace. Enjoy Arabian coffee and dates on the white-sand beach, before riding a camel through the surf.

**STAYING IN** Eat in one of the R&B Al Casir restaurant's open-air gazebos on the sand and share a whole chargrilled sea bass.

**GOING OUT** All of the non-motorised water sports at the West Beach area by the Emirates Palace Marina are complimentary.

**BOOK IT** BA offers three nights from £739pp, including return flights from London Heathrow and accommodation.

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**GRAND HOTEL EXCELSIOR VITTORIA, SORRENTO, ITALY**

With sweeping cliff-top vistas, elegant service and a more-is-more approach to classical Italian décor — marble flooring, antique busts and a proper old-school concierge desk — this Amalfi Coast hotel provides an idyllic backdrop to a highly sophisticated escape. On one side, orange groves and rich purple bougainvillea lead a path to the traditional local town of Sorrento, while on the other lies the extraordinarily beautiful bay of Naples.

**STAYING IN** The Michelin-starred Terrazza Bosquet, where head chef Antonio Montelusco is out to cause a stir with his tasting menu.

**GOING OUT** Take an outdoor lift down to the beachfront and jump on the boat over to the Blue Grotto sea caves on the coast of Capri.

**BOOK IT** Rooms from £405pp, exvitt.

**BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL, BOSTON, USA**

A 16-storey, 230-room hotel found on the edge of Rowes Wharf, this is the standard by which all Boston hotels are judged. The bedrooms are in-keeping with New England's regatta-inspired palette — navy and white stripes abound while pictures of knots decorate the walls. In the heart of the financial district, this member of the Preferred Hotels & Resorts Legend collection is perfectly located to explore the city.

**STAYING IN** The award-winning Rowes Wharf Sea Grille; ask for a table outside and order seafood.

**GOING OUT** The Italian district is definitely worth seeing — just make sure you stop by Mike's Pastry for a cannoli.

**BOOK IT** BA offers three nights from £689pp, including return flights from Heathrow and accommodation.

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