

THE BEST LUXURY HOTELS FOR CREATIVE MINDS

Inspiration & Experiences

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Ella dreams of seeing as much of the world as she can, with the company of her guitar. Her journey beginning with an educational trip to Nepal, she aims to pursue her passion for travel. From the Scottish highlands to the Mediterranean coast, she hopes not to leave a corner untouched.

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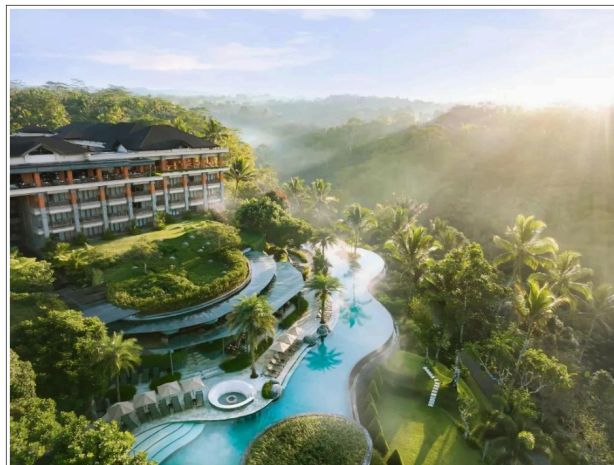


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Creativity is the pulse that animates the soul of every artistic endeavour. It transcends mere expression; it is the essence of innovation and individuality, shaping cultures and defining eras. And in the realm of travel and hospitality, luxury hotels can become sanctuaries where creative minds can flourish, drawing upon surroundings that ignite imagination and foster brilliance.

We have curated a collection of hotels that inspire innovation and catalyse the creative mind; hotels that provide a colourful playground for the writers, artists and musicians alike who are looking for an escape into their own imagination. Our chosen hotels invite inspiration, encouraging guests to explore their artistry, whether it's rainforest seclusion or the vibrancy of city life that presents creativity, these hotels present it with all the expectations of an exceptional luxury holiday experience.

Padma Resort Ubud [INDONESIA]



If you work best in the company of your own thoughts, Padma Resort surrounds you with the serenity of the Payangan forests and soundtracks of its native wildlife, making its natural landscape the focal point of this resort. With 149 rooms available, each with a balcony overlooking the forest foliage, you wake and sleep before a boundless canvas for your imagination. The interior is infused with traditional Indonesian influence, prioritising vibrant warm-toned accents and gold finishings, with a king-sized mattress and a spa-inspired ensuite to ease a busy mind. The resort spa is open from 9am-9pm, with natural woods and clay walls for a grounding treatment, to revitalise the body and clear the mind of those who know the frustrations of writers' block all too well. Following an early morning treatment, there are multiple mapped walks around the resort including crossing the storybook bamboo bridge if your brain is looking for tangible stimulation. And after a productive day you may choose to refuel at the Puhu restaurant on the top floor of the resort, again offering panoramic views of the forest from 6.30am-10pm. The menu is an extensive appreciation of Asian and Western cuisine, providing inspiration in every sense and guaranteed to satisfy your needs. If, however, you are too far into the zone for a sit-down meal, 24-hour room service is available, with the addition of the Payangan lounge if you are looking more for a light lunch to keep you going. Start and/or end the day with a plunge to cleanse and clear both mind and body in the resort's two heated infinity pools, available from 6am-9pm. Bliss!

www.padmaresortubud.com

Menorca Experimental - [MENORCA]



From the minute you arrive to the moment you leave, Menorca Experimental sustains a stimulation of the senses. The Boutique hotel offers 43 rooms, each one individual in its allure, with natural olive tones and bright accents complementing abstract installations. The reimagined finca stands in the centre of rural Menorca, inviting the observation and inspiration of Mediterranean culture whilst being just a short walk from the beach, if it is soft sand and salt air that ignites your spark. The hotel food and beverage offering centres around an outdoor terrace overlooking the 30 acres of land owned by the Boutique, serving a freshly sourced Mediterranean menu from 8am until 10pm with the bar being open until midnight, ensuring late nights and tired minds are cushioned by luxury catering. Included in guests' stay is access to a steam room and sauna, as well as treatments in a choice of three locations, to reset and revitalise when your inspiration feels to be running dry and the finca's 26m infinity pool is a physical reminder that opportunities are endless! Take a five-minute stroll along the 'natural path' that opens to reveal a breathtaking cliff point and just 15 minutes more you'll find a secluded beach, allowing you to physically follow your imagination and walk with your story. The architecture and meticulous interior design paired with the stunning natural landscape and soothing summer air, are the perfect material for the creative mind.

www.menorcaexperimental.com

Maison Métier – The Unbound Collection by Hyatt – [NEWORLEANS]



The Maison Métier is found in the centre of a city characterised by its unique culture, vibrant music scene, delicious cuisine and lively celebrations, with jazz music being the prodigy of this destination. It offers 67 rooms and suites furnished with warm fabrics and dark woods which together create a moody and intentional environment for introspection, finished with premium bath amenities, reading table and a king-sized bed. Rooms also include an evening turndown service, the delivery of morning coffee (to ensure that your work is your only attention) and a pet-friendly policy, if your furry friend is your muse. Three dining opportunities are provided; the most popular being the Salon Salon, a full-service restaurant and cocktail bar which showcases French, New Orleans and West-Indies inspired flavours, continuing to inspire all the senses by adding a contemporary edge to vintage Parisian luxury. The hotel also offers 24-hour room service for when creativity is in full-flow and if you are looking to take your ideas outside the comfort of your room, the hotel offers a private concierge service to access the best of New Orleans, tailored to individual needs. If you work best by energising the body, full access to the neighbouring The Barnet's fitness centre and private pool is granted to guests with prior reservations.

www.hyatt.com

The Fife Arms – [SCOTLAND]



Transport your mind and body to a scene of Scottish regency with a stay at one of 46 rooms at The Fife Arms, adorned with the traditional rich fabrics of Scottish heritage, framed by intricate historic architecture. The period-inspired interior makes this hotel feel like one of fantasy, housing the widest scope of imagination, particularly those which think beyond the borders of our physical world. The suites are tailored to the artist they host, with rooms advertised to artists and poets, your creativity is considered and catered for during your stay. Open fire cooking is served at the Clunie Dining Room, the Argentinian decor speaking for the hotel's dramatic location, for a warm and comforting dining experience with the flavours of the Scottish highlands. All traditional spa treatments are on offer at the Albahor centre, a necessity as the walks of the Cairngorms cannot be missed, to decompress and reflect on the spellbinding scenes of the day. The hotel displays more than 14,000 pieces of art in its collection, including bespoke commissioned paintings, which may be viewed following a complimentary art tour, intended to share the passion the hotel holds for its art with its guests. Rest your head in your four-poster bed and immerse yourself in a utopia infused with the whispers of folklore.

www.thefifearms.com

Hotel Lungarno – [ITALY]



Perched alongside the riverbank of Florence Italy, the Hotel Lungarno materialises the elegance of the world-renowned Renaissance hub, with a choice of 62 luxury rooms and suites, all an asset to the city's refreshing atmosphere. Each room comes with a private marble ensuite for secluded relaxation, a turn-down service, minibar and daily restocked complimentary refreshments, ensuring the hotel caters for you so you can cater for your creativity. The hotel takes advantage of its rich design heritage, making warm-toned woods and delicate blues a staple to their interior, providing a blank yet cushioned canvas for your best work to take flight. Also on the banks of the Arno River is the Michelin star restaurant Borgo San Jacopo, taking care of more than just your taste with an exclusive view of the famed Ponte Vecchio bridge, bringing to the table a display of true Italian culture. After satisfying your palate, indulge your senses with a treatment at the White Iris spa, or take a stroll down the river or a trip to the Mercato Centrale and explore and enjoy the luxuries of Italian city life, whilst allowing it to clear your mind and flood you with inspiration.

www.hilton.com

Akademi Street Boutique Hotel – [SOUTH AFRICA]



The nine suites on offer at this Boutique hotel nestled in South Africa's culinary capital create a grounding and reflective environment for its visitors, finished with creams and brushed brass fixtures with tiled flooring, a wood-burning stove and free-standing bathtub. Each suite has access to a private pool and gardens which are further enhanced by refreshingly natural décor providing a tranquil setting for creative flow. Breakfast is the only in-house cuisine served, encouraging guests to explore the extensive range of restaurants within walking distance, including 8 of South Africa's top 100 restaurants. The Boutique Hotel lies between nature reserves and mountain peaks that paint your narrative for you, with unforgettable landscapes within walking distance of your hotel room, making this stay ideal for photographers, landscape artists and any other creative minds alike looking toward authentic and natural inspiration. Guests have access to four pools and three wood-burning hot tubs with sun guaranteed from dawn to dusk. Take a trip to Franschhoek Village Market and indulge in local food, wine and crafts while soaking up the South African sun, then return to your hotel to enjoy the views as the sun sets for the evening, letting this inspire and awaken your imagination.

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