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## BEST CITY STAY

### THE PENINSULA HONG KONG

**Why now?** July is Hong Kong Book Fair time. **What?** This *grande dame* of the Far East is Hong Kong's oldest hotel, delivering Asian elegance since 1928. **Staying in** The 300 rooms, including 53 suites, seamlessly blend the Hong Kong of the past and the present. Ink paintings and antiques are complemented by cutting-edge technology. Baths have LED touch-screen side-panels as well

as glorious views over Victoria Harbour. Control lights and curtains, and order room service at the touch of an iPad. **Going out** Design devotees should head to the hotel's Philippe Starck-designed Felix restaurant, while traditionalists will adore the lobby, where anyone who is anyone comes for tea. **Book it** British Airways offers four nights from £1,349pp, including flights. [ba.com](http://ba.com)\*

## BEST BEACH SPOT

### CAP JULUCA ANGUILLA, BVI

**Why now?** Anguilla's summer festival starts in July. **What?** A famed resort made up of Greco-Moorish villas set on Maundays Bay – a white-sand sweep regularly named the Caribbean's best beach. **Staying in** Cap Juluca's 69 guestrooms and three restaurants Spice (Pan Asian), Blue (American) and Pimms (seafood) are fresh from a refurb and glossier than ever. Rooms are a

haven with Frette linens and marble bathrooms. Design touches nod to Morocco: in the Main House is a huge brass chandelier, its metal baubles refracting light and simulating the sparkle of the night sky, making it an ideal spot for sundowners. **Going out** Try sea kayaking, paddleboarding or a snorkelling cruise to Sandy Island. Be sure to sample the sorbet served up on the beach at 3pm daily. **Book it** From £360 a night. [capjuluca.com](http://capjuluca.com)



STAY

# HOTELS OF THE MONTH

On our radar: a converted castle, a city stay for bibliophiles and a resort on one of the world's best beaches...



## BEST NEW HOTEL

### CASTELL SON CLARET MALLORCA

**Why now?** Newly opened. **What?** A converted 18th-century castle hidden away on a 325-acre estate under the shadow of the Tramuntana Mountains. Owners Christine and Klaus-Michael Kühne have tapped into the hotel trend of 'poetic quietness' with this pared-back, private home-style retreat. **Staying in** There are 38 rooms, a spa and a restaurant run by Michelin-

starred chef and cycling fanatic Fernando Pérez-Arellano. The two-storey Rapunzel tower in the hotel's orchard offers panoramic views, and the space is made divine by the marble flooring and art by local artist Ramon Canet. **Going out** Roads around the hotel are a cyclist's dream – just make sure you start early to beat the heat. **Book it** British Airways offers seven nights from £1,679pp, including flights. [ba.com](http://ba.com)\*\*

## BEST FOR SURFERS

### SIX SENSES LAAMU THE MALDIVES

**Why now?** Grab a board. The best swells can be found from now till September. **What?** 'Stimulate, energise and revitalise' is the mantra at this palm tree-lined resort, the only one on the Maldives' Laamu atoll. It's eco friendly and framed by the turquoise ocean. **Staying in** There are 97 villas, some on the beach and some over water. The water villas get our vote: wooden sanctuaries

are afforded privacy with bamboo walls. Sunken glass baths mean you can spy on the underwater world. Of the six dining options, the most surreal is Altitude, a 21ft wine tower set in the middle of the Indian Ocean. **Going out** Serious surfers head for the atoll's most famous break Yin Yang. **Book it** Turquoise Holidays offer seven nights, from £2,499pp, including BA flights. [turquoiseholidays.co.uk](http://turquoiseholidays.co.uk)\*\*\*



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