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# The Best Hotels with Rustic Interior Design

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G&G \_ Magazine unveils the curated list of 27 Hotels with the Best Rustic Touch!



#### 1. Olea All Suite Hotel / Greece

n the eastern side of Greece's greenest island, Zakynthos, lies Olea All Suite Hotel projected by BlocK722 architects that mixed the key aspects of Mediterranean architecture with a dash of tropical modernism. It is a contemporary, peaceful retreat; a design-led sanctuary that taps into the everpresent element of water. At the center of it all, functioning as the tranquil heart of the hotel is a 4000 sq.m man-made lake with suites and hotel facilities developing naturally around it. The calming, transforming power of water flowing freely through the veins of the Olea All Suite Hotel cannot be understated. The complete absence of boundaries between the resort's suites and the communal spaces cultivates a unique sense of freedom and mindfulness resembling the deep state of relaxation one feels when floating. **Address** Tsilivi, Zakynthos island, 29100, Greece *www.oleaallsuitehotel.com* 



#### 2. Six Senses Botanique / Brazil

Nestled in a confluence of three rich river valleys, amid picturesque hillsides and stunning ridges in the heart of the Mantiqueira Mountains, south-east of Brazil, Botanique Hotel & Spa is enveloped and surrounded by lush, midtropical Atlantic forests, 1.200m above sea level. The design process curated by Cândida Tabet Arquitetura began by studying the built tissue of the vicinity areas. In the main town nearby lie a large number of private houses from the 19th century, that although being in Brazil, they follow a Normand style. Architecture was about dealing with an existing local "European borrowed" styling and to introduce a contemporary appeal besides authenticity. On the other hand, the whole design of the complex was developed around the concept of elegantly combine the owner's reclaimed wood collection with the beautiful environment. More than 250 cubic meters of old wooden pieces were reused on floors, doors and structural elements, proving the amazing durability of wood as a construction material.

Address R. Elídio Gonçalves da Silva, 4000 - Bairro dos Mellos, Campos do Jordão - SP, 12460-000, Brazil *www.sixsenses.com/en/resorts/botanique* 



## 3. Chi-Bu Riverside / Vietnam

Designed by 09 Design Studio, Chi-Bu Resort is located on the banks of the Ong Keo River, 30km outside of Saigon. The expansive 2000sqm site was designed to afford visitors space to decompress and regenerate - in lush surroundings a world away from the neighbouring urban zones. It encompasses seven bungalows overlooking the river and wild gardens, a riverfront restaurant/bar, and freshwater swimming pool. The bungalows are designed to harvest the abundant natural light and distribute it evenly around the rooms. Symbiosis with the verdant landscape is achieved through dismantling distinctions between exterior and interior spaces, generating a sense of boundlessness increasingly hard to come by in the breakneck verticality of the city.

Address Unnamed Road, Vĩnh Thạnh, Nhơn Trạch, Đô`ng Nai, Vietnam www.chibuvietnam.com



#### 4. Bikini Island & Mountain Hotels / Spain

The building that now houses the Bikini Island & Mountain Hotel was built in 1970 in an expedient, straightforward style. Throughout the years, various operators undertook numerous renovations based on their individual needs and tastes, the last of these is realised by Dreimeta. The first step in the transformation of the hotel was to remove all unsuitable elements while refurbishing all materials and surfaces that could be worth preserving. Any new materials that were brought into the building needed to fit stylistically with the original construction; this served as a basis for the next steps in the design process. The "leitmotif" of the Bikini Island & Mountain Hotels is the hedonistic lifestyle of hippies; their peaceful protests and campaigns for nuclear disarmament were key sources of inspiration for the design team. The flower children and all the facets of their creative, artistic creations served as a basis for the design concept of the hotel. One contemporary interpretation of this attitude towards life is known as "Gypset," a mixture of "Hippie" and luxury.

Address Mallorca, Carrer de Migjorn, 2, 07108 - Port de Sóller, Illes Balears, Spain *www.bikini-hotels.com* 





## 5. Kondan The Retreat / India

The vision for Kondan Resort goes beyond the primary purpose of providing hospitality with modern amenities at a scenic location, and seeks to address concerns related to its social, regional and environmental context. Only half the 30 acre property has been developed, with the resort facilities being restricted to 16% of the area, 10% allotted for rainwater harvesting and power generation, and 23% reserved for reforestation. Its design was entrusted to Ruth Arad Design that created a model for development that is as much about cultural sustainability. Taking clues from traditional architecture, the builtform was evolved as a series of walls that define private and public spaces, and lend their peripheries to socio-economic activities reminiscent of historic citadels.

Address Malegaon, Pimpri, 412106 - Pune, Maharashtra, India



#### 6. The Waterhouse at South Bund / China

Located by the new Cool Docks development on the South Bund District of Shanghai, the Waterhouse is a four-story, 19-room boutique hotel built into an existing three-story Japanese Army headquarters building from the 1930's. The boutique hotel fronts the Huangpu River and looks across at the gleaming Pudong skyline. The architectural concept behind Neri&Hu's renovation rests on a clear contrast of what is old and new. The original concrete building has been restored while new additions built over the existing structure were made using Cor-Ten steel, reflecting the industrial past of this working dock by the Huangpu River. Neri&Hu's structural addition, on the fourth floor, resonates with the industrial nature of the ships which pass through the river, providing an analogous contextual link to both history and local culture. **Address** 1-3 Maojiayuan Rd, Huangpu, 200010 - Shanghai, China





## 7. Hotel Gfell / Italy

Hotel Gfell designed by noa\* in Fiè allo Sciliar was extended by embedding it in the terrain, offering guests a spectacular view and the feeling of being emerged in nature. The outside of an old barn has preserved its traditional look thanks to careful restoration works, but the inside holds a surprise for visitors: it has been fully converted to host the hotel's reception, a lounge and breakfast hall within one large open- space area. While, inside, all the rooms take light from the large window overlooking the valley and they are structured seamlessly under the large wooden truss, which was partly rebuilt from scratch in line with local architectural tradition to restore all the feel of a typical South Tyrolean farmstead. Even the flooring, which makes an impression as a simple original cement screed, aims to reproduce the uneven surface area of the original barn (a specific treatment makes the surface waterproof and stain-resistant, however). In the middle is a spectacular column fireplace reinterpreting the alpine hearth and creating a visual crux around which the different functional spaces revolve.

Address Gfellweg 22, 39050 - Völs am Schlern, Südtirol, Italy www.gfell.it



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## 8. Ventozelo Hotel & Quinta / Portugal

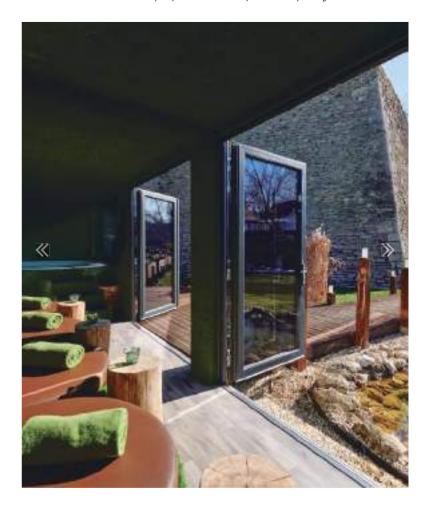
Ventozelo is not just a hotel. It's above all a farm located in the heart of the Upper Douro Wine Region, in the municipality of São João da Pesqueira, between Pinhão and Ervedosa do Douro. With 29 rooms, a restaurant, wine tasting, a visitor centre, walking trails and nature and hunting-related activities, the hotel offers a series of experiences closely linked to rural life, particularly the vineyard and the wine, and to the gastronomy, landscape, history and flavours of the Douro. One of the special features of the place is the rooms spread across seven buildings, many of which are former farm structures given a new function and spirit. **Address** 5130-135 - São João da Pesqueira, Portugal *www.hotel.quintadeventozelo.pt* 



## 9. Constance Moofushi Maldives / Maldives

The interiors of Constance Moofushi Maldives are designed by Studio MHNA, inspired by the surrounding landscape, the ocean's endless shades of blue, the fine sandy beaches, and the lush vegetation. Each space is punctuated with exceptional craftsmanship, raw materials, and contemporary or vintage decorative objects. Using bold tones and audacious materials, Studio MHNA's novel design is a signature concept of co-founders Marc Hertrich and Nicolas Adnet. With turquoise selected as Moofushi's new signature colour, the palette is simple and pure and has been subtly infused throughout the rooms, n pillowcases and cushions. The walls are adorned with lush botanical motifs hat seem almost sculpted directly into the material. The bedroom headboards – and most of the interior – is made of light wood, and the lampshades of rattan. Doors open onto a terrace that enhances the feeling of being at one with nature, a "fisherman's hut" atmosphere in the most luxurious of suites.

Address South Atoll, Alifu Atoll 00200 - Moofushi Island, Maldives www.constancehotels.com/en/hotels-resorts/maldives/moofushi



#### 10. Platan Vararok Vendeghaz / Hungary

The historic Platan guest house and restaurant that sits right next to the 14thcentury royal castle of Tata (Hungary) went through a complete interior transformation led by Gold Key Award-winning designer Zoltan Varro. As part of the makeover and inspired by the design philosophy of repurposing heritage sites that can no longer perform their function, Zoltan Varro designed a contemporary landscape within the old moat grounds next to the property. He drew inspiration upon the natural beauty surrounding the property working in cooperation with local environmentalists and a wildlife artist in some elements of the project.

Address Kastély tér 11, 2890 - Tata, Hungary





## 11. Alila Manggis / Indonesia

Set amidst a coconut grove, Alila Manggis nestles between the sea and the majestic Mount Agung, Bali's most sacred mountain. The 53 rooms and 2 suites are housed in traditional two- storey thatched Balinese pavilions reminiscent of the village Wantilan, meeting hall. The Superior rooms, located on the lower floor of each block, boast a private terrace while the Deluxe rooms on the upper level have a balcony with day bed. All rooms are designed to maximise the views across the coconut grove, the swimming pool and the sea.

Address Desa Buitan, Manggis, Karangasem Regency, Bali, 80871, Indonesia



## 12. Silena / Italy

noa\* network of architecture designed Silena - "the soulful hotel" at 1354 m above sea level on the sunny plateau of Valles, near Maranze (South Tyrol), a few steps from the ski lifts of the Gitschber Jochtal ski and alpine holiday area. The result of this mystical transformation is the 4-star-S Hotel "Silena". With its' swamp- coloured, organically angular and integration into the landscape, it appears to be growing out of the unstable ground as a place of tranquillity, strength and soul, designed down to the smallest detail. The surrounding archaic nature as well as the southeast-Asian touch of the interior and the extensive accompanying program, which was specially requested by the client, were the decisive factors for the final outcome. **Address** Via Birchwald 10, 39037 - Valles, Italy *www.silena.com* 



## 13. Volkshaus Basel Hotel / Switzerland

The Volkshaus Basel Hotel is designed for the individuality and needs of its guests creating an urban place of relaxation and modern hospitality in the middle of Basel's liveliest district. A thick wall of storage space lining the corridors was used to enter the hotel rooms and to accommodate closets as well as toilets and showers. Both facilities are integrated into the stained black oak wood closet that runs the entire length of the room. To implement this idea, the shower has to jut out slightly, thus rhythmically structuring the corridor. Ceramic tiles, glazed black and dark green, underscore the feeling of being enveloped in these two spaces, which have been inserted into the closets with meticulous precision. Oval windows, like those in the brasserie and bar, afford a view into and above all out of the shower and toilet. In most of the rooms, the shower has been positioned to allow a view straight through the room and thus out of the window as well. The rest of the space is unobstructed, divided only by a central shaft clad in black glass, which also forms the back wall of the freestanding washbasin. Address Rebgasse 12-14, 4058 - Basel, Switzerland www.volkshaus-



14. **Amanpulo / Philippines** Set in the natural seclusion of Pamalican Island's idyllic landscape, Amanpulo's Casitas and Villas are serenely set on the beachfront or ensconced

ithin the forest canopy. The verdant landscape of age-old trees and dense hicket cradles the spaces in complete privacy, providing plenty of opportunities to spend time together with friends and family. The stillness is only accompanied by the gentle lapping of the waves and birds singing in the treetops. The Amanpulo experience is for those who seek refuge in nature. **Address** Pamalican Island, Palawan, Philippines *www.aman.com/resorts/amanpulo* 



## 15. Amankila / Indonesia

Claiming a breathtaking stretch of coastline on the Lombok Strait, Amankila rests on a lush hillside beneath sacred Mount Agung. Connected by frangipani-lined walkways through the treetops, stilted suites offer spectacular views high on the hillside, while a three-tier infinity pool cascades at the property's heart and the Beach Club leads to a private black-sand beach.

Address Manggis, Bali, Indonesia www.aman.com/resorts/amankila



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#### 16. Amanzoe / Greece

Scattered with Unesco-protected ruins, the beach-fringed Peloponnese has been at the heart of Greek culture for millennia. Amanzoe rests on its east coast, a modern-day Acropolis from which 360-degree views encompass olive groves and Aegean blue. The standalone Pavilions open onto terraces with private plunge pools and views of the surrounding land and sea. Each Pavilion is accessed via a stone-walled courtyard, leading to a high-ceilinged interior. The resort's Beach Cabana offers all of this in a prime position on the beach, just steps away from the water, while Amanzoe's Villas feature open terraces with marble floors, dry stone-clad walls and concrete columns and cornices with a chef and a host on hand to serve each guest. **Address** Agios Panteleimonas - Kranidi, Greece *www.aman.com/resorts/amanzoe* 



#### 17. Casa Malca / Mexico

The luxury retreat offers an eclectic mix of 71 suites and beach rooms with spectacular views of the Caribbean Sea and the gardens from all rooms. The owner Lio Malca put a part of its personal collection of contemporary art in the whole hotel, creating a new concept of a gallery where you can live with works of art worthy of a museum on your room wall, in hallways and common areas, for as many nights as you choose.

Address Km 9.5 Carretera Tulum, Boca Paila, 77780 - Tulum, Mexico www.casamalca.com



## 18. Apfelhotel Torgglerhof / Italy

In South Tyrol, Saltaus, designed by noa\*, Apfelhotel evokes the vintage charm of this historical hotel while creating an oasis for the senses and shared moments. The garden suites are constructed on the hotel's East-facing side: three independent buildings with a total of 18 guest rooms across three floors. The saddle roofs absorb the architectural language of their surroundings and the façade blends tradition with modern aesthetics. The buildings' outer shell has been deliberately kept dark in an ode to the traditional character of a barn

ouse. Meanwhile, a wooden rhombus pattern - created as a transformation f classic wooden struts - gives the three buildings an unmistakably modern flair. The large windows offer a panoramic view of the idyllic landscape, and the feeling of living in and enjoying your own home. The attic gables are perfectly utilized to accommodate a sleeping gallery. An internal staircase leads from the suites up to the galleries, where step-shaped furniture also offers storage space. In every room, a unique atmosphere is created by meticulous attention to detail in design - with elements such as the metal banister purpose-built to wonderfully combine aesthetics and function. **Address** Torgglerhof, 19, 39015 - Saltaus, Italy *www.apfelhotel.com* 



## 19. Sacromonte Landscape Hotel / Uruguay

Projected by MAPA Architects, Sacromonte Landscape Hotel substitutes the concept of contiguous rooms with exclusive cabins scattered through the landscape of of southern Uruguay with the comfort and sophistication of urban hotels. A total of 13 cabins are disseminated over the Sacromonte topography, seeking the best locations. A winery with a restaurant set among the vineyards, a reception area with a wine store and a hilltop terrace for wine tasting put the finishing touches to the hotel facilities. Sacromonte exclusive rooms start in a factory in the metropolitan area of Montevideo. It is a speedy process of less than 10 weeks, after which they are transported over more than 200 km in a single day. Leaving the city behind, the rooms cease to exist as such and become landscape shelters. They are no longer objects but rather evolve into experiences. The modular metal structure, a blend of steel framing and light steel framing, gives preference to constructive simplicity and the efficient use of materials. Finishing is simple and expressive. Materials are used in harmony with their nature. In sharp contrast, the walls supporting the prefab modules are built onsite with local stones and take diverse organic shapes adapted to each placement. Circular pools, composing a new sensory experience of the landscape, complement them. The space is organized in a sequence of longitudinal layers of different thicknesses, between which daily life develops. The rear plane of the cabins is composed by piles of wood logs, reminiscent of woodpiles typical of lifestyles in natural settings. Address Cno. La Guillermina Km 7, Pueblo Edén, Maldonado, Uruguay www.sacromonte.com





## 20. Istoria Hotel / Greece

At the sublime junction where the black volcanic sand of Perivolos Beach meets the midnight blue waters of the Aegean Sea, one finds Istoria, a 12-suite retreat designed by Interior Design Laboratorium with a unique blend of classic and contemporary aesthetics. The idyllic suites are impressively arched towards the privacy of verdant terraces, crowned, in most cases, with private outdoor hot tubs or pools, offering an additional layer of refuge to this resplendent haven. An impressively large pool, made with a spectacular green artisan tile work, ensconced within protective walls and bounded by loungers is enhanced by a statement sunken pool bar. Amenities are rounded up with the serene Elios Spa offering treatments that cure the body, soul and spirit. **Address** Perivolos, 84703 - Santorini, Greece *www.istoriahotel.gr* 



#### 21. AKA Patagonia / Chile

Projected by Pablo Larroulet, the founder of LARROU ARQ, AKA Patagonia is a cabins & lodge hotel in Puerto Natales, in southern Chile. The project consists of six modules (private double rooms with a bathroom) and one communal module for relaxing, meeting and cooking. The lenga tree is a species native to the region. It envelops the project, even the roof, protecting the structure from extreme weather conditions. The lenga has evolved to grow in places with poor soil, cold climates and strong winds, where no other species can usually adapt. The aging of the material is a key aspect of the project: achieving a fusion between the built environment and the landscape. Over time, architecture seeks to adapt to its environment, without competition or pretension, by becoming a part of it. Address Puerto Natales, Magallanes, Cile Puerto Natales, Chile *www.akapatagonia.com* 



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#### 22. Peliva Nature & Suites / Greece

Designed by G2\_Lab and built in a privileged location in the southern part of Pelion, in an old grove with an unparalleled view of the Pagasitic Gulf, Peliva Nature & Suites offers a high-quality place to escape, relax and stay. There are 3 suites: Hera, Athena and Aphrodite, borrowed their names from the goddesses of mythology, each claiming a uniqueness through the beauty, the power and the nature's wisdom. The stone walls, built with the same from the soil, the pergolas, the visible timber of chestnut and rattan, the plants, all create a unique atmosphere with the nature's colours and scents blending in a modern aura of tranquility and relaxation. Big, spacious terraces, private sitting areas with hydromassage, big outdoor dining and barbeque areas for relaxation, pool view, all perfectly integrated with nature, invite the visitor to discover this Greek harmony.

Address Agios Athanasios, Magnesia, Greece www.peliva.gr



#### 23. Rocabella Mykonos Hotel & SPA / Greece

Redesigned by the interior design studio, Stones and Walls, the hotel offers a unique hospitality experience with respect to the traditional architecture and topography, as well as the satisfaction of modern needs and aesthetic requirements. The main features of the hotel are not only its unique view to the city of Mykonos, but also the interesting composition of white Cycladic volumes in relation to the physical landscape. All spaces are organized and interacted harmoniously with the unobstructed view where the infinity pool plays a key role to the composition of holiday setting of unique luxury and sophisticated comfort.

 $\mathbf{ddress}$  Agios Stefanos, 84600 - Mykonos, Greece www.rocabella-hotel-mykonos.com



#### 24. Freycinet Lodge Coastal Pavilions / Australia

Projected by Liminal Studio, the site overlooks Great Oyster Bay as well as the dramatic granite Hazard Mountains, attracting travellers who wish to relax, explore the natural diversity of one of Tasmania's oldest National Parks and admire the breathtaking beauty of Tasmania's east coast. Floor to ceiling curved windows bring the outdoors in, emphasizing the experience of being immersed in nature. The positioning and interplay of the living room and bedroom wing form an embrace reminiscent of nearby bays, protecting the generous deck and offering privacy to the outdoor bath. The interiors of the Pavilions are immersed in the warmth of Tasmanian timbers. Offcuts of Tasmanian Oak timber clad the walls, Blackwood and the only plywood to be manufactured locally, totally enwrap the interiors to emphasise a completely Tasmanian experience. Using and showcasing utilitarian and natural materials in innovative ways have created a unique atmosphere befitting of its setting. An experiential highlight is the netted, hammock-like balustrades. Recognising the desire to retain the views that a standard balustrade would interrupt, Liminal devised the unique solution that provides a novel opportunity for relaxing and enjoying the incredible setting. Diagramatically the living, sleeping and bathing spaces are expressed as pods, connected by the flow of the circulation and deck, emulating the landscape curves of nearby Honeymoon Bay.

Address Freycinet National Park, 7215 - Coles Bay, Tasmania, Australia www.freycinetlodge.com.au



#### 25.

The luxury resort is located in the heart of a secluded and preserved 98hectare natural site facing an impressive one- kilometer-long white sand beach. Its name in Vietnamese translates into "bay of corals", in reference to its untouched coastline and beautiful coral reefs. Each architectural feature has been infused with vernacular tradition. Interiors are dotted with Vietnamese artefacts, paintings and local silk prints. The resort features 73 spacious villas which embody the pristine simplicity of their natural surroundings. Every private pool and terrace are as regenerative as their own private setting – from traditional rice paddy fields, dramatic hilltops or perched at the edge of the resort's powder white beach. **Address** Hòa Thạnh, Phú Yên Province, Vietnam *www.zannierhotels.com/baisanho* 



#### 26. Zuri Zanzibar / Tanzania

Designed by Jestico + Whiles, Zuri Zanzibar hotel resort is located in Kendwa, on the idyllic northern west shores of Zanzibar's Spice Island, Unguja. This beachfront 12- hectare resort features 55 stylish bungalows, villas and suites all with spacious private terraces overlooking a 300m stretch of west-facing private beach on the Indian Ocean. The cabanas are set in small clusters just steps from the beach among a gently sloping landscape of sand, palm trees and timber walkways. A grass thatch roof extending out over a private garden subtly shades the living and relaxation space, creating a retreat where guests can relax and spend time outdoors. This arrangement differs from standard hotel layouts and is a unique design for the island.

Address Kendwa Zanzibar, 73107, Tanzania www.zurizanzibar.com

#### 27. Canaves Oia Epitome / Greece

Designed by K-Studio, the Canaves Oia Epitome offers 24 rooms arranged, along with a restaurant and reception, in 3 linear blocks creating a U-shaped plan. Each room has its own entrance courtyard featuring an outdoor shower and de-sanding zone and at the other end of the room a stone box shades an external dining room and frames the view to the private pool with large arched openings. Stone ribbon walls wrap the terraces to give privacy, shade and shelter from the wind and direct each unique viewpoint to the sea beyond. These additions along with the split-level arrangement of the 4-bedrooms means that the room becomes more of a villa in experience, very well suited to family holiday life. The palette is dominated by the extensive use of heavy, black local Santorinian stone. The stone-clad structures blend with the rock of the surrounding landscape, rooting the hotel in its environment. **Address** Main Street, Oía 847 02, Greece www.canaves.com/canaves-oia-epitome