

EUROPEAN VACATION

FOUR PREMIER DESTINATIONS TO VISIT THIS SUMMER

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Summer is a great time to travel to one of the many jet-set destinations throughout Europe. Europe's top Luxury hotels are synonymous with Old World grandeur, impeccable service, and glamorous amenities. Here are the top European luxury trips to take this season for magnificent natural scenery and grand cultural history.



Hôtel Le Meurice Paris, France dorchestercollection.com/ en/paris/le-meurice

Le Meurice, located at the doorstep of the Tuileries Gardens, has been welcoming distinguished guests for almost 200 years, and today its Versailles-style grandeur still attracts dignified travelers. Le Meurice has played host to the British monar-

chy, was a technological innovator as the first hotel with telephones in Paris, and served as a design leader (Philippe Starck oversaw renovations early in the 21st century). The executive chef Joceyln Herland joined the property in 2017, the same year that Cedric Grolet won the accolade of world's best pastry chef.



Beau-Rivage Geneva, Switzerland beau-rivage.ch

Located in the heart of Geneva, close to the United Nations' Palais des Nations, Beau-Rivage Genève offers panoramic views of Lake Geneva and Mont Blanc. Opened in 1865, Beau-Rivage is one of Geneva's landmark luxury hotels, and its 70 rooms and

25 suites with their remarkable style ensure that you have a unique experience in the heart of this global city. Under the supervision of the chef Dominique Gauthier, the hotel restaurant Le Chat-Botté scores 18 out of 20 in the influential Gault-Millau guide and has one Michelin star.



Villa Mangiacane Florence, Tuscany, Italy

mangiacane.com

Villa Mangiacane, a magnificent 15th-century property built by the Machiavelli family and bearing the hand of the Renaissance master Michelangelo, invites you to fall in love with the Tuscan architecture, nature, culture, and epicurean of-

ferings. The majestic estate offers the possibility to rent a private villa; the perfect setting for a beautiful wedding celebration, luxury family gathering, or corporate retreat. Nestled in the winemaking region of Chianti Classico and overlooking the city of Florence, Villa Mangiacane is set within 600 acres of flourishing vineyards and olive groves.



Corinthia London London, England corinthia.com/ en/hotels/london

Corinthia London combines grandeur, heritage, and a contemporary style with a modern touch. In the heart of London, and minutes from the West End and River Thames, the hotel

is within walking distance of Trafalgar Square, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, the National Gallery, the Southbank Centre, and the London Eye. Corinthia London recently partnered with the celebrity aesthetic doctor Barbara Sturm; six new specialist facials, products from Barbara Sturm Molecular Cosmetics, available at the hotel's award-winning spa ESPA Life. Corinthia London is also a dining destination, courtesy of Tom Kerridge's Bar & Grill. The Crystal Moon Lounge offers an idyllic atmosphere for afternoon tea. Wines by Domaines Ott can be enjoyed alfresco in the beautiful Garden Lounge.