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THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC...**

***The Leading Hotels of the World adds seven one-of-a-kind hotels to its portfolio***

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Just 15km from Zadar, Croatia, the new [Falkensteiner Hotel & Spa Iadera](#) sits at the tip of the Punta Skala peninsula, overlooking the Adriatic Sea. As the only five-star hotel in the region, it is just steps away from the beach and surrounded by a beautiful park. With its striking modern architecture, the 208-room hotel is a perfect hideaway for relaxing in luxury. A range of restaurants showcase Croatia's Alpine-Adriatic cuisine, as well as dishes from further afield: Jadran Restaurant serves Mediterranean food, while La Veranda Restaurant offers Italian dishes and Dalmatian specialities. Sotto Voce Bar and Lounge, Bracera Beach Bar & Restaurant and Spa Bistro and the Cigar Lounge extend the options. Indoor and outdoor pools are made for long days in the sunshine, while watersports facilities cater for the more active – and the large The Aquapura Spa specialises in Thalasso treatments. Meetings and conferences can be accommodated in ten function rooms.



The Italian Riviera resort town of Riva del Garda at the northern tip of Lake Garda, is the romantic setting for the [Hotel Lido Palace](#). Founded in 1899, the hotel has recently undergone a multi-million pound renovation transforming its 41 rooms and suites and maximising the views of the surrounding gardens, mountains and lake. Whilst the hotel evokes the glamour of the Belle Époque, rooms benefit from contemporary design, characterised by clean, elegant lines and state-of-the-art technology. Gourmet restaurant Il Re Della Busa showcases the talents of award-winning Chef Giuseppe Sestito,

while Tremani Bistrot is open all day for more relaxed Mediterranean food. A light menu is offered in Bali Bar for when guests drag themselves away from the 1,500-square-meter Centoundici SPA, with Sensai by Kanebo products and treatments. There are indoor and outdoor pools, water sports and a gym with the latest fitness equipment. Three meeting rooms are available for conferences and social functions.

At 300m high with 360° panoramic views across the whole of Doha [The Torch - Doha](#) is a beacon of luxury wellbeing. In the heart of The Aspire Zone, the modern indoor/outdoor sports city of Qatar is the tallest building in the city. The spectacular 167-room hotel combines glazed panels and an architectural stainless steel mesh, accentuated by state-of-the-art facade lighting. The central spine of the tower provides access to the hotel suites, a health club with cantilevered pool area, and a self-contained presidential suite. All rooms have a unique mood lighting system with 12 different colours. Three Sixty is the signature revolving restaurant on the 47<sup>th</sup> floor serving international cuisine, while Flying Carpet is the setting for all-day dining. In addition to the dramatic pool area, recreation facilities include a fitness area with Technogym equipment, steam and sauna, jet shower, and a spa with a unique waterfall relaxation space. There are also meeting and conference facilities to accommodate up to 250 people.



Each of the three [Orient Express Safari](#) camps in Botswana offers authentic African surroundings, extraordinary wildlife experiences and Africa at its most magical and rewarding. Operated as a collective venture, all can be easily accessed by private charter plane with each offering its own a distinctive adventure experience. *Savute Elephant Camp* is known for the herds of elephants and other large animals that can be spotted roaming its plains. At the edge of a forest overlooking the flood plains of Moremi Wildlife Reserve, *Khwai River Lodge* is known for its exceptional range of big game, with a host of animals visible from the comfort of the guest's private deck. Set in

the Okavango Delta, *Eagle Island Camp* is on remote Xaxaba Island among a web of waterways and lush vegetation, overlooking a lagoon that attracts a breathtaking variety of big game and exotic birds. All camps offer luxury tents on raised wooden platforms with furnished decks for game viewing or private dining - interiors are appointed with all creature comforts including en-suite bathrooms, mini-bars, four-poster beds with mosquito netting, and air conditioning. Each camp has a restaurant, bar and lounge area, as well as an exercise area and swimming pool. Four daily meals, with wine, beer and spirits, are included in the rates, as are all safari activities.

Following a complete renovation, [The Palace Hotel Tokyo](#) in front of the historic Edo Castle and next to Tokyo's Imperial Palace, is **scheduled to re-open in May**. Most of the 290 spacious rooms and suites have balconies overlooking the Imperial Palace and Garden, which served as the inspirations for the colours and patterns throughout the hotel, forming a fresh and relaxing interior. Four distinctive restaurants include Crown, serving French cuisine, the more informal Grand Kitchen, for all-day dining, Amber Palace, offering traditional Cantonese and Shanghainese specialties and Wadakura, for Japanese delicacies. The Royal Bar and Privé lounge are the venues for cocktails and conversation. For relaxation, the hotel offers the first Evian Resort spa in Japan, complete with hot baths and treatments, as well as a pool and fitness room. There are eight function rooms accommodating up to 1,500 people.





The spectacular all-suite [Canyon Ranch Hotel and Spa](#) in Miami Beach – with its 111 one- and two-bedroom suites – offers an inspiring, healthy, serene atmosphere in a stunning setting -- with easy access to everything this exciting city has to offer. Set on 750 feet of pristine beach, in the beautifully restored [Carillon Hotel](#) – a classic of Miami Modern architecture – the hotel offers limitless views, beachfront dining, and easy access to the vibrant nightlife of nearby Miami and South Beach. Among the dining options are the award-winning Canyon Ranch Grill, the relaxed Carillon Café & Lounge, the poolside Cabana café, and the Salud Bar. The Canyon Ranch Spa & Wellness Centre is among the largest in Florida, and offers a comprehensive, holistic approach, integrating the most effective Western and non-Western practices. There are six private rooms for meeting and social events.

Scheduled open in February 2012, [Eden Roc at Cap Cana](#) on the eastern tip of the Dominican Republic is just a 15-minute drive from Punta Cana International Airport. Tucked away in an secluded seaside estate and lush tropical gardens, this ultra chic boutique hotel, inspired by the glamour and luxury of the French Riviera, will feature 32 suites, each with a private swimming pool, five beachfront bungalows and one Royal Suite overlooking a private lagoon with a private gym and sauna. At Eden Roc at Cap Cana, food is an art form, with a gastronomic restaurant overlooking the garden; La Palapa Italian restaurant at the Caletón Beach Club; a poolside restaurant and the wine cellar. With a gorgeous spa and wellness centre, the Jack Nicklaus-designed Punta Espada Golf Course, Caletón Beach Club with private beach and swimming pool, Cap Cana marina and a brilliant children's programme, Paradise has well and truly arrived in the Dominican Republic.



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