



# Travel news

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## A STAY FOR THE SENSES

New luxury hotel group Almanac Hotels, which focuses on how its guests experience scent, taste, light and touch, opens its first property this summer. Almanac Barcelona has 91 rooms and suites and is close to shopping thoroughfare Passeig de Gràcia. Grey, beige and gold tones with accents of oak and walnut bring warmth to the interiors and some rooms feature unusual cubic window recesses with seating. The group is also set to open hotels in Vienna and Prague in 2019. *From approx. £382 a night, [almanachotels.com](http://almanachotels.com)*



## SUN, SEA AND SUSHI

Spain's five-star Puente Romano Beach Resort & Spa will soon become an all-suites hotel, in order to accommodate the Nobu Hotel and Restaurant Marbella opening at the location. The partnership sees the Nobu restaurant, which launches this month, join Puente Romano's nine existing eateries, including the two-Michelin starred Dani Garcia restaurant. It will serve classic Japanese and Peruvian dishes as well as speciality plates inspired by the local area. The Nobu Hotel Marbella will open in 2018, when guests will be able to enjoy a private pool and priority access to the restaurant. [puenteromano.com](http://puenteromano.com)

## CONTEMPORARY LAKE COMO

All-suite hotel Il Sereno is now open for its first full season on Lake Como's eastern shore, where its design-driven interiors prove a contrast to the region's typical classical grandeur. Michelin-star chef Andrea Berton leads the team at Ristorante Berton Al Lago, while botanist Patrick Blanc has designed the private beach with direct lake access, freshwater infinity pool and vertical gardens. Guests can also enjoy the hotel's three custom-made Cantiere Ernesto Riva boats; the Riva family has been crafting the vessels in nearby Laglio since 1771. *Suites from approx. £685 a night, [ilsereno.com](http://ilsereno.com)*



## GREEK GRANDEUR

Erosantorini combines the services of a hotel with the home-from-home feel of a villa. Its five individual suites sit within a two-acre plot, boasting a three-tiered infinity pool (the largest on Santorini), a spa, chapel, open-air cinema and fruit tree-filled gardens. Each suite has its own private outdoor space, but friends and family can all gather for meals cooked by the in-house chef. *From approx. £4,300 a night based on ten adults sharing on a full board basis, [erosantorini.com](http://erosantorini.com)*

