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## THE PERFECT SUNSET

Why it's all going down at dusk

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### "Lounge in individual hot tubs..."

KENSHŌ BOUTIOUE HOTEL & SUITES **FLY TO MYKONOS** Blissed-out luxury From £300 hotels.easyJet.com JUST IN CASE you were wondering where all the beautiful people of Mykonos have got to, we'll give you a clue. It's here. Lured in like bees to Greek honey by the exceptionally Zen decor -

more whitewashed bleached wood and chair swings than you can shake an artfully distressed stick at the hip crowd lounges effortlessly in individual outdoor hot tubs on the decking outside rooms, moving only for the occasional swimwear sashay to the bar. Though, really, there's no need, as ethereal creatures dressed all in white float around ready to take drink orders or descend with plates laden with Greek salad, lamb gyro or smoked salmon - then silently disappear, presumably to polish their halos.

Up on a mezzanine level, a whirlpool Jacuzzi gives jaw-dropping panoramic views across nearby Ornos Bay and yachts bobbing lazily on the azure water. When night falls, the ridiculously well-equipped spa beckons with its rainfall showers and heated, gently vibrating beds in a dimly lit, cave-like setting.

In only its first year of business, we'd bet our Bali bed that this fledgling find will be around for a long time to come.





Clockwise from above One of the soothingly decorated Junior Suites; relax in your own hot tub; the Junior Suite pools





### "Lush tropical flowers..."

VIDAMAR RESORT HOTEL ALGARVE

**FLY TO FARO** Coastal escapism From €236 hotels.easyJet.com MIDSUMMER rays while being able to retreat when it all gets too much can be a fine balancing

act in Portugal.

SOAKING UP

especially with youngsters in tow. But escaping baking temperatures has never felt so stylish as within this five-star resort that hugs the Algarve's sun-bleached coastline. Neutral tones and graphic wooden accents make up a series of cool, tranquil interiors, with plenty of spaces

that are ideal for freshening up or reapplying the make-up that made a run for it as soon as it saw the 35° heat.

When you're ready to venture back out, expansive palm trees and a garden bursting with lush, leafy shrubbery and colourful tropical flowers lead you to the swimming pool - or prop up the pool bar with a glass of something fruity and very cold in hand. There's even a golden-sand beach nearby, via a private walkway, if only dunking under the crashing Atlantic surf will do. Trust us, it'll revive you on a hot day in no time.

### VIEWPOINTS ON SLEEP

### **Amada Colossos**

Rhodes | From €302

Putting the 'all' in all-inclusive, this enormous new Greek god of a hotel has got pretty much every one of your holiday needs covered. A huge waterpark to keep kids (and the young at heart) entertained? Check. Private beach? Yep. Teen clubs, kids' clubs and a kid-free, adults-only sanctuary? Obvs. There are tennis and beach-volleyball courts, multiple swimming pools and restaurants, plus a VIP section and an executive lounge where you can rub shoulders with the beau monde, darling. Views of the Aegean are a total bonus. Show offs.

### **Hotel Lungarno**

Florence | From €594

Swank it up the Italian way as soon as you step through the grand entrance of this stylish, Florentine hotel owned by the Ferragamo family (of Salvatore Ferragamo, the Italian shoe designer, fame). On the banks of the Arno, with over half of its 68 majestic rooms boasting river views, Lungarno is as much of a sight to see as the rest of Florence. Don't forget to check out the works by



Picasso, Cocteau and Bueno hanging casually in the corridors as you head down for dinner in the Michelin-starred restaurant (natch).

### Hôtel de Crillon

Paris | From €1,200

Live like French aristocracy in the palatial setting that Louis XV once called home when you check into this newly restored Parisian classic. Handily located at the foot of the Champs-Élysées, it was home to the king from 1758 before it opened its doors as a hotel in 1909. Grand is an understatement for describing its decadent, gilded lobbies dripping with chandeliers or its ultra-luxurious bedrooms. It's the Paris of yore summed up in a hotel, so be ready to get above your station. Let them eat cake.

### 3 of a kind Sporty spa resorts



HOTEL BELLEVUE
PULA
From €190
hotels.easyJet.com

This five-star bolthole's Spa Clinic is a game-changer. Seawater pools, cosmetics from

world-leading laboratories, a hammam and seaside sauna pamper the hell out of you after a workout in the gym.



RADISSON BLU EDWARDIAN MANCHESTER From £209 hotels.easyJet.com

Manchester can be drizzly, so it feels all the sweeter to end a day in this stylish hotel's steam room,

heady with eucalyptus. Its sauna heats through to the bone and its jacuzzi pummels muscles into a happy stupor.



BEACHCOMBER FRENCH RIVIERA NICE From 6105 hotels.easyJet.com Earn serious tennis cred by honing your skills at this hotel's academy, run by Serena Williams's

coach. Take your pick from 34 courts, then boost your training with yoga, Zumba, Pilates and aquabiking.