



The best European spring holiday destinations

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From Spain to Cyprus - here are the best luxury getaways around Europe this spring according to LuxuryBARED CEO Grant Holmes

Finca Cortesin, Casares, Spain



Set in 215 hectares of gorgeous Andalucian countryside, yet less than a mile from the beach, Finca Cortesin is one of the best hotels you'll ever stay at in Southern Spain, with quirky touches like original Moorish doors and beautiful tiling throughout. The hotel has brilliant facilities including an amazing spa, one of the top five golf courses in Spain and within spitting distance of Puerto Banus and Sotogrande, which are just a short drive away.

Hotel Crillon le Brave, Provence, France



Hotel Crillon le Brave is in the heart of Provence and situated in the similarly named village of Crillon-le-Brave. The hotel comprises a collection of beautifully renovated, interconnected buildings that makes up the majority of the actual village. Cobblestoned pathways overflowing with colourful flowers and thick-stone walls abound. It's a truly picturesque village overlooking the stunning Provençal countryside. Bedrooms are chic and sophisticated but never lose sight of a sense of place. The food served here celebrates local produce with intuitive, professional and friendly service and there is plenty to do, including wonderful walking trails, cycling routes, picnics, visits to vineyards and local villages.

Twin Centre - Hotel de Russie & Hotel Savoy



For those who get a bit bored of the same old thing - why not try a twin centre of two fascinating cities - Rome and Florence? Easily accessible by a fast and convenient direct train journey, it gives you two very different experiences, and two stunning hotels. The Hotel de Russie, overlooks Piazza Popolo and is a short stroll from the Spanish Steps - calm and relaxing, it feels a world away from the hustle and bustle of the city - yet is the place to stay without doubt in Rome. On to Florence, where the newly renovated Hotel Savoy is located on Piazza della Repubblica in the heart of the city. Not a typical Florentine luxury hotel but rather a statement of contemporary elegance and pared-down chic. Within walking distance to the Uffizi, you'll have plenty to keep you occupied.

Royal Riviera, Cote d'Azur, France



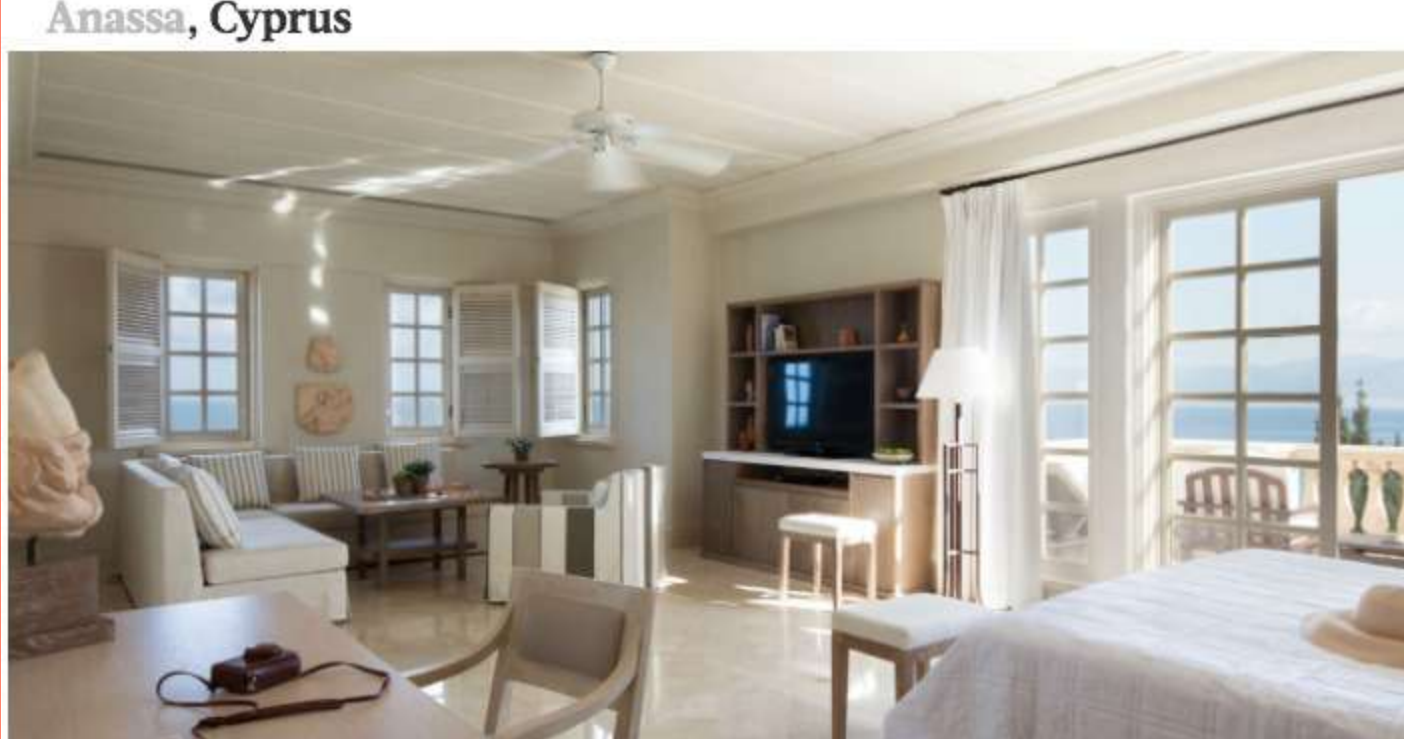
If you want to escape for some warmth, then often the Cote d'Azur is a good bet for a Spring trip. This beautiful hotel features chic interior design that manages to combine modern and contemporary styles with a touch of 1950s Riviera glamour. More the feeling of a private villa rather than a hotel, all gently managed and curated by the stellar staff.

Royal Mansour, Marrakech



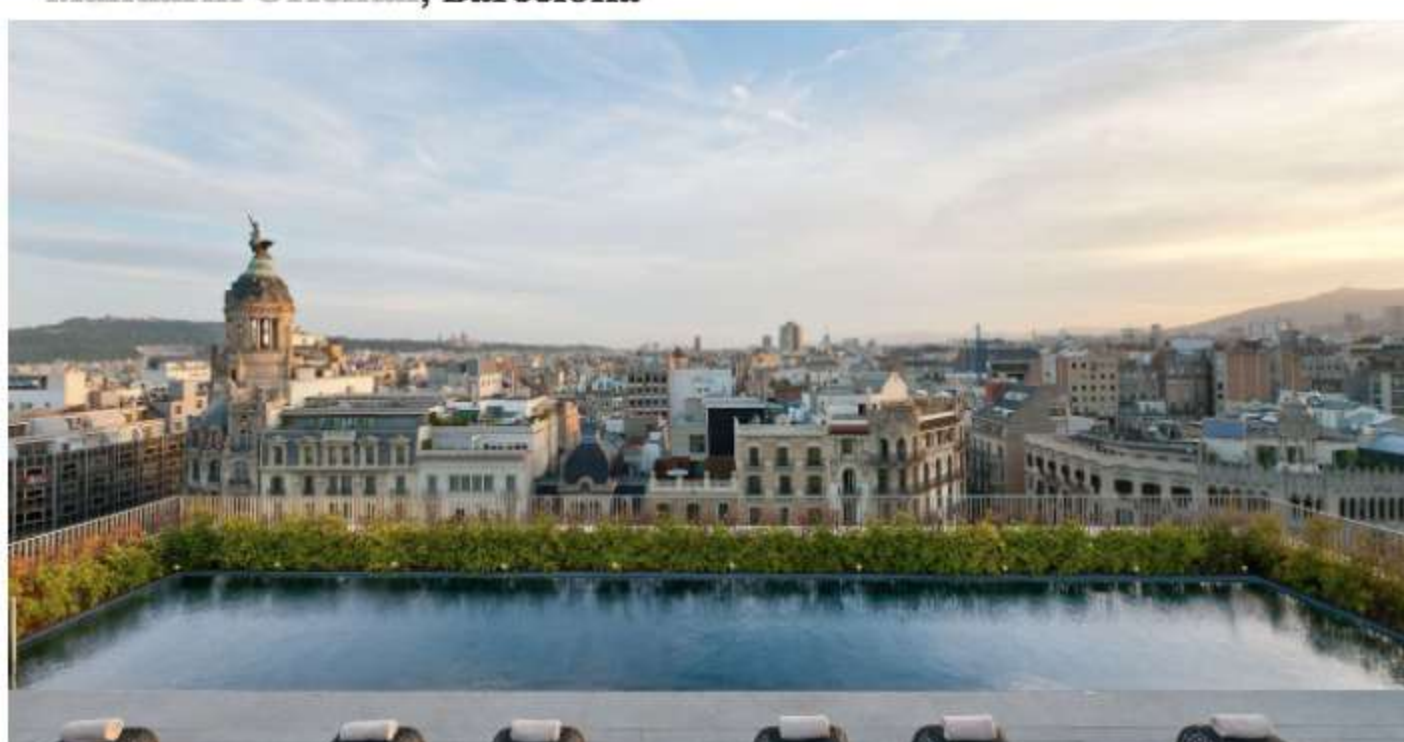
Although not actually in Europe, rather North Africa, this is a true gem of a hotel, standing majestically within tall ochre walls, a five-minute walk from Marrakech's Medina and Souq. It's a Spring Break essential due to its easy access from the UK and temperate climate in April. Built for the King of Morocco, yet with only 53 riads which are spread throughout the lush gardens. Every riad comes with its own butler and you will be seriously spoiled here!

Anassa, Cyprus



Looking for a break with the little ones for some fun in the sun? Then you can't do any better than the Anassa in Cyprus. Located an hour from the airport at Paphos, the small fishing village of Latchi is the only place nearby, so the main distractions for you are the sea, the spa and the food. With its fantastic extracurricular offerings and endless activities for kids, Anassa is the perfect relaxed, yet sophisticated environment for a luxury family holiday.

Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona



An old one, but a good one is what we could say about Barcelona - always a great city-break option, usually with lovely temperatures around the Easter holidays. Our hotel of choice in the city, the Mandarin Oriental, features opulent suites and bathrooms, world-renowned chefs, and state-of-the-art technology in the rooms. It's also located on the bustling Passeig de Gràcia, amid the finest top-end boutiques

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