

BEST FOR: DIVINE LUXURY

SANI DUNES, HALKIDIKI

Befitting a resort with views to Mount Olympus, seat of the Greek gods, Sani is all about abundance. Its 1,000 sun-sloshed, beach-trimmed acres cosset five extravagant mini resorts, each with its own vibe, pools, restaurants, gardens and beach. The select and discreet Sani Club has recently given its suites a makeover, while brand new adult-friendly Sani Dunes has upped the sophistication further, though

this barely seems possible. **Staying in** Stroll the 'plaza' by the marina or dive into one of 14 lagoon pools, 24 excellent restaurants, five spas, and almost half a mile of sandy beach.

Going out There's the more authentic town of Afitos nearby, but the resort has enough going on.

Book it BA offers seven nights from £779pp, including return flights from London Gatwick and accommodation with half board.* ba.com



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HOTELS OF THE MONTH

On our radar: Grecian serenity at Sani Dunes in Halkidiki; wonder and wildlife at a luxury camp in Kenya; Mayan magic in Mexico; and old-school decadence (and a Birman cat) in Paris



BEST FOR: A PARISIAN CLASSIC

LE BRISTOL, PARIS

Opened in 1925, Le Bristol is one of the last survivors of the *Années folles*. Located on the rue du Faubourg St-Honoré, the hotel's three-Michelin star restaurant, Epicure, has been treated by French Presidents as something akin to a staff canteen. Guests are greeted by the hotel's cat Fa-Raon, a Birman of impeccable pedigree who can be found – when he is not resting in his

own private suite – sprawled across the check-in desk.

Staying in The hotel's quirky swimming pool was designed to give the feel of being on a boat, complete with teak decking.

Going out The Musée de l'Orangerie is just a ten-minute walk away.

Book it BA offers two nights from £789pp, including return flights from London Heathrow and accommodation.*** ba.com/paris

BEST FOR: FINDING THE BIG FIVE

LITTLE GOVERNORS CAMP, KENYA

Arguably the ultimate luxury safari experience: guests can stare for hours at the elephants, buffalos and spectacular birdlife in and around the swamp, right in front of their breakfast table. Little Governors Camp was one of the original safari destinations in the Maasai Mara. There's no bling here and no concrete, just serenity and wildlife.

Staying in Share the stories of your excursions with the other guests over cocktails in the tented lounge, followed by a three-course dinner.

Going out Guides can help visitors scour the reserve for The Big Five, including the ever-elusive leopard. Don't miss the early morning hot air balloon safari.

Book it Yellow Zebra Safaris offers three nights from £1,515pp, full board.** yellowzebrasafaris.com



BEST FOR: R&R ON THE RIVIERA

UNICO 20°N 87°W HOTEL RIVIERA MAYA, MEXICO

Built around three enormous pools, this new adults-only resort feels like a tropical, swimmable Venice on the Yucatan Peninsula. Named after its coordinates – 20° north and 87° west – it takes all-inclusive to another level. Sail a Hobie-Cat Wave catamaran, spice up with a salsa lesson at the Palmera Lounge and then befriend your *anfitrión* – a personal

host who will arrange all of the hard-to-get local table reservations.

Staying in Dine at Cueva Siete, a restaurant with a rotating chef-in-residence programme.

Going out The nearby Muyil ruins form one of the earliest and longest inhabited Mayan sites.

Book it BA offers seven nights from £1,729pp, including return flights from Gatwick and accommodation with all-inclusive.† ba.com