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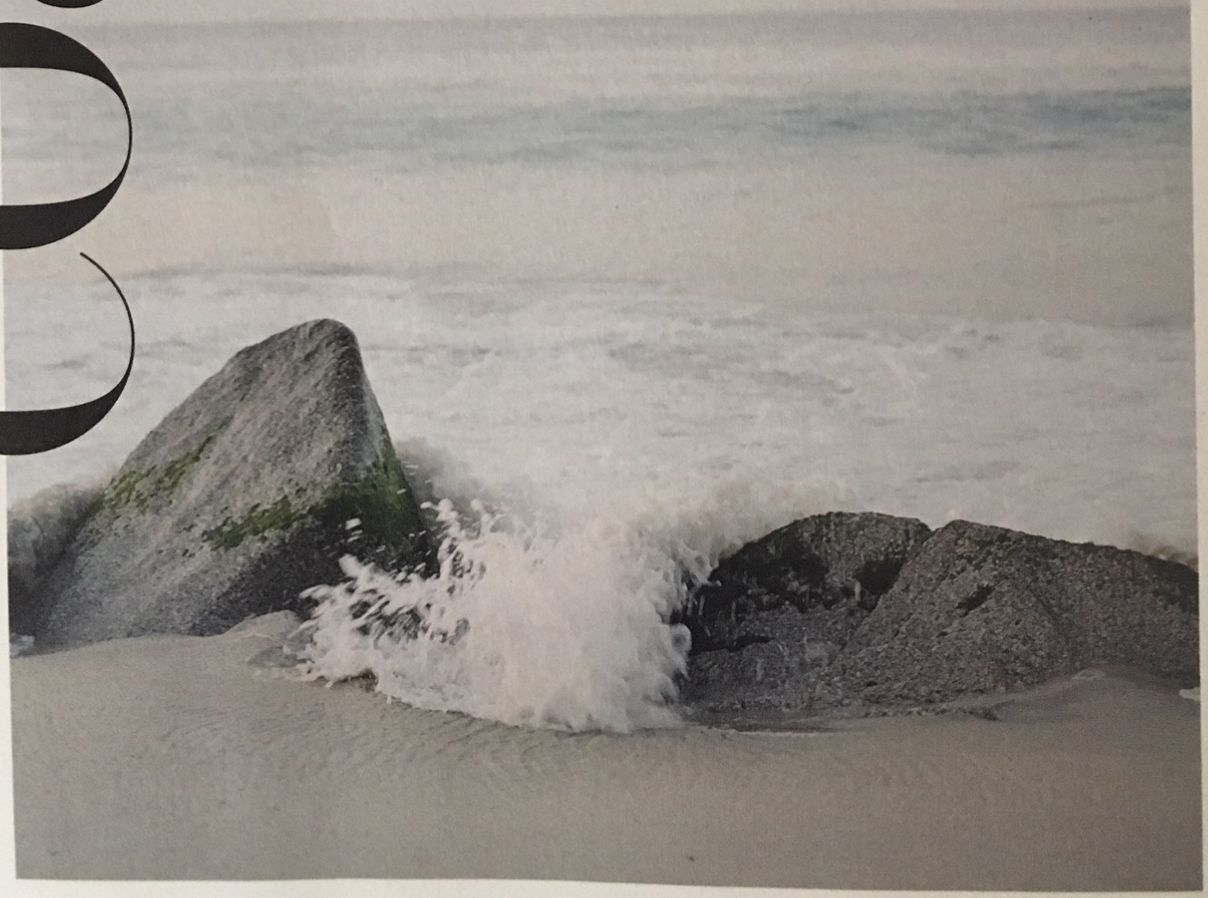
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Wander along the deserted shoreline, dine beside a crystal-clear bay, watch the fiery sun sink beneath the waves or dive into the mysteries of the deep



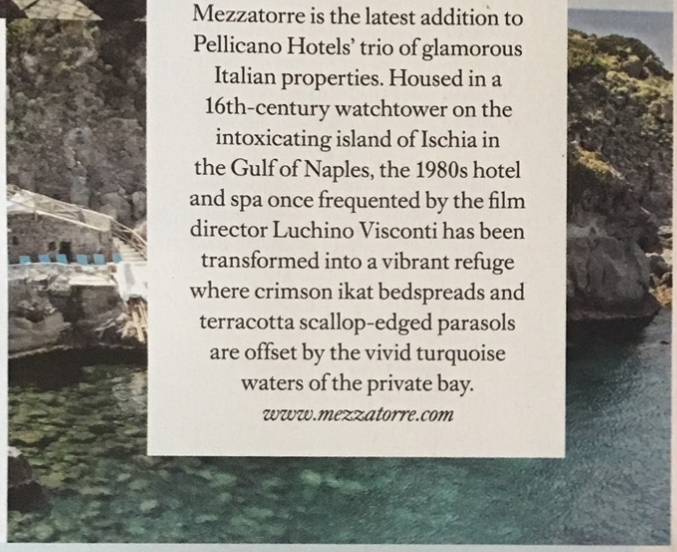




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Neapolitan neophyte

Mezzatorre is the latest addition to Pellicano Hotels' trio of glamorous Italian properties. Housed in a 16th-century watchtower on the intoxicating island of Ischia in the Gulf of Naples, the 1980s hotel and spa once frequented by the film director Luchino Visconti has been transformed into a vibrant refuge where crimson ikat bedspreads and terracotta scallop-edged parasols are offset by the vivid turquoise waters of the private bay.
www.mezzatorre.com



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Bon appétit

At Cheval Blanc St-Tropez's three-Michelin-starred restaurant La Vague d'Or, the chef Arnaud Donckele curates an astonishing seven-course tasting menu using the finest seasonal Provençal produce.
www.chevalblanc.com



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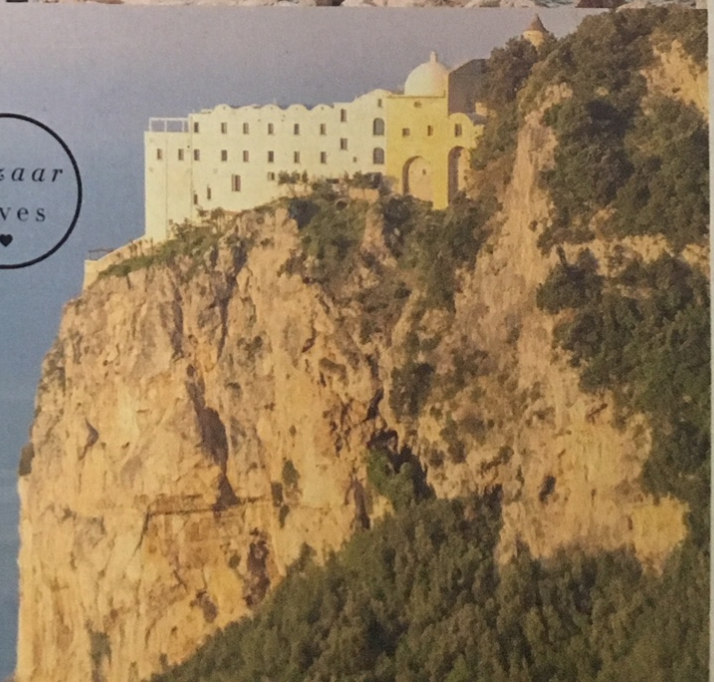
Heavenly pleasures

Such are the famed attractions of the Amalfi coast that in the summer season, its enchanting beauty risks being obscured by the crowds. Fortunately, once you step inside the Monastero Santa Rosa, a 17th-century former convent perched high on a cliff overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea, calm prevails. A gentle reminder of the building's religious past is evident in the form of a Catholic confessional in the corridor leading to the peaceful bedrooms. Contemporary amenities have been added – the bathrooms are luxurious, the beds blissfully comfortable – but everything is understated, harmonising with the antique armoires and the original wooden floors and doors.

Bazaar loves

Outside, the terraced gardens are a delight, with space for those seeking a quiet place to read or contemplate the glorious vistas beyond the infinity pool. The inspired planting scheme blends delicious scents and a painterly palette: rosemary and roses, lavender and lemon-trees, tumbling bougainvillea and aromatic herbs. There is a wonderful spa featuring thermal bathing pools and treatments incorporating the fragrant oils of iris, bergamot, sweet orange and petit grain.

The nuns might not approve of the tempting cocktails at the bar, but I hope that they would look more kindly on the delicate pastries served at breakfast, freshly baked in the kitchen, following the convent's traditional recipe; for like everything at the Monastero Santa Rosa, these are truly divine. JUSTINE PICARDIE *www.monasterosantarosa.com*



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