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## Reviews

### Hotel of the month

#### EDITION ISTANBUL

With hotel guru Ian Schrager teaming up with Marriott International to create a new brand, you'd expect something pretty spectacular. And the Istanbul Edition, the second hotel of the group, doesn't disappoint. A 15-storey tower in the Levent district of the city, it's all calming shades of bronze and silver-gold, teamed with light and dark wood, and 78 generous rooms (the 2,800sq ft Penthouse Suite, with amazing views over the city, is worth saving up for). Venice meets Istanbul in the hotel's Cipriani restaurant, sophisticated and understated, with impeccable Italian cuisine and – of course – obligatory bellinis. For an after-dinner tipple, the Gold Bar, with its luminescent aquarium as a centrepiece, is a chic place to hangout (head for the outdoor terrace on balmy nights), and the exclusive Billionaire Club draws a well-heeled crowd. But the icing on the cake is the three-storey Espa spa, softly lit and embossed bronze floors, with gorgeous pool and fantastic treatment list – don't leave town without trying the traditional hammam experience – it's blissful. From £270 a night excluding taxes. [editionhotels.com](http://editionhotels.com)



**SOFITEL LE FAUBOURG  
PARIS**

Tucked away on a pretty side street and book-ended by the designer delights of the St Honoré district and the elegant open spaces of the Tuileries and the Seine, you couldn't ask for a more central but peaceful Parisian hotel. The light-filled atrium lobby is a vision of soft cream leather, brocade and velvet, while a wood-panelled library provides a discreet hideaway for meetings. Plump for one of the new crisp contemporary suites referencing Paris's fashion heritage with enormous iconic black and white photographs, chic marble bathrooms with Hermès toiletries and spectacularly comfortable beds where you can fall asleep while trying to calculate the linen's substantial thread count. From £400 a night. [sofitel.com](http://sofitel.com)



**MUSE  
ST TROPEZ**

With its discreet raw stone reception area and lush ecological gardens, Muse feels more secluded villa than flashy hotel. The 80sq m Gala suite (one of 15) has a private garden and plunge pool, and all über-mod cons (including an iPhone and iPad for guests). Laze by the hotel's glistening 100m sunken pool (there's a 'sun butler' to apply lotions and at-lounger massages available), then dine on dishes inspired by the slow food philosophy at restaurant M. According to the hotel's co-manager Adrian Jossa, the idea was to 'build the equivalent of a Louis Vuitton in the French hotel industry'. The mission has been well and truly accomplished. From £300 a night. [muse-hotels.com](http://muse-hotels.com)



**PURO OASIS URBANO  
MALLORCA**

In the heart of Palma's old town, Puro Oasis Urbano's understated and glamorous makeover by Swedish designer Gabrielle Jangeby fits this hip renaissance city perfectly. A Design Hotels member, housed in an 18th-century palace, is all contemporary white chic in public spaces, with sexy bedrooms, a new wing with 11 suites, and treats such as the roof terrace for sunbathing or cocktails – call up for a mojito from the daybeds and cool off in the plunge pool. Purobeach, a 15-minute drive away, offers more poolside glamour with DJs spinning chilled tunes. Then head back to Opio restaurant and bar at the hotel, one of the most happening spots on the island. From £175 a night. [designhotels.com/puro](http://designhotels.com/puro)



**OFFER OF THE MONTH  
STAY A THIRD NIGHT FOR FREE IN JERSEY**

Overlooking St Aubin's Bay, the stylish Grand Jersey Hotel & Spa offers comfort and glamour with the highest standards of service and excellence. The hotel has some of the best restaurants on the island including the award-winning Tassili, showcasing the best of Jersey's produce in an opulent intimate setting. British Airways is offering three nights for the price of two in a Deluxe Park View room with free Champagne afternoon tea for two. For stays that include Tuesday to Thursday, one spa treatment per booking is also included. A three-night package costs from £257pp B&B and includes return flights\*. [ba.com/grandjersey](http://ba.com/grandjersey), + 44(0)844 493 0758

