

THE STYLE SPECIAL

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Peaky blinder

VILLA PEDUZZI, LAKE COMO | ϵ

The 4.5-acre Villa Peduzzi is perched 881m above the limpid blue expanse of Lake Como. With admirable restraint, the Singapore-based Studio Daminato renovated the original Liberty-style family villa, built in 1909 for the Italian engineer Rocco Peduzzi on the site of a medieval watchtower, into an elegant retreat offering breathtaking views. Its suite of rooms and public spaces, including eight creamy-hued bedrooms and a yoga studio, have been furnished in oak, handwoven textiles and linen panels. Diversions include a private chef who whips up Italian fare alongside a broad infinity pool, while a funicular descends to a private Axopar 28 Brabus boat for lakeside excursions. Daven Wu Via alla Villa 6, Pigra, Italy, welcomebeyond.com. Rates: from €18,350 per week

Budding talent

HOUSE OF FLOWERS, CALIFORNIA →

In a bucolic corner of the wine-rich Russian River Valley, in California's Sonoma County, lies the Flowers Vineyard & Winery. In need of a hospitality venue to showcase its sustainably produced wines, it tasked Walker Warner Architects, Maca Huneeus Design and Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects with converting a dilapidated 1970s former winery on its 15.5 acre estate into an understated visitors' centre. An amble through the shaded redwood grove and gardens leads to an airy hilltop retreat sporting walnut furnishings, stone fireplaces and oak floors, where tastings of the house pinot noir, chardonnay and rosé - as well as head chef Jamil Peden's paired menu of local seasonal produce - are de rigueur. DW 4035 Westside Road, Healdsburg, California, US, tel: 1.707 723 4800, flowerswinery.com





Balearic bliss

FINCA SONRISA, MALLORCA

We're always on the lookout for a suitably chilled summer escape that's far from the madding crowd. At the top of our list is this handsome retreat about 30km from Palma de Mallorca. Built of rough-hewn stone and red clay, the five-bedroom bolthole, rented out as an entire house, makes the most of its perch on the north side of Mount Randa with rooms opening onto the Tramuntana range. Interiors are by Munich studio Holzrausch and Lissy Hartl, who have anchored the main 500 sq m villa with a capacious 10m-long kitchen, a well-stocked walnut and marble bar, and an outdoor pool framed by date palms and a dizzying view of the low tree-shrouded valley. DW Poligono 25, Parcela 246, Algaida, Mallorca, tel: 49.152 2255 5333, fincasonrisa.de. Rates: from €8,950 per week