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In October, Relais & Châteaux welcomes nine new properties



Nine new members from around the globe come to enrich the Relais & Châteaux family. Thanks to their exceptional locations, the charm of their architecture, their singular history, and the talent of their Chefs, these properties full of character open up new windows to the world for travelers. We invite you to discover them as we take a brief tour through France and the rest of Europe, South America, French Polynesia, South Korea, the Caribbean Islands and the United States.

[Grand House, Vila Real de Santo António, Algarve, Portugal](#)

This prestigious hotel was the first to open in the Algarve back in 1926. Its recent restoration showcases its Belle Époque architecture, thus opening a new chapter in the life of this emblematic location. Grand House is situated at the center of this lovely historic city built along the Guadiana river, which marks the border with Spain. A private beach reserved for its guests is only five minutes away. Its cuisine is an ode to the local cuisine and Portuguese culinary traditions, inspired by products from both land and sea.



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[Monaci delle Terre Nere, Zafferana Etnea, Sicily, Italy](#)

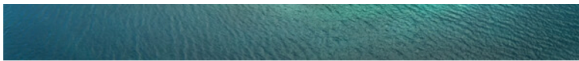
Monaci delle Terre Nere owes its historic architecture and notable location on the slopes of Mount Etna to the monks of the Order of Saint Anne, who settled there in the 18th century. Beautifully restored, the imposing country house, stables and old wine press provide a peaceful and romantic setting in which to appreciate the landscape that extends from the volcano to the sea. The property is committed to its eco-friendly approach and offers Sicilian cuisine that highlights the products grown on its splendid farm and estate.



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[Castello Banfi – Il Borgo, Montalcino, Tuscany, Italy](#)

To the south of Montalcino, in the idyllic countryside of Val d'Orcia, the vineyards of Castello Banfi are overlooked by a 12th century fortress and a "Borgo", a small village whose ancient houses boast sumptuous bedchambers. The Enoteca, Balsameria, glass museum and restaurants located in the château invite you to discover the many allures and treasures of Tuscany, all while being seduced by the medieval charm of this ensemble of buildings surrounded by vineyards and olive groves.



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CIRQA, Arequipa, Peru

Founded in 1540 at the same time as the city of Arequipa, and selected as a World Heritage Site by Unesco, this monastery situated at the heart of the city maintains the legendary tradition of the hospitality of the monks, who were always willing to provide food and shelter. Magnificently restored by local artisans using traditional materials such as volcanic stone, the monastery offers the magic of an historic setting enriched by contemporary decor. CIRQA also offers guests the opportunity to discover Arequipa's rich culinary heritage in its restaurant specializing in spicy dishes which highlight locally grown products.



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Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort & Spa, Bora Bora, French Polynesia

Sitting delicately on Motu Tevaïroa, a small coral island in French Polynesia, Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort and Spa occupies a privileged spot on one of the most beautiful lagoons in the Archipelago. The villas and bungalows, which are built in an authentic Polynesian style using only natural and traditional materials, are strung out along an immaculate beach either at the heart of a tropical garden or overlooking the lagoon. It therefore comes as no surprise that the hotel participates in the coral restoration program designed to protect this unique environment.



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Gaon, Seoul, South Korea

For the last 17 years, Chef Kim Byoung-Jin Kim has explored the subtleties of Korean cuisine guided by his own inspiration and the seasons, all while paying tribute to the excellence of the products he selects. From the minimalist decor of the private rooms to the choice of ceramics created for the restaurant, everything has been conceived to enable guests to fully enjoy the experience offered. Gaon thus seeks to provide an aesthetic ideal in which gastronomy, art, and craftsmanship harmoniously come together.



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