

TRAVEL

Glam new hotels by the seaside

Five of the loveliest new beachside hotels, from Bodrum to Brazil

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For those desperate for a little shot of sunshine before winter sets in, here are five new hotels by the sea - from two boho hotels in the Greek party island of Mykonos, and a modern villa village in the coastal resort of Bodrum, to a former boathouse in Brazil's tropical Paraty and a sustainable bolthole in Bali. Fresh sushi, cocktails and a last-minute tan, anyone?



The Wild, Greece

It was no surprise, given the popularity on Mykonos of their Paola Navone-designed Interni Restaurant, that the Vaveris family decided to open a hotel - or, given they also own the Moda Bagno design group, that it was going to be beautiful. What is a surprise, given the Wild is on Greece's party island, is that it's so rustic and low-key. Constructed on a cliff, above a secluded private beach and turquoise bay on the quiet southeast coast, the 40-bedroom, stone-built hotel almost disappears into the landscape. On the top terrace, which transforms from a jolly breakfast bar to a lamplit cocktail bar, rough wooden tables and stools are dotted about in the shade of cypresses. Below them on rocky cliffside terraces are tables for star-lit sushi at the new Greek-meets-Japanese Raw restaurant. A long, narrow plunge pool lined with shaggy-thatched umbrellas and bamboo loungers attracts sun-lovers and, behind that, the boho living room lures book-lovers. Low-key, relaxing rooms, in stone and creamy plaster, are adorned with simple wooden furniture, baskets, bamboo chairs and rustic urns; some have private plunge pools (205 is the loveliest, the new villa the most spacious). For exercisers, an open-air gym has sea views to lessen the pain, and for spa-lovers there's a cool, secluded area for massages and soaks. Food is modern and Greek: from sesame-strewn warm breads and dark honey on the breakfast buffet, and chicken skewers and tzatziki on the beach to super-soft octopus and fava beans with caper jam at Taverna at night. If you can nab one of 20 thatched beach umbrellas, watching the beautiful people is as mesmerising as the colours of the ocean at your feet. For party-lovers, the club music and sunset table-dancing of the legendary Spilia Restaurant are just next door. **LG**

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