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JK Place Capri Italy

ISLAND ELEGANCE

This is a baby grand of a hotel – but one that has swiftly established itself as the chicest place to stay on wildly beautiful Capri. Its unique location, on a crag overlooking the sparkling Marina Grande, makes a wonderful respite from the summer hordes. Designed by Michele Bonan (who gave us sister hotel JK Place Firenze), the look is nautical, imaginative and crisp, with sea-blue walls, white sofas, accents of chrome and dark wood and glossy black floors so clean you could lick them. High-ceilinged bedrooms are small but glamorous. Sleek canopied beds come with divinely squidgy down-comforters – like sleeping on a cloud. There are huge walk-in wardrobes and bathrooms with his-and-hers sinks. French doors leading to tiny private decks provide the perfect view from the shower, and the ideal spot for breakfast à deux as the sun rises. Sip fresh-peach Bellinis in the library, the sitting rooms or the heavenly decked terrace above a small beach (reached via stupendously steep steps). At dusk, the chef delivers a near-feast with your prosecco: the fattest olives, can't-say-no breadsticks, mozzarella as it should be. Dinner is hearty, pastas are homemade, the tomatoes taste of sunshine. And the pool is a scene reminiscent of a South Beach pool party, with staggering views and chunky-mattressed beds for two. Staff are invisibly attentive; every request is dealt with quickly. Forgot mosquito repellent? You shall have it in minutes, even on a Sunday; Champagne and fresh melon will be delivered to your room in less than 10. Impressive. Via Provinciale Marina Grande 225 (00 39 08 1838 4001; www.jkcapri.com). Closed until 19 April 2013. Doubles from €800

BEST-KEPT SECRET On a clear night, Le Grottelle, a nearby trattoria in the rocks, is one of the most romantic places in the world. Via Arco Naturale (00 39 081 837 5719). About €55 for two



Les Fermes de Marie Megève, France

ALPINE KICK

Just a few hours' drive from Geneva, and you are in a landscape of pure, sparkling mountains and clear skies. Ski all day, breathe in gallons of fresh air, and then roll back to Jocelyne Sibuet's unfaultable vision of roaring fires and acres of Ralph Lauren fabrics. Push open that big creaky old wooden door and enter a ridiculously cossetting world of natural materials and the prettiest antiques. This Alpine comfort zone is made up of nine interlinked farm chalets that have been reassembled to great effect. But this place doesn't just look good. Feast on a whole chicken roasted over the fire in the restaurant, served with delicious vermicelli, or go deeply French with snails pan-fried in garlic. There's nothing formulaic here, nothing showy; everything is executed with confidence and low-key flair. The bar is cosy and chic, and the spa – where the products are based on mountain plants – is serene, with jet showers, mud baths, a sauna, a fitness room with Power Plate, and even a hair salon. If you want to hit the town, talk to charming, omniscient concierge Ben, whose knowledge is only matched by his ability to write upside down. 144 chemin du Petit Darban, France (00 33 4 50 90 63 20; www.fermesdemarie.com). Doubles from €190

BEST-KEPT SECRET If you have never tried dog-sledding, take a ride with Mont du Villard Nord, or let them teach you to drive your own team – exhilarating. 00 33 4 50 21 37 03; www.montduvillard-nord.com