

Good Greece

Cool hotels you're not too scared to stay in? They exist... in Greece. A smattering of openings across the country mix boutique chic with smiley service. On Rhodes, Lindos Blu (www.lindosblu.gr) brings infinity pools and decked terraces to this stunning site above a secluded bay (pictured). In Crete, Domes of Elounda (www.domesofelounda.com) has designer rooms set in a photogenic village. But tiny Santorini Grace (www.santorinigrace.com), with its private plunge pools overlooking the volcanic caldera towards Skaros, is our favourite. Instant Med cred.



GRUB
OF THE
MONTH

AUGUST

CRAYFISH

Eat the lobster's little freshwater cousin during harvest season and you'll be doing your bit for British aquatic life: when signal crayfish were introduced here from the USA, they pushed our weedy white-clawed natives to the brink of extinction. Britain is fighting back by fishing for the fleshy invaders, then serving them up for lunch. Try yours in a crisp salad at the award-winning Trinity restaurant on the Suffolk coast in Orford (01394 450205), or eat the tails lightly spiced at Norfolk's cosy Old Forge Seafood Restaurant, in Thurstford (01328 878345). If you'd rather wash down your seafood with a barrel of booze and some rock sounds, head to Sweden, where every third week in August you can party with 1.6 million gourmets at Malmo's annual crayfish festival (www.malmo.se). A cracking good time...



APPLE OF YOUR EYE

Aesthetes, book flights to New York this minute – the city is prettier than ever in September. First, the newly-relocated Museum of Arts and Design opens its doors with a *Second Lives* exhibition: expect bottle caps and other everyday objects transformed into installations. Then, from September 21, at the Museum of Modern Art, *Van Gogh and The Colors of the Night* offers a more traditional culture fix, with moody images that span the artist's career. Lastly, Chanel's *Mobile Art Pavilion* (above) totters into town, displaying works inspired by the design house's signature quilted bag – while giving you the excuse to buy one of Lagerfeld's dreamy pochettes. It's art, right? (See www.chanel.com).

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