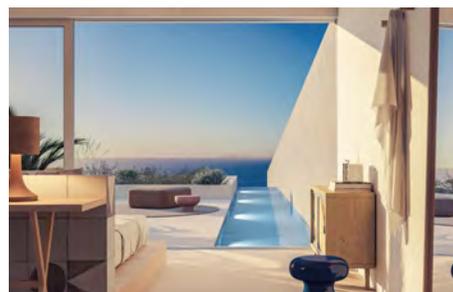


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## ANDRONIS ARCADIA SANTORINI, GREECE



Offering unrivaled luxury, earthy **Andronis Arcadia** is home to 53 design-led pool suites all with magical views towards the Aegean Sea and the island's unforgettable sunsets. The newest addition to the Andronis Exclusive family of five-star hotels and villas, Andronis Arcadia is situated on the fringes of Oia. The all-suite hotel offers guests the highest standard of comfort with some of the largest views towards the Aegean.

The name Arcadia derives from the Greek word, *Αρκάδια* the home of Greek God, Pan ("God of the Wild"). His home was a place of pastoralism and Andronis Arcadia has reflected this nature-foreword philosophy by creating a hotel blending into the cliff rather differentiating it from existing white casitas on the island.

Andronis Arcadia's rustic and earthy-luxe interiors bring

elements of nature indoors, from the succulents and plants to local wood and materials. The Greek forged cement coating technique used throughout has existed for centuries and creates a minimalistic look. Around 85-90% of the furniture is handmade locally and has been constructed inside the hotel. The exterior heavily uses stones, drawing on the colors and textures of the volcano and its lava.

Andronis Arcadia has 53 suites of six categories including the Eden Villa, the largest villa on the island complete with six bedrooms over three floors, plus its own spa, fitness center, and two pools. All suites have sunset and sea views plus a plunge pool, and guests additionally have access to the 450m<sup>2</sup> infinity pool surrounded by cabanas. The suite interiors have geometrical-style design alongside square recesses on the walls, and natural fabrics

throughout including linen to give the ultimate sense of light and space.

With three restaurants and two bars, Andronis Arcadia guests are spoilt for choice. Signature restaurant Opson spearheaded by Stefanos Kolimadis showcases dishes inspired by the tastes and ingredients of classical Greece through a several course tasting menu, developed in consultation with a classical scholar. Althea Restaurant features dazzling Mediterranean seafood as well as local dishes with ingredients grown in the Andronis gardens. Oishii Sushi Bar uses the freshest ingredients fused with traditional Japanese techniques, serving exceptionally well presented and seasonally changing dishes.

<https://www.andronisarcadia.com/>



## HOTEL CHATEAU

LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE



With its unrivaled luxury and 18th-century splendor, the design-driven, 17-room Château is one of the finest remaining examples of French neoclassical architecture. Located just a short 55-minute train ride from central Paris, the destination-changing **Hotel Château** in the village of Le Grand-Lucé raises the bar in luxury, bringing sophistication and a cosmopolitan *je ne sais quoi* to the Loire Valley. The former country home of the Baron Jacques Pineau de Viennay, the Château has been returned to its 18th-century splendor after a careful private restoration under the guidance of the French government.

One of the finest remaining examples of French neoclassical architecture to date, serving as a stunning tribute to its noble provenance and rich history, the Château offers elevated French style and elegance throughout. The 45,000-square-foot

Hotel Château features 17 rooms and suites, a ballroom, authentic French restaurant Le Lucé, a bar, spa and fitness salon, an outdoor pool and classic French gardens.

The Pilot Hotels design team, spearheaded by Paul and Shannon Wehsener of Paul Allen Design, embraced the opulent chic standard set by Pineau de Viennay in 1764. They reimaged and repurposed the majesty of the interiors, crafting the 17 sumptuous rooms and suites and grand living spaces of the Hotel Château, much as they previously did with Holthus to reimagine and debut her premiere project, the historic Washington School House Hotel in Park City, Utah.

The Château features limestone and French white oak floors throughout and walls, painted in shades of authenticity, adorned with original boiserie. This stunning back-

drop is layered with crystal chandeliers, sconces, fine art and furnishings sourced from several centuries; fine Persian rugs; and custom fabrics by traditional and innovative French design masters alike, from Pierre Frey and Nobilis to Christian Lacroix and Jean-Paul Gaultier – all juxtaposed in perfect proportions of scale and symmetry, style and design.

Hotel Château features 17 guestrooms, including two apartments complete with private kitchens and living spaces, all designed in homage to the style, luxury and splendor first favored by Pineau de Viennay and each complemented with an abundance of historic French brand Buly 1803 bath and beauty products. The property comfortably sleeps, 36-42 adults.

<https://chateaugrandlucé.com/>



## MACARTHUR PLACE HOTEL & SPA SONOMA, CALIFORNIA, USA



Sonoma's iconic [MacArthur Place Hotel & Spa](#), a luxury boutique 64-room hotel located in the heart of California's wine country, officially reopened its doors with a brand new look and feel, just in time for the property's 150th anniversary. Nearly all aspects of the six-acre parcel property underwent renovations as part of a \$20 million overhaul, including guest rooms and suites, reception and a fully reimagined food and beverage program featuring the debut of Layla, The Porch and The Bar at MacArthur.

Spearheaded by [SFA Design](#) and [RDC Architecture](#), the redesign of MacArthur Place was conceptualized in partnership with experiential branding firm [Love & War](#). The property's 64 guest rooms and suites feature custom-designed furniture by [SFA Design](#), largely fabricated by [Harbour Outdoor](#). Other notable accessory partners include woven benches by

[JLE](#), faux concrete dinette, and side tables by [Skypad](#), custom portable lighting by [Scott Group](#) and illuminated vanity mirrors by [Seura](#).

Layla — the hotel's dining centerpiece named for Leilani Burris, great-granddaughter of the property's original founder David Burris — is a Mediterranean "farm kitchen" featuring a diverse and ingredient-driven menu in an open, communal space. The first dedicated lounge space for MacArthur Place, The Bar at MacArthur operates as a bar-lounge serving a curated selection of cocktails, beers, and an all-day menu. Also a brand-new addition to the property, The Porch serves as the property's all-day coffee shop and open-air community marketplace, serving a variety of light bites, beverages and a selection of local and house-made products.

Through its local and national partnerships, MacArthur Place brings together brands

in the wellness, beauty, experiential, retail and food and beverage sectors to create a re-imagined experience for its guests. Currently, the property's national partnerships include [Grown Alchemist](#), MacArthur Place's in-room toiletries partner; [Lola James Harper](#), the creator of the property's custom candle scent, "The MacArthur Place;" [Blix Electric Bikes](#), and [Petite Amie Skincare](#), providing guests with complimentary sheet masks at turndown.

Locally, the property has partnered with female-owned tea steeper [Uppercase Tea](#), which offers a holistic tea program that can be experienced throughout the property; Petaluma-based coffee purveyor [ACRE Coffee](#), The Porch's coffee provider; and [Bohemian Highway Travel Co.](#)

<https://macarthurplace.com/>