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Summer's Last Great Excuse: Where to Stay for Labor Day 2026

From Nantucket's Wauwinet to Capri's J.K. Place, these are the hotels worth one final long weekend before fall arrives.



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Labor Day may technically signal the end of summer, but we prefer to think of it as summer's last great excuse. One final long weekend to trade the laptop for a lobster roll in Nantucket, disappear into the mountains of Jackson Hole, squeeze in a few more Mediterranean swims, or simply refuse to acknowledge that fall is coming at all. Haute Living has [covered pieces of this territory before](#), but this year's list widens the lens well past New England. And while there are plenty of places worth visiting over the holiday weekend, the right hotel can turn three days away into something considerably more memorable. From the grand dames of New England to the sun-soaked shores of Capri, Mykonos and Ibiza, these are the destinations, and hotels, worth making one last summer escape for.

Mykonos, Greece: Kalesma Mykonos

By September, Mykonos has begun to exhale, slightly. The parties haven't stopped, the water is still warm, and the restaurants and beach clubs are very much alive, but the August frenzy is finally beginning to loosen its grip. Kalesma provides an elegant refuge from all of it. Set on a hill in Aleomandra overlooking Delos, the whitewashed retreat was positioned specifically to capture both sunrise and sunset, with a contemporary take on Cycladic architecture that feels more like a private villa than a party hotel. Go out when you want the Mykonos madness; come home when you've had enough.