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Kalesma, Mykonos.

This summer, how about we wrestle Mykonos back from the likes of Lindsay Lohan and give it its homojo back? Deal? And how about we start with the brand new and deliciously lovely Kalesma in Ornos Bay, about as close as you can get to town while being at a beautiful beach. With 25 suites and two villas, all of which (yes, ALL of which) have their own private pools for your skinny-dipping pleasure, this resort done out to look like a local village has both sunrises and sunsets, which is more than ready money can buy. Add to that food from the people behind some of Mykonos's most famous restaurants and Private Experience Concierges (to get your cabs to and from the drag shows at Elysium and the V&Ts at Jackie O') and we think we might just have met our new Greek crush.

kalesmamykonos.com



Six Senses, New York.

It's hard to believe that one of our favourite hotel groups in the whole wide world hasn't had a footprint in North America. Until now, that is. And where do you think they went and picked for their first ever American project? New York, of course! And they're totally not afraid of making their mark in the Big Apple (do people still say that?) with two twisting towers by superstar architect Bjarke Ingels. You'll find it between the Hudson and the Highline (so very much in the right part of town) but you'll have to wait until the end of the year to get the bags sent up to your room because that's when it opens. Expect world-class wellness (it's what they're famous for), food of only the freshest, most seasonal kind (it's also what they're famous for), in a superstar space that's already wagging all the right tongues.

sixsenses.com

Upcycling by Norwegian

There are airlines, then there's Norwegian. Already doing all the disrupting lark when it comes to transatlantic crossing (penny-pricewise, swipe-and-go grub at your seat, a loyalty scheme that rewards you with actual money), but their sustainability credentials are industry-leading. The first airline to sign up to the UN's climate initiative - you'll find their easy-as carbon offsetting scheme when booking a flight - they've also gone and launched an upcycling initiative for short-hauls from Oslo. They've called it Still Travelling, and instead of sending old uniforms to landfills Norwegian will instead upcycle their old garbs into very cute, very usable products to be sold on selected flights from their homeland's capital - including handmade toiletry and clutch bags - with all profits going towards UNICEF's work for children. Smart for town never felt so good.

norwegian.com



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