



Above: the Amano'i resort in Vinh Hy Bay, Vietnam. Below: the location of South Sands hotel in Salcombe, Devon

South Sands (www.southsands.com; from £170), a hotel that has given the English bucket-and-spade holiday an injection of style. Here, the kitchen is overseen by Mitch Tonks – one of the UK's great seafood chefs and winner of the 2013 award for Best Independent Fish & Chip Restaurant – who has recently opened his third **Rockfish** (www.rockfishdevon.co.uk) restaurant, in **PLYMOUTH**.

→ In **GLOUCESTERSHIRE** this month, Carole Bamford of Daylesford Organic (known for her farm shop's Legbar hens' blue eggs and her style-glitterati-frequented Hay Barn yoga studio) opens **The Wild Rabbit** (www.thewildrabbit.co.uk; from £100) with 12 rooms in a Kingham pub. Meanwhile, interior designer Joanna Berryman (ex-wife to Coldplay bassist Guy Berryman) takes a more rock'n'roll attitude in these honeyed climes. **The Folly** (www. thefollyluxurycottage.com; from £1,780 per week) mixes upcyled furniture with deliberately incongruous objets d'art found at flea markets and New York art galleries in a four-bedroom, 16th-century house near Tetbury.

→ The "gypset" aesthetic defines one of the best hotels in **PUGLIA**. At **Masseria Torre Coccaro** (www.masseriatorrecoccaro.com; from €284), festoon lights are slung over the courtyard and an Aveda spa is tucked into the corner of a forgotten orange grove. Torre Coccaro's beach club, a five-minute drive away, combines Indian-teak loungers and hammocks with sun-seared Miami whites. Even late into September, this address is so popular that Coccaro's owner, Vittorio Muolo, has launched a second beach club, **White Beach** (www.whitebeach.it), on the other side of nearby seaside town Savelletri di Fasano. This fashionable stretch of olive-tree-

covered territory also has one of Italy's best spas, **Borgo Egnazia** (www.borgoegnazia.it), which opened last August and has now settled into its swing. An hour with "Ortho-Bionomy" expert Stefano Battaglia – for a fluid treatment employing osteopathy techniques – is so effective, it puts many conventional therapies found elsewhere in the shade.

Another European fixture these days is **Amanresorts**, which, after opening in Venice, Greece and Turkey, returns to its Asian roots this month. Its first hotel in **VIETNAM** debuts in Vinh Hy Bay, a 70-minute drive from Nah Trang's Cam Ranh Airport – in turn, a 105-minute flight from Hanoi. This geography connects the 31-room

Amano'i (www.amanresorts.com; from \$866) with the Amanresorts in Luang Prabang, Phuket and Siem Reap, completing a perfect southeast Asian circuit. And for that night in BANGKOK en route? Consider Cabochon (www.cabochonhotel.com; from \$133), a small and chicly colonial, under-the-radar address

with a restaurant serving the lesser-known cuisines of Laos and Chiang Mai.



Above: La Reine Suite at The Folly cottage in the Cotswolds, Gloucestershire



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