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I. BEST HOTELS IN EUROPE

The Maybourne Riviera

(France)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Cantilevered across the cliffs of the glittering Côte d'Azur, with Monaco's purring soundtrack on one side and the Bellini-coloured townhouses of Menton on the other, this 300m high villa is a lair of superlative seduction. Unlike the Maybourne group's cosy London outposts, the stark modernist style of The Maybourne Riviera, all clean-lines and cut glass, creates a sleek temple to art and design.

The arresting exterior by veteran French architect Jean-Michel Wilmotte has ample floor-to-ceiling windows and Colgate-white colouring that allows the bright, elegant light of the French Riviera to filter into minimalist interiors. The spa is an André Fu design, and other world-leading studios – including Rigby and Rigby and Bryan O'Sullivan – have had a hand in finessing its stylised, pastel-kissed look. Guests with no limitations should book one of three panoramic suites that serve 360-degree views of the glittering coastline – all 67 other rooms promise private terraces and, for a few, plunge pools.

Step into the lobby and you'll find The Couple, a Louise Bourgeois sculpture suspended from the ceiling. The welcome offers a sense of the hotel's expansive art collection, which includes works by Clara Claus, Susan Elias and Matt Jukes dotted throughout the property.

Culinary excellence is where the Maybourne group excels. Two top chefs helm the hotel restaurants. At Ceto, Mauro Colagreco replicates the success of Mirazur in Menton (No. 1 in The World's 50 Best Restaurants 2019), serving seafood grill and sophisticated dishes inspired by the coastal views. Down by the pool, Jean-George Vongerichten oversees La Piscine, where his famous truffle pizza is one of multiple moreish, luxurious dishes served up for a sparkling, tanned clientele. Colagreco also oversees The Riviera Restaurant on site.

The newly opened Maybourne La Plage is a Riviera pastiche of fringed parasols, magnums on ice, tangerine sun loungers and enticing infinity pool waters. The bar serves a killer spicy margherita, beloved by the yacht set.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

cantilevered –

seduction –

stark –

sleek –

ample –

plunge –

dotted –

property –

replicate –

moreish –

pastiche –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. ... creates a sleek temple to art and design.

2. Guests with no limitations should book ...

3. The welcome offers a sense of ... , which includes ...

4. Down by the pool, Jean-George Vongerichten oversees ... , where ...

5. The newly opened Maybourne La Plage is ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Le Bristol

(France)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Named after Bishop Frederick Hervey, 4th Earl of Bristol, an 18th-century traveller famed for his love of comfort, this rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré landmark opened in 1925, quickly establishing itself as a favoured haunt of the Paris culture set – Coco Chanel, Pablo Picasso, Piet Mondrian and Salvador Dali included. Becoming home to the American Embassy during World War II, the hotel returned to stylish form in the 1950s, when, thanks to its proximity to the first Pierre Cardin boutique and the world of haute couture, its bartenders would serve cocktails to fashion designers and photographers around the clock. Acquired by the Oetker Group in 1978, Le Bristol remained committed to staying open and serving its loyal clientele throughout a discreet six-year refurbishment completed in 2018.

Beloved by both fashion royalty and actual royalty, the hotel's 190 rooms and suites are arranged across the main building and Matignon wing, with categories ranging from the stately Superior to the 2,000sq ft Paris Suite. Pale pastel walls backdrop Louis XV- and Louis XVI-period furniture, silk drapes and antique mirrors, while marble bathrooms feature spacious showers and tubs and are generously stocked with bespoke toiletries. In spite of its sumptuous surrounds, the hotel prides itself on maintaining a familial, home-from-home ambience – though it's perhaps a stretch of the imagination to envisage having the option of multi-Michelin-starred chef Eric Frechon prepare a private meal in your kitchen back home.

Le Bristol is home to three-Michelin-starred fine-diner Epicure, its elegant dining room overlooking the hotel's flower-filled courtyard; brasserie 114 Faubourg, serving elevated bistro fare; and the less-formal Café Antonia, whose teatime pastries are the stuff of legend. The entire gastronomic offering is overseen by chef Eric Frechon. His seven-course tasting menu, which runs the gamut from foie gras to blue lobster, will be a highlight of any stay.

After marvelling at the views from the rooftop pool, guests will want to get out and explore the 8th arrondissement. Big-hitters including the Élysée Palace, Musée

d'Orsay and Arc de Triomphe, all within easy walking distance, but to discover some lesser-known gems, it pays to speak to one of the hotel's switched-on concierges, who'll give you the lowdown on everything from Fashion Week afterparties to artisanal food tours.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

haunt –

proximity –

around the clock –

backdrop –

drapes –

sumptuous –

envisage –

elevated –

foie gras –

arrondissement –

artisanal –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The hotel returned to stylish form in ...
2. The hotel's 190 rooms and suites are arranged ...
3. ... are generously stocked with bespoke toiletries.
4. Le Bristol is home to ...
5. After marvelling at ... , guests will want to ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

La Réserve

(France)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

A beautiful palace hotel with a distinct personality that personifies refined French luxury. In a city saturated with opulent lodgings, La Réserve combines a sense of quiet exclusivity with all the amenities you'd expect from a larger property. Set moments from the Champs-Élysées, to step through the burgundy drapes of its entranceway is to enter a scene that could have been plucked from the literary pages of the fin de siècle.

With the feel of a sumptuous private residence – there are 25 suites and 15 rooms – it draws a fashionable crowd of jet setters, epicureans, cultured comfort-seekers and upmarket locals.

Belle Époque glamour meets the creature comforts of a modern city pad within the framework of this Haussmann mansion, which was originally built for Napoleon III's half-brother, Duc de Morny. Versailles parquet, historic columns and pillars, fine antiques, silk wallpaper, jewel-hued colour pops, Carrara marble, taffeta and velvet are emblematic of Parisian designer Jacques Garcia's moodboard. Parisian chic leads across the plush communal spaces, which includes a cossetting library, salon (where you'll check in), smoking lounge and inner courtyard bathed in light.

Bring swimwear – unlike many of the city's hotels, La Réserve houses a day-bed-lined 16m indoor pool aside its serene spa. Alongside a Hamman and fitness area, three treatment rooms provide Nescens Swiss anti-aging therapies.

Chef Jérôme Bancetel oversees the two flagship restaurants, which includes Michelin two-star Le Gabriel and ornate La Pagode de Cos. The former offers four concise tasting menus centred on hyper-seasonal modern French food with pairings plucked from the hotel's extensive wine cellar. The latter hones in on globetrotting culinary traditions to transform local produce into vibrant plates made for lighter but no-less-impressive meals. Sophisticated Bar Le Gaspard is on hand for cocktail hour.

Opened in 2015, La Réserve is part of Michel Reybier's glittering portfolio, which manages properties – within the La Réserve stable and across sister brands – in Switzerland, France and London.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

personify –

entranceway –

fin de siècle –

city pad –

pillar –

taffeta –

plush –

cossetting –

day-bed-lined –

serene –

hyper-seasonal –

glitter –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. La Réserve combines a sense of ... with ...

2. There are ... suites and ... rooms.

3. Parisian chic leads across ...

4. Three treatment rooms provide ...

5. ... is on hand for cocktail hour.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Hotel Du Cap-Eden-Roc

(France)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

At this starry retreat, the vibe riffs on Great Gatsby-esque opulence – it's a glittering, chateau-style hotel that perches on basalt rocks above the deep blue sea and promises a retro, romantic stay.

Tucked into 22 acres of pine groves, the original chateau was built by the proprietor of best-selling French newspaper *Le Figaro* and became a hotel in the 1880s. Swept up in the expansion of the Côte d'Azur scene, it became a hangout for the Riviera set. Old school glamour runs deep; it's said the hotel provided inspiration for F.Scott Fitzgerald's *Tender is the Night*, and the guestbook counts Kennedys and Churchills among the signatures.

Languid, old-school elegance and intense privacy. Those hiding from paparazzi enjoy the discrete simplicity of the hotel's saltwater infinity pool that was cut out of the basalt rock at the base of the plot in 1914. Likewise, the two Art Deco-inspired, sea-facing restaurants provide cosseted intimacy, serving an unpretentious selection of summer dishes such as *Salade Niçoise*, grilled prawns and tender octopus salads. Lunches at the Bar-Grill are served by Breton-stripe wearing staff. For drinks, head to the Eden Roc Pavilion to enjoy a Bellini above the waves.

Elegant, antique furnishings, plenty of gilding, and wide windows offering glimpses of the yachts out yonder. There's summery chintz all around and bathrooms are traditional and stacked with marble. The Chateau Suites offer a more conventional experience than the contemporary Eden-Roc offering. For all-out opulence, book one of the villas hidden between the pines. They offer privacy, a private pool and a personal butler service.

The best way to arrive at Hotel Du Cap-Eden-Roc is by sea on a private tender, stepping from a teak speedboat deck towards the retro sea pool, à la Hollywood's finest. Ask the concierge for details.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

opulence –

perch –

proprietor –

languid –

discrete –

intimacy –

unpretentious –

gilding –

chintz –

butler –

teak –

3. Complete the sentences.**1.** Hotel Du Cap-Eden-Roc perches on ...**2.** The original chateau became a hotel in ...**3.** Two sea-facing restaurants provide ... , serving ...**4.** ... are traditional and stacked with marble.**5.** For all-out opulence, book ...**4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).**

Cheval Blanc

(France)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

From its home in the landmark La Samaritaine building in Paris' 1st Arrondissement, Cheval Blanc – the first urban Maison from luxury group LVMH Hospitality – boasts colourful interiors by Peter Marino, a Dior Spa, a three-star Michelin restaurant by chef Arnaud Donckele, and the longest swimming pool in Paris.

For his first hotel project, US architect Peter Marino (who is no stranger to the LVMH group) has embellished the building's Art Deco heritage with a bold, contemporary spirit. The guestrooms are peaceful havens featuring understated creamy gold tones and rich textures. In contrast, the public spaces are a riot of bold, uplifting colours layered with impressive artwork, including Vik Muniz's 12-foot-high photographic interpretation of the Eiffel Tower, which takes centre stage in the lobby.

While almost all the 72 light-filled guestrooms (which includes 46 suites) overlook the Seine, these views are best enjoyed from the suites with a sunlit winter garden, which have floor-to-ceiling windows that frame the river with Notre Dame to the left and the Eiffel Tower to the right. Each room has a sumptuous marble bathroom, with a standalone bathtub and indulgent walk-in hammam shower, as well as a spacious separate dressing room with a safe containing three watch winders, and signature fragrances created by François Demachy, Maison Dior's perfumer.

As with the rest of the hotel, the food options are lavish. There are four restaurants, including Langosteria, the first foreign outpost of the famous seafood restaurant from Milan, as well as Plénitude, an offering from chef Arnaud Donckele who garnered three Michelin stars at the restaurant in Cheval Blanc's St. Tropez hotel. For something more casual, Le Tout Paris, serves up crowd pleasers from steak frites to chicken burgers on a terrace against Paris' romantic skyline.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

boast –

embellish –

contemporary –

uplifting –

sunlit –

standalone –

indulgent –

fragrances –

lavish –

garner –

serve up –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Cheval Blanc boasts ...

2. The public spaces are a riot of ...

3. Almost all the 72 light-filled guestrooms overlook ...

4. Each room has ...

5. There are four restaurants, including ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Eden Rock

(St. Barthélemy, France)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Since its 1950s heyday when French aviator Rémy Haenen hosted a roll call of celebrities from Greta Garbo to Howard Hughes, Eden Rock – now owned by the Matthews family – is part of the Oetker Collection and remains one of St. Barths flagship five-star hotels. Following Hurricane Irma, the resort has re-opened following a two-year closure to include a new restaurant, spa and rooms.

Eden Rock's signature red roofs stand out from its perch on a rocky promontory in the centre of St. Barths lush north coast. Overlooking the crystal-clear waters of Baie de St Jean, the resort's hub are the buildings that sit on the edge of the rocks. Here you will find the Sand Bar restaurant, a small library, the extensive boutique and the fitness centre.

There are 11 room categories that crescendos with the lavish six-bedroom Villa Rockstar, which comes complete with a dedicated chef and butler service. Each room is decked out in warm walnut woods, colourful textures and fabrics and artwork that enhance the sea views outside.

With its pedigree as one of the best addresses in St. Barths, it's no surprise that Eden Rock is the go-to place for a diverse crowd of well-heeled holiday makers, from elegant couples and families to newlyweds and loyal regulars who have been visiting the hotel for decades.

You certainly won't go hungry or thirsty here. Designed by Martin Brudnizki Design Studio, the Sand Bar and adjacent Rémy Room and Bar sit at the heart of the hotel. With a menu overseen by chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, the former serves up crowd-pleasing dishes from sushi and sashimi to pizzas, alongside fresh seafood plates like the local lobster salad, against blissful beach views. Set directly on St Jean Beach, the new Beach Bar with its newly tiered sundeck is the best spot from which to sip on a cocktail and soak up Eden Rock's chilled vibes.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

heyday –

roll call –

promontory –

extensive –

crescendos –

enhance –

pedigree –

newlyweds –

crowd-pleasing –

blissful –

sundeck –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The resort has re-opened to include ...
2. The resort's hub are the buildings that ...
3. Each room is decked out in ...
4. Eden Rock is the go-to place for ...
5. ... sit at the heart of the hotel.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Hôtel de Crillon

(France)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Overlooking the Place de la Concorde, Hôtel de Crillon is a palace hotel suffused with sophistication, merging all the historic architectural detail of a landmark property with a quietly confident display of interior-design grandeur. Louis IV commissioned the structure's build in 1758 and it formed the Count de Crillon's residence until 1909 when it opened as a hotel. Now part of the Rosewood Hotels & Resorts stable, it relaunched in its current guise in 2017.

Warm and inviting, the rooms, suites and signature suites – 124 in total – evoke a sense of timeless elegance with all the charm you'd expect of a Parisian residence. The perfect balance of modern heritage, fine antiques and homely objets d'art and coffee table books stud the space, with calming neutral colourways, giant beds, marble bathrooms and parquet flooring. The sweeping penthouse-style Les Grands Appartements was designed by fashion icon Karl Lagerfeld, with opulent touchpoint such as dramatic chandeliers, carved doors and a lavishly draped bed. Meanwhile, the Suite Jardin is a more modern affair with clean lines, contemporary art and bolts of colour. Suite Louis XV offers views of the Eiffel Tower and Grand Palais.

Headed up by chef Boris Campanella, L'Ecrin offers a multi-course tasting menu of innovative French-leaning cuisine, which, in a twist to the norm is crafted around your choice of wine, with awarding-winning sommelier Xavier Thuizat overseeing the stellar list. This year saw the arrival of Nonos and Comestibles – both courtesy of notable chef Paul Pairet. The former is a lively bistro-style grill spot heroing retro and classic dishes. The latter, an easy-going deli serving seafood, charcuterie and cheeses. Meanwhile, the heritage-listed painted ceiling of ebullient Bar Les Ambassadeurs belies the contemporary edge to the cocktails that emerge.

A newly-created swimming pool – featuring gold scalloped tiles and surrounded by comfy armchairs and loungers – completes the wellbeing space. Alongside massages and facials – using Sisley and Maison Caulières products – holistic and innovative treatments offered include jet peels and naturopathy sessions.

Two inner courtyards make the ideal spot for basking on warm days, but for those looking to adventure out, a Clefs d'Or concierge service is on hand to help with insider's tips and bookings to help curate an authentic city break. As well as a packing and unpacking service, guests also have access to a 24-hour personal butler.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

suffused –
 commission –
 guise –
 relaunch –
 heritage –
 touchpoint –
 bolts –
 head up –
 ebullient –
 wellbeing –
 holistic –
 naturopathy –
 curate –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Louis IV commissioned the structure's build in
2. The sweeping penthouse-style Les Grands Appartements was designed by ...
3. The Suite Jardin is a more modern affair with ...
4. L'Ecrin offers ...
5. ... make the ideal spot for basking on warm days.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Claridge's

(The United Kingdom)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Since its 1812 opening, Claridge's has played host to British high society and discerning international guests. It is the jewel in the crown of the Maybourne Hotel Group, which has another two properties in London and recently expanded to the French Riviera and LA.

Classy English eccentricity set in gleaming art deco surrounds. Many of the Claridge's suites received a facelift as part of a 2022 renovation, which saw various designers take on responsibility for a smaller number of rooms each. Many are characterised by the Regency style, with mid-century touches and a colour palette that prioritises muted earth tones, immediately invoking a sense of calm and luxury.

A seven-year, huge-scale excavation project that hollowed five storeys of earth beneath the property took place between 2015 and 2022. It brought about a new Japanese-inspired 7,000 sq ft spa, a 25m swimming pool, a gym, hair salon, as well as multiple event spaces, staff restaurants and an expansion of the existing food and beverage offering. The hotel now has an in-house chocolatier and bakery; space for a subterranean gin still is in the works.

The hotel has long played host to some of the biggest names in the restaurant world – Simon Rogan, Daniel Humm, Gordon Ramsay – though in 2023 it eschewed big names to open signature dining option Claridge's Restaurant, which majors in British cuisine served at fine dining level. It's ably supported by Claridge's Bar, which serves one of London's finest Martini cocktails.

Known for its discretion, Claridge's has long been a bolthole of celebrities, politicians and royalty. Mick Jagger is a regular, Winston Churchill was a weekly visitor and Queen Elizabeth II referenced the hotel as one of her favourite spots for lunch, precluded by that legendary Martini.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

discerning –

gleaming –

facelift –

invoke –

in-house –

chocolatier –

subterranean –

eschew –

ably –

bolthole –

prelude –

3. Complete the sentences.**1.** Since its opening, Claridge's has played host to ...**2.** Many of the rooms are characterised by ...**3.** ... took place between 2015 and 2022.**4.** The hotel now has ...**5.** Queen Elizabeth II referenced the hotel as ...**4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).**

The Connaught

(The United Kingdom)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Built in 1897 in the heart of Mayfair as The Coburg and renamed in 1917, The Connaught remains a bastion of refined elegance in London's crowded luxury hotel scene. In recent years, it has worked diligently to stay tuned in and service-led, while never losing its enduring sense of discreet opulence. Boasting 121 rooms, including three distinct and unusual suites-meet-townhouses, interiors are overseen by British designer Guy Oliver, who successfully blends traditional features and bespoke contemporary touches.

Ideally a Martini, served from the legendary trolley. Under the direction of the inimitable Agostino Perrone, the elegant Art Deco-inspired Connaught Bar is a genuine destination in its own right, having twice been ranked No.1 in The World's 50 Best Bars. It is joined in the property by the luxurious Coburg Bar as well as the newer, more intimate The Red Room.

The hotel plays host to not one but two of the world's finest culinary figures: former World's Best Female Chef Hélène Darroze helms her eponymous three-star Michelin flagship, while Austrian-American chef-meister Jean-Georges Vongerichten oversees two other dining spots within the historic premises. It's certainly a food and drink line-up to salivate over.

The Connaught is an art aficionados dream – at any point one could be alongside a piece by Barbara Hepworth, Graham Sutherland, Damien Hirst, Tadao Ando or Louise Bourgeois, among many others. The artworks are dotted throughout the property in typically understated style.

Aside from world-class in-house facilities – from signature patisserie to tranquil urban spa – it's the service levels that ultimately help set The Connaught apart. Under the guidance of GM Sandeep Bhalla, there's a culture of over-delivery that means regulars keep coming back for more while newcomers are instant converts. There's good reason that the hotel is a London home away from home for many a Hollywood actor, international musician or fashion designer.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

refined –

diligently –

enduring –

bespoke –

genuine –

eponymous –

premises –

salivate over –

understated –

patisserie –

tranquil –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The Connaught remains a bastion of ...
2. Interiors are overseen by ... , who successfully blends ...
3. The hotel plays host to ...
4. ... in typically understated style.
5. There's good reason that the hotel is ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Gleneagles

(The United Kingdom)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Gleneagles is set in Scotland's Southern Highlands, roughly 45 minutes' drive from Edinburgh. The location was selected for its sprawling natural beauty, with the central hotel positioned so that all guestrooms and communal spaces can best appreciate the landscape. Its 232 bedrooms have recently undergone a five-year renovation project, since the purchase of current owners, Ennismore. What has emerged are some of the most luxurious spaces in the UK, replete with all the trappings expected from an ultra-luxe country house hotel.

Gleneagles makes the most of its magnificent location and a trip here is not complete without partaking in some of its huge list of activities. Golf is first and foremost with three championship courses, one of which hosted legendary Europe vs USA competition, The Ryder Cup, in 2014. Salmon fishing in the River Tee is superlative, off-road 4x4 driving, falconry, ferreting, shooting and horse-riding are just a selection of other options available.

The hotel plays host to Restaurant Andrew Fairlie, Scotland's only Michelin two-star restaurant which serves one of the UK's best tasting menus. Also available is The Strathearn, a bright-and-airy glass-fringed space with stunning views that hosts breakfast and a la carte dinners to fine-dining standard. The Birnam is a casual grill option for lunch, with The Dormy perfect for families and golfers fresh off the course, serving stone-baked pizza, curries and an outstanding burger.

Spa at Gleneagles regularly wins awards for being the best in the UK. It specialises in treatments using oil blends that feature natural botanicals from the Perthshire countryside. The gym is a cut above usual five-star standard; a high-end sauna and large indoor and outdoor pools complete the package.

Gleneagles is the winner of the Art of Hospitality Award 2023. For this award, all 560 voters in the 50 Best Academy are asked to name the one hotel where they received the single-best service experience in the two-year judging window. The property's managing director Conor O'Leary promotes a style of hospitality that

allows staff members' personality to shine through and encourages genuine, informal interaction with guests.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

sprawling –

communal space –

replete –

magnificent –

falconry –

ferreting –

bright-and-airy –

stone-baked –

botanicals –

promote –

encourage –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Gleneagles is set in ...

2. Its 232 bedrooms have recently undergone ...

3. The hotel plays host to ...

4. Spa at Gleneagles specialises in ...

5. Gleneagles is the winner of ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

The Newt

(The United Kingdom)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

This hotel and country club is located on a beautifully reimagined English estate near the creative enclave of Bruton. The property spreads across the honey-hued, Palladian-style Hadspen House, the working estate and rambunctious country gardens, offering guests a countryside experience on steroids, with kitchen gardens, cider cellars and wild swimming ponds to explore. All these factors have contributed to The Newt being named the Carlo Alberto Best Boutique Hotel 2023.

South African hotelier Koos Bekker and his wife Karen Roos, the former Elle Decoration South African editor. The latter is responsible for interiors, taking a fresh look at typical country style by pairing characterful features – such as fireplaces and panelling – with contemporary furniture, lighting and art in 23 rooms in the 17th-century house. Further suites are located in the Clock House, Stable Yard and Farmyard buildings, as well as the new Gate Lodge cottage.

An astonishing addition to the estate is the reconstructed Villa Ventorum, the foundations of which were discovered on site during the hotel's development. It's nothing sort of extraordinary: guests can explore the glass-walled visitor centre, a fully reconstructed classical villa and working bathhouse, all guided by archaeologist Ric Weeks.

The Newt excels at the unusual. After enjoying a complimentary tea and scones, guests can take trips to the cider press to see bottling in action, explore a mushroom house, or peruse the History of Gardening Museum. Elsewhere, a farm shop, bakery and butcher, estate gift shop and ice cream parlour await. Then, there's the treetop walks, the wild swimming spots, the willow basket weaving and old stone walling courses, and the historic archive of information about the house's former owners.

Redesigned by Patrice Taravella for the hotel, they provide a window into every period of green-fingered history, from 300-year-old Druid trees and over 265 types of apple, to ancient woodland and cow parsley-swathed wilderness. Note the kitchen garden, which sits at the heart of the hotel's plan to be entirely self-sufficient.

The estate has three restaurants: the Botanical Rooms in the main hotel; the glass-walled Garden Café, and the open-plan Kitchen in The Farmyard. All serve fresh, seasonal, garden dishes paired by a wine list that's heavy on South African bins, including bottles from the hotel's sister property, Babylonstoren, just outside Cape Town.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

reimagined –

rambunctious –

pond –

panelling –

astonishing –

on site –

excel –

treetop walk –

walling –

woodland –

swath –

seasonal –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. This hotel and country club is located ...
2. ... in 23 rooms in the 17th-century house.
3. Guests can explore ...
4. Note the kitchen garden, which ...
5. The estate has three restaurants: ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

NoMad London

(The United Kingdom)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

The original NoMad opened in Manhattan in 2012; roughly a decade later the brand brought its distinctive Upper East Side glamour across the pond to open NoMad London in Covent Garden. Across the road from the Royal Opera House, this box-fresh opening promises all the sultry seduction of the legendary NYC original, which sadly shuttered in 2022. Housed in a former magistrate's court – where Oscar Wilde, Emmeline Pankhurst and the Kray Twins were tried – the property has been transformed by the design team at Roman and Williams (of Ace Hotel fame) into a theatrical set worthy of an operatic performance, with ample velvet drapes, vintage chandeliers and more than 1,600 pieces of original artwork.

The *crème-de-la-crème* is the Royal Opera Suite, a fantastical flounce of oriental rugs, buttoned ottomans, claw-footed baths, mosaic tiles, herringbone parquet floors and Victoriana plushness. It's the blueprint for the rest of the property, which pairs elements of the New York Jazz Age with more contemporary touches, such as millennial pink colour notes and abstract art. Marble fireplaces are used to prop up expressionist prints; leather headboards juxtapose plump, fringed cushions. There's a limited selection of facilities – a small gym and treatment rooms – but the big-ticket offering at this address are the restaurants and bars.

Upon opening, a booking at the eponymous NoMad restaurant was as difficult to come by as a ticket to a *La Bohème* performance. The restaurant brings eclectic New York City gastronomic chic to the English capital with a serious list of bottles on offer, thanks to its Swedish-born wine director, Bella Babbit. Located in a soaring, foliage-filled conservatory, the all-day grazing menu is modern, with some dishes – including the famed roast chicken – making it across the pond. The leather-clad Side Hustle bar – No.75 in *The World's 50 Best Bars 2022* – offers a more relaxed ambience, with Mexican-inspired tapas and agave spirit-focussed pours.

Frequented by the likes of ultra-cool British celebrities Alexa Chung, Adwoa Aboah and Lena Dunham, the underground bar Common Decency has become a

moody midnight hangout in the city, promising decadent small bites (think, oysters with frozen champagne, and crispy potato rosti slathered with caviar) alongside expressive cocktails. The red velvet-filled Library bar is open to guests only.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

box-fresh –

sultry –

operatic –

ample –

flounce –

ottoman –

plushness –

prop up –

juxtapose –

soaring –

tapas –

moody –

decadent –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The original NoMad opened in ...
2. The property has been transformed by ... into ...
3. ... are used to prop up expressionist prints.
4. The leather-clad Side Hustle bar offers ...
5. ... has become a moody midnight hangout in the city.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

The Savoy

(The United Kingdom)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

The Savoy's reputation precedes it. Inspired by the hotel boom of America's Gilded Age, it has been a synonym for luxury since it opened in 1889. Set on the site of a one-time hospital, it was the first hotel in the UK to use electric lighting and lifts. A hotel with many stories to tell, many luminaries in the world of entertainment and hospitality from have passed through its hallowed halls. César Ritz started his hotel career as GM here; French culinary icon Auguste Escoffier rattled the pans in the kitchen; Anna Pavlova danced in fancy dress and got a dessert named after her; and Laurence Olivier met his future wife in the hotel's lobby.

Classic British design tropes offer timeless comfort across the 267 Edwardian and art deco rooms. Those with sitting room views of the River Thames come with certain cachet, but it's the Royal Suite by Gucci that stands out from the crowd. Inaugurated in 2021 to mark the fashion house's centenary and give a nod to founder Guccio Gucci's role as a luggage porter here, it sees two heritage brands unite in perfect harmony. Vibrant hues, rich textiles and abundant plant life bring the scene to life.

Recently revitalised, the American Bar – a former World's Best Bar and London's longest-standing cocktail spot – brings heritage charm and world-class libations (it's where the Hanky Panky was created, after all). Dressed in black and gold, the clandestine Beaufort Bar is a glamorous pick for champagne and caviar bumps with a creative cocktail list to boot.

Renowned chef and restaurateur Gordon Ramsay oversees three of the five restaurants, including Restaurant 1890, which pays homage to Escoffier and French culinary tradition. Expect excellent British ingredients and refined takes on the classics with typical five-star flair.

As one of the first UK hotels to set up a hospitality training school, no detail is spared when it comes to offering the finest service. Set just off The Strand, its entrance turning circle is the only place in London that sees cars drive on the right-

hand side. The reason? So that guests can exit the car swiftly and smoothly from the driver's side. Such a set up also saw London's iconic black cabs designed and built to spec specifically to turn in that very circle.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

luminaries –

hallowed –

fancy –

cachet –

centenary –

abundant –

revitalise –

clandestine –

bump –

flair –

swiftly –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The Savoy was the first hotel in the UK to use ...
2. ... met his future wife in the hotel's lobby.
3. Classic British design tropes offer ...
4. The clandestine Beaufort Bar is ...
5. The hotel's entrance turning circle is the only place in London that ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Passalacqua

(Italy)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Set in an 18th-century villa that was the former home of composer Vincenzo Bellini, Passalacqua is the creation of the De Santis family, who are also behind Grand Hotel Tremezzo. Set within spectacular terraced gardens and unfolding over just 24 rooms, the hotel showcases the finest Italian craftsmanship in a sumptuous riot of ornate Baroque elegance. All this comes together in a sublime retreat – almost like a private home – that makes the most of this truly magical lakefront location: just what you'd expect of the inaugural The World's Best Hotel 2023.

From its perch amid private grounds in Moltrasio, the hotel's 24 rooms are spread out over three buildings: the main villa, the eight-room Palazz (housed in the former stables with giant original exposed beams) and the four-suite Casa al Lago down by the lake. Inside, Italian craftsmanship abounds with original frescoes and ceiling carvings that are further embellished with gilded mirrors, 19th-century portraits, lacquered antique tables, Murano chandeliers and Il Bronzetto light fittings. Outside, seven acres of perfectly manicured terraced gardens with olive groves, mimosa, roses and magnolia lead to the sexy pool terrace which is dotted with vibrant JJ Martin-designed parasols that add a cheeky, fashionable flair to the otherwise classic opulence.

In contrast to the rest of the hotel's extravagance, the food here is a simple and relaxed affair with an open kitchen that guests can wander into and chat to the chef as if in a private home. Honest, unfussy dishes make the most of local, seasonal ingredients and can be eaten anywhere on property, including the terrace, which is also the best spot from which to enjoy an aperitif against sublime lake vistas.

The soaring vaults and romantic columns of the ground floor hall in the Palazz are home to an atmospheric wellness space that leads to a hidden subterranean passageway, excavated in the 18th-century, that houses Passalacqua's sauna and steam bath. There are also complimentary daily activities from flower arranging

courses to gelato-making classes to keep you busy, when not roaming the splendid gardens or lazing by the to-die-for pool.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

showcase –

craftsmanship –

sublime –

lakefront –

carving –

gilded –

manicured –

cheeky –

unfussy –

vistas –

vault –

passageway –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The hotel showcases ...

2. 24 rooms are spread out over ...

3. Italian craftsmanship abounds with ...

4. The food here is ...

5. The soaring vaults and romantic columns are home to ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Four Seasons Firenze

(Italy)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Florence's largest private garden provides the tranquil setting for this character-packed Four Seasons property, a beautifully restored 15th-century Medici palace. With cool, creamy interiors that make one want to glide rather than walk, and a well-heeled clientele made up of business and leisure travellers, the 2008-opened hotel offers 116 bedrooms. Of these, 79 are in the Palazzo della Gherardesca and 37 in the Villa, a former 16th-century convent graced with its own reception and butler service. The hotel's Michelin-starred Italian restaurant, Il Palagio, meanwhile, pulls guests out of the Renaissance and bang up-to-date, with a contemporary menu of reimagined regional classics and a brilliantly curated wine cellar.

Studded with huge floral displays and flooded with natural light, the lobby is the beating heart of the hotel. Stories featuring mythological creatures are told in bas relief across its walls, with gorgeous, jungle-green seating arranged to face them, and a dazzlingly vibrant small chapel entirely decorated with original 15th-century frescoes is available to book for an intimate dinner à deux.

During the summer season, the pool is open from 9am till sundown, while the al fresco Jacuzzi operates year-round. The 10-treatment-room spa has a steam room, fitness facilities and a programme of studio- and garden-based yoga classes. From a menu of treatments that caters to all ages, the signature Bioliv' Experience is an exfoliating and revitalizing body experience that harnesses the antioxidant and skin-nourishing properties of extra virgin olive oil and purifying active ingredients found in ground olive stones.

Because of its under-the-radar location, on one of the avenues that circles old Florence, the hotel provides a shuttle service to and from the city centre and bikes for guests' use. Within an easy walk are renowned museums and historic sites such as the Accademia, Uffizi Gallery, Piazza Duomo and the Piazza della Signoria. Speak to one of the concierges to find out about booking one of the exclusive VIP-access experiences that Four Seasons does so well.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

glide –

clientele –

convent –

reimagined –

seating –

year-round –

exfoliating –

revitalizing –

harness –

skin-nourishing –

shuttle –

3. Complete the sentences.**1.** Florence's largest private garden provides ...**2.** The Villa is ...**3.** ... is available to book for an intimate dinner à deux.**4.** The 10-treatment-room spa has ...**5.** Within an easy walk are renowned museums and historic sites such as ...**4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).**

Aman Venice

(Italy)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Venice is not short of a legendary hotel, but the Aman takes top spot thanks to its faultless location under the Rialto Bridge and its home inside a 16th-century grand palace. With just 24 rooms, this intimate property is a seductive blend of resplendent Italian aristocracy and slick understatement that the Aman brand is known for.

The hotel occupies the 16th-century Palazzo Papadopoli, which is owned by Venetian aristos, Gilberto and Bianca Arrivabene, who still live upstairs. Inside, the grand opulence of the priceless frescoes, Murano chandeliers and Rubelli silk wall coverings are seamlessly paired with Aman's trademark understated minimalism.

Hidden within the San Polo district – away from the crowds of San Marco but still within walking distance – you get the best of both worlds at this hotel. Not to mention the arrival: right up to the Palazzo on a glossy Riva on the Grand Canal.

Slotted into the palazzo's original bedrooms, each of the 24 suites are unique. Most have Grand Canal views, while all have spacious bathrooms, historical details and opulent palazzo flourishes. Plump for the Alcova Tiepolo suite, which has mesmerising ceiling frescoes by the 18th-century Venetian painter, Giovanni Battista Tiepolo.

From Arva to Cook the Lagoon at The Blue Room, dining can be casual or extravagant at Aman Venice. The former serves up the best of Italy, such as beef ragù, while the latter serves a tasting menu concept that focuses on sustainable cultivation and farming. Don't miss out on an aperitif at The Bar, which serves bespoke cocktails beneath an original Rotta fresco.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

faultless –

blend –

resplendent –

trademark –

understated –

slotted –

spacious –

flourishes –

plump –

mesmerising –

cultivation –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The Aman takes top spot thanks to ...
2. The hotel occupies ... , which is owned by ...
3. The hotel is hidden within ...
4. Most of the 24 suites have ...
5. Don't miss out on an aperitif at The Bar, which serves ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Le Sirenuse

(Italy)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Technicolour star of the Amalfi coast, Positano has been a darling of the jet set since the Sixties, with contemporary A-list fans including Julia Roberts, Jennifer Lopez and Bella Hadid. A simple fishing village until the 1950s, the town's glittering rise to fame was abetted by a nod from John Steinbeck, who wrote of this "dream place" in a 1953 essay for Harper's Bazaar, 'Positano bites deep'. A five-minute walk from the port and enjoying unrivalled views of the majolica-tiled dome of Catholic church Santa Maria Assunta, Le Sirenuse is a sight for sore eyes for guests arriving into Positano by boat, perched amid a dazzle of stacked houses tumbling down rugged cliffs to the sea.

Family summer house-turned legendary hotel, Le Sirenuse was opened in 1951 by Neapolitan siblings Aldo, Paolo, Anna and Franco Sersale, and has been run by the Sersale family ever since. Following a comprehensive refurb led by Franco in the 1990s, the establishment today remains a bastion of understated, jasmine-scented Italian elegance, with Antonio Sersale along with his wife Carla responsible for the property's impressive art collection and artist-residency programme. Franco's treasured antiques and artworks still grace the pale interiors which, along with pops of emerald-green foliage and a service offering regarded as second to none, help to create the hotel's legendary home-from-home ambience.

Le Sirenuse's 58 white rooms, their floors finished with hand-painted ceramic tiles, all have a private balcony or patio, making the flatscreen TV redundant: million-dollar views take in the town's colourful houses, lemon groves and hypnotically blue bay. Carrara marble bathrooms come stocked with Eau d'Italie products, the Sersale signature scent.

Join the beautiful people on the al fresco candelit terrace at Aldo's Bar; visit La Sponda for dishes crafted by chef Gennaro Russo; or pop into the little slice of paradise that is the Pool Bar for a caprese salad. Don't leave without trying house cocktail Le Sirenuse. Invented by head barman Roberto Pane, gin, lemon juice and

champagne are joined by a vivid splash of Campari to evoke the hotel's 'Pompei red' exterior.

From June to October, guests are invited to set sail on a romantic sunset cruise aboard the Sant'Antonio – a vintage wooden fishing boat built by the present owners' uncle Aldo. Positano also makes a good base from which to explore Pompeii, Ravello and Capri.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

jet set –

abet –

majolica –

dazzle –

refurb –

antiques –

foliage –

hand-painted –

patio –

crafted –

vivid –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The town's glittering rise to fame was abetted by ...

2. Le Sirenuse was opened in ... by ...

3. ... help to create the hotel's legendary home-from-home ambience.

4. Million-dollar views take in ...

5. From June to October, guests are invited to ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Borgo Egnazia

(Italy)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Masquerading as a historic Italian village, this film-set-worthy hotel is a make-believe fantasy. It is a recently built, pastoral Italian settlement complete with fortifications, prettily paved alleyways, a bell-towered church and central piazza. Beyond the charade, there are facilities that don't turn up in typical Italian hamlets, such as four pools, an award-winning restaurant, indoor and al fresco bars, and a spa inspired by Roman thermal baths.

It has to be seen to be believed. The family behind the brand run a small Italian hospitality empire, but this jasmine-scented settlement halfway between Bari and Brindisi is the star of their collection. Opened in 2010, Borgo Egnazia's bougainvillea-draped alleys and lavender-lined pathways have now bedded in nicely, making the fairy-tale feeling of the full-size model Italian village all the more credible. The property blends with the surrounding countryside, thanks to sympathetic architectural design and use of local tuff limestone. At night, the property is at its most magical – candle-lit and citronella scented.

Accommodation ranges from 'Casette' stone cottages and 28 luxurious villas to romantic, minimalist rooms located inside the central La Corte building. All have a contemporary, Mediterranean feel with cool stone floors, white linen furnishings and a spacious, easy-living feel. The rope-strung room keys, lavender posies on shelves, and olive grove views add to the countryside chic. Access to two private beaches (one shingled, one sandy) is via shuttle service.

With seven restaurants across the estate, there's more choice than in most Italian villages. Top of the list is the romantic Due Camini where Puglian chef Domingo Schingaro plates up regional classics using sun-ripened produce grown on the estate. A more rustic experience is offered at Trattoria La Frasca. Then, there's crisp, wood-oven pizza at Pizzeri and beach-side seafood at Cala Masciola.

Bikes are available for guests to use. Cycle your way around the coastal plains, or head out to San Domenico golf course that is considered one of the best in Italy.

The work of architect Andy Haggard, it sits between the hotel and the sea, and promises Adriatic views at every tee.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

masquerade –

settlement –

piazza –

bougainvillea –

lavender –

credible –

tufu –

rope-strung –

posies –

plate up –

plain –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Beyond the charade, there are facilities that ...
2. The property blends with ... , thanks to ...
3. Accommodation ranges from ... to ...
4. Access to two private beaches is ...
5. ... is offered at Trattoria La Frasca.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Four Seasons Madrid

(Spain)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Sitting at the place where two streets converge – steps from Kilómetro Cero, the point from which all distances in Spain are measured – Four Seasons Madrid opened in 2020 following a seven-year project to restore seven landmark buildings. The sprawling site is a beacon of modern hospitality that's as much a hangout for locals as it is visitors.

While it may reside within heritage confines, the hotel approaches its design aesthetic with devotion to contemporary and emerging Spanish artists. Some 1,500 pieces of work – including sculptures, photography and installations – adorn the public areas, capturing the city's dynamic personality. It's all curated by Paloma Fernández-Iriondo whose chosen pieces flit from the traditional, to the whimsical and to the sublime. Each room features a catalogue, with the option to contact artists direct, should something take your fancy.

Tastemaker Martin Brudnizki is behind the rooftop design, which houses chef Daní Garcia's casual Spanish brasserie and bar. Patterns and vibrant colour pops are emblematic, while greenery frames the scene. The ultra-chill space spreads outside yielding to stonking panoramas of the capital beyond. On the food front, a standout buffet breakfast rivals the very best of them, while lunch and dinner zoom in on regional Spanish flavours.

The 200 elegantly chic bedrooms are generously sized and kitted out with all mod-cons – a fridge stocked with jamón Ibérico and local vermouth is a nice touch. The four-storey spa – Madrid's largest – comes with a glass-roofed pool and outdoor relaxation area. Eclectic pan-Asian restaurant Isa hosts live music and a cocktail bar that's already vying among Madrid's best. Bonus points go to the staff, who showcase an attentive, pre-emptive and unstuffy approach to service.

The location is a real doozy when it comes to exploring the city. A quick walk will take you to verdant Retiro Park with its wonderful Crystal Palace and nearby art galleries like Reina Sofía, Prado and Thyssen-Bornemisza. Duck down a side street

and you'll find yourself in the Barrio de las Letras, home to cool coffee shops, historic tapas joints that have stood the test of time and Diego Cabera's drinking dens Viva Madrid and Salmon Guru, the latter of which sits at No.15 on The World's 50 Best Bars 2022 list. The hauntingly evocative flamenco shows at Teatro Real are within striking distance.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

converge –

sprawling –

confines –

adorn –

flit –

emblematic –

stonking –

pre-emptive –

unstuffy –

doozy –

verdant –

hauntingly –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Four Seasons Madrid opened in 2020 following ...
2. ... adorn the public areas, capturing the city's dynamic personality.
3. Each room features ... , with ...
4. The 200 elegantly chic bedrooms are ...
5. A quick walk will take you to ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Six Senses Ibiza

(Spain)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

From its perch on the rocks overlooking Xarraca Bay in the bohemian north of the island, Six Senses Ibiza is a seamless blend of wellbeing and sustainability alongside impeccable five-star service.

The hotel is owned by architect Jonathan Leitersdorf, so it's no surprise that the design is on another level. This starts with the clever way the first view of the property unfolds, which doesn't reveal the scale of the resort until the last minute. The colours of the buildings blend in with the surrounding scenery, bamboo-clad roofs take their cues from local fisherman huts, while the interiors are an understated and sophisticated palette of local materials revealed through pale woods, leather and stone in neutral tones.

There is a sprawling 13,000 sq ft spa that, alongside a state-of-the-art fitness area, has a hammam, a steam room and tailored programmes and treatments that cover everything from functional fitness to anti-aging and multi-day immersive retreats. Highlights include the biohacking offerings such as cryotherapy, breathwork and electromagnetic field therapy.

Six Senses Ibiza works with an organic farm in neighbouring Santa Gertrudis, as well as local fisherman for the best produce to feed the kitchens of the hotel's five restaurants from the Farmer's Market, which serves an a la carte breakfast, to North, which is helmed by Israeli chef Eyal Shani. Here, expect dishes such as charred beetroot carpaccio or blue lobster with tomato seed butter.

Six Senses Ibiza is the first sustainable BREEAM-certified resort in the Balearics. Alongside its own organic farm nearby, the resort also runs a dedicated Sustainability Fund which supports local organisations and receives a fixed 0.5% of the total resort revenue. The hotel currently supports eight local organisations dedicated various causes from educating the local community to fighting plastic pollution.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

impeccable –

unfolds –

reveal –

scenery –

sophisticated –

sprawling –

tailored –

biohacking –

helmed –

revenue –

pollution –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Six Senses Ibiza is a seamless blend of ...

2. The interiors are an understated and sophisticated palette of ...

3. Highlights include the biohacking offerings such as ...

4. ... serves an a la carte breakfast.

5. The hotel currently supports ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Four Seasons Astir Palace (Greece)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Framed by fragrant pines, Astir Palace came to life in the 1960s, as the area gained pace as a seaside resort, drawing a crowd that spanned from Greek royalty, to Hollywood glitterati and elite jetsetters. Set in Vouliagmeni on the Lemos Peninsula – close to both the Acropolis and Greek islands beyond – the landmark hotel has been reborn under the Four Seasons brand.

Saluting the sea and curving around a bay like a hint of a smile, the laidback retreat trickles down to the waterfront in a wave of modernist architecture that sprawls across 100 acres. A total of \$700 million has been driven into the property's fresh look with Meyer Davis paying homage to its heritage, while taking it forward with modern design nous. Three private beaches are on hand for lazy days, while cabanas encased by greenery look out to the yachts that fleck the horizon like an ellipsis to a perfect day.

As is emblematic of all Four Seasons properties, enveloping abodes hone in on a sense of relaxation and comfort. Light-filled rooms and suites – many complete with terrace space, some with gravity defying plunge pools – take in either sweeping sea vistas or verdant garden scenes. Retro touches are dotted subtly throughout, by way of mid-century furniture, tasteful artwork and geometric tiles. Bungalows focus on the glamour of the Riviera's heyday, with muted nautical touchpoints and generous pool areas.

Going the extra mile, arrival can be organised via helicopter, boat or private limo. The resort has three tennis courts, a basketball court, jogging trails and abundant watersports available. Island daytrips are made manifest thanks to the resort's private tender. The elegant spa – featuring an indoor pool – channels the Greek tradition of bathing ceremonies alongside its treatment rooms. And on the F&B front, 10 restaurants and bars flit from Matsuhisa Nobu's modern Japanese, to alfresco Greek favourites at Taverna 37 and upscale Italian trattoria Mercato. High-

flyer Martin Brudnizki has also crafted two spaces: Michelin-starred seafood spot Pelagos and destination bar Avra.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

glitterati –

landmark –

trickle down –

cabanas –

encased –

hone in –

plunge –

nautical –

touchpoint –

tender –

trattoria –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Astir Palace came to life in ...
2. Cabanas encased by greenery look out to ...
3. Bungalows focus on ...
4. Going the extra mile, arrival can be organised via ...
5. 10 restaurants and bars flit from ... to ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Badrutt's Palace (Switzerland)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Towering over Switzerland's Engadin valley, bestowing upon the tiny resort of St. Moritz a generous dusting of alpine glitz, the fabled, fairy-tale-turreted Badrutt's Palace was opened by Caspar Badrutt in 1896. Since then, the luxuriously cosseting mountain enclave has become synonymous with a heady mix of skiing, cocktailing and people-watching. Film buffs will want to stay in Suite 501, where Alfred Hitchcock was a regular guest for decades. The hotel's epic wood-panelled and Alps-facing lobby Le Grand Hall – 'the living room of St Moritz' – is rumoured to be where the director had the idea for *The Birds*.

A heady blend of Old- and New-World opulence informs the hotel's common areas and 157 airy guest rooms and suites, with no attention to detail being spared. Thoughtful touches include Swiss chocolates and Engadiner Nusstorte provided at turn-down, and a hot water bottle slipped between your high-thread-count sheets. But while the hotel's extravagant food and drink offering, storied spa and Rolls-Royce guest transfers from and to St Moritz station will delight sybarites, the biggest luxury of all is the view. Book a lake-facing room with a balcony if at all possible.

With six on-site restaurants, dinner might take the form of signature Japanese-Peruvian cuisine at Matsuhisa, bistro classics at British chef Jason Atherton's dine and dance concept King's Social House or a reblochon-laden pie at Pizzeria Heuboden. Having noted the genteel 'jacket and tie required after 7:30pm' dress code, head to the Renaissance Bar for expert pours and live music, the trace of cigar smoke hanging tantalisingly in the air.

Palace Wellness, opened in 1969 as the Acapulco and a veritable catwalk for the glitterati of the day, benefited from a \$80 million investment between 2008 and 2010, and now resembles a Bond-style lair for the villain who's into Ayurveda. Reached by taking a lift six stories below the hotel's ground floor, then passing along an unassuming corridor, the light-flooded space dazzles, a 25m infinity pool offering

sublime lake and mountain views. Elsewhere, there are fitness facilities, Jacuzzis and six treatment rooms.

In winter, the hotel has its own natural ice rink. There's a large heated outdoor pool, saunas and, throughout the resort, designer shopping galore. Speak to a hotel concierge to arrange a romantic horse-drawn carriage ride around the lake. Do note the hotel shutters for spring and autumn.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

bestowe –

cosseting –

enclave –

film buff –

turn-down –

sybarite –

reblochon –

tantalisingly –

veritable –

unassuming –

galore –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. ... was opened by Caspar Badrutt in 1896.

2. Film buffs will want to stay in Suite 501, where ...

3. Thoughtful touches include ...

4. With six on-site restaurants, dinner might take the form of ...

5. In winter, the hotel has ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

II. BEST HOTELS IN ASIA

Four Seasons Bangkok at Chao Phraya River

(Thailand)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

A design-savvy urban retreat that's as much about good times as it is bona fide rest and relaxation. Set on the banks of the River of Kings, it comprises 299 contemporary rooms and suites set across multiple storeys, with a palm-framed, multi-layered pool area, Mediterranean-leaning gardens and an incredible wellness centre with a spa inspired by ancient Thai rituals. Big, bold and buzzy, it's a key player in Bangkok's new-wave hotel scene.

Scale is key here. Feeling more like a resort than a city pad, with seamless indoor-outdoor transitions and interconnected courtyards extending the natural flow of the river within, the property shines a spotlight on cascading architecture, with abundant glass, slick marble, high ceilings and huge pieces of modern art by local talents. Renowned designer Jean-Michel Gathy took the lead on the aesthetic front: rooms – some of which come with their own private terrace space – channel muted elegance, while breezy communal areas flit from tropical modernism to gilded opulence.

Convivial BKK Social Club – No.3 on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2023 list – brings a sense of timeless glamour with its living walls and towering back bar laden with craft spirits. Helmed by Philip Bischoff, a tight drinks list draws upon Buenos Aires' bar culture and the spirit of bonhomie. On the food front, Yu Ting Yuan is the property's flagship restaurant, serving up the city's only Michelin-starred Cantonese cuisine to eager punters. Expect to see Peking ducks hanging in the glass-clad show kitchen ready to be cooked over open flame, and a lengthy offering of authentic dumplings and dim sum. Elsewhere, French classics are put centre stage at Brasserie Palmier and Italian-leaning Riva Del Fiume is a dreamy alfresco spot where river views form the ideal backdrop to modern Italian plates.

Flanked by one of the city's oldest roads to one side, and the bustle of the metropolis to the other, the hotel sits at the crossroads of Bangkok culture affording

jetsetters the best of both worlds. The wider Charoenkrung district reveals streets and alleyways studded with antique shops, galleries and independent stores, along with a low-key eateries and cafés. And those who don't want to hit the pavement can explore via a breezy longtail boat from the river.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

savvy –

bona fide –

incredible –

seamless –

spotlight –

cascading –

breezy –

communal areas –

bonhomie –

punter –

backdrop –

flanked –

studded –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The hotel comprises 299 ...

2. The property shines a spotlight on cascading architecture, with ...

3. Convivial BKK Social Club brings a sense of ...

4. Yu Ting Yuan is ... , serving up ...

5. The wider Charoenkrung district reveals ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Mandarin Oriental Bangkok (Thailand)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Where do you start with a legendary hotel that's been welcoming the great and glorious on the banks of Bangkok's Chao Phraya River for nearly 150 years? The guest list alone – from Joseph Conrad and Graham Greene to Grace Kelly, Elizabeth Taylor, Marlon Brando, Michelle Yeoh and Stanley Tucci – is enough to make this a shrine, but the Mandarin Oriental Bangkok is not interested in resting on its lush, ivy-covered laurels. Originally a 12-room affair, this world-famous hotel now has 331 rooms and suites over several wings, multiple restaurants and bars, a spa with a serious reputation for showing how it's done and a riverside terrace restaurant serving what is arguably Bangkok's best breakfast.

Bangkok is one of the world's great food cities and so keeping people in house requires some effort. The Mandarin Oriental Bangkok goes above and beyond with an amazing array of 12 varied eating and drinking options from two-star Michelin French (Alain Roux's elegant Le Normandie) to award-winning Japanese omakase at Kinu by Tagaki, Baan Phraya's brilliant modern take on traditional Thai food in a traditional Thai house, the famed riverside buffet-style breakfast at The Verandah and a plethora of places offering tea, cocktails and live entertainment.

The Mandarin Oriental Bangkok has a long association with visiting authors with a series of lavish suites in its River Wing named for the likes of W. Somerset Maugham and James Michener. But the best place to soak up the literary atmosphere is in The Authors Lounge on the ground floor of the original Victorian-era building with its shuttered windows, climbing jasmine and elegant balconies. Wicker furniture, hand painted fabrics, finger sandwiches, scones and an impressive selection of the world's best teas form the basis as one of the world's best settings for afternoon tea.

In a hotel this size, it's the attention to detail that sets it apart. At Mandarin Oriental Bangkok, think 24-hour butler service to all rooms, electronic Japanese toilets, silk kimonos, toiletries in smart aluminium containers (no plastic here, thank

you) and a series of lighting ‘scenes’ to change the mood of your room at the push of a button.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

glorious –

laurels –

riverside –

arguably –

array –

plethora –

soak up –

shuttered –

wicker –

scone –

butler –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. This world-famous hotel now has 331 ...

2. Bangkok is one of the world’s ...

3. The Mandarin Oriental Bangkok has a long association with ...

4. The best place to soak up the literary atmosphere is ...

5. ... form the basis as one of the world’s best settings for afternoon tea.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Capella Bangkok

(Thailand)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Opened in 2020 in Bangkok's revitalised Charoenkrung district, the modern Capella Bangkok lives and breathes local heritage. Poised within the esteemed Chao Phraya Estate, a 10-minute walk from the city's historic district, it's framed by lush gardens that overlook the storied Chao Phraya River. The slick retreat evokes a boutique style and pied-à-terre sentiment that's setting a new benchmark for urban luxury in a city known for its five-star hotels. As the hotel which has opened within the two-year judging period and lands in the list in the highest position, Capella Bangkok is the winner of the Nikka Best New Hotel Award 2023.

It starts at the riverside pool, where guests watch elongated barges idle by laden with rice and sugar from the country's agricultural heartlands, just as they have for centuries. Follow Thailand's culinary past at restaurant Phra Nakhon or delve into authentic flavour on a street-food tour with Chef Kannika, who goes off the beaten track to introduce you to the food of her childhood. For something more refined, there's Côte by Mauro Colagreco – the man behind Mirazur, No.1 in The World's 50 Best Restaurants 2019 – with a menu of modern interpretations of French Riviera dishes. Opulent Stella rounds things off with an alchemy of cocktails crafted in front of your eyes to suit your palate, mood and even outfit.

Architects Andy Miller and Richard Scott Wilson are behind the dramatic, layered architecture, which sees all rooms face the water, while design cognoscenti BAMO have crafted cocoon-like interiors across the sophisticated rooms. Each come with floor-to-ceiling windows with a balcony or terrace so guests can soak up the spectacle of the river below, while riverside villas and Verandah Suites also include their own private plunge pool. Soft hues, natural materials, local artwork and marble bathrooms are emblematic.

Want to discover the city's most dynamic neighbourhoods by boat or bike? Perhaps you'd rather to try your hand at Muay Thai or monk-guided meditation? Or maybe it's a coveted seat at award-winning hawker shophouse Raan Jay Fai you're

after? Capella Culturalists – a sort of personal butler with a direct line to the city’s finest activities – are on hand during stays to help guests get under the skin of the destination. On site, there’s also the top-notch Auriga spa, an enclave of relaxation for more languid days.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

revitalised –

esteemed –

benchmark –

laden –

heartlands –

delve –

palate –

layered –

hues –

coveted –

shophouse –

languid –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The hotel is framed by ...

2. It starts at the riverside pool, where ...

3. Opulent Stella rounds things off with ...

4. ... also include their own private plunge pool.

5. Capella Culturalists are on hand during stays to help guests ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

The Siam (Thailand)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

It doesn't come dandier than this Bangkok beauty. Designed by hotel guru Bill Bensley, this lush riverside palace is inspired by all things Art Deco. In the monochromatic 38 rooms (including 28 suites), expect to find framed, vintage posters and postcards on walls, gramophones and a celebration of travel's golden era throughout. The crisp lines are a juxtaposition to its green fringes: orchids, ferns and vines dance inside and out.

The river-gazing outdoor infinity pool and its adjacent Bathers' Bar. Other guest experiences include daily yoga, meditation and Muay Thai boxing sessions in the gym that's been used by Thailand's royal family in the past.

The hotel is the jewel in the crown of the Sukosol family's Thai hospitality empire, and its creative director, Krissada Sukosol Clapp is a household name in the country, thanks to his musical ambitions and acting prestige. Many of the historic objets d'art and nostalgic curios around the hotel come from Clapp's private collection – including patina-patched vintage instruments above the Deco bar, and antique military helmets behind the front desk.

One of the Riverview Suites, to watch waterway traffic, or a Pool Villa for total privacy from Bangkok's bustle. Each villa comes with a plunge pool, lush courtyard gardens and roof terrace. They also feature polished wood floors, high ceilings, vast beds and spacious bathrooms.

High-flying Thai cuisine within century-old teakwood houses at The Chon Restaurant or fresh, vegetable-focused plates at the recently opened Story House. The hotel also has a patisserie and runs cooking classes.

Tiptop and traditional – in keeping with the hotel's golden era revival. Guests can even explore the surrounding Dusit neighbourhood accompanied by a staff member, cruise at sunset on a traditional rice barge or organise a private dinner by the river. There's even an onsite tattoo parlour, at which staff can organise the gift of 'sak yant', a sacred tattooing service steeped in Buddhist and Hindu tradition.

Guests tend towards the celestial. Robert DeNiro, Mick Jagger and Meryl Streep have all checked in.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

juxtaposition –

river-gazing –

adjacent –

household –

patina –

bustle –

teakwood –

patisserie –

barge –

steeped –

celestial –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. In the monochromatic 38 rooms, expect to find ...
2. Other guest experiences include ...
3. ... come from Clapp's private collection.
4. Each villa comes with ...
5. There's an onsite tattoo parlour, at which staff can organise ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Aman Tokyo

(Japan)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

It may sit in the heart of the sprawling megalopolis Tokyo – but its sleek, serene and unwaveringly deluxe atmosphere belies its location. The hotel became the Aman's first urban outpost when it opened in 2014, smoothly spanning the top six floors of a shiny 38-storey skyscraper in the bustling financial district Otemachi. The transition from city to escapism is instant upon arrival at the airy 33rd floor lobby, with its cathedral-high ceiling of crafted white washi paper; abstract seasonal floral and rock displays on reflective waters; and epic sweep of iconic Tokyo views.

Be prepared to find it very hard to leave: a refreshing departure from predictable hotel layouts, the spacious light-flooded rooms evoke more a sense of a deluxe residence than a guest room. Key to this are the refreshingly high ceilings and the staggered layout, which flows down towards a cinematic wall of windows in the minimalist space, scattered with abstract calligraphic art. A highlight? The deep window-side stone bathtubs, offering one of the best bath-with-a-view experiences in the capital, be it morning or night.

Tokyo may be famously fast-paced – but it's impossible not to step down several gears in the The Spa, a peaceful, minimalist temple to relaxation, spilling across two floors, complete with unwaveringly high quality and inventive treatments rooted in Japan's healing traditions, from traditional kampo herbs to Shinto misogi purification rituals. There are also private fitness, yoga and pilates instructors, a sleek 30-metre swimming pool and (another scene-stealer) steam rooms and hot spring onsen-style stone baths with hypnotising views across the city.

Those who succeed at actually leaving their room can choose from a medley of gourmet experiences – from Arva, a head-turning restaurant which perfects the simplicity of rustic Italian cuisine using top quality Japanese ingredients; to Musashi, an intimate and impeccably-executed omakase sushi restaurant served at an eight-seat hinoki cypress wood counter. Other treats include La Pâtisserie (an atmospheric basement shop offering a cornucopia of exquisite sweets, breads, cakes), The Lounge

(for all day dining, sleek black afternoon teas that match the décor and crafted after-dark cocktails on the 33rd floor) and The Café by Aman, a lush botanical space on the ground floor.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

serene –

unwaveringly –

reflective –

staggered –

bathtubs –

fast-paced –

inventive –

scene-stealer –

medley –

gourmet –

counter –

sleek –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The hotel opened in ...

2. ... flows down towards a cinematic wall of windows.

3. The Spa is complete with ...

4. Those who succeed at actually leaving their room can choose ...

5. Other treats include ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Park Hyatt Kyoto

(Japan)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

After its much-anticipated opening in the autumn of 2019, this property in the heart of Japan's ancient capital got off to a slow start due to the pandemic. But that is now a thing of the past, as the hotel's tasteful, contemporary Japanese design and enviable location make it an ideal place to relax and take a step away from Kyoto's throngs of tourists.

While the hotel opens directly onto Ninenzaka – a popular pedestrian path lined with souvenir shops housed in old wooden buildings – the noise and activity outside melts away upon entering the lobby. Incorporating the works of local artists and artisans, the design throughout is inspired by traditional ryokans, or Japanese-style inns, and yet it has a distinctly contemporary feel.

The Park Hyatt Kyoto shares land with a storied Japanese kaiseki restaurant, Kyoyamato, which has a history of over 140 years. The restaurant owned several traditional old buildings that had fallen into disrepair and yet were considered important assets of Kyoto's history. The property developer restored these at the same time it built the hotel, which now benefits from abutting Kyoyamato's stunning traditional garden, dotted with buildings including a 300-year-old teahouse.

With only a few floors above ground level, the hotel nonetheless has maximised its location. Guests can choose between sweeping views over Kyoto's tiled rooftops to Yasaka Pagoda, or a private, peaceful terrace bordering a manicured zen garden.

Kyoyamato works closely with the hotel to develop menus that draw on the city's culinary history while mixing in modern twists. The 10-seat teppanyaki grill and Kohaku bar provide some of the best sunset views in all of Kyoto, both in a refined atmosphere. The food and cocktails would be great on their own, but the setting can't be beaten.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

anticipated –

contemporary –

enviable –

artisan –

disrepair –

abutting –

nonetheless –

tiled –

modern twists –

refined –

setting –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. ... make the hotel an ideal place to relax.
2. The design throughout is inspired by ...
3. The Park Hyatt Kyoto shares land with ...
4. Guests can choose between ... , or ...
5. The 10-seat teppanyaki grill and Kohaku bar provide ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Hoshinoya Tokyo

(Japan)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Tokyo is a cacophonous whirlwind and this is the antidote. Conceived as 14 contemporary ryokans (Japanese-style inns) stacked on top of each other, Hoshinoya Tokyo is smack in the middle of the skyscraping finance district, but the second you step inside and the giant cypress doors slide shut behind you, you'll forget that.

Tatami floors, futon beds and shoes off at the entrance, please. The interior, by local star architect Rie Azuma, pairs classic ryokan taste – bamboo, cedar, hand-plastered walls – with some modern tech flourishes such as glass bathroom walls that turn opaque at the touch of a button. In the morning, sunlight shines through the latticework on the tower's exterior, casting traditional Japanese patterns on the tatami.

The Hoshinoya's most striking amenity is a black-and-gold rooftop bath with natural hot spring water drawn from 1,500 meters below the premises. Soaring 15-meter walls frame a square of the open Tokyo sky, rain, shine or snow. Early risers can also take rooftop ken-jutsu lessons at dawn, complete with a view across Tokyo; later risers can join the tea ceremony at 10am.

Guests can dine in their rooms or down in the stunning basement, where chef Ryosuke Oka creates intensely seasonal multi-course omakase meals using Japanese ingredients and French techniques. There is no bar, and the minibars in the room are deliberately small to encourage mingling in the communal lounges — each one accessible only by guests on each six-room floor. There, staff in traditional attire serve tea and seasonal sweets.

Hoshino Resorts operates dozens of properties throughout Japan, as well as in Taiwan, Bali and Guam. The Hoshinoya name is reserved for their crown-jewel resorts, with this 2016 opening being their first in a city centre.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

whirlwind –

antidote –

futon –

opaque –

latticework –

amenity –

soar –

early risers –

basement –

lounge –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The interior of the hotel pairs ... with ...
2. The Hoshinoya's most striking amenity is ...
3. Guests can dine in ... or ...
4. ... to encourage mingling in the communal lounges.
5. Hoshino Resorts operates ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Rosewood Hong Kong

(Hong Kong)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

When Rosewood Hong Kong opened in 2019, its 65-storey tower became an unmistakable feature of the city's skyline. It's the Rosewood Hotel Group's seventh location to open in Asia, delivering its signature luxe hospitality experience set to the stunning backdrop of Victoria Harbour and now named The Best Hotel in Asia 2023.

The elegant interior of the hotel is the masterful work of Taiwanese-born designer Tony Chi, whose penchant for modern style and understated opulence is manifest throughout. Contemporary pieces accent its lobby and numerous hallways, including works by Damien Hirst and Henry Moore. Octagonal designs are also woven into the core of its design philosophy, drawn from the auspicious significance of the number eight in Chinese tradition.

All 413 rooms in the hotel are a tale of two halves. The bedroom areas are all about neutral tones, plush seating and polished wood, offering a restrained aesthetic designed to encourage a state of total zen, rounded off by the floor-to-ceiling windows offering unparalleled vistas of Hong Kong Island. Enter the bathrooms, however, to be greeted by symphony of marble and mirrors, eliciting the palatial feel of a bygone era. Perhaps a mismatch on paper, both work in total symbiosis to deliver a timeless and multi-faceted taste of luxury across each guest's stay.

There are 11 restaurants housed within the hotel. From Holt's Café, the Rosewood's refined take on Hong Kong's iconic cha chaan tengs, to the Italian-inspired Bluhouse and Indian eatery Chaat, there's something for all tastes. Alongside its lauded dining outlets, the hotel is also home to one of Hong Kong's most celebrated bars, Darkside, a high-ranking regular of the Asia's 50 Best Bars annual list. Before departing, don't leave without picking up one of its picture-perfect Parisian bites from the Butterfly Patisserie counter adjacent to the lobby area.

For Rosewood Hotel Group CEO and Hong Kong-native Sonia Cheng, the Fragrant Harbour opening was a project decades in the making and is regarded as the brand's flagship. Prior to the hotel's construction, the area was home to the New

World Centre, a commercial and residential megacomplex built by Cheng's grandfather in the 1970s. After its demolition in 2012, Cheng oversaw the \$2.5bn area redevelopment that would reinvigorate her family's storied history with the waterside location.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

unmistakable –

stunning –

penchant –

hallways –

auspicious –

marble –

multi-faceted –

lauded –

adjacent –

demolition –

reinvigorate –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The elegant interior of the hotel is ...
2. The bedroom areas are all about ...
3. There are ... restaurants housed within the hotel.
4. Before departing, don't leave without ...
5. Prior to the hotel's construction, the area was home to ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

The Upper House

(Hong Kong)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

It's a case of onward and upward at this 117-room bolthole, which sits loftily above Admiralty's Pacific Place. The brainchild of hotshot Asian designer André Fu, it's a visual story of creativity and architectural glory. Setting the tone is the brutalist facade, courtesy of British designer Thomas Heatherwick, followed by the red-toned wooden lift inspired by Japan's torii gates. Fu's design aesthetic is grounded in the concept of an 'upward journey' ensuring a seamless flow throughout the space as it travels between the floors.

Totalling over 400 pieces, the artwork punctuating the space is as much about decoration as it is atmosphere. Each piece has been carefully chosen and commissioned to bolster the sentiment of calm evoked throughout. Flitting from abstract ceramics and smooth sculptures etched in marble, sandstone and bronze, to a 40-metre metal instillation inspired by water by Hiroshiwata Sawada found in the inner atrium, it brings an added layer of wonder to any stay.

Whether you're there on a stopover, or embarking on a city break, sizeable rooms and studios rival the average square footage of a Hong Kong apartment. The modern, restorative spaces reveal muted tones and floor-to-ceiling windows showcasing the city beyond. Clean lines yield to curving window sofas, while warm lighting and sculptural accents and coffee table books finish the look. The addition of limestone bathtubs solidifies its status as a masterpiece of pared-back luxury.

Crowning the property is Salisterra, a space that pulls in visitors and locals for its refined Mediterranean-leaning cuisine and exemplary service. For something lighter, the bar area serves cocktails and elevated bar snacks.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

loftily –

courtesy –

bolster –

etched –

sandstone –

atrium –

stopover –

embark –

limestone –

masterpiece –

refined –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The Upper House is a visual story of ...
2. Fu's design aesthetic is grounded in ...
3. Each of 400 pieces has been ...
4. The modern, restorative spaces reveal ...
5. Salisterra is a space that ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Nihi Sumba

(Indonesia)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Nihi Sumba sits on 567 acres of largely untouched jungle on the remote western coast of Sumba Island in eastern Indonesia, close to the Komodo National Park and an hour's flight from Bali. The 27-villa resort, the design inspired by traditional thatched Sumbanese structures with their signature peaked roofs, is located on the steep hills above a private beach, home to one of the world's most renowned surfing breaks, Occy's Left.

Nihi Sumba started life as a surf shack and retains the spirit of such low-key accommodation – outdoor showers, rough stone pathways, an emphasis on outdoor activities ranging from surfing, fishing and snorkelling to horse-riding, mountain biking and hiking – while also upping the level of luxury to an impressive degree, particularly given the remote location and the resort's emphasis on sustainability. All of the villas have private infinity pools, indoor and outdoor bathrooms, teak and marble finishes and a dedicated host. The resort features a spa at a spectacular second cliff-top site with open-air treatment rooms with ocean views and also a chocolate factory, a beachfront infinity pool and an organic garden that supplies much of the produce for Nihi Sumba's three restaurants.

Given its surf shack origin story, Nihi Sumba's care for the environment, the marine life and Sumbanese culture is right on brand. Organic gardening, composting and water recycling facilities, a turtle hatchery, community outreach programs (guests have the opportunity to participate) and measures to protect the quality of the water and the island's flora are all part of the ethos.

The well-stocked mini bars in the villas are provided gratis and private dinners are offered to guests but Nihi Sumba has a gregarious atmosphere and the three venues – the Nio Beach Club with its casual menu of fish, tacos and pizza, the Boathouse Bar, the venue for pre-dinner snacks and drinks and the main restaurant Ombak with its excellent Indonesian and western dishes – provide relaxed luxury and laidback mingling.

Besides all the water-based activities, cooking and chocolate-making classes and yoga sessions, the resort is also renowned for its horse-riding. Nihi Sumba has a herd of horses that are brought to the beach for a swim every morning and are also available to hire for exhilarating beach gallops.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

thatched –

peaked –

low-key –

snorkelling –

remote –

open-air –

outreach –

gregarious –

venue –

herd –

exhilarating –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The 27-villa resort is located ...

2. Nihi Sumba started life as ...

3. All of the villas have ...

4. ... are all part of the ethos.

5. ... provide relaxed luxury and laidback mingling.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Desa Potato Head (Indonesia)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

In the heart of Seminyak's creative village, just steps from the sand, Desa Potato Head is more than just a boutique hotel. It sits in stark contrast to the classic luxury of heritage beach resorts across the island. Here, an ever-evolving vignette reveals modern rooms that sit aside art installations, a buzzy beach club, sound stages and studios, a library and unique concept stores. It's a holistic scene that draws globetrotting creatives, hedonists and sun-kissed locals alike.

A design hotel of the highest order, its architecture unfolds the moment of arrival via 'The Womb' – a bamboo structure where a Balinese water blessing commences to the sound of gongs. The facade is swathed in more than 1.5million hand-pressed Balinese temple bricks and flows seamlessly to a pool dressed with handmade Batu Sakabumi tiles. Within the bedrooms, exposed walls, abundant natural materials and mid-century furniture bring a sense of tropical modernism. The beach club is found enveloped within a striking curved structure constructed from reclaimed window shutters.

Sustainability forms the bedrock of the Desa Potato Head brand. As much a placemaker as a hotelier, founder Ronald Akili embraces a principal of radical innovation, with the motto 'Good Times Do Good' at the core of every creative decision. As the first Asian hospitality brand to go carbon-neutral, a zero-waste ethos bleeds through everything from the design, to the cuisine, to the experiences on offer. The Sweet Potato Lab crafts bins, trays and baskets from recycled plastic and food waste like oyster shells; woven palm leaves, offcuts and coconut husks provide biodegradable room slippers.

Think authentic Indonesian mainstays meets global nous. A farm-to-fork mantra leads across the six restaurants – situated across the site from the beach club, to the rooftop – while open-air bar and lab Akademi whips up modern libations using traditional local spirits like arak and jamu plus island fruits.

There's something for everyone. Guests can get to the heart of the island's vibrant creative culture with a roll call of immersive activities such as ikat weaving and ceramics classes. Myriad modern wellness experiences run the gamut from yoga sessions to hypnotherapy and breathwork and there's a multi-sensory night club – the hotel even hosts its own digital streaming station for up-and-comers.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

vignette –

buzzy –

unfold –

commence –

swathed –

reclaimed –

biodegradable –

whips up –

libations –

weaving –

gamut –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Desa Potato Head sits in stark contrast to ...
2. The hotel's facade is swathed in ...
3. ... bring a sense of tropical modernism.
4. The Sweet Potato Lab crafts bins, trays and baskets from ...
5. Guests can get to ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Soneva Fushi

(Maldives)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

The resort's mantra of 'no news, no shoes' does much to summarise its philosophy. Once guests are ferried from seaplane to shore in a speedboat, footwear is removed and shipped to villas, only to be reapplied on departure from the island – just as it should be at the winner of the Lost Explorer Best Beach Hotel Award 2023. Every element of Soneva Fushi is focused on pure relaxation and detachment to create an environment that feels worlds apart from day-to-day life.

Set on one of the Maldives' northerly atolls, Soneva Fushi is only accessible by 40-minute seaplane. There are 72 villas set among the foliage of the island with such discretion that you almost forget there are other residents present. On check-in, guests are given a bicycle for the duration of their stay, which is the singular mode of transport to access the facilities.

Soneva Fushi pioneered the outdoor bathroom experience, which is now a hallmark of quality Maldivian resorts. Showers cascade from rocks and bathtubs are built into stone in an open-air environment that feels liberating, private and free. The rooms continue the theme by bringing the outdoors in, with retractable roofs, expansive bifold doors and airy bedroom spaces.

It is notoriously difficult for Maldivian properties to ensure a steady supply of world-class produce, so Soneva Fushi grows much of its own. It has an expansive cultivation area for organic fruit, vegetables and herbs, which supply exquisite restaurants dotted around the island; So Hands On by Akira is a nine-cover omakase sushi spot that rivals the best in the world. It also operates a regularly rotating guest chef series featuring 50 Best luminaries such as Tim Raue from Restaurant Tim Raue, Berlin and Nick Bril from The Jane, Antwerp. Soneva is widely considered a trailblazer in luxury resort sustainability. It is a pioneer in marine conservation and coral rehabilitation, waste minimisation, community outreach and staff training.

Soneva Fushi is the brainchild of legendary hoteliers Sonu Shivdasani and Eva Malmström Shivdasani. They opened Soneva Fushi in 1995 and that year also

launched the Six Senses Resorts & Spas brand. The Soneva group also includes Soneva Jani in the Maldives and Soneva Kiri in Thailand. Such is Sonu's legendary status in the hotel community, he has been voted by the 560-strong 50 Best Academy as the winner of the SevenRooms Icon Award. For this award, all panellists are asked to give the name of one person who has done more for the hotels sector than any other. It is the only award in the 50 Best programme given to an individual and not a property.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

seaplane –
 detachment –
 discretion –
 hallmark –
 liberating –
 steady –
 exquisite –
 luminaries –
 trailblazer –
 outreach –
 brainchild –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Every element of Soneva Fushi is focused on ...
2. There are 72 villas set among ...
3. Showers cascade from rocks and bathtubs are ...
4. Soneva Fushi has an expansive cultivation area for ...
5. The resort is the brainchild of ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Soneva Jani

(Maldives)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

The playful younger sister of iconic Soneva Fushi by pioneering hoteliers Sonu Shivdasani and Eva Malmström Shivdasani. Sprawling across a cyan lagoon in the Noonu Atoll, the idiosyncratic resort combines sustainability, design nous and sand-in-your-toes luxury.

This is a place to throw off the shackles of the quotidian and embrace island time. Arrival via seaplane from Malé guarantees relaxation from the off, with two island drop points for quick check-ins, a drink will be in hand and your villa accessed in minutes. Across the resort, facilities are equally targeted to down time: an overwater cinema; sandbank picnics; dolphin cruises; a tree-top spa (complete with a luxuriously equipped gym) and stargazing spots. Each villa is provided with electric bikes so you can whizz between it all at your own volition.

Split in to two ‘chapters’, 51 jaw-slackening overwater villas and a clutch of beach abodes branch out from the lush central island that forms the mothership. Setting the benchmark for tropical escapism – and with a two-storey blueprint stretching from 4,424 sq ft – they come with everything from a private butler, infinity pool, waterslide, rooftop lounge, retractable roof, overwater hammocks, outdoor bathrooms and a kitchenette stocked with handmade treats. Prior to arrival, select everything from your room scent, pillow firmness, drinks choice and amenities.

The Den is the Maldives’ largest kids club. Tailored from tots to teens, it’s a tech-free zone that encourages youngsters to immerse themselves in the joys of the island. Ziplines nip through waterfalls, a pirate ship is ripe for discovery, there’s a swim-up bar for ‘mocktails’, a music room, pinball machines and sensory area for little ones.

Soneva’s food offering is some of the best in the Maldives. A diverse offering of 11 restaurants fleck the island and tick off everything from easy breezy beachside crab shacks, to carnivorous grill spots; fine dining fish restaurant Overseas by Swedish chef Mathias Dahlgren and plant-based fare focused on homegrown produce

at So Wild. There's also a cheese room, chocolate room and ice cream area on hand for 24/7 snacking.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

iconic –

nous –

embrace –

drop point –

overwater –

tree-top –

volition –

abodes –

waterslide –

retractable –

sensory area –

tick off –

homegrown –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Soneva Jani combines ...

2. Across the resort, facilities are equally targeted to down time: ...

3. ... branch out from the lush central island.

4. The Den is a tech-free zone that ...

5. There are ... on hand for 24/7 snacking.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Raffles Singapore

(Singapore)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

To stay at Raffles Singapore is to immerse oneself into the golden age of travel. Whether being welcomed by the hotel's liveried Sikh doormen, strolling along the polished teak verandas overlooking tropical gardens, whiling the day away in one of the 115 atmospheric suites or exploring the plentiful dining options, a stay is sure to inspire lifelong memories of luxury and tradition.

The grand, white, neo-Renaissance building that hosts Raffles Singapore is iconic across the city-state and beyond. It was completed in 1887, 12 years after the opening of the original hotel, and hailed as one of the most beautiful and innovative of the century – it even featured Singapore's first electric lights and fans. Stories abound about the events it has played host to, from the last shooting of a tiger in Singapore to the invention of the world-famous cocktail Singapore Sling. It was designated as a National Monument by the Singapore Government in 1987, with the last extensive renovation completed in 2019.

Begin with a stroll in the hotel's lush gardens, which occupy almost half of the entire estate – a true oasis of peace tucked away from Singapore's liveliness. Then choose whether to take a dip in the rooftop swimming pool or seek relaxation elsewhere at the signature Raffles Spa, before being spoilt for lunch choices: you can sample famed French chef Anne-Sophie Pic's sophisticated cuisine at La Dame de Pic, avant-garde fire cooking at Butcher's Block or contemporary Chinese cuisine at Yi by Jereme Leung. The afternoon brings the option to enjoy the famous afternoon tea experience or hunt for souvenirs and the latest fashion items at Raffles Arcade. After dinner, don't miss a visit to the Long Bar for a taste of that famous Singapore Sling.

The fabled Raffles Butlers are the hotel's ambassadors of thoughtful care. They each receive specialised training and have pioneered a style of gracious and intuitive service that countless around the world have tried to emulate.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

polished –

plentiful –

lifelong –

host –

designated –

occupy –

tucked away –

sample –

contemporary –

fabled –

ambassador –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. To stay at Raffles Singapore is to ...
2. The hotel's building was completed in ...
3. It was designated as a ... by ... in 1987.
4. The afternoon brings the option to ...
5. ... are the hotel's ambassadors of thoughtful care.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Capella Singapore

(Singapore)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Combining 1880s colonial architecture (the main building is the former officers' mess of the British Royal Artillery) with the curving ochre lines of the new Foster + Partners-designed wing, all set in 30 acres of lush, landscaped gardens where peacocks roam, Capella Singapore feels like a tropical fairy tale. With calming interiors by Indonesian designer Jaya Ibrahim, a three-tier pool and views over the South China Sea, the sense of tranquillity here makes it hard to believe the bustle of Singapore exists somewhere just beyond the treeline.

Spaciousness is a key feature at every level of accommodation here, with all 112 rooms, suites and villas blessed with balconies and large windows that make the most of the rainforest-like setting. But for those who really want to experience the luxury of space in a city where it's at a premium, Capella Singapore's three-bedroom manors with their private pools and butler service deliver to the point where you might have fantasies of moving in permanently.

Capella's renowned Cantonese restaurant Cassia, recently refurbished by Hong Kong-based designer André Fu and famed for its meticulous dumplings and roasted meats, has recently been joined by Fiamma, an elegantly relaxed Italian diner where chef Mauro Colagreco finesses a sophisticated spin on Italian family cooking. For lovers of finely crafted cocktails, both classic and house specialties that might take advantage of Capella Singapore's herb garden, Bob's Bar taps into the relaxed atmosphere of the Sentosa Island setting, emphasising the location with a food menu that highlights Singaporean specialties like mee soto, a seafood-heavy Singaporean curry.

Capella Singapore has created a unique program called Capella Curates, where a team of 'Capella Culturists' are on hand to design an individual itinerary for you, based on local culture and heritage and tailored to your interests and passions. Covering everything from arts and food markets to moped tours of Singapore, mah-

jong classes and marine nature walks along the Sentosa Island shoreline, the itinerary is created for you prior to your arrival.

Auriga Spa has been winning awards for more than a decade for its lush rainforest setting and extensive menu of bespoke treatments.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

ochre –

roam –

manor –

refurbished –

meticulous –

fitness –

emphasise –

on hand –

itinerary –

rainforest –

extensive –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Capella Singapore feels like ...

2. All 112 rooms, suites and villas are blessed with ...

3. Capella's Cantonese restaurant Cassia is famed for ...

4. Capella Curates is a unique programme, where ...

5. Auriga Spa has been winning awards for more than a decade for ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

The Oberoi Amarvilas

(India)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

For travellers here to see India's most important tourist attraction, the Taj Mahal, there is no better place to stay than The Oberoi Amarvilas. The only building in the green belt surrounding the palace, the hotel is just 600 metres from its entrance and every one of its 95 rooms and seven suites has unrestricted views of the iconic building. Many rooms have private terraces, the perfect place to watch the Taj Mahal turn shades of pink as the sun goes down and, combined with the Oberoi's famed levels of service and design, make the experience of staying here close to heavenly.

Amarvilas might appear to have been built for royalty who've enjoyed staring at the Taj Mahal for centuries, but it was actually designed and built in the early 2000s. Inspired by traditional Mughal palace design of the 16th and 17th centuries, the 'campus' is a tranquil respite from Agra's crowded, dusty bustle. It's set among a curated mix of fountains, terraced lawns, traditionally-inspired sculptures and reflection pools, the air fragrant with jasmine and gulchadi. The spectacular entrance lobby with its domed ceiling and massive chandelier will also give you delusions of aristocracy, particularly with the level of service provided, which includes 24-hour butler service for every room.

It's difficult to pinpoint the Oberoi Amarvilas' most spectacular feature but the central lapis-coloured pool would have to come close. Not just a beautifully designed area with its colourful umbrellas and shady pavilions, the constant access to fresh water, cold towels, frozen fruit and drinks from the bar might rival a trip to the Taj Mahal as the best way to spend your day.

The two restaurants here – the dinner-only Esphahan with its tandoor tasting platters and all-day Bellevue with its pan-Asian, Indian and European menu and excellent outdoor terrace – are supported by the self-explanatory The Lounge and The Bar, decorated in suitable lavish style with marble, silk brocade and teak detailing.

Amarvilas offers guests transport via golfcart directly to the entrance of the Taj Mahal, the only vehicles allowed on the entrance road and the best way to avoid the tourist crush. Private guides can also be arranged.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

unrestricted –

heavenly –

royalty –

curated –

gulchadi –

domed –

delusion –

pinpoint –

lapis-coloured –

tandoor –

brocade –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The Oberoi Amarvilas is just 600 metres from ...

2. Many rooms have ...

3. ... will give you delusions of aristocracy.

4. ... might be the best way to spend your day.

5. The restaurant Bellevue offers ... menu.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Amangalla

(Sri Lanka)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Residing within the time-capsule ramparts of Galle's UNESCO-listed fort, the 300-year-old property comes with a long history. For 100 years, it was the New Oriental Hotel, which was a hub for steamship passengers traversing the globe – an on-site museum off the hotel's library is devoted to its past. Many original features are maintained, including the timber floors and tiled veranda that stretches the width of the building.

Overlooking the fort and harbour, Amangalla is a white-washed mosaic of lofty-ceilinged suites, antique furniture, dark wood and lush gardens. It's a space imbued with a sense of refined luxury that reflects the town's colonial legacy. Rooms are flecked across its varied wings with peaceful Chambers found within the garden, while the Great Hall – known as Zaal, a nod to its Dutch colonial heyday – plays host to oversized mirrors and chandeliers. A generous pool is flanked by feathery palms with loungers inspired by charpois. The Baths spa, with its dramatic archways, sits beyond a candlelit recess with modern hydrotherapy suites and Ayurvedic treatment rooms.

From breakfast hoppers on the veranda to poolside lunches and fine-dining dinners within the Great Hall, local, seasonal ingredients are treated with due reverence. Guests are also given the chance to try their hand at Sri Lankan cooking one-on-one with the chef – ingredients are chosen from the local market and whipped up amid the paddy fields. For sundowners, Sunset Balcony serves the likes of arrack sours shaken to the sound of live jazz.

Known for its intimate retreats, warm hospitality, creative approach to design and attention to sense of place, the Aman group was founded back in 1988. Today, its hotels span the globe, and the group is set to launch its sister brand, Janu, with an inaugural property in Toyko opening this winter.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

rampart –

steamship –

on-site –

overlook –

imbued –

legacy –

archway –

poolside –

paddy –

sundowner –

span the globe –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. For 100 years, the New Oriental Hotel was a hub for ...

2. Many original features are maintained, including ...

3. A generous pool is flanked by ...

4. Guests are also given the chance to ...

5. The Aman group is known for ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Atlantis The Royal (The United Arab Emirates)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

There's nothing understated about Atlantis The Royal. Hyped up well before it opened, this hotel is big, bold and in your face. Home to 795 rooms and suites, 17 restaurants and bars, 17 boutiques, a sprawling 32,300 square foot wellness space, and no fewer than 90 swimming pools – including Cloud 22 perched high on top of the sky bridge – this is where to stay if you want an all-out bling Dubai experience.

From big-name brands including Nobu and Hakkasan to offerings from six big-name chefs – including Heston Blumenthal, José Andrés, Ariana Bundy and Gordon Ramsay – you can dine around the world, without ever having to leave.

Much more understated compared to the extravagance of the rest of the hotel, the spacious light-filled guestrooms are revealed through slick minimalist furnishings in neutral tones that don't detract from the sea views outside. The hotel's lavishness steps up with the suites and the penthouses, where 44 come complete with their own glass-sided swimming pools.

The spa is a hedonistic pleasure dome with a salt cave, hydrotherapy pool, hammam, chromotherapy and charcoal sauna, alongside an extensive list of treatments including ones that use local ingredients such as oud, dates, Dubai desert sand and Gulf Sea salt. Meanwhile, the hotel's eco efforts include marine conservation, education and scientific educational programmes on the surrounding area.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

hyped up –

sprawling –

perch –

understated –

light-filled –

slick –

detract –

penthouse –

hedonistic –

oud –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Atlantis The Royal is home to ...
2. The spacious light-filled guestrooms are revealed through ...
3. The hotel's lavishness steps up with ... , where ...
4. The spa is a hedonistic pleasure dome with ...
5. The hotel's eco efforts include ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

III. BEST HOTELS IN AFRICA, NORTH AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, AND AUSTRALIA

One&Only Mandarin

(Mexico)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Sandwiched between the tropical rainforests of Sierra de Vallejo reserve and the Pacific Ocean, this 88-acre stay was one of the first to arrive in the luxurious Mandarin development along Mexico's Pacific shoreline. Camouflaged against its steamy jungle setting, it has set new standards for luxury Mexican hotels, now receiving the trophy for The Best Hotel in North America 2023.

There are no 'rooms' – instead, the property provides 105 villas tucked into treetops or perched on the rocky coastal cliffs. Each has its own private plunge pool and intimate open-air living space. Floor-to-ceiling glass walls, indoor and al fresco seating and dining areas, as well outdoor bathing facilities make this one of the One&Only group's most luxurious properties – helped by a dedicated, around-the-clock butler service.

Wellness rituals inspired by ancient rites are offered, with Curanderas (traditional healers) on hand to use indigenous plants, herbs and practices to guide guests through immersive spiritual ceremonies. Six treatment rooms are built within a volcanic rock garden. All treatments are inspired by Indigenous and pre-Hispanic culture.

Besides the open-to-guests polo fields, the food offering has turned heads. Suspended over a cliff in a cloud of lush foliage, Carao is the resort's premium table. The kitchen, helmed by chef Enrique Olvera (of Mexico City's Pujol, No.9 in The World's 50 Best Restaurants 2023), plates up modern coastal cuisine. The more casual Alma is a Mediterranean-inspired eatery. Elsewhere, the Jetty Beach Club is a go-to lunch spot, while Allora, on one of two hotel beaches, serves relaxed Italian fare – think linguine, vongole, bruschetta antipasti and grilled blue shrimp pizzas. Up in the canopy, you'll find the zero-waste Treetop Bar.

One&Only puts sustainable development at the heart of its programme. Dutifully aware of the biodiverse environment of the region, the team behind Mandarinava have sought to preserve and protect the hotel's surrounding landscape. Villas are low-impact and resource-efficient, and staff training ensures continued guardianship of the rainforest and beach ecosystems. Much of the site is solar powered.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

shoreline –

steamy –

treetop –

plunge –

intimate –

around-the-clock –

indigenous –

foliage –

eatery –

dutifully –

guardianship –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The property provides ... villas.
2. Each villa has its own ...
3. All treatments are inspired by ...
4. ... plates up modern coastal cuisine.
5. One&Only puts sustainable development ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Chablé Yucatán

(Mexico)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Chablé Yucatán has been welcoming guests to its state-of-the-art, wellness-first escape in the heart of the Yucatán jungle since 2016. Prepare to enter a higher state of relaxation through the magnificent spa, thoughtful dining options and understated luxury that fills every nook and cranny.

No, you're just preparing to immerse yourself into a truly Yucatecan experience. The sense of place is strong at Chablé, so trust your GPS until you reach the palm-lined road that leads to its entrance. Even though the city of Mérida – with its vibrant food and drinks scene and bustling streets – is just 25 minutes' drive away, you will feel utterly removed from all urban hustle and bustle, surrounded by lush vegetation with a carpet of stars above you.

In one of the 40, beautifully appointed spaces that make up this cluster of wellness-inspired luxury. Options range from one to three bedrooms, with the jewel in the crown – the Royal Villa – featuring striking architecture, a spacious terrace with pool and a private cinema. Even the one-bedroom Casitas have their own pools, al-fresco living rooms with hammocks and outdoor moon showers.

Chablé Yucatán's spa follows its motto to the letter – it is even the first in the world to be built around a cenote, a naturally-formed underground pool typical of this Mexican region and considered sacred by the Mayas. Treatment cabins dot the cenote's perimeter, while healing ceremonies are held in the traditional temazcal, or steam house.

Relying on a culinary tradition as ancient and rich as Mexico's, it's no surprise that the hotel's kitchens are staffed with considerable talent. The menu at flagship restaurant, Ixi'im, is curated by none other than Jorge Vallejo, the chef behind Quintonil in Mexico City, which has been consistently voted among The World's 50 Best Restaurants. The hotel's Mayan gardens provide much of the produce for the seasonal menus, including those served at Ki'ol, a second restaurant focusing on healthy and balanced meals.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

state-of-the-art –

immerse –

palm-lined –

utterly –

range –

hammock –

sacred –

temazcal –

staffed –

flagship –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Chablé Yucatán has been welcoming guests since ...
2. You will feel utterly removed from ..., surrounded by ...
3. Even the one-bedroom Casitas have ...
4. Chablé Yucatán's spa is even the first in the world ...
5. The menu at flagship restaurant, Ixi'im, is curated by ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Hotel Esencia

(Mexico)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Barefoot luxury of the highest order. The former holiday home of an Italian duchess, this boutique bolthole on Xpu-Ha Beach in Tulum is one of Riviera Maya's most private and intimate stays. Purchased in 2014 by Hollywood producer Kevin Wendle, it's been transformed into a chic beachside retreat, where guests are given Havaianas sandals upon check-in, and most people wear swimsuits from dawn to dusk. Far from the overdevelopment of Playa del Carmen, this remote beach bolthole is a world unto its own.

The 50-acre estate is dotted with 51 whitewashed guest rooms and suites, and three villas, all in the hacienda style and with private terraces; some have private pools. Airy, spacious and effortlessly chic, they look straight out of Architect's Digest with pearly white walls and stylised furnishings. All have access to that ivory sand beach, with its palm-leaf-covered cabanas, as well as two heated pools. In 2022, the Esencia Mansion opened: a four-bed property with three private swimming pools and a 360-rooftop terrace. It's the kind of hotel that has a private heli pad.

Between March and October, sea turtles lay their eggs on the hotel beach and guests are encouraged to help guide hatchlings to the water, with support from trained staff. Outside of playing parent to sea life, other activities on offer include complimentary water sports, tennis and sunrise yoga sessions. Then, there's the spa, which takes inspiration from Maya healing rituals to provide a menu of detoxifying wellness treatments, including therapies from skincare brand Tata Harper, phytotherapy and access to an on-site temazcal (a traditional Maya steam house).

The hotel is involved in protection efforts along the coast, including guarding coastal dunes (and the animals that live in them) and encouraging the preservation of native plant and animal species.

Hot coffee and tea are delivered to guest rooms each morning, alongside a basket of pastries. There's also an on-site café equipped with a juice bar. Three further restaurants open for lunch and dinner: Monaco transplant Beef Bar serves cuts

of the world's best beef; at Taiyo, you can try an intimate omakase experience; Mistura provides a sea-to-table experience on the beach, using indigenous Yucatan ingredients and Mediterranean cooking techniques to plate chipotle-rubbed seabass, king crab fettuccine and sautéed lobster tail tostadas.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

beachside –

retreat –

hacienda –

ivory –

property –

hatchling –

complimentary –

dunes –

pastry –

omakase –

seabass –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The hotel was purchased in 2014 by ...
2. The 50-acre estate is dotted with ...
3. The Esencia Mansion is ...
4. There's the spa, which ...
5. ... Bar serves cuts of the world's best beef.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

La Mamounia

(Morocco)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Walking into La Mamounia verges on a religious experience for those who genuflect at the altar of high-end hotels. Since its 1929 opening, it has been renowned as one of the world's finest, leading in high design, ultra-luxe interiors and best-in-class hospitality – qualities that now make it The Best Hotel in Africa 2023. Its timeless-yet-modern blueprint received a recent renovation by Parisian architects Patrick Jouin and Sanjit Manku. A legendary hotel with a rich past, the site dates back to the 18th century, when the son of Sultan Mohammed Ben Abdallah transformed its fragrant grounds – a visual cacophony of wild olive and orange trees, cacti, palms and bougainvillea – into a venue for lavish garden parties.

Preserving the strong foundations of the property's heritage, spaces have been reinvigorated to draw in new food and beverage experiences including an underground wine bar, a caviar and champagne room and rooftop DJ lounge. There's also a moody-hued 21-seat cinema, while guest rooms and public areas have received fresh flourish. French pâtissier Pierre Hermé has also arrived, alongside lauded chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, who has revealed two new dining concepts in the form of an Italian trattoria and Southeast Asian restaurant.

A feast for the senses, La Mamounia's design puts palatial splendour centre stage, merging Moroccan architectural tropes, art deco edge and modern elegance. The guest accommodation ranges from generous deluxe rooms and decadent suites – many with terraces overlooking the grounds – to a trio of standalone pool riads. The Majorelle Suite stands out for its vibrant hues, a nod to the city's namesake Jardin Majorelle.

Follow the lantern-lit stairs into the hotel's inner sanctum. Even if you've never downloaded Instagram it's likely you'll have seen images of this iconic spa. Framed by the indoor pool is a gilded Moorish plinth; subdued colourways, marble and rounded curves envelope further.

It was from his room at La Mamounia that Winston Churchill declared Marrakech the most beautiful place in the world. Spending his winters here, from his third-floor suite – now the grand Churchill Suite – he would paint the city scene below. Roosevelt came on Churchill's recommendation; Alfred Hitchcock filmed scenes for *The Man Who Knew Too Much*; Yves Saint-Laurent, Charlie Chaplin and Francis Ford Coppola holidayed here. Other notable guests include Joan Collins and Elton John.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

verge –

blueprint –

fragrant –

lavish –

reinvigorate –

pâtissier –

splendour –

standalone –

subdued –

declare –

notable –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The hotel has been renowned as ...
2. The site dates back to the 18th century, when ...
3. Jean-Georges Vongerichten has revealed ...
4. The guest accommodation ranges from ... to ...
5. Winston Churchill declared Marrakech ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Royal Mansour

(Morocco)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

An oasis-like enclave of grandeur tucked behind a towering chiselled archway, just a stone's throw from Jemaa El Fna. Royal Mansour marries Moroccan design heritage with the international vernacular of modern luxury and heavy classical opulence. Owned by the country's King and poised amid fragrant manicured gardens, privacy, relaxation and superlative hospitality are the cornerstones of its ethos.

Airport transfers by way of golden Bentleys set the tone for things to come. Cloistered by the grounds' pomegranate, palm and olives trees sit 53 private ochre-hued riads. Step through the cyan doorway to reveal a zellij-tiled inner courtyard that undulates across three storeys to a crowning rooftop pool with striking views of the Red City. A marble bathroom, silk-wallpapered bedroom and ornate cedar-clad sitting room complete the space. Beyond the interior walls, a hidden network of staff walkways ensures the discreet delivery of anything from poolside breakfasts to shiny pots of mint tea ready to pour from a height, as per the local custom.

Centred on the concept of a medina within the medina, the hotel's superlative food offering flows from fine destination dining to relaxed alfresco, much of it fuelled by an on-site organic garden. Lauded chef H  l  ne Darroze – The World's Best Female Chef 2015 – oversees proceedings at modern French brasserie La Table; sumptuous La Grande Table Marocaine elevates classic Moroccan dishes to lofty heights; and Massimiliano Alajmo's Sesamo – No.39 in the 2023 Middle East & North Africa's 50 Best Restaurants list – hones in on Italian cuisine. Flanked by frondescence, Le Jardin seasons Moorish cooking techniques with global influence, serving up late lunches and easy suppers worth lingering over. An art deco bar and moody cigar lounge round it off.

Sitting aside Le Jardin is a pool so large you'd be forgiven for mistaking it for a lake. Carefully spaced surrounding it are oversized loungers and intimate pavilions with changing rooms and lounge spaces (with daily bookings available for non-

guests, too) ensuring halcyon days under the Moroccan sun. Meanwhile, the ethereal spa houses an indoor pool made for post-hammam dips.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

grandeur –

chiselled –

vernacular –

cornerstone –

pomegranate –

zellij –

undulate –

walkway –

alfresco –

lofty –

frondescence –

ethereal –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Royal Mansour marries ... with ...

2. Palm and olives trees sit 53 ...

3. A hidden network of staff walkways ensures ...

4. The hotel's superlative food offering flows from ... to ...

5. ... elevates classic Moroccan dishes to lofty heights.

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Aman New York (The United States)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Aman is known for its ultra-luxurious accommodations – and the luxe hospitality brand’s NYC residence is no exception. This is officially Manhattan’s highest-priced hotel and likely the neighbourhood’s most talked about opening of the decade. A 2022 makeover has seen the iconic Beaux-Arts Crown Building, over the road from the Bergdorf Goodman department store, deftly transformed into an urban retreat, offering upscale serenity at the heart of the concrete jungle.

Located between the seventh and 14th floors of the building, every detail has been matched to the property’s unique character, including exclusively commissioned artworks.

New York hotel decadence is measured in square footage and Aman NYC does not disappoint. From a double-height lobby atrium to a 7,000 sq ft garden terrace, this hushed eyrie is as expansive as it is opulent. Japanese minimalism-inspired suites are some of the largest in the city, ranging from 775 to 2,770 sq ft in size. Ceilings, throughout, hit 11 feet. The typical Aman palette of muted neutrals is used in all 83 suites and 22 private residences but untypical additions, such as fireplaces in each of the rooms, are a nod to the historic nature of the building. In bathrooms, you’ll find cocooning, egg-shaped bathtubs, and space-age Japanese loos. Note the deliberate lack of scented candles and diffusers – the brand would rather guests breathe in the natural aromas of fine fabrics and natural wood.

In a city plush with gastronomic choice, it takes a lot to stand out. The hotel’s two dining concepts marry Eastern and Western influences. Dinner-only, Washoku-inspired Nama promises a stylised omakase experience under the watchful eye of chef Takuma Yonemaru. Italian Arva is altogether more unfussy, relying on a menu of convivial and nostalgic dishes found in Aman properties the world over. There’s also a subterranean, velvet-rope jazz club. Aman dines out on its exclusivity and all hospitality is open to guests, and Aman club members, only.

The three-floor, 25,000 sq ft spa redefines the phrase ‘urban sanctuary’, with a supped-up gym offering, a 65-foot-long pool, seven treatment rooms and handful of high-tech beauty treatments, including infrared detox saunas and cryotherapy. This being Aman, Eastern and Western wellness methodologies combine, with options for IV drips and acupuncture. Two spa houses – one inspired by Eastern European banyas, and the other Moroccan hammams – are available for use.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

deftly –

serenity –

artwork –

atrium –

eyrie –

deliberate –

diffuser –

watchful –

convivial –

supped-up –

acupuncture –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Aman New York is known for ...

2. Every detail has been matched to ...

3. In bathrooms, you’ll find ...

4. ... marry Eastern and Western influences.

5. The three-floor, 25,000 sq ft spa offers ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Equinox Hotel New York (The United States)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

This Hudson Yards address is the inaugural hotel from luxury fitness brand, Equinox. The hotel occupies 15 floors of the tallest building in the Hudson Yards development and the vibe is light, airy and elegant. Every detail has been assessed to ensure guests leave the hotel healthier than when they arrived. Case in point? Air is filtered by medical-grade equipment throughout the hotel.

The hotel has ambitions to improve guests' rest via king-sized COCO-MAT beds, all-natural bed linens and remotely operated blackout curtains. Room temperatures can be transfigured via an in-room tablet to ensure optimal sleeping conditions at 19 degrees Celsius and there's no noise, thanks to intense soundproofing. Face masks and sleep supplements are provided alongside an upscale minibar. In-room dining, meanwhile, offers immunity-optimised menus.

This being a fitness-first project, the health and wellbeing programme is first-class. The flagship Equinox gym covers 60,000 sq ft: a vast temple to exercise. Hotel guests are made temporary club members, with access to the state-of-the-art fitness equipment, group classes, personal fitness sessions, four pools, a spa, sun deck and Soul Cycle studio. At The Spa by Equinox Hotels, guests sequester themselves into sitting pods while waiting for therapists to arrive to start a veritable smorgasbord of wellbeing solutions. IV drips, quantum harmonics sessions, body sculpting and cryotherapy to name a few.

With its full-height windows and sultry design, Electric Lemon is a hedonistic hangout from restaurateur Stephen Starr with a health kick. Chef Michael Navarrete serves up seasonal menus throughout the day, with dinner highlights of prawns over heirloom rice, and ginger-spiked crab. For a post-prandial drink, grab a cocktail from the bar and head out onto the 8,000 sq ft terrace to lounge between sofas and sculptures, with views of the sunset over the Hudson. Breakfasts, also served here, are similarly health-minded, with options of egg-white omelettes and buckwheat

pancakes. The Broken Coconut, beside the health centre, also serves morning smoothies, fresh pressed juices and poke bowls.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

inaugural –

assessed –

transfigure –

soundproofing –

supplement –

vast –

sequester –

smorgasbord –

hedonistic –

prandial –

health-minded –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Equinox Hotel New York occupies ...

2. The hotel has ambitions to improve guests' rest via ...

3. Hotel guests are made temporary club members, with ...

4. Electric Lemon is ...

5. For a post-prandial drink, grab ... and head out onto ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

The Calile (Australia)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

The Calile Hotel is the centrepiece of the chic James Street precinct, a leafy oasis in the centre of Brisbane that's upping the city's design and dining credentials at a rapid pace. Designed by Brisbane-based architects Richards & Spence, the hotel riffs on modernist Miami and Palm Springs while also nodding to the design stylings of Australia's 1960s motels. The colours lean to pastel – peach, rose, pistachio – and the centrepiece pool deck with its sage green umbrellas, cabanas and 30 metre pool with the hotel's name spelled out in gold tiles, emphasises the relaxed, barefoot Australian style of luxury that The Calile excels at, from lobby to every one of its 175 blue, green or pink-themed rooms and suites. It's no wonder it's voted The Best Hotel in Oceania 2023.

Brisbane is becoming an increasingly interesting place to dine and The Calile's six restaurants have been instrumental in making that a reality. The main event is Hellenika, a bustling Greek joint overlooking the pool that makes the most of great local seafood, but there's also Thai street food at Same Same, upmarket sushi at Sushi Room, Italian classics at Bianca, grill mainstays at SK Steak and Oyster and all-day dining and drinks in the pink-hued Lobby Bar.

The Calile embraces the balmy temperate climate of its host city with open air corridors on every floor and planters filled with thriving tropical plants that rustle in the breeze. Rooms have windows that open and ceiling fans for those after fresh air and air-conditioning for when it's a little too balmy. The rooms' floor surfaces are coloured cork and designed to feel good under bare feet.

It's a scene at The Calile's centrepiece botanical pool deck, with sun lounges filled with tanned and leggy guests, overlooked by the curved balconies of the hotel's Poolside rooms. The seven cabanas can be booked for dinner or cocktails, which are the best place to observe all the action of Brisbanites at play.

The Calile's young staff, decked out in chic linen uniforms combine Brisbane's relaxed friendliness with an admirable efficiency that will have you booked into the

Kailo Medispa (complete with onsite cosmetic physician), a cabana or a table at one of Brisbane's hottest restaurants with signature "no worries" ease.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

precinct –

lean –

centrepiece –

barefoot –

bustling –

joint –

upmarket –

embrace –

planter –

tanned –

admirable –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. The Calile Hotel is the centrepiece of ...

2. Brisbane is becoming ...

3. The Calile embraces ...

4. The rooms' floor surfaces are designed to ...

5. The Calile's young staff combine ... with ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Rosewood São Paulo

(Brazil)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Rosewood's first South American property, opened in 2022, is an architecturally dazzling, art-filled urban oasis set within the city's central Cidade Matarazzo – a complex of early 20th-century buildings painstakingly preserved and transformed into glossy stores, hip hangouts and high-end private residences. Emblematic of Rosewood's overarching 'A Sense of Place' philosophy, the hotel's 180 rooms and suites are spread across a historic former maternity hospital (in whose wards 500,000 Paulistanos were born) and a Jean Nouvel-designed vertical garden tower inspired by Brazil's lush Atlantic Forest – fitting features for The Best Hotel in South America 2023.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, with entrepreneur Alexandre Allard at the helm – the man credited with breathing new life into the House of Balmain – the hotel's ambience is anything but beige. A fashionable crew of local and international movers and shakers fill the six on-site restaurants nightly, with lobby bar Le Jardin, the rooftop infinity pool and the expansive spa all having become hot-ticket destinations in their own right.

Vying for attention with the property's much-lauded, Philippe Starck-outfitted interiors – all warm woods, earthy tones and tactile fabrics – are a staggering 450 site-specific artworks. Created exclusively in collaboration with 57 local artists, with a focus on the lived Brazilian experience, the collection includes sculptures, paintings, drawings, tile work and textiles. Standouts include the celestial, somewhat trippy ceiling of the hotel's jazz bar, Rabo di Galo, which took artist Rodrigo de Azevedo Saad, aka Cabelo, a total of 68 hours to complete.

The hotel's commitment to preserving Brazil's natural environment goes well beyond no single-use plastics – though guests certainly won't find any of those here. The Cidade Matarazzo development, Brazil's largest upcycling project, is one of the country's greenest, made using 100% locally sourced materials, with its biophilic design supporting a biodiversity programme aimed at repopulating the indigenous

flora and fauna from the Mata Atlantica rainforest. Look up to count the 250 trees of up to 14m in height adorning the hotel's Mata Atlantica Tower. A rigorous renewable energy plan is also in place, alongside an in-house water filtration system that produces glass-bottled water for guests' consumption.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

painstakingly –

glossy –

maternity hospital –

ambience –

expansive –

hot-ticket –

tactile –

celestial –

commitment –

repopulating –

rigorous –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Rosewood São Paulo opened in ...
2. The hotel's 180 rooms and suites are spread across ...
3. ... fill the six on-site restaurants nightly.
4. The hotel's collection includes ...
5. The Cidade Matarazzo development is ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

Singita – Kruger National Park

(South Africa)

1. Translate the text into Ukrainian.

Guided by a ‘touch the earth lightly’ philosophy, ecotourism pioneer Singita’s two Kruger National Park lodges, Lebombo and Sweni, offer sun-baked luxury backed up by deeply held social and environmental principles. The South African game lodge operator, which opened its first property Singita Ebony Lodge in 1993, is run by Luke Bailes. Purchased by Bailes’ grandfather almost a century ago, the remote Lowveld land on which Ebony sits was transformed from a hunting ground into the vast Sabi Sands Game Reserve, its wildlife protected. In 2023, Singita Lodges – Kruger National Park is also the winner of the Flor de Caña Eco Hotel Award for its principles of sustainability and responsibility to the environment.

Cantilevered out over rocks far above the Sweni River, seamlessly blending into the rugged topography of a 15,000-hectare private concession in the Kruger, this modern, design-forward lodge offers 15 suites and one exclusive-hire villa. After ticking off the Big Five, guests have at their disposal a gym, the Village Spa, wine cellar, swimming pool and a traditional boma. A culinary tradition started by tribesmen in the 18th century, the boma dinner entails fresh, African menus being served al fresco, under the branches of a candelabra tree. There’s WiFi throughout, should you be able to tear your eyes away from the lion cub scampering into view.

This restorative sanctuary, Singita’s smallest lodge, houses six indoor-outdoor suites, one with a pool, and one exclusive-hire villa. Floor-to-ceiling glass walls frame fantastically comfortable rooms: think high-end beds, indoor and outdoor showers, a huge living area and a private wooden deck with a daybed from which to gaze through your binoculars at the river and forest beyond. Meals run from pastry-rich breakfasts to tapas-style poolside lunches and boma dinners crafted by a talented team. As at Lebombo, food and drink is included in your stay, along with twice daily Land Rover safaris, guide-led walks (with hugely knowledgeable local guides) and a laundry service.

While Kruger Park is a year-round destination, the best time for game viewing is during the dry winter months, from April to October, with Singita renowned for providing encounters that guests won't find anywhere else. Don't mind getting wet? The summer season makes for lush bushveld, the arrival of migrating birds and baby animals galore.

2. Give Ukrainian equivalents of the following words.

environmental –

remote –

hunting ground –

cantilevered –

concession –

boma –

entail –

scamper –

daybed –

guide-led –

knowledgeable –

bushveld –

3. Complete the sentences.

1. Singita's two Kruger National Park lodges offer ...
2. In 2023, Singita Lodges – Kruger National Park is also the winner of ...
3. After ticking off the Big Five, guests have at their disposal ...
4. Meals run from ... to ...
5. The best time for game viewing is ...

4. Give a brief summary of the text (7-8 full sentences).

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