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EXPLORE THE WORLD

Spring's most exciting openings and events

WILD COAST TENTED LODGE, SRI LANKA

Opening in October, Sri Lanka's Wild Coast Tented Lodge will offer 28 luxurious, beachside tented suites. The uber-glamping hotel is the third property from the Fernando family, and the interiors, in line with sister properties Cape Weligama and Ceylon Tea Trails, fuse expedition-chic with contemporary design innovations, from freestanding handmade copper bathtubs to sumptuous four-poster beds. Plan a visit to immerse yourself in some of the richest biodiversity in Sri Lanka: travel to Yala National Park for nature walks, bird-watching and to learn from experts about the incredible local biodiversity (including wild elephants, sloth bears and elusive Sri Lankan leopards). The hotel also taps into eco-initiatives, including recycling grey water for landscaping, and a solar plant meeting 40% of the hotel's energy needs. resplendentceylon.com

DUKES, DUBAI

Dukes, London's quintessential British Hotel, is opening a doppelgänger in Dubai. Dukes Dubai will open its doors onto the famous Palm Jumeirah in April. Expect real English charm; the hotel boasts top British suppliers who will be showcasing their fare in the UAE for the first time. The hotel is spread over 15 floors to take advantage of that view, and consists of 506 beautifully appointed rooms, including 20 on the women-only Duchess floor, a welcome concept that originated in Dukes London. On the food front, Dukes Dubai has two first-class options: The Great British Restaurant and Khyber. The famous Dukes Bar is also replicated here, serving up the world-renowned Dukes Martinis along with London's much-loved afternoon tea. Talk about old-fashioned glamour. dukesdubai.com

ANANTARA VILAMOURA ALGARVE, PORTUGAL

Another new opening for April, Anantara Vilamoura Algarve Resort is joining the Anantara brand's luxury portfolio this year. Fifteen minutes from Faro International Airport in the south of Portugal, the 280-room property formerly known as Tivoli Victoria shows off spectacularly with stunning views over the Arnold Palmer-designed Oceânico golf course. Close to the ocean, marinas and the beaches of the Algarve, the hotel boasts spacious, airy rooms and verandas that directly overlook the golf course and swimming pools. This place is made for re-energizing. If you already know and love Tivoli Victoria, expect a slightly different, new and improved feel after the hotel's thoughtful and sophisticated refurbishment. vilamoura.anantara.com

YTL PANGKOR LAUT, MALAYSIA

Calling all endurance athletes! The Chapman's Challenge is a unique duathlon experience following the route British Colonel Spencer Chapman traversed back in 1945 after making his escape from the occupying Japanese army in Malaysia. Returning for its second year, the Challenge is made up of a 3.8 km road run around the island, a 2.4 km trail run through untouched rainforest, and a 1 km sea swim across Emerald Bay. Hosted by luxe hotel YTL Pangkor Laut, the race ends at Chapman's Bar where a scoreboard shows last year's top five finishers. Fancy your name being up there, too? The Chapman's Challenge takes place on the weekend of 12–14 May 2017 with a full-board package at YTL Pangkor Laut; registration is now open. pangkorlautresort.com

Segera Retreat, Kenya

Anantara Vilamoura Algarve, Portugal

Wild Coast, Sri Lanka

Ytl Pangkor Laut, Malaysia

LE GUANAHANI, ST. BARTH

Located on a private peninsula in St. Barth, Le Guanahani is a haven of casual luxury that should be your next stop for health and wellbeing. The hotel has just hosted its second Wellness Weekend, led by yogi and meditation expert David Romanelli, with a focus on being rather than doing – a mantra we could all learn from. Sure, the hotel is lapped by an azure coastline and white-sand beaches, but the lessons you learn here will apply to your day-to-day routine as well, even if that routine couldn't strictly be described as island life. Watch this space for future immersive sessions if you're searching for the perfect way to slow down, awaken your senses and focus your mind. leguanahani.com

SEGERA RETREAT, KENYA

The Sacred Safari is a new Kenyan retreat from Wilderness Safari's Segera Retreat, launching this May. Featuring healing artists Jodina Carey and Andrew Clark, guests will experience a week of yoga, meditation and restorative crystal sound baths against a backdrop of botanical gardens and miles of pristine African wilderness. Located at the foot of Mount Kenya, Segera is a wildlife sanctuary dedicated to sustainability and wellness. Complement your Sacred Safari with opulent river picnics, game-viewing opportunities or a visit to one of Segera's various community projects. There are also treatments and massages using oils blended with herbs picked from the on-site garden, body wraps and detox treatments. Pure feel-good decadence. The Sacred Safari runs from 22–27 May 2017. segera.com