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## The 50 best hotels in the world

Looking for somewhere inspirational to stay in 2011? Telegraph Travel writers pick their all-time favourites – in price brackets to suit all budgets.



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The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, opposite the Gateway of India, has hosted presidents and rock royalty

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**Up to £150 per room per night**

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### 9. Corte de Lugas, Lugas, Spain

High above Villaviciosa, the farming hamlet of Lugas is so remote that they have yet to hear what happened to the Spanish Armada. Except at La Corte, a grand stone-and-wood farmstead where the welcome is sharp and frankly Anglophile. Upgraded in baronial style – all beams, open fireplace and four-posters – the family-run spot has warmth, dignity and good food, in equal measure. A cracking base for the Atlantic coast or Picos de Europa mountains.

[www.lacortedelugas.com](http://www.lacortedelugas.com)

### 10. Couvent d'Hérépian, Hérépian, France

Next time someone urges you to "get thee to a nunnery", come here. Hidden away in a small town at the foot of the Haut-Languedoc mountains, the former convent has been converted into lovely contemporary suites, without losing the winding, stone-built integrity. Sisters would still find their way around the compact place, but might be surprised by the sober extravagance of the comfort, the terraces, little spa and pool, and, especially perhaps, the vaulted wine bar. Warm informality infuses the place, from the central kitchen – where you meet for table-d'hôte dinner – to the lounge-library, winter terrace and garden beyond.

[www.garrigaeresorts.com](http://www.garrigaeresorts.com)**£150-£300 per room per night**

### 11. Oltre Il Giardino, Venice

This intimate hotel not only has a beautiful garden – a precious thing in Venice – but also six stylish rooms that break the Venetian decorative mould (no heavy brocades, velvet swags and the like) while preserving plenty of pleasing period details. Unlike other excellent mid-range hotels in the city – notably La Calcina ([www.lacalcina.com](http://www.lacalcina.com)) – it's also centrally located, close (but not too close) to the Rialto. Read our full review of Oltre Il Giardino, Venice.