



TATLER
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Hacienda de San Rafael

Andalusia, Spain

The secret favourite of everyone you know, even though they haven't told you about it, the Creeps. The Reid family's two sons have recently taken over, giving the place a renewed vitality – it's absolutely at the top of its game. Halfway between Seville and Jerez, in the grounds of a working olive estate, it has amazing views and is perfect for visiting the 'white towns' in the nearby hills. There's lots of space, wonderful bedrooms and three separate casitas. The gardens burst with lemon trees; there are not one but three swimming-pools; and the tortillas melt in your mouth. Go riding, walking and in winter organise a partridge shoot. Stylish, intimate, so pretty you gaze at it for hours, this is a winning bolthole, now with a new lease of life.

Website haciendadesanrafael.com. **UK reservations** Original Travel (tel: 020 7978 7333). **Rates** Double, from £220, including breakfast.

Elixir Art

Dağda, Turkey

Crikey, it's a schlep to get here. But what a little whitewashed, weather-boarded find (and entirely reasonable too – happy days). It's a delight, a sun-drenched waterworld, a beach-bar wonderland. Arrive by boat from nearby Bozburun village, and you'll find birds of paradise and hammocks lolling about amid the garden palms. There are 14 rooms in a kind of pared-down New England style: white four-poster beds, white linens and white walls (book Orchid for its size and views or Lotus for its water's-edge terrace and outdoor hot tub). It's a laidback place. By day you can hang out on the large teak deck with shaded chillout zone, fully stocked cocktail bar and infinity pool spilling seawards; at night it's taken over by tables – spot barracudas swimming below. Next door is the famous Orfoz; it may be tiny but it's the most well-known seafood restaurant in Turkey – the glamorous crowd from Istanbul fly in on their private seaplanes just for dinner. **Website** elixirholidays.com.

UK reservations Elixir Holidays (tel: 020 7722 2288).

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'The village of Lindos in Rhodes speaks to my heart and soul. As well as its ancient wisdom it is a toothbrush. I feel free among its wordless beauty and historic significance. It puts the worries an