



MAJORCA has a new star — quite literally with the opening of Iberostar's new 4★ hotel Iberostar Cala Domingos at Cala Domingos Petit. It's located in an idyllic cove in the southeast bathed by the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean.

It's the perfect resort for active couples and families, with plenty to do including two swimming pools,

fully equipped gym, mini-golf, entertainment, grocery shop and tennis court.

The resort is mostly made up of bungalow-style houses and also features two six-person Family Villas, including a lounge and terrace with sea views. The hotels offers all-inclusive and half board options. Rates from £81 a night. See iberostar.com



THERE'S a new gem on Turkey's Antalya's coast — the 5★ Cullinan Belek — named after the largest rough diamond ever found anywhere.

The luxury resort, which is set on a private beach almost one kilometre long, features 600 rooms including 10 ultra-luxury villas, 13 swimming pools and several bars, and opens next month.

It also features a European Golf Design 36-hole golf course, Upupa kids club with Hasbro licensed shows, C'Espa Spa, an 8,000 sqm spa and fitness centre and its own aquapark with 13 slides.

There's four à la carte and six open buffet restaurants, including Pascarella serving Italian fare, Indian restaurant Saphore, 7/24 serving international cuisine and Hasir an authentic Turkish restaurant. See cullinanhoteles.com

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hot spot **41C IN DUBAI** – five nights at the 5★ Grand Hyatt is from £809pp, two adults and two children sharing, flying from Glasgow. Includes free half board upgrade. Book by May 30 at valuedtravel.com or call 0800 610 1522.

hot spot **32C IN THE MALDIVES** – Seven nights all-inclusive at the 5★ Royal Island Resort & Spa in the Baa Atoll is from £2,249pp from Glasgow on selected dates in late May, June and September. See bluebaytravel.co.uk/jubilee

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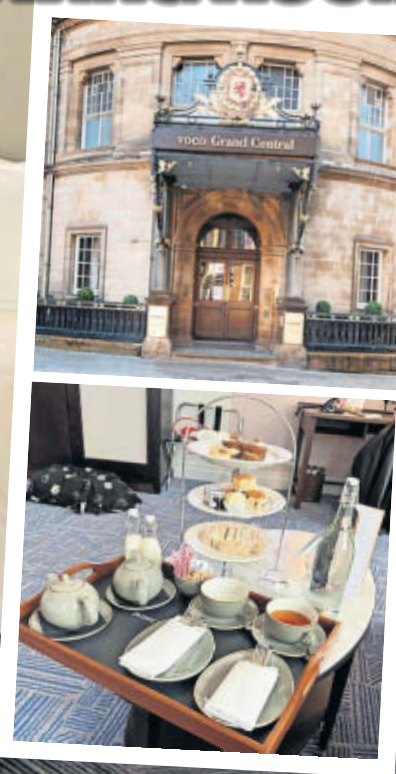
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HOTEL LUXURY WITHOUT EVEN LEAVING ROOM



LAP OF LUXURY...
Colan & Cannoli in their room at Grand Central



Grand masterful

HOTEL lovers will be well acquainted with the old-fashioned turn-down service where staff help guests wind down after a whirlwind day.

But have you ever thought about what such an offering would look like if it was given a modern makeover?

Well, look no further than Glasgow's Voco Grand Central Hotel which has turned a time honoured tradition on its head to create the most extravagant in-room experience.

The tourist hotspot one of the city's most iconic thanks to the fact it's attached to Glasgow Central Station — is now giving guests the option of their 'Turn Up' add-on.

Their unique concept has been designed to ensure that visitors can enjoy all the luxuries of a first class hotel stay — without ever having to leave the room.

Staff wait hand on foot to pamper every person — and pooch — who is lucky enough to book in for the tailored experience.

When I arrived with my wife and our cute yet calamitous Pomeranian puppy Cannoli, I questioned whether or not the hotel could actually pull

GO: GLASGOW

GETTING THERE: Voco Grand Central Hotel is a 15-minute drive from the city's airport and 50 minutes from Edinburgh. It's attached to Central Station, making it handy for train journeys.

STAYING THERE: Rooms start at around £145.50 for an overnight weekend stay in May. For more information, visit grandcentral.vocohotels.com

off what they'd promised. Ordinarily I'd treat a room as nothing more than a base and prefer to be out trying the bars and restaurants.

But I was pleasantly surprised when I walked into the room to be met with our favourite snacks — Tunnock's Caramel Wafers and a selection of chocolates — after ordering some delicious Old Fashioned and Mojito cocktails.

The dog-friendly venue even went the extra mile and had a bed and bowl sitting out for the third member of our family.

Billed as a 'truly tailored' experience, the guest really does have total control over what they want and how they want it. I was reliably

informed by staff that one of the most popular options was getting an afternoon tea sent straight to the room.

That sounded right up my street and I'm happy to confirm that the assortment of sandwiches and tasty treats was just what we needed at lunch time.

There's also a room service menu included which not only features dinner but also late night craving options so that folk can order their favourite food 24/7.

While I was tempted to order a pizza at 3am, I resisted the temptation and had a comfy kip in the king sized bed instead.

The bathroom was equally luxurious — complete with an enhanced shower/bath experience and endless amounts of beauty products for those who want to soak in style.

Of course, if you are able to will yourself out of your room and downstairs, there's no shortage of fun for the whole family in the hotel.

The main bar area, called Champagne Central, overlooks Central Station and is the perfect place to sip on some of Scotland's finest cocktails while gazing across the 19th century transport hub. Afternoon teas and

ace lunches are also on the agenda for people feeling peckish.

But perhaps the best thing about the hotel is its incredible location in our biggest city.

The clue is in the name as it's the most central base you could hope to find and is the perfect starting point for exploring Glasgow.

If it's shopping you're after, Argyle Street, Buchanan Street and Sauchiehall Street are all right on your doorstep.

Or if, like us, your brought your dog along, Glasgow Green is just around the corner for a lovely stroll. And of course there's no shortages of bars and restaurants nearby and hotel staff can assist with a long list of recommendations depending on your requirements.

If you're interested in the Turn Up experience that we enjoyed so much, make sure you're quick to secure a booking.

It's available until May 27 and costs an additional £45 on top of the nightly rate.

Guests will also receive a phone call prior to their arrival to make sure the elaborate extra is catered to their preferences.

COLAN LAMONT

AFTER two years of lockdowns and border restrictions, travellers are eager to return to the open road and with the USA now firmly back on the map, it's time to discover some of the country's most incredible trips.

California's Highway 1 from San Francisco to Fort Bragg is one of the best routes to explore the Golden State. Covering 175 miles, the drive begins with the Golden Gate Bridge into Sausalito and Marin County.

Then head to Muir Woods National Monument, Point Reyes National Seashore, Napa Valley and Sonoma County, Mendocino Headlands State Park, ending at Fort Bragg and Mackerricher State Park. See visitcalifornia.com

Discover the Gold Country Highway 49 and enjoy Sarsaparilla, gold panning, historic saloons and more along this historic Gold Rush Trail.

You'll find charming mining towns surrounded by panoramic vistas and the western Sierra Nevada foothills.

This 300-plus mile road — also known as the Gold Rush Trail — begins in Oakhurst and ends in Sacramento, the capital of California. See visittuolumne.com yosemite.com and visitsacramento.com

road trips Or take an epic family road trip through Colorado's natural attractions. Drive from Denver to Glenwood Springs, seeing incredible landscapes, including Canon City, where the Royal Gorge Bridge & Park has one of the world's longest and highest suspension bridges.

Take time to explore Alamosa and Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, home to towering sand dunes and Mesa Verde National Park, one of only 20 World Heritage sites in the United States.

Next is Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and the 23-mile Rim Rock Drive, which offers astonishing red-rock formations and breathtaking views. See colorado.com

On the East coast drive along Florida's Paradise Coast from Naples to the Everglades, exploring Barefoot Beach Preserve County Park, home to bottle-nosed dolphins and the burrowing gopher tortoise.

Just across the bridge to the south of Naples sits Marco Island, a barrier island known for its resort hotels, inland waterways and picturesque beaches.

The last stop is the UNESCO World Heritage Site Everglades National Park. The best way to experience the Everglades' wilderness is by guided tour via kayak, airboat, paddle. See Paradise-coast.com