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TOP THREE LATE DEALS



AT the Vounaki Beachclub in Paleros, Greece, guests can enjoy all-inclusive activities, from windsuring to wakeboarding, tennis to mountain biking and sailing to kayaking – all with qualified instructors and tuition. Save

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Save over £500 per couple on a four-night stay, half-board, including return flights from London. Valid for selected departures July 21 to August 31, book by July 31. From £669, trailfinders.co



person on a seven-night/eight-day trip, including return flights from London Heathrow and eight days car hira, Valid for travel November 2 to 23, book by August 15. From £519, flightcentre.co.uk



Getting

ED and breakfasts are rarely known for a surfeit of style, but a new 'inn', as its creators like to call it, could well change the fusty, dusty image of the humble B&B.

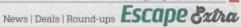
The Chequit is an elegant Victorian property on Shelter Island, next to the Hamptons, the stretch of beaches and towns east of New York city where wealthy city-dwellers and celebrities spend much of the summer. The island itself, however, has a more relaxed, low-key vibe than much of the area,

A Victorian house in the Hamptons gets a makeover to reinvent itself as a B&B with style, writes Jane Mulkerrins

but until now has had a dearth of but until now has had a dearth of decent hotel options. The 37-bedroom Chequit is a "B&B with holt-ons", in the form of a restaurant, bar and cafe, but it is really its stylishness that sets it apart from traditional B&Bs. The bedrooms (and bathrooms) are chic and pared down, with high

quality beds and mattresses, linens and toileries, while the cosy lobby-lounge, the veranda which stretches the length of the building, and other public areas are elegant without being self-conscious—filled with sefus and day-beds, virtuage lighting, giant paims and pianos, there's not a cross-







stitch cushion or a scratchy eiderdown in sight. The other, often traditional, element of B&Bs the Chequit firmly rejects is an extensive list of rules.

We have to have a couple of rules, like no smoking, and an official check-out time of 11 am, otherwise nobody would ever leave; says Kevin O'Shen, who redesigned the hote!'s interiors and runs it, along with two other inns in Provincetown, Massachusetts, with his hashand, David Bowd.

But there's none of that issue of not being allowed to check in until 3pm. We ask everyone what time, approximately, they think they will be arriving – we schedule our team around their arrival times, rather than the other way round.

Beyond that, there are few expectations, other than for guests to settle in and make themselves very much at home. And there are no nasty extra charge for breakfast, we will never charge for breakfast, we will never charge for breakfast, we will never charge for wi-fi; says Bowd.

Shelter Island is two and a half hours' drive and a ferry ride from Manhattan (or 45 minutes in a seaphare if you're feeling flush), but the few other hotels on the island, and most restaurants, are seasonal. The Chequit, however, will stay open throughout the winter too, as will its restaurant, Red Maple.

From £128 per nom per night, thechequit.com

TOUR LONG ISLAND'S WINERIES

The Hamptons – on the south fork of the east end of Long Island – is the summer playground of New York's most well-heeled residents.
But the north fork, which is greener, quieter and more rural, is making a name for itself in the wine business. Where

once there were potato farms, there are now more than 30 wineries making varietals including meriot, cabernet franc and sauvignon blanc, many of which have tasting rooms. Most of these are open to visitors, who are invited to enjoy picnics on the lawns.



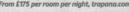




From farm to guest house

SET among citrus and olive groves, Masseria Trapana, Puglia's newest boutique hotel, is a 16th-century farmhouse on the outskirts of Lecce. The hotel has just nine suites, many with a private outdoor bathroom and courtyerd, set among six gardens with a pool and bijou chapel. While renovating, owner Rob Potter uncovered several frescoes and historical artefacts. Rob, an ex-pat Australian, has blended the old with influences from travels in Thailand and Ball, and serves it all up with an Aperol spritz on arrival.

From ETTS per room per night, trapana.com







Thatch the way to do it

TAKING inspiration from Mozambique's
Portuguese heritage, the refurbished and
newly reopened AndBeyond Benguerra Island
is a remote retreat of 13 thathed cabanas
and casinhas [little houses], each with its
own private swimming pool and access to the
beach. The island is alongside a deep-water
channel known for great game fishing, and
the archipelago is home to Africa's last
remaining dugong [sea cow] population.
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