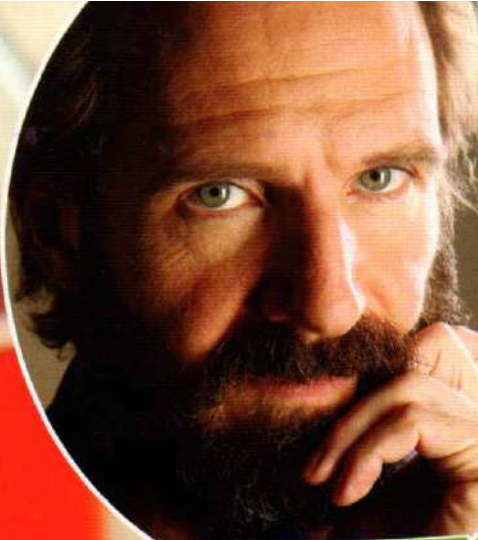


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Lulu Townsend, the Cockfield-based founder of specialist hotel company Chic Retreats, picks her favourite destinations for this summer, including one close to home



**Lulu  
Townsend**

Here are just a few of my recommended hideaways for this summer including some outstanding new openings, perfect for a weekend break, mid-week dash or week long holiday.  
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## **Grace Mykonos**

This Chic Retreat is in good company as all of the Grace Hotels are multi-award winning luxury boutique hotels offering perfect service and exquisite hospitality in stunning surroundings. The pool at Grace Mykonos has views across the Aegean Sea and is close to the Grace bar and restaurant, add to this a refreshing gym and spa and a holiday at Grace Mykonos is as close to perfection as you can get. Grace Mykonos won the European Hotel Design Award within its first year and continues to exceed guests expectations year after year. Unlike many other hotels in Mykonos, children of all

ages are welcome at Grace Mykonos, making it the perfect family summer escape. Rates from EUR 270 per night

## **Samujana**

New to Koh Samui, Thailand, Samujana is a collection of privately owned sea view villas with direct access to the beach. The villas come in all shapes and sizes, the largest sleeping 16 people, all of them featuring infinity pools, open plan inside and outside living areas and state-of-the-art kitchens. Located a short drive from the airport this hillside spot is great for families and friends looking for their own private hideaway. Coaching can be

### JK Place Rome

Rome is where the heart is and if you are to lose your heart then there is no better place to stay than the stunning JK Place Rome. Just off the Via Condotti and sister hotel to JK Place Florence and JK Place Capri this is the latest stunning addition to the JK family. Situated in the heart of Rome this long awaited arrival, with its rooftop bar, lounge and cafe, a hop and a skip from the Spanish Steps, and exudes luxury and elegance topped off with exceptional and extremely knowledgeable service.

Fans and followers of the exquisite JK Place brand won't be disappointed as JK Place Rome delivers on every level. Rates from EUR 700 per night.

### The Amala

The Amala is a stunning collection of luxury villas in Seminyak, Bali's most exclusive address. With flowing white materials, wide open spaces, private pools and luxurious bedrooms guests can enjoy a (child-free) haven of peace and privacy, perfect for a romantic getaway or simply a well-deserved pampering escape. The holistic spa offers a variety of treatments, from relaxing facials to meditation and pranayama and indulgent wellness retreats programmes can be arranged. Solar panels for electricity and recycling systems as well as locally-sourced natural materials have been used throughout the property ensuring that the villas are as eco-friendly as possible. After a few days relaxing by the pool venture out and enjoy the buzzing nightlife, cafés and shops of Seminyak just a short walk away. Rates from USD 300. An early bird discount of 30% is available for 2014 bookings.

### The Packhorse Inn

Just two miles outside Newmarket this newly opened and renovated coaching inn brings a much needed alternative to a relaxed and informal British dining experience. With an award-winning chef at the helm the menus are full of fresh, local and seasonal produce transformed into firm favourites with a twist alongside some more unusual temptations. The eight spacious en-suite rooms at The Packhorse Inn are a welcome retreat from



The Idle Rocks



Samujana, Thailand



city life and make the perfect base for racegoers, shooting parties and those wanting to explore Cambridge. The Club Room, which seats up to 30, is ideal for birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations. Rates from £100 per night.

### The Pig, near Bath

New for 2014, this 29 bedroom shabby chic country house hotel is perfectly situated near the city of Bath in an undiscovered part of Somerset. Truly rural, surrounded by beautiful British countryside this is the best new hideaway to open this year.



Above: La Locanda delle Donne Monache and left: The Packhorse Inn, Moulton near Newmarket



arranged on the floodlit tennis court and private chefs from some of the islands top hotels can be booked to be yours for the evening. Koh Samui's beaches are safe for children of all ages and the young ones will enjoy the Cocosplash waterpark. Rates from USD 550 per night plus 17% tax and service.

### **The Idle Rocks**

We all like to be beside the seaside and there is no better place to be in the summer than by the blue waters of St Mawes in Cornwall. The latest newcomer is The Idle Rocks, a sleek 20 room hotel that is nestled on the rocks right on the harbour.

Re-connect with the simple things in life, relax with a cocktail on the south-facing terrace and enjoy a romantic evening in the restaurant before heading back to your room with its massive bed, under floor heating and sea views. Make The Idle Rocks your home-from-home for a weekend or week away with family, friends or for a romantic break for two, it will be the most memorable British seaside break you will ever have. Rates from £150 per night.

### **La Locanda delle Donne Monache**

A year without going to Italy is an impossible notion to even consider with an

endless list of places to choose from. Set in the heart of Maratea's historical centre, half an hour's drive from the coast this converted convent in southern Italy is a well-kept secret. Surrounded by pretty hanging gardens full to the brim with jasmine and bougainvillea and gorgeous views over Maratea, this little oasis is the perfect hideaway for a few days escape in the sun. Relax in the loungers in the shade of the natural rock canopy, take a dip in the outdoor pool or hop on the shuttle to the nearby private beach before heading back for mouth-watering dishes at the Locanda's Il Sacello restaurant. Rates from EUR 125.