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25 dreamy holiday ideas on Italy's hottest island

From an eco development on deserted dunes to a cult Bond lair, these are Sardinia's top places to escape to this summer

1. Chic weekend in Cagliari



Sardinia's capital Cagliari has been enjoying a renaissance in the past couple of years, with investment and leading architects pouring into this bustling port which was badly bombed by, er, us, during the war. Top of the crop of chic new hotels is Casa Clat, a 19th-century townhouse with nine suites, the grandest occupying the top floor and commanding views of the port. On a leafy boulevard just below the monumental St Remy Bastion, this is the perfect year-round base for exploring the city by foot. The garden lounge bar complements refreshing plunge pools and the restaurant offers an unusually sophisticated menu featuring crudi, caviar and fish.