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The best city breaks IN EUROPE

The best city breaks in Europe are made even better with our editor's guide. Here's where to go, what to do and where to stay in Europe's top cities, whether you're looking for culture, food, beaches – or all three

Whether you're looking for a whistle-stop weekend hop or a more languid, leisurely stay, the beauty of Europe is how easy it is to flit between cities. There are the old favourites, of course – Paris, Amsterdam, Rome – but there's a clutch of more offbeat places, too, with a fresh dynamism and a new wave of hot hotels and cutting-edge restaurants. Some are packed with cultural

splendour, others are known for their smart boutiques and world-class fashion scenes, while the best come with a sweep of golden sand. They're all quick to get to from London – some are even a train ride away; so here's our pick of the best city breaks in Europe.



Copenhagen, Denmark

Best for: design ideas

Where to stay: Hotel Sanders, the vision of former Danish ballet star Alexander Kolpin, where the sophisticated design is on point

Flight time: 1h 50min from London

Train time: In around 20 hours from London, via Brussels and Cologne

For real-life interiors inspiration, as opposed to scrolling through images on Instagram, Copenhagen is the ultimate go-to, from the flagship store of beloved homewares brand Hay to Stilleben for accessories (smoked-glass vases, retro floral tea cosies, rose-quartz teaspoons) and art prints from the Paper Collective Design Gallery. Even the best restaurants – Noma 2.0, the Ilse Crawford-designed Winterspring dessert bar – have desirable interiors, meaning you can soak up style ideas as you eat.

