

PORTER RECOMMENDS

Rural retreats



1. CORNWELL MANOR, THE COTSWOLDS, UK

This quintessential Cotswold manor is film-set perfect, cocooned in landscaped parkland with walled gardens, ornamental lakes, tack rooms, stables, piggeries, a ballroom, a shooting room, a heated outdoor pool and three housekeepers. cornwellmanor.com



2. FRANGIPANI, GOA, INDIA

A world away from Goa's hippy-trippy beach culture, this villa is an oasis of calm. Surrounded by emerald-green paddy fields, the estate consists of an ancient Goan house, two contemporary villas, a large slate-lined swimming pool and a tree house for yoga and outdoor films. frangipanigoa.com



3. BELLA KITANA, BODRUM, TURKEY

On the hilly Bodrum peninsula, this five-bedroom traditional Turkish house is both a haven and a base for discovering the clubs along the coast. Decorated in the Ottoman style, it is made for lounging, with daybeds and tent pavilions dotted around its wild, romantic garden. scottwilliams.co.uk

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by nearby Domaine
des Aspras



out of this world

countryside

Château des Aspras, Correns, France

With fine features accented in butter yellow and pastel blue, Château des Aspras is a picture-perfect chateau framed by leafy plane trees, which provide a cool canopy for a game of *boules* on the gravel drive. Inside is a rustic-chic sprawl of seven bedrooms, five bathrooms and a bohemian salon heaving with family photographs, art and overstuffed sofas. Outside is a vast mosaic swimming pool, secluded tennis court and myriad hiking trails from which to drink in the olive grove and vineyard views of the Var in Provence. The tiny hamlet of Correns prides itself on being the first bio-village in France, and is where Richard, the chateau's legendary chef, buys fresh, organic produce daily. The wisteria-covered terrace is the ideal place to savor his courgette flowers stuffed with chicken livers or rich wild boar stew – a regional delicacy. Naturally, the house wine comes from nearby Domaine des Aspras, which makes highly regarded wines with grapes from the estate. Correns is not entirely new to the media spotlight: Sting, Shirley Bassey and Pink Floyd all hung out at the recording studio in Château Miraval next door in the 1970s. It is now owned by Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, who married there and produced their own, much-hyped 2012 vintage rosé, named Pink Floyd. Cycling to local markets that sell tapenade and truffles, kayaking on the Argens, picnicking at the lake in the Gorges du Verdon – these are the perfect summer antidotes to the stresses of urban life. *Stephanie Drax*
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