

## ROMANCE

BAUER HOTEL | VENICE

FROM: €350 B&B per night

[bauervenezia.com](http://bauervenezia.com)

Venice's prestigious Bauer Hotel has been welcoming the world's elite since it opened its doors in 1880. This luxurious five-star hotel perfectly marries art-deco style with an effortlessly contemporary vibe, helping it become the go-to venue for parties, functions, and, in particular, weddings.

However, if you're not quite ready to put a ring on it but would like to treat your fair lady to an opulent and romantic weekend away, then you'd be hard pushed to find better than the Bauer.

Here at Irish Tatler Man, we are still yearning to go back to this beautiful establishment, which goes to prove that old adage: You don't know what you've got 'til it's gondola!



## YOGA & REJUVENTATION

ABSOLUTE SANCTUARY | KOH SAMUI, THAILAND

PRICE: From Bt 41,000 (approx. €920) for a five-day/five-night yoga holiday package with accommodation in a superior pool view room.

[absolutesanctuary.com](http://absolutesanctuary.com)

Located on the paradise island of Koh Samui, Absolute Sanctuary, Thailand's premier detox and yoga resort, specialises in wellness holidays and is a haven for those seeking balance, rejuvenation and a healthier lifestyle.

In addition to assorted wellness programmes, including detox, juice fast, fitness and weight-management, it offers a host of superb yoga holidays that cater to all standards, from beginner to advanced.

As the first resort in Asia to have a heated studio, Absolute Sanctuary's signature hot sequence, which is a derivative of Bikram yoga, is, not surprisingly, a major draw. Should the temperature prove a deterrent, however, there's a host of appealing alternatives, including beginner's hatha, yin-yang and flow classes. Up to five classes of 60 and 90-minute duration are taught in English each day in the resort's three state-of-the-art, purpose-built yoga studios, which boast ocean or jungle views.

There's far more than just yoga to tempt, though. Along with luxury Moroccan-style accommodation, this stunning resort features a spa, gymnasium, infinity pool, steam room, colonic treatment rooms and infra-red sauna, as well as on-site masseurs who are on hand to ease any aches and pains away.

When not working on their downward dog (or their tan), guests can while away the days at the infinity pool, enjoying delicious and healthy juices from Absolute Sanctuary's juice bar, or enjoying mouth-watering meals at its spa cuisine restaurant, The Love Kitchen.

As its name implies, this truly is a sanctuary. And a world-class one at that. Sounds en-Thai-cing, no?

Moroccan-style accommodation at Absolute Sanctuary



Rooms with a view: Youphoria Villas



YOUPHORIA VILLAS | CRETE

FROM: €1,960 per week (low season), €3,500 per week (high season)

[youphoriavillascrete.com](http://youphoriavillascrete.com)

A Youphoria villa is the ideal destination for the elite traveller with a desire for exceptional style and design. Situated on the beautiful North West coast of Crete and surrounded by lush olive groves, these newly built hillside villas overlook the stunning Gramvousa peninsular and the turquoise waters of Kissamos Bay.

The villas are a five-minute drive away from the impressive golden sands of Falasarna, which was voted one of the top five best beaches in Greece, while the port of Kissamos is only a stone's throw away; from here, you can take a boat ride to the pirate island of Gramvousa and the world famous Balos Lagoon.

Luxury and tranquility simply Ouzos from this superb getaway.

## THE EXOTIC