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Amano'i

VINH HY BAY, VIETNAM

Think a Vietnamese version of the Amalfi coast, but with meandering coves replacing back-to-back Lamborghini's. Lush forests and scrubby hills tumble down in great boulders to secret swathes of beach. And there, overlooking an empty bay, is the just-opened Amano'i, Aman's first hotel in Vietnam – a smattering of sleek pavilions with vaulted ceilings, modern oak beds and grey wet-room showers with doors that swoosh onto your private terrace. Take an early morning pilates lesson on the lotus-flower-filled lake, then hop in a buggy down to the beach club. Your breakfast backdrop: the infinity pool, the deserted bone-white sand and fishing boats bobbing about on the big blue. Play tennis, go kayaking, float over the coral or trek through the nearby national park. At night, it's prawn and papaya salad or yellow chicken curry in the Central Pavilion, and if you happen to get bitten by a mosquito, the sweet staff will pick aloe vera from the garden and send it to your room. Try getting an Italian waiter to do *il va*. **WEBSITE** amanresorts.com **TEL** 00800 2255 2626 **BOOK IT** Pavilions from £475 per night. Vietnam Airlines (vietnamairlines.com) flies direct from Gatwick to both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City twice a week, from £515.

Fellah Hotel

MARRAKESH, MOROCCO

Hotels in Marrakesh have gone stratospherically luxurious – where was there left to go? Out of town, that's where: eight miles into the countryside to the little village of Tissoulte with its views of the Atlas Mountains. The Fellah has all those five-star Moroccan details you'd expect, but funky up – zellige tiles in the bathrooms, shiny, polished plaster walls, groovy installation art, furniture made of bleached driftwood and armchairs upholstered in coarse Berber cloth. It's beautiful, stark and furiously stylish – but with heart too. The hotel is part of a local not-for-profit organisation, which means that your tourist moolah is poured straight back into the community. Local children use the vast library, villagers prepare tea and tajines at Touco restaurant and artists-in-residence hang out by the pool. Kids can pet the goats and donkeys and feed the chickens, or skip out of their private villas to find a veteran beat-generation poet reading her work to a gaggle of local schoolchildren. The Fellah is unique – but not for long. The king approves; he's asked for more like this. **WEBSITE** fellah-hotel.com **BOOK IT** Black Tomato (blacktomato.com; 020 7426 9888) offers three nights from £1,045, including flights and transfers.

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