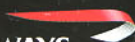


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Solage

NAPA, CALIFORNIA

The recently opened Solage Hotel has brought a fresh new ethos to hospitality in the Napa Valley. Out go chintz and traditional touches and in comes an elegant, contemporary twist on Napa heritage style. The 89 rooms have been designed by the firm responsible for Banana Republic's chic interiors, while the outdoor bar and restaurant come complete with fire pits and bocce-court views. Elsewhere, there's a 130ft pool and a spa, and a patrolling Green Team, who oversee the hotel's various environmental programmes. Nature-lovers can make use of complimentary bikes to explore the 25-acre site or the nearby town of Calistoga, a short ride away.

Doubles from \$385. +1 866 942 7442;
www.solagehotels.com



RITUAL ROOMS

LONDON, UK

You'll find London's newest pampering secret in a charming little road tucked off bustling Oxford Street.

While other spas may shout about their huge range of products and treatment spaces, this beauty haven specialises in intimate, made-to-measure experiences in a soothing, indulgent environment.

The Ritual Rooms has an agreement with French skincare range Anne Semonin and products are

adapted to suit each client's needs.

Initial consultations, over a plate of chocolate nibbles, assess need and personal tastes (there's a music menu that includes everything from trickling waterfalls to 1980s favourites).

The actual treatments are a bit like haute couture for the skin, and the results speak for themselves – Anne Semonin is causing quite a stir among London's beauty elite.

Extra touches such as squidgy, heated chairs, and friendly,



well-informed therapists are a bonus.

And, rather than let you face the world with a shiny post-facial complexion, guests can complete their ritual with a make-up session and blow-dry.

13 New Quebec Street.
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CAPELLA CASTLEMARTYR

IRELAND

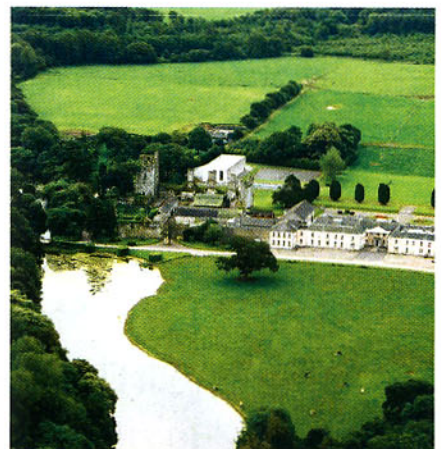
When a hotel chain is named after a star, you get an inkling that it's probably going to be good. Horst Schulze, the man behind Ritz-Carlton, has made sure his new Capella brand is becoming a talking point with discerning travellers.

Following the first opening at Schloss Velden in Austria, comes Castlemartyr, just outside Cork.

Features of this grand manor house include three restaurants, a Ron Kirby-designed golf course and the chance to take carriage tours round the historic grounds.

Look out for properties in Germany, California and Singapore coming soon.

Doubles from €540.
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(Clockwise from top left) **Luxe living:** Solage Hotel, USA; Capella Castlemartyr, Ireland; Ritual Rooms, UK