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A woman with long, wavy brown hair is captured in mid-air, jumping joyfully on a sandy beach. She is wearing a white, short-sleeved, ruffled dress. The background shows a clear blue sky, a turquoise ocean, and a line of green trees on the shore. The overall mood is bright and tropical.

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## In the know



### La Residenza Napoleone III

Rome, Italy

One suite to book, one real principessa to boot it through, one of the most romantic nights you'll have in your life. Pull back an oil painting and you'll find steps to a Siena-marble bathroom. Pull back another and you'll find a tiny kitchen with a completely stocked fridge. But despite the Bulgari silver at breakfast and the parquet floor that creaks like a violin, this is not a precious place. Big cinema screens pull down, not only in your drawing room but also in your bedroom – for when you're feeling overindulgent in that utterly 21st-century way. This is a B&B that breaks all the rules.

Save it. **Website** [residenznapoleone.com](http://residenznapoleone.com).  
**UK reservations** Chic Retreats (tel: 01284 828804). **Rates** Suite, from £836.

### Schloss Prielau

Zell am See, Austria

An undiscovered castle, owned by the Porsche family, who still have a private set of rooms here. Austrian without the hurdy-gurdy, this heavenly place has eight bedrooms and one gigantic suite that takes up an entire floor. Rent the whole thing – it is ridiculously reasonable. In summer, there is a private beach by the lake; in winter, there are nearby snowy peaks. The Michelin-starred restaurant is smart without being stuffy. In fact, you could pad around most of the hotel barefoot and no one would bat an eyelid. **Website** [schloss-prielau.at](http://schloss-prielau.at). **UK reservations** Chic Retreats (tel: 01284 828804). **Rates** Double, from €153. >

