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More reasons to plan a

Middle Eastern staycation

With the world's best airlines, and some of the best airports and hotels, it's no surprise that travellers are increasingly making a trip out of their stopovers in the region. But we're guessing this crop of newcomers will also have residents clamouring at their doors



Clockwise from top left: W Dubai; Nikki Beach Resort Dubai; Four Seasons Abu Dhabi; Al Baleed Resort Salah by Anantara

Al Baleed Resort Salah by Anantara

With architectural flourishes inspired by the coastal fortresses of Dhofar, this beachfront spot along Oman's most verdant coast feels like a true getaway. The area's claim to fame is frankincense so ask the concierge to arrange a trip to the nearby museum dedicated to this aromatic essence. salalah.anantara.com

Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort, Oman

Star-gazing is quite literally out of this world at this resort perched 2,000m above sea level on the rim of a rocky canyon on Oman's Saiq Plateau. Book a private dinner on the canyon platform that, rather randomly, Princess

Diana once visited. jabal-akhdar.anantara.com

Fairmont Fujairah Beach Resort

With a picture-perfect setting between the dramatic Hajar mountains and the sea, it's only fitting that the Fairmont Fujairah's interiors were art-inspired. The boho-meets-Art Deco style is interspersed with global artworks. The latter part of the year will see the launch of a stylish beach club. fairmont.com/fujairah

Four Seasons Hotel Abu Dhabi at Al Maryah Island

The living-room-like tea lounge at this waterfront property

is the perfect place to while away a few hours. The hotel's become something of a dining hub, with a steakhouse styled as if it stepped out of Twenties Chicago (ask about the secret dining room) and a coastal Italian restaurant. fourseasons.com/abudhabi

Jumeirah Al Naseem, Dubai

The youngest addition to the Madinat Jumeirah complex has modern design with light Arabian touches, plenty of local artwork in public spaces, an enviable beachside location and a jaw-dropping view of the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah. jumeirah.com

La Ville Hotel & Suites, CITY WALK, Dubai

A rare boutique hotel in the city, La Ville embraces its role as one of Marriott's Autograph Collection hotels with fun local touches, a social atmosphere in its restaurants and bars and stylish design. The rooftop views of Downtown Dubai are swoon-worthy. marriott.com

Nikki Beach Resort & Spa Dubai

First came the day club, attracting the city's tanned and beautiful, followed by 117 rooms and suites, and 15 villas, decked out with the brand's signature white and turquoise flair. There's lounge-y music from