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ITALY

BORGO SANT'ANDREA, AMALFI COAST

Set into the rock face overlooking the sea, Borgo Sant'Andrea has become a cult address for Italian insiders due to its private beach, a rarity on this coastline and, in fact, in all of Italy. Yet that's not the only reason this faintly nostalgic spot – an epic renovation of a Sixties hotel by the Ischian Orlacchio brothers – is the most buzzed-about Amalfi Coast arrival in years, and was booked out well before its opening last summer. A big calling card is the enviable location between the charming fishing villages of Conca dei Marini and Amalfi, also happily between the tourist hordes. Then there's the timelessly blue aesthetic: romantic archways and views, with vintage pieces from Carlo Mollino and Hans Wegner alongside blue- and white-tiled floors and bathtubs inspired by legendary designer Gio Ponti. The hotel cascades down the cliff, past interlocking terraced gardens and the bright infinity pool, to that pebble beach, with its own dreamy beach club – one of three Campanian restaurants at the hotel. From the beach, sailboats drift off to Capri or Positano – and life is good. **ONDINE COHANE**
Doubles from about £770; borgosantandrea.it

AUSTRALIA

SILKY OAKS LODGE, QUEENSLAND

As meaningful settings go, the Daintree National Park in Queensland's tropical far north takes some beating. This is the world's oldest living rainforest (around 180 million years old), which was symbolically returned last year to its original First Nations Eastern Kuku Yalanji custodians. Not long after that, the treehouse-like Silky Oaks Lodge reopened in the thick flora overlooking the gently flowing Mossman River. 'Silky' has been a much-loved retreat since 1985, but has hit new heights after its takeover by James and Hayley Baillie, who specialise in smart, culturally sensitive lodges in remote areas, from Uluru to Lord Howe Island. Alongside Sydney design team Pike Withers, they've added new suites and outdoor areas with freestanding tubs and fires to bring the rainforest, with its butterflies and platypuses, even closer. The Treehouse Restaurant is pan-Asian, from mee goreng to hibachi pork belly, but most of the Vietnamese mint, pandan leaves and dragon beans are grown on-site. Huge photos in the lounge and restaurant show Kuku Yalanji kids playing in the river; there are First Nations rainforest tours and river safaris passing turtles and gnarled mangroves. This is a total immersion into deep nature, and a culture that's almost as ancient and rich. **CHLOE SACHDEV** *Doubles from about £280 (minimum two nights); silkvoakslodge.com.au*

