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great
hotels
for
walkers



Clockwise from this picture
Rosa Alpina Hotel in the
Dolomites has Michelin-starred
cuisine; Hotel Salto Chico and its
rugged landscape in Patagonia; a
walkers' paradise: Casa Rural Las
Chimeneas in La Alpujarra



**CASA RURAL LAS CHIMENEAS
LA ALPUJARRA, SPAIN**

The British couple who run this rustic-chic guesthouse in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada are a mine of information on walks in the area, supplying guests with detailed route notes, maps and if needed a packed lunch. Walks go straight from the house but transport and baggage transfers can be arranged for guests wishing to tackle longer walks such as the GR7 long-distance footpath, which passes the hotel. Doubles from £60. i-escape.com/casa-rural-las-chimeneas/overview

**UMA PARO
BHUTAN**

The emphasis is on exploring the great outdoors at this understated but stylish mountain lodge in the ancient Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan. Don't miss the opportunity to take the two-hour hike up to the Taksang Monastery, also known as the Tiger's Nest, which is perched on a cliff 900m above the Paro Valley. Doubles from £204. uma.paro.como.bz



HOTEL AMERICANO NEW YORK

Recently completed, New York's High Line project has transformed a disused elevated railway into a landscaped 'green corridor' through Manhattan's West Side – perfect for exploring the urban jungle on foot. The brand-new HotelAmericano in West Chelsea, opening this summer, overlooks the High Line and is the perfect base for hip hikers. Doubles from £200.
hotel-americano.com

HOTELDORF GRUNER BAUM BAD GASTEIN, AUSTRIA

With its picture-postcard Alpine scenery and opportunities to spot wildlife such as ibex and golden eagle, the Hohe Tauern National Park is a paradise for walkers. Located between the park perimeter and the spa town of Bad Gastein, the welcoming Hoteldorf Grüner Baum can arrange gourmet picnics, guided hikes and Nordic walking. Unwind in the hotel's thermal

pools at the end of a tough day's trekking.
hoteldorf.com A two-night stay with British Airways costs from £379 per person departing September, including return flights from London Gatwick to Salzburg and accommodation with breakfast. For reservations, visit ba.com/salzburg or call +44 (0)844 493 0758.

HOTEL SALTO CHICO PATAGONIA, CHILE

Part of the Explora portfolio of wilderness lodges, this hotel is at the heart of the wild and rugged Torres del Paine National Park. Daily excursions are included in the price with some 20 half-day and full-day treks to choose from. From £1,050 per person for a four-night package including full-board accommodation, daily activities and airport transfers.
explora.com

THE TORRIDON WESTER ROSS, SCOTLAND

On the shores of Loch Torridon, this Scottish baronial-style hotel has its own outdoor activity

centre offering everything from half-day guided glen walks to overnight expeditions staying in remote bothies surrounded by some of Scotland's most unspoilt Highland scenery. The centre's qualified mountain guides can also lead winter walking and climbing expeditions. Doubles from £215.
thetorridon.com

KASBAH BAB OURIKA OURIKA VALLEY, MOROCCO

This beautiful hilltop kasbah, just a 45-minute drive from the hustle and bustle of Marrakech, bills itself as the gateway to the Atlas Mountains. Resident guide Mohammed leads guests on gentle walks to local Berber villages, markets and olive groves, and the hotel can supply mountain guides, mules and picnic lunches for more challenging treks into the remote and unspoilt Salt National Park. Doubles from £93.
kasbahbabourika.com

ROSA ALPINA HOTEL AND SPA ALTA BADIA, ITALY

In the heart of the Dolomites, this family-run hotel, renowned for its Michelin-starred cuisine, has fantastic walks on its doorstep. Hike to WW1 trenches – the line between Italian and Austro-Hungarian forces ran through the Dolomites – or enjoy easy Alpine meanders. It's great for fossil-hunting too and walkers can soothe tired limbs in the hotel spa. Doubles from £294 per night.
rosalpina.it

THE OLD DUNGEON GHYLL HOTEL CUMBRIA

Set in the magnificent Great Langdale Valley, this remote hotel has been offering accommodation and sustenance to weary fell walkers for 300 years. It's a cosy place, far from the stresses of everyday life. The Hiker's Bar, with log fire, offers a selection of real ales and fine whiskies, and hearty home-cooked food is served in the dining room. From £49.50 per person per night with breakfast.
odg.co.uk

CRADLE MOUNTAIN LODGE TASMANIA

From gentle self-guided strolls through temperate rainforest to steep ascents of Cradle Mountain, this wilderness lodge has something for everyone, from fair-weather walker to hardcore hiker. The lodge is close to the northern trailhead of the 52-mile Overland Track, Australia's oldest and most famous hiking trail, and many walkers treat themselves to a night here after completing the tough six-day trek. Doubles from £200.
cradlemountainlodge.com.au