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AUTUMN TIPS WHERE TO GO THAT'S HOT, NEW AND INTERESTING

From Cyprus to French Polynesia, the best places to go shopping or where to enjoy the great outdoors, leading luxury operator Elegant Resorts is pleased to share its top tips for an unforgettable Autumn.

Where to catch the best sunshine

- Cyprus: Whether as a family break or a couple's get away, the new <u>Parklane Hotel</u> in Cyprus is a great option while the island still offers beach weather in the Autumn. Set in 25 acres of landscape gardens, the spacious resort opened in the Spring of 2019 and boasts unrivalled luxury. The hotel not only offers the best children's facilities and amenities, it also features an adult only pool, superb adults only lifestyle suites and a 3000 sqm spa.
- Dubai: Guaranteed sunshine and warmth, Dubai and the new Mandarin Oriental Jumeira.
 <u>Dubai</u> are the perfect option for a relaxing break. Ideally set on exclusive Jumeira beach, the property is within easy reach of all the key sites and boasts stunning contemporary interiors, a roof top Portuguese restaurant by Michelin starred chef Jose Avillez, a spa influenced by the UAE's unique local diversity and a stunning swimming pool overlooking the Arabian sea.
- French Polynesia: Idyllic beaches and lush volcanic peaks soaring through coral-filled lagoons, incredible wildlife and lush forests, French Polynesia is a true wonder. This year the eco-conscious <u>The Brando</u> on the private island of Tetiaroa is celebrating its 5th anniversary and introducing its first new three bedroomed Brando Residence nestled on its own 1.25 acre spot fronted by a private white sand beach. The resort is also famed for its efforts to protect its stunning environment and rich wildlife and its experiences offering guests the opportunity to learn more about the Polynesian lifestyle.

The best autumn city breaks

• Cultural Dubrovnik: Aside from its cinematic fame, Dubrovnik has so much more to offer, from its 13th century city walls and Fort Lovrijenac to its interesting museums including the Maritime Museum housing model ships from the 16th century and the Cultural History Museum set in a 15th century Rector's Palace. Hotel Bellevue also reopened this year after extensive renovations. On top of a cliff overlooking the Adriatic and within walking distance of the Old Town, it has been designed to resemble a sailing boat. Not to be missed is the Good Food Festival in late October, a great way to discover traditional Dalmatian cuisine, enjoy free tasting sessions, culinary workshops run by famous Croatian chefs and more.

- Romantic Florence: The ultimate romantic city with its views over the River Arno, the art, the shops, the restaurants and that Dolce Vita vibe. Villa Cora was built in 1870 by Baron Oppenheim for his beloved wife, Princess Eugenia and boasts incredible interiors, boudoir style rooms and salons adorned with frescoed ceilings and parquet mahogany floors. There is an ornate ballroom, a card room, a cigar room and a stylish Long Bar and a subterranean spa. What's more from September it is the start of the opera season in Florence and a chance this year to see Carmen, Rigoletto and La Bohème among others at Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino.
- Shopping in Rome: With stylish newly open Rocco Forte's Hotel de la Ville at the top of the iconic Spanish steps, Rome has never been so attractive and while the sites should not be ignored, the city is also ideal to stock up on the latest Italian fashion. From the designer boutiques on Via Condotti to the stunning state of the art department store Rinascente and Via Coronari for its collection of antique shops, Rome is a shopaholic's heaven.

Being adventurous

- Close to home Cortina: Having just won the bid for the Winter Olympics 2026, Cortina is the perfect destination to enjoy the great outdoors. <u>Cristallo, A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa</u> is in the heart of the Dolomites and ideal to enjoy hiking, biking, water rafting, climbing and more before the first snowfalls. Stunning views, multiple rivers, plenty of trails are all on the hotel's doorstep.
- A bit further away Oman: Breath taking landscapes, with canyons, desert, beaches and
 pleasant Autumnal temperatures, Oman is a great option for a breath-taking adventure in
 the Middle East. <u>Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort</u> is the perfect choice to explore the
 majestic Hajar Mountains and enjoy some of the most incredible cliff top views in the
 country.
- Long haul Bhutan: For a spiritual yet unique cultural experience mixed with enchanting scenery and diverse wildlife, Bhutan is hard to beat and in the Autumn with crisp, bright sunny days, the landscapes are mesmerising. Amankora, with its luxurious lodges dotted around the country, offers a fantastic way to discover the country. Dramatic Himalayan landscapes, hiking up the country's most important monument, the Taktsang Goemba, cooking traditional cuisine and learning about Buddhism are some of the highlights.

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