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The 15 Best Destination Spas Around the World

If you're looking for serenity in 2024, check out these top destination spas.

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The hustle of everyday life can be overwhelming. The solution? A visit to a destination spa. Unlike typical hotel spas where you toggle between the real world and fleeting moments of tranquility, destination spas immerse you in an environment of complete rejuvenation. And while some offer the occasional indulgence (glass of wine, anyone?), most focus on promoting clean, healthy living with holistic experiences designed to engage the senses, soothe the mind, and revitalize the spirit.

In the latest installment of AFAR's Hotels We Love series, we've scoured the globe to find the 15 best destination spas. From secluded retreats in quiet pockets of the USA to a drop-out wellness island (yes, a whole island) in the Maldives, these sanctuaries offer more than relaxation—they're a gateway to a world of serenity that rejuvenates both body and soul.



A two-bedroom Villa at Andronis Concept Wellness Resort Courtesy of Andronis Concept Wellness Resort

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The Kallos Spa at Andronis Concept Wellness Resort Courtesy of Andronis Concept Wellness Resort

- Location: Santorini, Greece
- Why we love it: A retreat where ancient Greek wisdom meets the beauty of Santorini
- Loyalty program: Andronis Loyalty Club
- Book now

The ancient Greeks understood the vital connection among mind, body, and spirit. Fittingly, Andronis Concept Wellness Resort—atop a slope on the island of Santorini—provides a modern-day setting for achieving that timeless balance. Each of the 28 spacious suites has a private heated plunge pool and a minimalist design that complements Santorini's natural beauty.

The resort also has three swimming pools, including a cave pool with an artificial waterfall, and the longest infinity pool on Santorini. The treatments give another nod to ancient Greece, from hydrotherapy to light therapy. Embracing the principles of the Mediterranean diet (with the stamp of approval from a dietitian), the resort offers a food program crafted from locally sourced ingredients, ensuring a holistic journey that nourishes body and soul, all against the backdrop of the Aegean Sea. From \$520 per night for two guests, including daily breakfast