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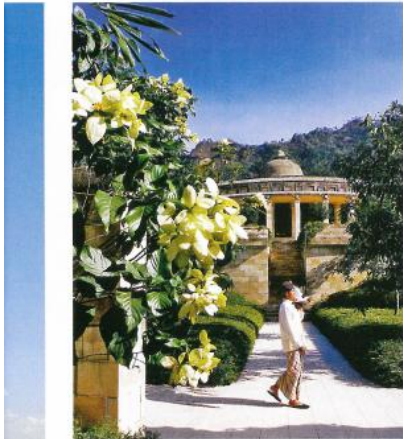
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# 75 SEDUCTIVE HOTELS

Steamy riads, saucy San Fran sleeps... Our experts have slept their way around the world to find you the most romantic getaway this Valentine's Day

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**Our little secret:** Parkside rooms have the best views, leafy by day, electric by night – wake early enough and you'll spot locals practising t'ai chi.  
*Doubles from £183, room only (00 86 21 3203 9999, thepuli.com).*

**QT, SYDNEY**

**In the mood:** This racy little number comes with subdued lighting, dark interiors and staff who are the epitome of cool (waiters in braces, kitchen staff in flat-white caps, and doorboys 'n' gals in stylish punk). Rooms are bold and quirky, if compact, and come with free mix-your-own cocktails. Sassy.  
**Potential turn-off:** Housekeeping lets the side down somewhat – you may find you get back and they've forgotten to make up your room.  
**Our little secret:** Ask for a room with a bath without a 'sitting step' (Japanese-style) – it may look sexy, but it's a squeeze and more weird than wonderful.  
*Doubles from £204, room only (00 61 2 8262 0000, qtsydney.com.au).*

**PALACE HOTEL, TOKYO, JAPAN**

**In the mood:** This high-rise stunner's all about plush, pad-around-barefoot bedrooms in calm slate tones, and bathtubs-to-share, with scintillating city views. The Japanese restaurant and its hypnotic 'waterfall wall' means dinner-date-seduction is guaranteed.  
**Potential turn-off:** It's in an office-y district – for neon nightlife, you need to cab it.  
**Our little secret:** Balconies are a Tokyo rarity, usually reserved for top-whack suites. Here, even mid-priced Deluxe Rooms have them – doubly worth it, for the Imperial Palace views.  
*Doubles from £310, room only (00 81 3 3211 5218, en.palacehoteltokyo.com).*

**ANANTARA, PHUKET, THAILAND**

**In the mood:** This place is perfect for anyone with a nostalgic lust for backpacking, but a grown-up's desire for stylish comfort. Anantara does super-luxe beachside huts, complete with alfresco petal-strewn baths with glass sides, gigantic plunge pools, and outdoor minibars for cocktails in the 'sala'.  
**Potential turn-off:** Mosquitoes love the place.

**Our little secret:** For a night all alone, skip the busy hotel restaurants for the privately owned beachshack cafe between the rooms and the sea. It does excellent candlelit barbecues for two – at backpacker prices.  
*Vikas from £230, B&B (00 66 76 336100, phuket.anantara.com).*

**THE MUDHOUSE, SRI LANKA**

**In the mood:** The epitome of sustainable barefoot luxury, the Mudhouse is a secret hamlet in a land of sunbirds and spotted doves in central Sri Lanka. Its five rattan-roofed hideaways are cocooned in forest and surrounded by lakes, with exhilarating alfresco showers discreetly tucked away among tropical trees.  
**Potential turn-off:** Capricious eco-lighting will have you fumbling around in the dark – literally.  
**Our little secret:** All the cooking is done in clay pots over charcoal. Auntie, the chef, is happy for guests to wander into the kitchen and experience the drama first-hand.  
*Doubles from £166, full board (00 94 77 301 6191, themudhouse.lk).* ■