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The secret estate that channels the spirit of Corsica

Villas, vines, fine dining and a new hotel — this gorgeous rural retreat near a perfect beach has style and authenticity in spades



Three of the suites at A Mandria di Murtoli come with their own brick-lined plunge pool
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Two more authentic luxury hotels in southern Corsica

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Hameau de Saparale



Hameau de Saparale has 14 elegant rooms and suites
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While the Domaine de Murtoli is an established place to stay with a new vineyard, this 2,500-acre estate in the same valley is an established vineyard with a new four-star hotel. Originally planted with vines in 1845 by a Corsican lawyer who had spent 20 years in Africa – hence the elephant logo – the estate changed hands when his son left it to the housekeeper. The winemaker and oenologist Philippe Farinelli is her grandson and since 1998 he and his wife, Julie, have been replanting the vines and restoring the ruined buildings. They already offered tastings of their five ranges of organic wines and rented out three luxury shepherd's huts. Now they have opened the original manor house with 14 elegantly rustic rooms and suites and a chapel, as well as two separate family suites and a dining room over the wine cellar (the tomme soufflé is a standout). The swimming pool, hidden among citrus trees and agapanthus, has magical views over the valley, and at night the sky blazes with stars. Ebikes are available for riding through the estate's vines and untouched forest (there are no other buildings here), as well as to the beautiful Plage de Roccapina; Sartène and Cauria are both nearby. **Details** B&B doubles from £232 (lehameaudesaparale.com)

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