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DECORATIONTHESE LUXURIOUS NEW HOTELS WILL MAKE YOU WANT TO  
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*It's time to dust off that passport.*



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CALA DI VOLPE, SARDINIA,  
ITALY

[Cala di Volpe](#) first flung open its doors on Sardinia's Costa Smeralda (the "Emerald Coast") in 1962, and before long was *the* place to see and be seen, with a jet-setting clientele that included Grace Kelly, James Bond (in scenes from *The Spy Who Loved Me*), Princess Diana and, more recently, Beyoncé and Jay Z. The legendary property was designed by French architect Jacques Couëlle, who never met a curve he didn't like, and created dramatic cavelike interiors here. Four years ago, Bruno Moinard and Claire Bétaille were tasked with reinvigorating the arcades, arches, buttresses, hidden stairs, unexpected benches, and irregular layout of the hotel to make "this living organism breathe again." Which they did, without messing with the Bohemian vibe of the 121 rooms, which retained their curves while adding others in the form of furniture and accessories, many by local Italian artisans.