



LOPUD

A 15th-century Franciscan monastery on the island of Lopud in the Elaphiti Islands of Croatia has been restored with input from Italian designer Paola Lenti. *Lopud 1483* (lopud1483.com) took 20 years to complete, the brainchild of Francesca Thyssen-Bornemisza, and the results are staggering. With five opulent hotel suites converted from 13 former monk cells, this is a true oasis complete with works from one of the world's greatest private collections of Renaissance art and huge gardens lined with lemon and olive trees.

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and a tempting range of restaurants single out
these destinations worth a detour.

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Scheduled to open next year, the *Sky Lagoon* ([pictured; skylagoon.com](http://skylagoon.com)) is long-awaited competition to the *Blue Lagoon* (bluelagoon.com), located right on the coastline. Geothermal spa facilities and turf-topped buildings all come with a front-row seat for the Northern Lights. *Deplar Farm* (elevenexperience.com) is a former sheep farm that now offers the ultimate Icelandic luxury adventure experience. In just one day, you can heli-ski, fish for salmon and take on a black ski run. With an outstanding location amid the natural wonders of the Golden Circle, *Torfhús Retreat* (torfhus.is) beguiles with its 25 turf-covered guesthouses, which each come with their own basalt hot tub.



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