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ARCHITECTS ACROSS THE PLANET ARE MAKING USE OF THE NATURAL TERRAIN, AND CREATING INSTANT STONE-COLD CLASSICS

*Top row, from left:* in Canyon Point, **Utah**, Amangiri is constructed around a 164-million-year-old rock, which appears to tumble into the main pool. Down in southern **Chile**, Explora Patagonia overlooks Lake Pehóé and the Torres del Paine National Park. Far to the north, in **Chile's** terracotta-coloured Catarpe Valley, Alto Atacama Desert Lodge integrates into the mountainside. Vaulted white-washed Apulian stone covers the pool at Relais La Sommità in the town of Ostuni in **Puglia**, southern Italy. At 1,200 feet above the Pacific, the Post Ranch Inn, in Big Sur, **California**, is built into the ridge.

*Middle row, from left:* in Taormina, **Sicily**, Unahotels Capotaormina has a beach that spills out from a cave on the Bay of Naxos. The Kagga Kamma Nature Reserve's rooms have been built into the sandstone of **South Africa's** Cederberg mountains. Architects Snøhetta recreated ancient cave dwellings using 3D laser scanning at the Lascaux IV International Centre for Cave Art in **France**. Back in **South Africa**, eco walks on the Kagga Kamma Nature Reserve visit vast formations, home to 6,000-year-old rock paintings. In **Cappadocia**, Turkey, the Yunak Evleri hotel complex includes a series of ancient cave houses with furniture dating back to the Ottoman Empire.

*Bottom row, from left:* the pool at Belmond Reid's Palace is cut into a cliff on Madeira, **Portugal**. A former military fort, Cap Rocat in **Mallorca** has lookout points converted into rooms with private plunge pools. Seafood favourite Grotta Palazzese emerges from the rockface at Polignano al Mare in **Puglia**. Back in **Mallorca**, labyrinthine paths create a Moorish-citadel vibe at Cap Rocat. The Gamirasu Cave Hotel, in **Turkey's** historic Ayvali Village, was a monastic retreat during the Byzantine era. KATHARINE SOHN