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plus The best beachcombing spots ever!

DREAM POOLS

From Bali to the Amalfi Coast, the pool's the thing at these gorgeous resorts—not to mention lavish accommodations, jaw-dropping views, and hands-on pampering. Go ahead, take the plunge!

BULGARI RESORT *Bali*

IN THE SWIM The cliff-edge infinity pool at this luxury resort in southern Bali is situated 452 feet above the Indian Ocean.

POOL SCHOOL The pool was crafted with Indonesian sukabumi stone, which turns a vibrant blue-green when wet.

BEST TIME TO DIVE IN April to November, with temperatures in the 80s.

AFTER DRYING OFF Take the resort's incline elevator down to the sandy beach, home to a protected coral reef where you might catch a glimpse of cavorting dolphins.

RATES Villas start at \$799; 800/628-5427 or bulgarihotels.com.



BRISTOL BUENAVENTURA

Panama

IN THE SWIM This ocean-view infinity pool was designed to blend right in with the beach, complete with towering palms built into its landscaping. Located west of Panama City, the resort is just steps from a white-sand beach; rooms have ocean, lagoon, or private garden views.

POOL SCHOOL Why bother leaving the water for lunch? The 157-foot-long pool has a swim-up bar serving mojitos and light fare such as sandwiches and salads.

BEST TIME TO DIVE IN December through May, with temperatures in the high 70s.

AFTER DRYING OFF Ask the concierge to arrange a rain forest tour, where you can watch monkeys, exotic birds, iguanas, and sloths in their native habitat.

RATES Rooms start at \$395; thebristol.com/buenaventura.



HOTEL CARUSO

Ravello, Italy

IN THE SWIM This heated, cliff-edge infinity pool, part of a \$30 million restoration of an 11th-century palace turned luxury hotel, looms some 1,150 feet above the Mediterranean Sea.

POOL SCHOOL The 69- by 39-foot pool, designed by architect Gennaro Passerotti, is strategically sited under the shadow of the original palace's picturesque ruins.

BEST TIME TO DIVE IN March through June, with temperatures in the 80s.

AFTER DRYING OFF Tour the property's Belvedere Gardens, fragrant with the sweet scents of jasmine, white roses, and citrus trees.

RATES Rooms start at \$596; 800/237-1236 or hotelcaruso.com.