

## WHERE TO STAY

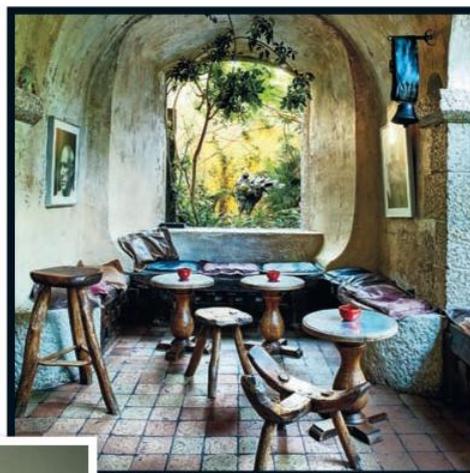
# BED-HOPPING WITH EMILY MORTIMER

THE STAR OF 'SHUTTER ISLAND' AND BOXSET HIT 'THE NEWSROOM' TALKS TO FRANCESCA BABB



### BABYLONSTOREN SOUTH AFRICA

'This is in wine country, about 40 minutes outside Cape Town, and it's stunning. Dutch 18th-century farmhouses set in vineyards, with incredible landscapes, beautiful vegetation and excellent wine. It's so classily done. We stayed in a little cottage with a kitchen; you go out into the garden in the morning and pick vegetables, there are chickens and the children can collect eggs. There are also bicycles to go exploring and an amazing hammam. The grounds are exquisite; I've never seen such well-tended gardens.' [babylonstoren.com](http://babylonstoren.com). Doubles from about £330



'MY FATHER TAUGHT ME TO STEAL AN ASHTRAY FROM EVERY HOTEL I WENT TO. BUT I FORGOT TO GET ONE FROM LA COLOMBE D'OR'



### LA COLOMBE D'OR FRANCE

'Travel is a nice way of remembering my father [the late author John Mortimer]. This summer I took my children on a pilgrimage across Europe to fancy hotels he liked. It was a sweet way for them to get to know a bit of him. I recall him talking about La Colombe d'Or – Graham Greene was stationed here for many months during the last years of his life and dad went there to interview him – so it already had an exotic ring to it. It has a green tiled pool, which is the perfect temperature. It's the chicest place I've ever been to.' [la-colombe-dor.com](http://la-colombe-dor.com). Doubles from about £315



### COQUI COQUI COBA MEXICO

'This is part of an incredibly chic hotel group and perfumery started by a glamorous couple that Alessandro [Nivola, Emily's husband] and I met at an art installation we did for Valentino in New York. I just thought we would get free clothes, but we had to stand for hours and my husband had to hold a manbag, which I don't think he's forgiven me for. Nicolas Malleville was one of the models with us, and this is his hotel. You're in the middle of the jungle on a lake, with staggeringly odd Mayan ruins nearby. It's really wonderful, and I loved it.' [coquicoqui.com](http://coquicoqui.com). Doubles from about £230

Emily Mortimer stars in 'The Party' which is in cinemas from 13 October



### SU GOLOGONE SARDINIA

'This place is very off the beaten track, a 20-minute drive from the coast at Cala Gonone, which has crystal-clear waters. It is poetic and romantic; you go up little stairwells and there is your room with a terrace and a bath outside. They roast suckling pigs all in a row on the fire, about a million of them every day, because that's what they do in Sardinia.' [sugologone.it](http://sugologone.it). Doubles from about £180

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