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The Hotel Inspector, Alex Polizzi, picks her top 10 luxury hotels in Italy

Privacy in Ravello, romantic caves in Matera, Aman in Venice — the Hotel Inspector, Alex Polizzi, reveals her favourite boltholes

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1 Su Gologone Oliena, Sardinia

This is my top choice. It's in Barbagia, a gorgeous mountain region in the centre of Sardinia. I love this place because it's so unusual. It's in the middle of nowhere and pretty mad. The owner, Giovanna Palimodde, whom I met on one of my visits, is obsessed with Sardinian handicrafts, so it's colourful and full of textiles — really curated, but in a great, over-the-top way.

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