

# 2025: GLOBAL NEWS FROM BELMOND



## 1. **VILLA BEATRICE: THE ITALIAN RIVIERA'S MOST SCENIC PRIVATE VILLA, DESIGNED BY MARTIN BRUDNIZKI, LAUNCHING IN JULY**

Perched on a private spit above Punta Caiega, on the Gulf of Portofino, between the Ligurian coastal hamlets of Paraggi and Portofino, this masterfully restored family palazzo offers a panoramic viewpoint over the Riviera, bringing guests seclusion and intimacy with private sea access, whilst benefitting from all of Splendido's hotel services. Originally known as Villa Odero, Villa Beatrice was crafted by Tuscan architect Gino Coppedè, blending Gothic Revival with Art Nouveau innovation. Belmond acquired the villa in 2021 and has since overseen its meticulous restoration under Martin Brudnizki's interior design vision and Marco Bay's landscape architecture expertise.

**HOW:** [IMAGES](#) | [WEBSITE](#)

## 2. **A NEW ERA FOR SPLENDIDO, A BELMOND HOTEL, PORTOFINO, REVEALING MAJOR REDESIGN BY MARTIN BRUDNIZKI, INCLUDING FIRST DIOR SPA IN ITALY**

Splendido will reopen in June 2025, revealing a new, major phase of the multi-year renovation led by internationally renowned Martin Brudnizki Design Studio, capturing the spirit of Ligurian craftsmanship and design. The grand dame will continue its evolution, revealing an entirely new main building, including new rooms and communal areas; a restyled cocktail bar; coffee bar; lounge bar; breakfast area; retail space, and Italy's first Dior Spa. This new wellness space includes four treatment cabins and a relaxation spot on an exclusive roof terrace. This summer, Splendido will also welcome back the iconic Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, A Belmond Train, Europe, returning for its second annual journey to Portofino.

**HOW:** [IMAGES](#) | [WEBSITE](#) | From £2,039 per night.



## 3. **BELMOND UNVEILS THE BRITANNIC EXPLORER, A BELMOND TRAIN, UK - THE FIRST LUXURY SLEEPER TRAIN IN ENGLAND & WALES**

The Britannic Explorer will be the first-ever sleeper train touring England and Wales. A modern celebration of rail heritage, it will merge tradition with contemporary British culture, creativity, and lifestyle. The Britannic Explorer will depart from London, offering three-night journeys with a choice of three evocative routes through the spectacular natural landscapes of Cornwall, The Lake District, and Wales. By day, optional off-train guided excursions will showcase the rich cultural tapestry of each destination, and by night, passengers can unwind in the train's botanically inspired bar, located in the Observation car, set to be the vibrant social heart of the Britannic Explorer.

**HOW:** [IMAGES](#) | [WEBSITE](#) | From £11,000 for 2 pax, 3-night itinerary.



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#### 4. CHEF DOMINIQUE CRENN BECOMES CULINARY CURATOR OF LES BATEAUX BELMOND, FRANCE FROM 2025

With three Michelin stars and recognised as one of TIME's 100 most influential people in the world, Chef Crenn champions innovation, sustainability, and equality in the kitchen. Her culinary artistry is deeply rooted in her personal journey, drawing inspiration from her French upbringing, particularly summers spent in Brittany, where Crenn developed a profound connection to water. As part of her role, Chef Crenn will curate two signature menus for the boats in the Burgundy, Champagne, and South of France regions, each featuring a specially crafted starter, main course, and dessert. Chef Crenn's menus will highlight seasonal ingredients that celebrate the heritage and culture of these regions.

**HOW:** [IMAGES](#) | [WEBSITE](#) | From £33,560 based on a private, full-board charter aboard Alouette, Canal du Midi.



#### 5. STUDIO ASHBY REDESIGN VILLA ROBERT GRAVES AT LA RESIDENCIA, A BELMOND HOTEL, MALLORCA, LAUNCHING APRIL 2025

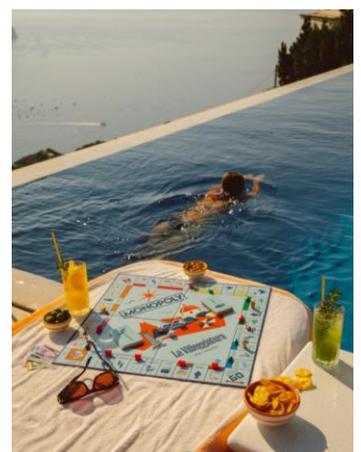
Newly renovated for the 2025 season, internationally acclaimed interior design firm, Studio Ashby embrace an artful and sustainably minded philosophy in line with La Residencia's ethos, for the redesign of Villa Robert Graves. The gentle renovation is centred on thoughtfully elevating the existing interiors of the Villa, whilst infusing the space with a renewed feeling of spirit and soul. Honouring the Villa's Mallorcan heritage, select antique pieces inherited from the estate sit alongside exquisite Spanish pieces and locally crafted elements such as Mallorcan linen drapery, blown glass lamps, and other artisanal pieces.

**HOW:** [IMAGES](#) | [WEBSITE](#) | From £2,500 per night.

#### 6. CARUSO, A BELMOND HOTEL, AMALFI COAST LAUNCHES DESTINATION POOL CLUB, LA PISCINA: A NEW RAVELLO RETREAT

A former 11th-century palace perched on Ravello's highest cliff edge, overlooking the Amalfi Coast, Caruso will launch La Piscina - a new destination pool club that reimagines the hotel's panoramic infinity pool and terrace. From March 2025, La Piscina will feature exclusive new cabanas, restyled to reflect the spirit of Campania through local design. Programming will embrace the tenets of 'otium', an ancient Roman philosophy centered on the pursuit of leisure and self-reflection. Expect a weekly program of wellness classes, poolside yoga, guided sight-jogging tours in Ravello, combining fitness with stunning Amalfi Coast vistas, along with locally-sourced menus and live cooking workshops. Renowned for its immaculate fragrant rose and lemon tree gardens; rich interiors brimming with 11th-century original frescoes, vaulted ceilings, and antiques, Caruso is one of the most exclusive Ravello retreats.

**HOW:** [IMAGES](#) | [WEBSITE](#) | From £2,223 per night.





## 7. FROM PARIS TO TUSCANY WITH CASTELLO DI CASOLE, A BELMOND HOTEL, TUSCANY AND VENICE SIMPLON-ORIENT EXPRESS, A BELMOND TRAIN, EUROPE

From Spring 2025, Castello di Casole will partner with Venice Simplon-Orient Express for the first time, connecting Paris with Tuscany's famed 10th-century farm estate, through the romance of rail. Launching from 11-14 May, the train will journey through renowned European landscapes from French cityscapes into majestic Alpine peaks and through Italy's undulating vineyards. The new journey will include a stop in Siena, to uncover the medieval UNESCO city's cultural wonders, before continuing the journey to Castello di Casole, originally a medieval castle on an ancient Etruscan site.

**HOW:** [IMAGES](#) | [WEBSITE](#) | From £9,350 per person based on 2 guests sharing a Historic Cabin on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express and 2 nights at Castello di Casole.

## 8. L'OBSERVATOIRE BY JR: A NEW CARRIAGE LAUNCHES ABOARD THE VENICE SIMPLON-ORIENT-EXPRESS, A BELMOND TRAIN, EUROPE, FROM SPRING 2025

The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express is proud to present L'Observatoire, an exclusive sleeper carriage with interiors conceptualised and designed by world-acclaimed artist JR. Joining the rake in March 2025, this private carriage is the train's first to be designed by an artist and will become the most spacious accommodation type onboard any Belmond train. Drawing inspiration from astronomical observatories and Renaissance Europe's cabinet of curiosity, the sleeper carriage meticulously replicates the spirit of JR's Parisian art studio with personal "objets d'art" or keepsakes to be uncovered throughout the "studio on wheels".

**HOW:** [IMAGES](#) | [WEBSITE](#) | From £80,000 per night.



## 9. MICHELIN-STARRED CELEBRITY CHEF DINNER SERIES LAUNCH ABOARD BRITISH PULLMAN, A BELMOND TRAIN, ENGLAND, FROM SPRING 2025

From 18 April 2025, the British Pullman will launch its latest culinary adventure: the Celebrity Chef Dinner Series. These four new journeys will each have new menus curated by some of the UK's most renowned Michelin-starred chefs, including Chef Andrew Wong, Chef Atul Kochhar, Chef Phil Howard, and Chef Theo Randall. At the heart of the British Pullman's 2025 programming, the Celebrity Chef Dinner Series invites guests to witness these culinary masters and their diverse representation of Britain's identity through food. Each evening features a seasonal, five-course tasting menu, designed by a leading chef, complemented by a champagne reception and sommelier-selected fine wines.

**HOW:** [IMAGES](#) | [WEBSITE](#) | From £565 pp per journey.

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