

YES YOU CANNES!



Above: Cannes, the jewel in the French Riviera's crown, comes alive at this time of year as stars including Nicole Kidman (below inset) attend the International Film Festival

OK! SLIPS AWAY FROM THE STARS FOR SOME R&R...

There's no better place to star-spot at this time of year than Cannes, as the International Film Festival welcomes the A-list to its stunning stretch of French Riviera coastline. Nicole Kidman, Kristen Stewart, Kylie Minogue and Heidi Klum are all expected to grace the red carpet during the 12-day festival, which kicks off on May 14. However, even the hottest sirens in showbiz need a break from the endless whirl of film premieres and cocktail soirees. Here, *OK!*'s Danielle Harrison jets out to the Côte d'Azur for some five-star R&R that'll turn even the hottest Hollywood stars green with envy...

NICE TO SEE YOU

After touching down in Nice, we're chauffeured to the five-star Le Mas Candille spa resort, a 15-minute drive from Cannes, just outside the charming village of Mougins. Driving down the olive tree-lined entrance, we pull up at reception and enjoy a welcome tour around the resort – the hotel is nestled within eight acres of Provençal parkland, so it's pretty spectacular. Following in the footsteps of some of Hollywood's finest stars (Brad Pitt and Penélope Cruz have both stayed at Le Mas Candille), we check into a suite in the converted Le Mas farmhouse for some much-needed rest and relaxation. Our room

has a traditional feel, with beautiful views overlooking the perfume capital of Grasse and the tops of the snowy Alps in the distance.

SCENT-SATIONAL!

Having settled into our room, it's on to the nearby town of Grasse for a visit to the International Museum Of Perfume, where *OK!* learns all about the art of fragrance. Afterwards, we take part in a masterclass at the historic Fragonard perfume factory and create our own unique fragrance. We opt for a fresh scent with top notes of lemon and are presented with a certificate for our hard work! With our souvenir in hand, it's time to head back to the resort for dinner.

After a hot bubble bath and a spritz of our new perfume, *OK!* heads down to Le Candille for a Michelin-starred feast created by head chef Serge Gouloumès. As the night draws in, we enjoy breathtaking views over the Alps as the food starts to arrive. We tuck into egg 'en surprise' and sautéed wild mushrooms with truffle, followed by delicious seared French sea scallops. Dessert more than satisfies our sweet tooth as we're served a mouth-watering course of fresh mango and dragon fruit scented with violets.

READY, STEADY COOK!

We awake the next morning after a blissful night's sleep and enjoy a quick breakfast of croissants and cheese before hitting a food market in Cannes with chef Serge. We wander around amazed by the vibrant colours of the fresh fruit and vegetables on offer as Serge selects the best produce, before inviting us back to his kitchen to

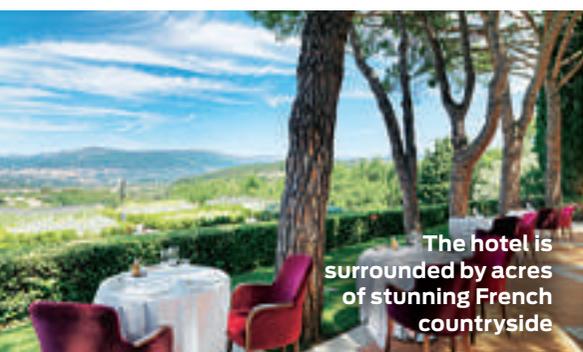
Relax or enjoy lunch overlooking Le Mas Candille's infinity pool



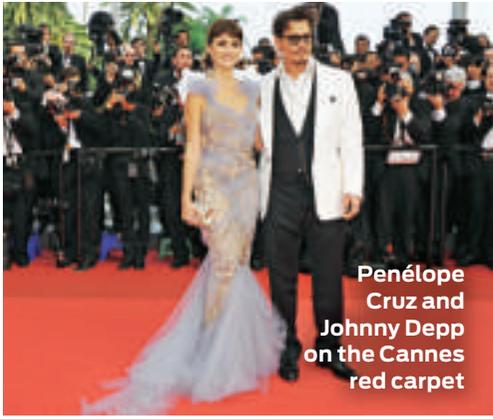
share some of his secrets and let us taste his masterpieces. We sample everything he puts in front of us, including clams with roasted tomato pasta and his creamy mash with truffle oil, while sipping a glass of red wine. After enjoying the buzz of the kitchen, we return to the dining room, where we're served macarons with juicy strawberries that we picked up at the market.

TIME TO RELAX...

With our robe at the ready, we retreat to the resort's Shiseido Spa and are greeted by Laurie, who leads us into one of the five treatment rooms. Struggling to decide which massage to choose, Laurie recommends the Qi massage, which uses hot Japanese towels to enhance relaxation. She gets to work on our legs first, moving up to our back and arms before repeating the process with the hot towels. Feeling well looked-after and very sleepy, we're asked to roll over so she can work on the front of our legs and arms. Afterwards, *OK!* heads next door to the relaxation room, before stepping outside to soak up the sun and enjoy the Zen-like atmosphere by the hydrotherapy pool. We're feeling far too rested to move (and use the excuse of not bringing our trainers), but



The hotel is surrounded by acres of stunning French countryside



Penélope Cruz and Johnny Depp on the Cannes red carpet

carpet, we take a quick selfie, before walking past the handprints of film stars along the street. We measure ours against Angelina Jolie's and discover we have the same size hands – now all we need is Brad Pitt on our arm! We while away our last couple of hours with a stroll to the beach, where we dine on the sand in the 20°C heat. Pure heaven.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

EasyJet (www.easyjet.com) flies to Nice from eight UK airports, with prices starting from £23.74 per person one-way, including tax. Le Mas Candille (www.lemascandille.com;



Relax in the Shiseido Spa at Le Mas Candille

+33 (0) 4 92 28 43 43) offers an Azur Gateway package for two people, including a one-night stay, breakfast, a four-course dinner at Le Candille and one 60-minute treatment in the spa, from £500. Price based on two people sharing a double room and valid until July 10 2014. **OK!**

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TREAT OF THE WEEK

THE JO MALONE TASTING BAR, LONDON

ENJOY A BESPOKE TREATMENT FOR FREE

Luxurious spa treats needn't cost the earth, as OK! found out when we popped into Jo Malone's Brook Street boutique for a complimentary (and really rather lovely) Hand & Arm Massage. After browsing shelves stacked with the brand's iconic candles, colognes and body crèmes, we pulled up a chair at the Tasting Bar as our therapist Natalie proffered a glass of champers (usually only served if you're visiting on your birthday). After a chat about the type of scent we like and the principal of fragrance combining (where one fragrance is layered on top of another to create a bespoke scent), Natalie prepped our arms and hands with the Vitamin E Body Treatment Scrub, which leaves skin feeling soft and looking radiant. This was rinsed off with a body and hand wash from the first of our chosen scents – the zesty Orange Blossom range – before all our desk-based tension was massaged away with the Orange Blossom Body Crème. Super-relaxed, there was time for a quick spritz of fragrance – we picked the bright and blooming new Silk Blossom Cologne – before leaving the store with a scented spring in our step.



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keen gym-goers can work out at the outdoor fitness centre, complete with hot tub.

MAD ABOUT MOUGINS

Feeling refreshed, we take a short walk up the hill to the traditional village of Mougins, with its narrow streets and picturesque buildings. After getting our bearings, we head for the Musée D'Art Classique de Mougins, where we take in some of the 700 pieces of artwork, from armoury to classical art by some of the world's most famous artists, including Picasso, Man Ray and Damien Hirst. Our idyllic day ends at La Méditerranée in Mougins, where we devour smoked salmon on a dill waffle, a vegetable tart with grilled fish and a warm fruit panettone for dessert.

IN THE CANNES!

Before jetting back to London, there's just time to follow in the footsteps of the A-list with a whirlwind tour of Cannes. Spotting a red



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