Ru&Co Ru's Recap

SEPTEMBER 2023

Hotel Hub
METT Hotel & Beach Resort Bodrum
DueTorriHotels
Fam Trip to Mamula
Preparing for the Holiday Season

A WORD FROM RU

WELL... what a few weeks it has been since our last newsletter! I hope you all have had a great month as we move in to Autumn.

Our final HotelHUB of the year took place in September - over 20 hotels represented with 7 events and over 100 clients - was fabulous to see everyone.

Immediately following this, we all packed up and went off on our travels again - me to Bodrum to visit the fabulous **METT Hotel & Resort Bodrum** (see below); Raccine and Samantha took a group of MICE agents to the incredible **Mamula Island** and then Raccine repacked and jetted off to Oman for inVOYAGE (more on this next month) and Helen touring the UK meeting retail agencies at the Destination Representation Luxury Roadshow. Olivia and I also attending our first Miss Jones Showcase at Bounce which was a lot of fun!

It is awards season and many recognitions have been made for many of our hotel partners. Congrats to all, very well deserved.

At the beginning of October we officially welcomed to the family **DueTorriHotels** - four exceptional hotels in Bologna, Verona, Genoa and Florence - SO happy to now be in Italy with these privately owned VERY special hotels!

Now we focus on WTM and ILTM for the remainder of this year as well as 2024 planning and budgeting.. Happy reading everyone!

Rupert

HOTEL HUB

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE YOU!

Huge thank you to everyone who attended HotelHUB in September- it was great to catch up with some old faces, and welcome some new ones to the Ru&Co world!

Make sure to keep an eye out for updates about HotelHUB 2024 in your inboxes and on social media- it'll be one you won't want to miss!

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For more information about our portfolio attendees, please contact Ru&Co:

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Dolomite Mountains
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METT
HOTEL & BEACH RESORT
BODRUM

RUPERT VISITS BEAUTIFUL BODRUM

> What a day discovering the beautiful METT Hotel & Beach Resort, Bodrum in more detail. Full of contrast and "luxury lifestyle" at it's absolute best- rooms, suites, event spaces, beach, food and beverage options, of course as the hotel is part of Sunset Hospitality Group- sublime discreet and friendly staff- a tribute to true Hospitality. A proud sister of METT Hotel & Beach Resort, Marbella - Estepona - both extraordinary. Very proud to have both in the Ru&Co Ltd family! Watch out for more METTs to come!

Ru Views

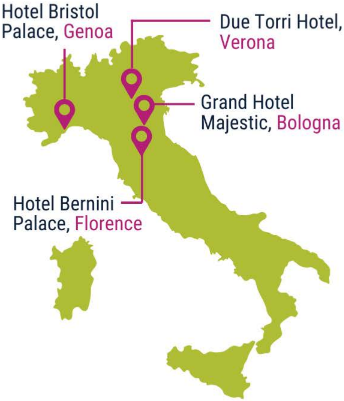
DUETORRIHOTELS

NORTHERN ITALY WITH DUETORRIHOTELS

Rupert joined the newest addition to the portfolio, DueTorriHotels on a 5 day tour to each of their hotel locations in Northern Italy- Verona, Bologna, Genoa and Florence.

VERONA

> After an obscenely early start, it is all worth it to discover Verona, Italy but more especially the stunning Hotel Due Torri in Verona with this view from my terrace!


Hotel Bristol Palace, Genoa
Due Torri Hotel, Verona
Grand Hotel Majestic, Bologna
Hotel Bernini Palace, Florence

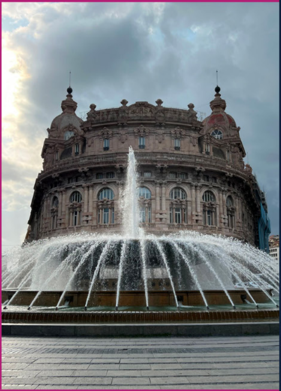
BOLOGNA

> Day 2. City 2. A sad farewell to Verona this afternoon, but a happy hello to Bologna and the simply incredible Grand Hotel Majestic gia Baglioni Bologna. Truly overwhelming hospitality, history, and a dinner that was out of this world!

GENOA

Day 3. City 3. Goodbye to beautiful Bologna- and my Ferrari! Hello to a beautiful sunset in Genoa and the restored - and newly 5 star - Hotel Bristol Palace Genova. I can’t wait to explore more with Giorgia Gazzuola.

Day 4. Stop 4. After exploring the delights of Genoa with oodles of history, shopping and stunning palazzo’s- second only to the beautifully restored Hotel Bristol Palace Genova- a quick ferry ride in the sun to Portofino to people watch over a gelato and then another transfer. More to come tomorrow!



FLORENCE

Day 5. City 5. One of my favourite cities in the world and an incredible end to a whistle stop tour of Italy with a balloon ride at sunrise over Florence - truly breathtaking!

The gorgeous Hotel Bernini Palace Firenze were our hosts and this 15th Century property is a fabulous, classic luxury hotel in the heart of Florence. Food, staff and product all first class-

of course!

Thank you to my dear Giorgia Gazzuola for organising and hosting a spectacular week for us both - it has been an absolute privilege. As Giorgia quite rightly said “missione compiuta”!

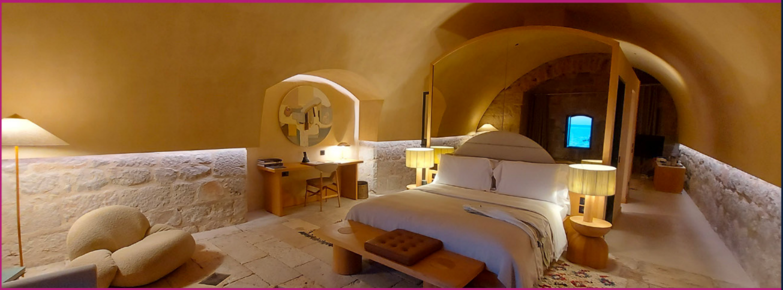
Thank you to all involved this week, you are all the very best in Hospitality.

FORT MAMULA

Mamula Island Hotel & The Mamula Effect

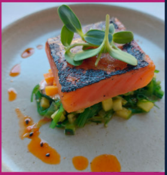
A seamless flight direct from London to Dubrovnik where we were collected and driven straight into Montenegro. A swift speed boat ride to access this former historical fortress, I like many would be curious as to how such a place will feel; the answer is ’serene’.

Mamula offers 32 totally unique rooms & suites, each offering specific features but all spacious, luxurious, incredibly comfortable, my junior suite offered sea views through a picture frame window that would historically have housed a canon. Some of the sky rooms had original fresca’s adorning the ceilings and walls.



Our DMC produced an itinerary that was perfectly balanced allowing time to explore the island and the surrounding area all whilst enjoying the gastronomic and local delights of Montenegro. We were also graced with a demonstration of the sound bath in the tranquility of the Hotels Atrium where the wellness and spa offer shamanic forward-thinking therapies for body mind and spirit.

The eclectic & highly original dishes were created by Erica Archambault Mamula's Head Chef who oversees all of the food offerings of the island, whilst keeping the menu authentic to its environment and climate. Our sommelier who now goes by the name of the Wine Faerie was equally experienced and a delight, she enlightened us to the viticultural flavours of the Adriatic.



In the four days at magical Mamula, we had visits to Lazure Marina, Luštica Bay, Chedi and Chedi Hotel, Savina Vineyard and their spectacular views, Moric family farm for expert olive oil tasting and planted our own olive tree. We visited Boka Bay and Kotor and took the cable car 1300 metres up the mountainside road Lovcen. We swam in the crystal-clear waters of the Blue Cave just off Mamula.

Culinary delights were in no short supply, both on the island and at nearby

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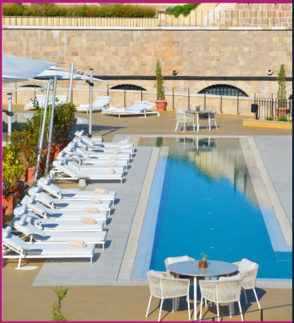
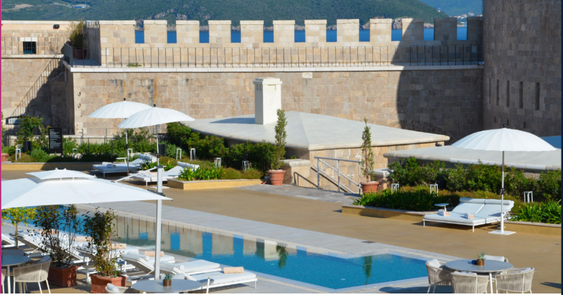
restaurants. We were offered delicacies at every visit and location. A truly enlightening experience of the flavours of this wonderful country.

A review of this island wouldn't be complete without mentioning the incredible staff, every single person gave their all, service was never without a smile or a joke. For this I applaud each and every one of the islands team led expertly and beautifully by the incredible General Manager, Henning Schaub.





Mamula island: **Historic**, **Gastronomic**, **Decadent**, **Delightful** & Unique - to visit is to experience “The Mamula Effect”.

Samantha x

“Having travelled literally around the world and spent many decades working in 5* hotels, I thought I knew luxury, however the decadence, style, originality and that touch of 'je ne sais quoi' puts Mamula Island in a whole new class. Mamula encapsulates Montenegrin culture, food and Balkan beauty. A holistic haven of tranquility coexisting within the walls of this richly historic island. Service was unparalleled and delivered with genuine joy and care whilst sustainability was at the core of everything they do.”

SAMANTHA

“I am still coming back down to earth from the incredible trip that you planned to Montenegro. It was simply magical and all I can say is WOW. You have certainly raised the bar and firstly let me say thank you so much for the invitation and what I am sure will become a lifetime memory and experience.”

SIAN DUNCAN

GLOBAL MEETING & EVENT CONSULTANT, HELMSBRISCOE

> “Mamula is a magical place and memories of my visit here will last a lifetime. The 19th century fort has retained its historical identity while offering exceptional hospitality to guests keen to experience this stunningly beautiful country. I certainly hope to return.”
>
> **GILL AYTON**
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> **FREELANCE PROPOSAL WRITER / EVENT PLANNER, GA EVENT SOLUTIONS**

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

A huge congratulations to the following hotels for winning awards and certifications this year- we celebrate our portfolio with these incredible achievements!

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TOP 10 BEST HOTELS IN GERMANY
FALSTAFF HOTEL GUIDE 2023

connoisseur CIRCLE — 2nd

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CONNOISSEUR CIRCLE

SAVOY PALACE, MADEIRA

2nd

PORTUGAL'S LEADING LUXURY HOTEL
WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS 2023

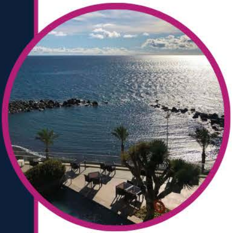
10th PLACE

HOTELS- SPAIN & PORTUGAL
CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER READERS' CHOICE AWARDS
Savoy Palace are the only hotel in Madeira winning this distinction!

WINNER

FAMILY HOTEL
LUXURY LIFESTYLE AWARDS 2023

SACCHARUM, MADEIRA



WINNER

TUI QUALITY HOTEL
TUI GLOBAL HOTEL AWARDS 2023

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EUROPE'S LEADING ISLAND RESORT
WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS 2023

CAN BORDOY, PALMA DE MALLORCA

GOLD LIST 2022: THE BEST DESIGN HOTELS IN SPAIN & PORTUGAL
CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

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EUROPE AND WORLD'S LEADING ALL-SUITE HOTEL
WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS 2022

METT HOTEL & BEACH RESORT, MARBELLA

CEE CERTIFICATE - B ENERGY RATING

METT Marbella have received a B Energy Rating from the calculation of the energy consumption necessary to satisfy the energy demand of their building.

BREEAM CERTIFICATION - VERY GOOD

They have also ready a rating of ‘very good’ with BREEAM- a pioneering international certificate in sustainable architecture that measures the degree of environmental sustainability of buildings.

DOLOMITE MOUNTAINS

VIRTUOSO EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Dolomite Mountains have entered the Virtuoso Experience Program this year- their trips and experiences are now featured on the Virtuoso website. Congratulations to Dolomite Mountains for this achievement.

PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON...

Organising the holiday season?

Ru&Co have you covered from skiing holidays, remote private residences, city breaks, sunny vacation spots, and versatile event spaces...here are just a few!

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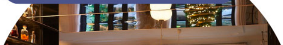

Dolomite Mountains
DOLOMITES, ITALY

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Breidenbacher Hof
DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

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04 DEC

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