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Uga Residence, Colombo, Sri Lanka:

Nestled between leafy Park Street and the lakeside temple of Gangarama, Uga Residence is a unique boutique hotel in the heart of Sri Lanka's business capital city of Colombo.

Built in the nineteenth century by Sheik Salehboy Moosajee, it is one of the few remaining buildings of its kind in Colombo. Originally a family home, the house was designed to host receptions and entertainment on a grand scale, with great halls, expansive gardens and stables for visitors' carriage horses.

Today, Residence is a luxurious eight-suite city hotel. With a large garden, swimming pool, bar and 'great room', Residence offers plenty of spaces to meet, relax or celebrate at the beginning or end of a Sri Lankan adventure. 2024 will see the launch of a new F&B concept at the boutique property with more details to follow.

Armchair travellers can enjoy a taste of Uga Residence at home with Head Mixologist Shan J's ever-popular 'Buttered-Scotch' whiskey cocktail recipe. A heady celebration of the island's rich history and a nod to the elegance of the 180-year-old mansion house, the cocktail fuses Ceylon coffee with smoky Sri Lankan cinnamon bitters.

Ingredients:

- 50ml whiskey
- 50ml milk coffee (Kiri kopi) liqueur
- 3 dashes homemade smoky cinnamon bitters
- 25ml Ceylon coffee

Method:

1. Add all ingredients into a cocktail shaker
2. Add ice and shake until cold
3. Double strain into a champagne coupe
4. Garnish with a coffee bean

Nightly rates at Uga Residence start from \$305 (£239*), based on two adults sharing a Park Suite on a bed and breakfast basis. For more information or to book, visit: <https://www.ugaescapes.com/residence/>

Château de Candie, Chambéry, France:

Luxury villa specialists Purple Summer are delighted to offer guests the ultimate French adventure this season, with a stay at Savoie's Château de Candie, which reopens for 2024 in May. Located in picturesque Chambéry, just an hour from both Geneva and Lyon airports, this 25-room regal residence sleeps

up to 60 on a by-room or exclusive-hire basis and provides the perfect weekend escape for families, friends and couples alike.

The property has recently launched an array of new additions for the season ahead, including a brand-new whiskey snug, offering the ultimate whiskey-tasting experience just in time for its namesake day!

The brainchild of Château de Candie's Head Mixologist Raphaël Diatta, the CandieBee is one such whiskey delight that can be enjoyed in the new snug. A perfect balance between the smoked aroma of the whiskey and the sweetness of the Château's home-grown honey, combined with Erika Gin de Printemps, distilled with spring flowers for a transportive scent. The CandieBee is the ultimate balanced cocktail to revive the strength of Lagavulin whiskey.

Ingredients:

- 4cl 16-year aged Whisky Lagavulin Islay Single Malt
- 2cl Amaretto
- 1cl Erika Gin de Printemps
- 3cl Candie's honey

Method:

1. Fill a cocktail shaker halfway full with ice
2. Place all the ingredients into the shaker
3. Place the lid on the shaker and shake well for 30 seconds
4. Strain into a whiskey glass filled with a couple of ice cubes to keep the drink fresh

Nightly rates at Château de Candie start from 200 € per room on Bed and Breakfast basis. The property is available on an exclusive hire basis from 15,000 €.

For more information and to book, please visit: <https://purplesummer.com/destinations/accommodation-in-the-french-alps/chateau-de-candie/>

Hilton Molino Stucky Venice, Italy:

Situated in Italy's iconic Venice on the peaceful island of Giudecca, Hilton Molino Stucky Venice is a modern Venetian masterpiece. Formerly a flour mill factory, this listed building has been beautifully restored with a series of recent refurbishments, including 24 new suites by famed interior designer Biagio Forino set to be unveiled in April 2024.

The recently renovated Skyline Rooftop Bar at Hilton Molino Stucky Venice is the highest bar in Venice, featuring incredible panoramic views of the city and talented mixologists. Guests and locals alike are mesmerised by the bar's incredible views of the Venice skyline, which is widely held to be one of the best spots in the city to watch the sunset. And now, in celebration of International

