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The world's 20 best hotels on a budget

Gorgeous places to stay, stylish service, stunning views, epic bedrooms - without breaking the bank

Finding affordable accommodation does not mean having to settle for something distinctly average. Breathtaking views, attentive service, great food and hand-picked decor – all are available at a cost that won't make you cringe. We pick the top 20 bargain hotels from the American Budget Travel Magazine's new cheap-chic bible Secret Hotels.

LE CADRAN SOLAIRE, France

Once a postal-relay inn, this old stone building in the residential part of a very small town has thick walls, a tranquil atmosphere (reinforced by the absence of televisions in the rooms), and a trellised garden. It's named for the sundial found on the front of the building that dates back to 1846. With high-beamed ceilings and garden views, the 12 rooms are luminous; ornate modern bedsteads, period reproduction furniture, and muted colors complete the decor.

Graveson is five miles north of St-Rémy-de-Provence and within a half-hour drive of most Provençal highlights. Huge plane trees shade a tiny canal that cuts across the main square, and from May to October there's a Friday market where cheese and produce are sold. A walk along the town's streets will take you past the 12th-century Notre Dame du Bon Remède chapel, the fortified door of the Romanesque church, the 17th-century Breuil château, and Saint Michel de Frigolet church.

A Graveson, 00 33/4-90-95-71-79, hotel-en-provence.com, £38-£52.