

EXCLUSIVE: Expert predicts death risk from overcrowding

DELAYS in patients getting a hospital bed will potentially cause at least 50 unnecessary deaths in a week based on current figures, an analysis carried out by a leading data scientist and A&E expert reveals.

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Stephen Black, a data scientist from Belfast with extensive experience analysing NHS and HSE emergency rooms, said weekly data provided

by the health authorities here sug-gest 51 preventable deaths will oc-cur each week the current dangerous overcrowding levels and lengthening A&E times exist.

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Across the globe, dozens of exciting new hotels are ready to welcome guests in 2023. Luxury is a buzzword no matter the budget. Here SARAH TURNER picks her best from Australia, the Alps and Athens to Tangier, Majorca and Mexico.

hen the first dump of snow arrives in the Alps, a pair of Swiss charmers will be ready and waiting for both skiers and apres-skiers alike.

Faern Arosa Altein, in Graubunden, and Faern Crans-Montana, in Valais, both have indoor and outdoor pools if you would rather swim than ski, and speakeasy-inspired bars if you'd prefer to while away the hours over a cocktail. Instead, the decor is elegant and unstuffy and both hotels allow you to ski directly from the door. In summer they offer a great hiking base for those who would rather not swelter by the Med. B&B doubles cost from €420 per night (faernresorts.com).

If you would rather swap the slopes for a stroll along the Seine, springtime in Paris sees the opening of the Hotel Dame des Arts, a homage to the French new wave of filmmakers in the 1950s. Situated on the bohemian Left Bank – naturellement – inside you'll find a 1950s-inspired restaurant and bar plus 109 rooms. Head to the rooftop bar, where a DJ will provide the soundtrack while you sip bespoke cocktails and enjoy

city views that could be the backdrop to your very own film noir. B&B doubles from €380 per night (damedesarts.com/en).

Across the river, in an authentic Le Marais mansion, <u>Le Grand Mazarin</u> will immerse guests in classic Gallic glam. Interior designer Martin Brudnizki shows off plenty of wit in his reimagining of a Parisian literary salon, complete with bold prints, eclectic art and sumptuous fabrics. B&B doubles cost from €645 per night (legrand mazarin.com).

In Italy, **Bulgari** – that most Italian of jewellery brands – is soon to showcase its glamour in a new Rome hotel. A 1930s building in the chic Campo Marzio neighbourhood, the hotel will offer 100 rooms and suites, a restaurant helmed by top chef Niko Romito and a library devoted to the history of jewellery (bulgarihotels.com).

With art fairs and new, very ontrend beach clubs, the Italian island of Capri is now as fashionable as it was in the 1950s when Grace Kelly and Audrey Hepburn strolled through the Piazzetta. This spring the Oetker Collection will be able to show off its renovation of the historic La Palma hotel. There will be 50 rooms and suites that look out on to the beautiful Tyrrhenian Sea (oetkercollection.com).

Majorca will also see a cluster of hotels open their doors. Come August, guests can check in to Rich-







iLASS ACT: The Bellustar, left, has floor-to-ceiling views across Tokyo and, right, The Ikos Odisia in Corfu has 10 pools nd the Med to choose from. Above: A computer image of sister hotel Ikos Porto Petro in Majorca, due to open in June