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PARILIO ON PAROS, GREECE

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TUNISIA
ANANTARA TOZEUR RESORT

It’s easy to miss this desert structure altogether, its earth tones blending entirely with the surroundings in a trompe l’oeil effect. A 93-room spread wedged in the Sahara, the long-awaited Anantara Tozeur – marking the Thai group’s first step into North Africa – overlooks the sweeping Chott el Djerid salt pan at the fringes of a historic oasis town that’s never before played host to digs of this scale. And it is upping the stakes. While this Mediterranean-facing country has long been popular with sun-seeking Europeans and adventurous backpackers, a different kind of traveller is now checking in here. The type who spends two days shopping in Tunis before holing up at the sandstone-hued villas; who goes riding through palm groves or dune-bashing in the windswep dust bowls before returning to unwind in the spa’s hammam. The inland wilderness of Tunisia may have long been too far off the beaten track for most, but now this hotel has made a definite line in the sand as a destination opening up an intriguing part of the world.

FLASH POINT Go for an atmospheric supper at the original Star Wars set of the planet Tatooine, which is still standing 40 minutes from the hotel. anantara.com. Doubles from about £220.