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Looking toward the Crane, the oldest hotel in Barbados.



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# Cliff Hangers

Hold on to your hat: the most dramatic bluff-side hotels in the world are as breezy as they are beautiful.

**Barbados**

Built in 1887, the **Crane Residential Resort** ([thecrane.com](http://thecrane.com); \$\$\$\$) sits above a pink-sand beach accessible by a glass-front elevator or 99 stone steps. Opt for a room in the original building with stone-coral walls and a hand-carved mahogany bed.

**Brazil**

Escape Florianópolis's frenetic beach scene at the nearby **Ponta dos Ganchos** ([pontadosganchos.com.br](http://pontadosganchos.com.br); \$\$\$\$), on a private, crescent-shaped peninsula. Guests

can relax with passion-fruit caipirinhas on one of the eucalyptus-fringed decks or head to the tiny island just offshore.

**Newport, Rhode Island**  
Rooms at the **Chanler at Cliff Walk** ([thechanler.com](http://thechanler.com);

\$\$\$), a Gilded Age manse on the promenade, might have a Renaissance or English Tudor theme. But the cherry-bacon-and-yuzu lobster rolls are thoroughly modern.

**Amalfi Coast, Italy**

On a limestone promontory 980 feet above Cape d'Orso

is **Monastero Santa Rosa** ([monastero-santarosa.com](http://monastero-santarosa.com);

\$\$\$), a revamped 17th-century nunnery. You'll find a ninth-century chapel, a rock-walled tepidarium, and a cliffside infinity pool that can only be described as divine.

**Bali, Indonesia**

The best place to catch a brilliant sunset over Jimbaran Bay? The Yasuhiro Koichi-designed Rock Bar at the 190-acre **Ayana** ([ayanaresort.com](http://ayanaresort.com); \$\$), an open-air lounge cantilevered over the ocean.

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