

# Dreamy Suites: 10 Best Hotels of 2018

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Alavya ALAVYA

**Alavya, Turkey**

Between Izmir and Bodrum, Alacati still has the innocence, charm and incredible beauty of a Turkish fishing village—rather than the decadence of large resorts and Irish pubs. It's the kind beach town that is begging to be Instagrammed: bougainvillea, a restaurant façade, café tables on the sidewalk, the guy selling fresh mussels from a cart, cobblestone streets and colorful shutters, more bougainvillea. The heart, soul and substance in this town on the Çesme Peninsula becomes especially clear at Alavya. It's an impossibly beguiling place, composed of six restored historic houses with 25 rooms. Some face a large central courtyard, and others look out at small patios with white mulberry, olive, mastic and fruit trees. The pool is beyond inviting. The name sounded exotic and Turkish to me until a friend in Istanbul explained that you're meant to