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FOR TRAD WITH A TWIST 8 HOLLAND STREET TOWNHOUSE, BATH, UK

The influential design store 8 Holland Street now has a bookable three-bedroom townhouse in Bath, allowing you to live out your Jane Austen fantasies while luxuriating on a plush Mario Bellini Le Bambole leather sofa. Designed by the co-founder Tobias Vernon, the rooms are filled with an ever-changing roster of (mostly for sale) art, furniture, decorative objects and textiles. The hallway, with its stairs painted in Blue Gum and woodwork in Muga — oil-based glosses from Paint & Paper Library — hints at the eclecticism to come: a Christopher Farr rug is set against a 1970s wavy-legged Vivai del Sud cane console table. Upstairs, delights include a Plain English kitchen, a living room with an Angelo Mangiarotti marble coffee table and a Vico Magistretti Artemide armchair in grass green, while a top-floor snug is papered in Josef Frank's Eldblomman print for Svenkst Tenn. Did we mention the artworks by Howard Hodgkin and Elizabeth Frink? 8hollandstreet.com



Room service

From paint colours to crockery, these design-led hotels will have you wanting to take more than just the mini toiletries when you leave **Words Ellie Pithers**



FOR THE BEST BED LINEN

VILLA PALLADIO, JAIPUR, INDIA

There's a Diana Vreeland energy to Villa Palladio, the nine-room boutique hotel that extends the warm hospitality of its Italian-Swiss owner, Barbara Miolini, known and loved in Jaipur for her stunning restaurant Bar Palladio. The eminent fashion editor once proclaimed, "Red is the great clarifier — bright, cleansing, revealing," dousing her own living room in a deep scarlet hue, and Miolini, too, has embraced crimson inside the snow-white turreted mansion she has transformed with the fashion designer

Marie-Anne Oudejans and the painter Vikas Soni in the suburbs of Jaipur. Most of the walls are red, in a shade inspired by cardinals' robes, while some are cheered further with murals of palm trees and latticework. Red pool parasols, to contrast with the black and white chequerboard terrace, were commissioned from Venice and the linens in Lake Como. You'll want to steal the block-printed bedding and lamps, made by local artisans, and toiletries by the Indian brand Kama Ayurveda. villa-palladio-jaipur.com



FOR INSPIRATIONAL ARTWORK

BOATH HOUSE, NAIRN, SCOTLAND

The artist Jonny Gent intended the Boath House, the rural hotel he co-owns in Nairn, on the north coast of Scotland, “to smell like a cross between a cave and a church”. That mysterious signature scent has been achieved thanks to hourly burnings of Palo Santo and sage, a fire in the snug and keeping the front door of the 19th-century Regency mansion open regardless of the weather. Whiffs of wet rain, wild garlic and lavender drift through, combining with those of foraged mushrooms from the kitchen. And as one would expect from the team behind Sessions House, London’s buzziest restaurant, the interiors (not to mention the food, designed by Florence Knight) are pretty good too, with artworks by Julian Schnabel, Kate Friend and Luke Edward Hall adding charm to vintage white linen sofas, Marset Ginger XXL floor lamps and 600-thread Egyptian cotton sheets. boath-house.com



FOR CHIC DIY FANS

TUBA CLUB, MARSEILLES, FRANCE

A former diving school facing the sea, Marseille’s Tuba Club takes its name from the French word for “snorkel”. The maritime theme continues in the Le Corbusier-inspired cabin rooms and three new suites, decorated with foam pool floats strung up like necklaces above the beds, rope skirting boards inspired by beach huts, a canopy bed repurposed from old sailing canvas, Vallauris ceramics and the odd pair of retro rubber flippers. The work of the local interior architect Marion Mailaender, Tuba Club has plenty of clever tricks to inspire some interiors DIY, not least the Poulpe Fiction coffee table: a Perspex box placed over old clay octopus traps dredged up from the sea. Don’t forget to stop by Bikini’s, the new rooftop drinking spot, where a bar has been fashioned from a boat hull by Ateliers Laissez Passer, a local collective of upcycling artists, and reclaimed deckchairs have been painted turquoise, their canvas seats revamped in black-and-white gingham. tuba-club.com



FOR COVETABLE CERAMICS

ETT HEM, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

The key to Ett Hem’s intimately soothing vibe is in the name, which means “a home” in Swedish. But even your wildest late-night Rightmove trawls won’t have uncovered a home this lovely, occupying an Arts and Crafts-era building in Stockholm with tactile interiors by the British designer Ilse Crawford. Recently expanded to encompass two neighbouring buildings, it’s full of Crawford’s preoccupations — blue-grey walls, brass cabinetry, moss-green velvet sofas and vintage mid-century lamps — mixed with family-style honesty bars (filled with chocolate cake and shake-your-own cocktails) in the living rooms and kitchens. It will have you googling Antti Nurmesniemi striped armchairs, Behagligt bed linens, Waterworks solid brass toothbrush holders and Are Glashytta glassware. And if you’re particularly taken with the Birgitta Watz ceramics in which your granola is being served, you can ask to purchase them — the Stockholm-based potter is a friend of the hotel. ettthem.se



FOR SERENE QUEENS

SON BLANC FARMHOUSE, MENORCA, SPAIN

Those feeling overly visually stimulated would do well to check into the palette-cleansing Son Blanc. Benoît Pellegrini and Benedicta Linares Pearce, his wife, bought the dilapidated 19th-century farmhouse in 2018 and have transformed it into an ecologically responsible, 14-room retreat. Conceived in a gentle array of local limestone, wild olive wood, coconut fibre and clay, the hotel showcases the work of European artisans. Highlights include woven cotton headboards by the artist duo Cañadas Murúa, burnt wood tables by the French cabinetmaker Vincent Vincent, terracotta bedside tables and lamps by the Spanish ceramicist Nuria Efe, and pottery by the local ceramic artist Isaac Femenías Ferrà. If you’re feeling suitably creatively stimulated, pottery courses and watercolour workshops are run as part of the hotel’s extracurricular programme, alongside yoga, forest bathing and cross-country fitness. sonblancmenorca.com





FOR THE CLEVEREST COLOUR TRICKS

HOTEL DE LA BOÉTIE, PARIS, FRANCE

The designer Beata Heuman, lauded for her playful take on Scandi style, has an impressive client list that has most recently included the model Adwoa Aboah. Now her colourful interiors are coming to Paris for her first hotel project, the 40-room Hotel de la Boétie, near the Champs Élysées. The lobby provides an instant visual hit, featuring striking silver wallpaper from Phillip Jeffries's Vinyl Metalworks collection alongside furniture

and lighting from Heuman's own Shoppa range and large-scale posters from the Royal Academy shop. Meanwhile the bedrooms are painted in Argile Paints' relaxing pale blue Terre de Lune. Clever interiors tricks abound, like the use of red curtain linings to make the hotel look cosy from the outside, even when the curtains are drawn. But the most spirited touch is GPO Retro's dial telephones in every room. hoteldelaboetie.com

FOR FABULOUS FLAMBOYANCE

ULYSSES, BALTIMORE, USA

Forget "accidentally Wes Anderson", think "purposefully John Waters", and you'll end up with New York-based design firm Ash's Ulysses hotel in Baltimore, inspired in large part by the maximalist oeuvre of the *Pink Flamingos* film-maker who calls the city home. The epitome of flamboyance, the 1912 building could have cha-chaed straight out of *Hairspray*, with 116 rooms, a wood-paneled bistro and a decadent cocktail lounge complete with mirrored bar, ceiling and walls, and a violet and fuchsia carpet. The bedrooms are equally provocative, with custom wall-to-wall leopard-print carpets by Shaw Carpets, Etruscan flowerpot vanity mirrors, four-poster beds with scalloped canopies and handmade quilts inspired by Baltimore Album Quilts. The hand-beaded lampshades and bunches of flowers displayed in antique champagne buckets are a delight too. Seeking a souvenir? Ash sells classy hotel merch. ash.world ■

