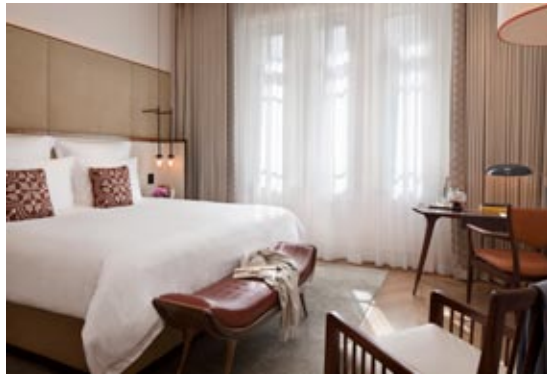


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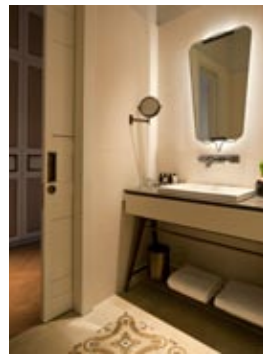
Preface

Whether it's slow-food excellence in Milan, the fast life of a rockstar in Mexico, or a little slice of Portugal in the heart of London, we take a global trip through the destinations shaping travel for 2014.



A Portuguese Love Affair London

A Portuguese Love Affair on London's Columbia Road was opened in August 2013 by Portuguese childhood friends Dina Martins and Olga Cruchinho (pictured above). The little shop showcases their home through its vibrant Made-in-Portugal stock of both traditional and new products such as Bordallo Pinheiro porcelain and colourfully packaged tinned fish from Conserveira de Lisboa. "We are a country of artisans. Due to the crisis, there's a boom in Portuguese creativity," says Cruchinho. — AK
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The Norman Tel Aviv

The latest hotel to open on Tel Aviv's King Albert Square is The Norman, a property made up of two 1920s Bauhaus buildings refurbished by Yoav Messer's architectural studio. The result is a 50-room building with two penthouses and an al fresco dining room serving Mediterranean fare. There's also rooftop dining with panoramic views of the White City. — JD
thenorman.com

The Emblem Prague

It might be cold outside but The Emblem hotel in Prague remains warm and inviting. Just on the edge of Old Town Square, this newly opened property, renovated by Alison McNeil and the team at Dialog design, is a modern yet homely hotel. Communal spaces include the Drawing Room and the Maharal — a social club. And for some privacy, visit the M Spa on the top-floor. — SRT
emblemprague.com



Erba Brusca Milan

Situated canalside in Milan, two-year-old restaurant Erba Brusca has become a favourite hangout for Italy's slow-food faithful by focusing on seasonality and local ingredients. The space boasts its own garden that supplies the kitchen with herbs and vegetables, and a touch of creativity has been added by French-born US-raised chef Alice Delcourt. Her versions of popular Lombard dishes such as pizzoccheri and risotto sit side-by-side with

hearty brunches, hamburgers and poppy-seed-and-fruit-pancakes. The wine list looks to natural vintners such as Frappato from Sicily's Arianna Occhipinti and South Tyrol's Alois Lageder pinot noir. — IC
erbabrusca.it

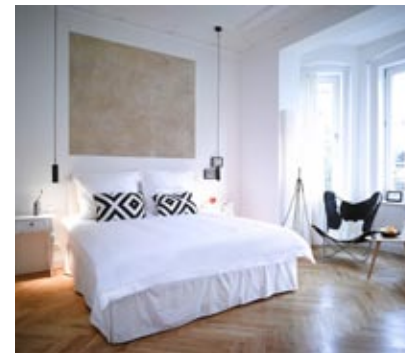
El Ganzo San José del Cabo, Mexico

In San José del Cabo, a new 72-room boutique hotel, El Ganzo, caters to young, design-focused travellers. On its roof, the Gachoo Sushi Bar is flanked by an infinity pool and down below there's an underground recording studio that has become a hot spot for artists such as Damien Rice and the occasional rock star. Regular concerts, films, and an artist-in-residence programme fill out the bill. — AS
elganzo.com



Gorki Apartments Berlin

Fans of Berlin's buzzy Rosenthaler Platz neighbourhood are flocking to the newly opened Gorki Apartments. The 37 individually designed flats are decorated with furniture from the likes of Eiermann, Dixon and Knoll, complemented by vintage finds from the local flea markets. Partnerships are another founding principle: the staff's uniforms were designed by Danish fashion brand Wood Wood, pillowcases come from the German label Odeeh and specially made bikes from the Pelago factory in Finland wait to take guests for a ride. We recommend a pit stop at the bustling cafés of the Weinbergsweg. — MS
gorkiapartments.de



Villa Extramuros Evora, Portugal

After 20 years in Paris, Jean-Christophe Lalanne and François Savatier decided to look for new challenges in Arraiolos, a town north of Evora in the Alentejo region. On a terrain shared with an adjacent ecological reserve, the Frenchmen built Villa Extramuros, a five-room hotel surrounded by acres of olive trees. "We hired a studio of young talent in Lisbon to design it," says Savatier. "The result is a 21st-century interpretation of a Roman country house combined with a riad." The two owners are always on site, eager to greet guests over a glass of Trincadeira wine. — SRT
villaextramuros.com



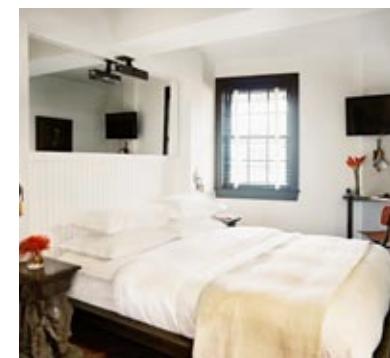
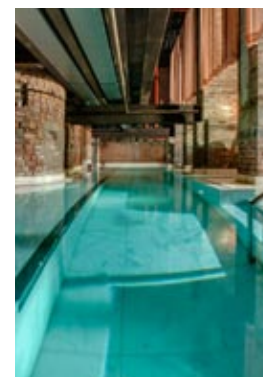
Apolis: Common Gallery Los Angeles

Brothers Raan and Shea Parton founded Apolis in 2004 — a socially conscious clothing and lifestyle brand that co-designs its products with artisans around the globe, from Bangladesh to Honduras. Their products are displayed at the Common Gallery, a 186 sq m retail space in LA's Arts District. The gallery houses the Apolis collection — including Alpaca scarves from Peru and leather sandals from Israel — and serves as an adaptable event space to host regular get-togethers such as lectures on trade and design, gallery exhibitions and film screenings. — MDB
apolisglobal.com/common-gallery



Aire New York

No matter how long your stay or the season of your visit, next time you go to New York don't forget your swimming suit. Inspired by Greek and Roman baths of ancient times, Aire in Tribeca is the destination for those whose feet are achy after a day around town. Start with the Tepidarium's warm waters before visiting the Caldarium hot pool, followed by a few minutes in the Lanconicum steam room, and finally, a dip in the ice-cold Frigidarium. Once you're done, head to the treatment rooms for a massage with aromatic oils. OK, the Ottomans perfected this technique but historical accuracy isn't so important during a deep-tissue treatment. — SRT
ancientbathsnyc.com



The Dean Providence, US

In a city perhaps most often thought of in light of its prestigious universities, The Dean hotel is an appropriate nod to Providence, Rhode Island's bookish legacy. Located in the historic Downcity district, The Dean's 52 rooms are a charming alternative to the city's more ubiquitous corporate offerings and feature a mix of locally designed, bespoke furnishings alongside a horde of antique market finds. A beer garden, karaoke bar, coffee shop and cocktail lounge are all on site and we recommend finishing your evening with a nightcap in the intimate Magdaleneae Room. — BA
thedeanhotel.com