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In the realm of luxury travel, some hotels offer more than suites and spa menus – they curate entire worlds.

From Florence to Cape Town, these 10 visionary stays transform hospitality into a high-art experience.

Here, art is not just background décor – it is the heartbeat. Each property is a living canvas, crafted for the cultured traveller who desires not just comfort, but inspiration in every detail.



21c Museum Hotels USA

Across a string of reimagined buildings in cities like Louisville and Nashville, 21c Museum Hotels invites guests to sleep inside a contemporary art museum. Rotating exhibitions, site-specific installations, and digital works fill every corridor, with a playful irreverence that never feels institutional.

At once edgy and elegant, these boutique hotels cater to a new generation of culture connoisseurs – those who find beauty in the bold and brilliance in the unexpected.

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The Dolder Grand Zurich, Switzerland

Zurich's iconic Dolder Grand is more than a hotel – it's a curated estate where haute hospitality meets art-world prestige. A serene collection of over 100 masterpieces adorns its grounds, including works by Dalí, Warhol, and Takashi Murakami. Even its spa is a sanctuary of visual harmony. Surrounded by alpine tranquillity, this hilltop haven exemplifies the art of refined living – effortless, timeless, and impeccably framed.

Visit thedoldergrand.com





Hotel Éclat Beijing, China

A futuristic jewel encased in glass, Hotel Éclat soars above Beijing's Parkview Green complex like a surrealist dream. Inside, a spellbinding collection – think Dalí's bronze sculptures and Warhol's prints – transforms every hallway into a private museum. Suites are tailored with bespoke furniture and curated art, marrying Chinese design ethos with avant-garde Western flair. This is where the Far East flirts with fantasy, and every stay is a gallery of one's own.

Visit eclathotels.com/beijing



La Colombe d'Or Saint-Paul-de-Vence, France

In the heart of Provence, La Colombe d'Or whispers of a golden age. Once a bohemian retreat for Picasso, Matisse, and Chagall, the family-run inn remains steeped in artistic legacy. Original works still grace its rustic stone walls, offered by the masters themselves in lieu of rent. Today, it welcomes modern muses seeking quiet luxury, Provençal cuisine, and a glimpse of the Riviera's eternal artistic soul.

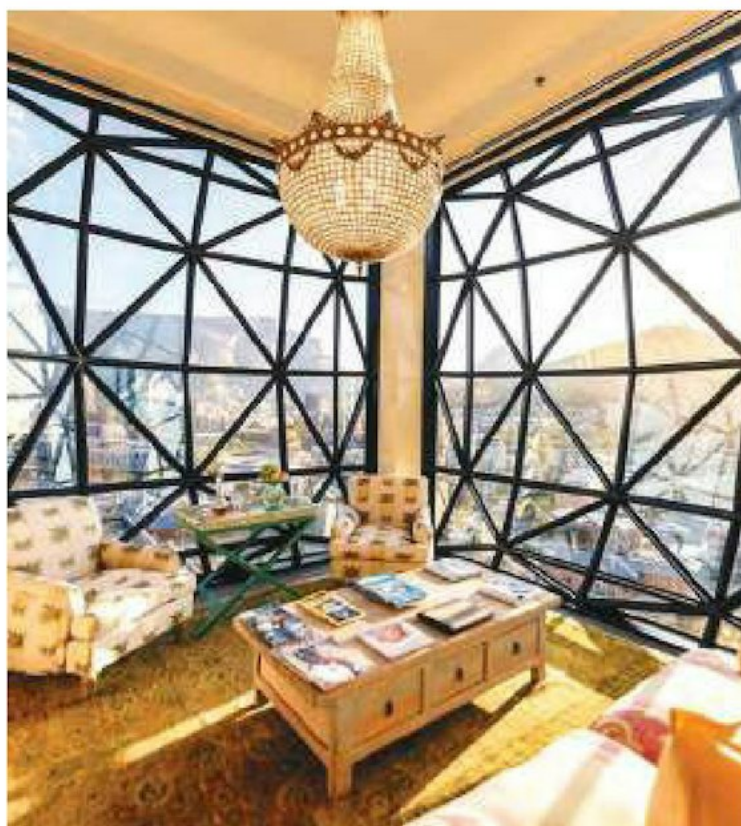
Visit la-colombe-dor.com



The Silo Hotel Cape Town, South Africa

Perched above the Zeitz MOCAA, Africa's leading contemporary art museum, The Silo rises as a beacon of innovation. Its industrial-chic exterior belies a sumptuous interior – a sanctuary of velvet textures, geometric glass, and vibrant African art. Every suite becomes a private gallery, with panoramic views of Table Mountain elevating the experience.

Visit theroyalportfolio.com





Faena – Miami Beach, USA

Part film set, part fever dream, Faena seduces with unapologetic glamour. Designed by Baz Luhrmann and Catherine Martin, the hotel bursts with theatrical bravado – golden columns, crimson velvets, and Damien Hirst's monumental mammoth gleaming by the pool. Here, hospitality is performance art, and every guest is a star.

Visit faena.com/miami-beach



Hotel Lungarno — Florence, Italy

Set along the Arno River, just steps from the Ponte Vecchio, Hotel Lungarno is Florence as seen through the eyes of an aesthete. Owned by the Ferragamo family, its interiors are a symphony of blue hues and priceless art – Picasso, Cocteau, and Italian modernists line the halls. Suites offer both Renaissance views and contemporary calm.

Visit lungarnocollection.com



The Thief Oslo, Norway

Scandinavian minimalism meets artistic rebellion at The Thief, Oslo's most stylish hideaway. With works by Jeff Koons and Damien Hirst on rotation and in-room installations curated in collaboration with the Astrup Fearnley Museum, it redefines Nordic cool. The experience extends beyond sight to sound, with curated playlists and soundscapes elevating the sensory journey. Visit thethief.com



Andaz Amsterdam Prinsengracht Netherlands

Marcel Wanders' whimsical vision transforms this former library into a surreal escape where Dutch heritage meets fantastical design. From tulip chandeliers to floating fish motifs, Andaz Amsterdam is a love letter to the city's rich aesthetic legacy. Art is layered into every surface – playful, cerebral, unexpected. For the stylish traveller with a penchant for narrative interiors, this canal-side gem delivers delight in every detail.

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Maxx Royal Bodrum Türkiye

Perched on the Aegean coast, Maxx Royal Bodrum is a symphony of Mediterranean elegance and modern artistry. Wrapped in pine forests and sea views, the resort redefines luxury through curated experiences – bespoke wellness, haute cuisine, and immersive design. Art plays a quiet but powerful role here, woven into sculptural architecture, contemporary interiors, and installations that mirror the landscape's fluid grace. Collaborations with cultural icons like renowned restaurant Scorpios bring a creative pulse to the shoreline. Every suite is a sanctuary, every view a composition. At Maxx Royal, the horizon is your canvas – and the experience, your masterpiece.

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