

Food & Travel around the world

Explore epicurean inspirations; from hidden gems to perennial classics, from simple delights to refined pleasures. The Great Address shares some of their food and travel discoveries to be included on your must-to-do list. Join us on a journey from Colombo, Sri Lanka to Wexford in Ireland.

Explore and Enjoy!



Novelty Hill Januik



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NOVELTY HILL JANUIK

Washington State, USA

Striking ultra-cool contemporary architecture makes Novelty Hill Januik a destination winery in the Columbia Valley region of Washington State. The modernist minimalism is breathtaking, set among the surrounding gardens

that celebrate wine's agrarian roots and the artistry of fine winemaking.

Novelty Hill Januik is actually two independent wineries – Novelty Hill and Januik Winery, both hand-crafted by award-winning winemaker Mike Januik. The design adds a new spin to the winemaking lifestyle with the addition of a bocce ball court, modern garden with water





features, indoor and outdoor fireplaces on the patio and several terraces.

Inside is a tasting room, demonstration kitchen, private event venues and production facility. The Tree House overlooks the wetlands, has a drop-down screen and large plasma TV. A 5-metre table made from salvaged Douglas fir seats 16.

The Cellar Room is dominated by a 7-metre table made from salvaged western red cedar, with wine cases, barrels and glass doors framed in cherry wood. A maple counter fronts a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen where the chef oversees cooking classes, wine dinners, private functions, wine appreciation seminars and the tasting room menu.

The masterful use of a few simple materials, primarily concrete, steel, glass and wood, blend the building's interior space to showcase the wine with the site's landscape, inviting the outside "in".

Wine appreciation classes, food and wine seminars and events along with winemaker dinners allow guests to explore the art and science of winemaking. Visitors may also stroll through stunning minimalist gardens inspired by the vineyard's geometry. Survey the fermentation and barrel aging rooms from an expansive corridor that overlooks the cellar or take time to linger over a glass of wine by the fire.

Delicious thin-crust gourmet brick oven-fired pizza, served on weekends, is not to be missed.

Novelty Hill Januik is an extraordinary winery that celebrates winemaking while remaining true to the land on which it depends.

www.noveltyhilljanuik.com

MESSA

Tel Aviv, Israel

A must for any food lover, the haute cuisine restaurant comes with an impeccable gourmet menu, glitzy setting and very beautiful people.

It boasts a beautifully designed interior. The glamorous white-on-white dining hall is simply breathtaking. Lined with white upholstered armchairs, it showcases polished white marble floors, drapes and a long white communal table with a burl-wood top that runs down the centre of the dining room.

Even the toilets are exceptionally designed with black stone and dramatic lighting.

The food's creativity and innovation are courtesy Aviv Moshe, who makes every meal a culinary treat. Aviv defines the restaurant's cuisine as thrilling, far from simple and with a subtext of Mother's kitchen. The menu is based on Provençal cooking techniques. Locally sourced materials are used extensively, creating different textures and a captivating complexity of flavours, while maintaining the integrity of each ingredient.

Check out the calamari served with lemon cream, eel and goose liver for an appetizer. Main-course hits include caramelized salmon served with coconut mousse, gnocchi, wild mushrooms and zucchini. The seafood couscous in crab and lemon thyme broth is delicious.

Finish with coffee in the stunning jet-black bar where the oversized lampshades seem suspended in the darkness.

The restaurant is a favourite of the prime minister, as well as celebrities and visiting VIPs.

www.rest.co.il

THE HENRY JONES ART HOTEL

Hobart, Australia

Henry Jones was a late-19th-century jam magnate. Now he is immortalized in Australia's first dedicated art hotel, situated on Hobart's historic waterfront with views of the city and Mount Wellington.

It is a triumph of innovative design, with unexpected combinations of heavy industrial objects, antiques, contemporary art, photography and furniture. There are over 300 original pieces of art on display, making the Henry Jones a showcase of Tasmania's finest artists. This is a unique location that merges art and modernity with Hobart's unique trading history.

Elements of the original structure, such as the exposed brick, vaulted timber ceilings and old-fashioned staircases, remain intact. Some refurbished factory equipment serves as interior decoration.

Guestrooms are shown off with special lighting and fitted with ultra-modern, all-glass bathrooms, plus original art, magnificent sandstone walls and allusions to the building's past. The property consists of a row of historic warehouses and the old IXL jam factory that have been restored to house this very cool, contemporary hotel and art space.

There is the Peacock Terrace Suite, built around the old private residence of Henry Jones. It includes his living room, complete with uneven floorboards, and the heritage-listed staircase, with the added decadence of an overflowing Kohler SOK bath.

For the true connoisseur, there is the Art Installation Suite, a mini-museum of sorts, large enough to host a dinner party, with a balcony that overlooks the sparking glass atrium.

The hip IXL Long bar is the perfect spot for that nightcap.

www.thehenryjones.com

THE GALLERY CAFÉ

Colombo, Sri Lanka

The chic café-bar-restaurant combines the spirit of modernity, fusion, tradition, style and elegance. Often crowded with the who's who of Colombo's jet-setter and expat communities, it is situated within the former office of Sri Lanka's renowned architect, Geoffrey Bawa. His old workbench is now a table in the lounge area.

The café is owned by Shanth Fernando, the man known as the Terence Conran of Asia. There is also a design shop and an adjoining art gallery that exhibits contemporary artists.



Dunbrody Country House



The Henry Jones Art Hotel



Pousada Picinguaba



International House Hotel



Dunbrody Country House

A striking pond bubbles with black catfish at the gallery entrance. Proceed to the bar area, which has weathered, low-slung cowhide chairs, tiled floors and a stainless steel counter where a Nehru-collared barman mixes a head-spinning selection of cocktails. The carefully selected music, the table décor, handmade cutlery on black tablemats and saffron walls create a stylish ambience. The outdoor dining area feels like a secret garden, with mossy walls and cast-iron chairs.

The restaurant offers an international fusion menu, with many touches from Sri Lanka's cuisine. Save space for desert as the restaurant serves some of Colombo's sweetest. The lovely cakes on offer include a double chocolate cheesecake, lemon meringue pie and the Paradise Road chocolate cake. There is also a boutique, offering spectacular shopping. Choose from an endless selection of artefacts of Sri Lankan style – metals, pottery, housewares, local

crafts, home décor pieces, elegant shawls and unique glassware.
www.paradiseroad.lk

DUNBRODY COUNTRY HOUSE

Wexford, Ireland

The former ancestral home of the Chichester family is now an epicurean retreat, a place of absolute indulgence, coupled with a tradition of gracious, attentive service.

The captivating Georgian manor is set in 300 acres of beautiful gardens and parkland on the scenic Hook Peninsula. From the grounds, views over the Barrow Estuary are grand. Decorated with original 1830s Irish oak floors, pitched pine window shutters, high ceilings, twinkling chandeliers and crackling log fires in period fireplaces. Rooms on the higher floors have exposed beams and balconies, while those on the first floor have 3.7-metre ceilings and fireplaces.

Celebrity TV chef Kevin Dundon is one of the owners, so not unexpectedly, dining is a big deal at Dunbrody Country House. They offer a seasonal menu of contemporary Irish cuisine, with some classical European dishes. The stunning dishes in the Harvest Room look like art on a canvas.

Champagne breakfast is served until noon and is a truly luxurious and decadent experience not to be missed.

The restaurant boasts a world-renowned cookery school, catering to all levels of cooks, from budding enthusiasts to the experienced gourmet. Here, participants watch and learn as organic ingredients are transformed into culinary masterpieces.

The renowned spa is intimate, yet lavishly luxurious. The treatment area is a serene haven, complete with Asian-styled serail steam and mud room. Guests may treat themselves with delicious delicacies designed to be enjoyed between treatments: think strawberries and tarragon chilled soups, champagne and lavender sorbets, citrus salad with toasted pine nuts and exotic iced fruit. In winter, consider the chocolate fondues.

www.dunbrodyhouse.com

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE HOTEL

New Orleans, USA

Just two blocks from the French Quarter in the historic Central Business District, the hotel exemplifies the best of New Orleans' cool colonial grandeur. Housed in a stunning Beaux Arts bank building, it blends that old Southern style with an avant-garde twist and decadent glamour.

There is a special vibe that is apparent from the moment one steps in to the grand and elegant high-ceilinged, colonnaded lobby, stunning with its hand-made chandeliers.

Paying homage to New Orleans, inside the guest rooms hang dramatic black-and-white photos of local musicians such as Louis Armstrong and Wynton Marsalis and the shelves are stocked with books about the city.

The L.A.-based designer to the stars, L.M. Pagano, whose clients include Johnny Depp and Nicolas Cage, is the genius behind the pair of sumptuous penthouse suites. They are highlighted by hardwood flooring, bespoke headboards, spa-like marble-bedecked bathrooms with cube tubs and twinkling chandeliers. From the Muse's private terrace, visitors may take in the sweeping panoramas of the French Quarter and the Mississippi River.

Mineral soap dishes are custom-made by local glass artist Mitchell Gaudet. The guest towels are custom-woven for International House.

The enticing restaurant, Rambla, is Basque-influenced and run by acclaimed restaurateur Kenneth LaCour. Savoury small plates of smoked cornmeal-encrusted Louisiana oysters, pork meatballs and steak frites with chimichurri and romesco sauces delight the senses.

The hotel's bar, Loa, is one of the city's most celebrated. Its sultry voodoo atmosphere is accentuated by a candlelit setting, along with red and gold brocaded chairs and banquettes. Mixologist Alan Walters draws inspiration from the seasons when crafting his inventive cocktail menu.

The hotel maintains the local tradition of altar-making, to celebrate religious and voodoo holy days. The altars, topped with candles, religious figurines and palm fronds, are created by chefs and local artisans and displayed in the lobby.

The boutique property draws an A-list of stars and celebrities, including Uma Thurman, Courtney Love, Bruce Willis, Anthony Bourdain, Gwen Stefani, Matthew McConaughey and Kevin Bacon.

www.ihhotel.com



Matsalen / Mathias Dahlgren



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ESTALAGEM DA PONTA DO SOL

Madeira, Portugal

High on a cliff overlooking the south coast of the island of Madeira, the ultra-cool lifestyle hotel is part modernist, part traditional quinta and an entirely excellent example of how architecture and nature can be seamlessly merged. It is hip, minimalist, modern and utterly magical.

Once a farmhouse, the property has been masterfully expanded while being totally transformed from its previous existence. Smooth black slate floors, sleek geometric whitewashed walls and modernist furniture create the perfect accompaniment to the stunning backdrop of endless azure water and sky.

This is a spectacular location, with breathless views from the cliff-top setting above the unspoilt village of Ponta do Sol and just a 25-minute drive from the island's capital of Funchal.

Without detracting from the sea's beauty, bedrooms have been done in black and white, with minimalist furnishings in light wood. Classic black-and-white photographs adorn the walls to further emphasise the monochrome look that contrasts brilliantly against the never-ending and impossibly blue sea.

Each bedroom boasts a balcony that offers dramatic views of the ocean and cliffs, or the banana plantations and the village below.

The box-like shape of the restaurant sits atop its own perch in a manner that raises the level of originality further. There is no superfluous décor that detract from the stunning view. Even the sterling silver cutlery and

table accessories are placed on bare white linens. Clearly, the star of this hotel is the view, seen through floor-to-ceiling windows.

Striking and dramatic, the infinity pool hangs over the cliffs. The terrace hosts musicians and DJs during summer weekends.

Taking a chromotherapy bath in the spa with a full view of the sunset over the Atlantic is not to be missed.

www.pontadosol.com

POUSADA PICINGUABA

Ubatuba, Brazil

Perched on a hill high above a tiny fishing village on Brazil's Atlantic coast, the chic pousada boasts a picture-postcard setting in an enchanting location, an area of outstanding natural beauty in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage-protected Natural Park of Serra do Mar. The hotel is set in a pristine bay surrounded by the mountainous jungle, overlooking the beautiful bay of Picinguaba.

It is a hip retreat for adventure seekers, a place of seclusion and rustic charm that fuses Portuguese colonial architecture with Brazilian folk art.

Enjoy the white-washed rooms, decorated in a simple rustic style. Most come with a private balcony with hammock perfectly positioned for gazing out to sea and spotting hummingbirds in the garden. Bathrooms feature natural Ekos Line toiletries from the Amazon.

Wander down to deserted white sand beaches, go trekking in the lush rain-forest or just lounge by the spring-water pool. Fresh Brazilian cuisine is served at candlelit tables overlooking the bay.



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Estalagem da Ponta do Sol



The Gallery Café



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Savour the flavours of fresh seafood, caught daily by local fishermen, and organic products from the hotel's own farm, Fazenda Catuçaba.

Guests are pampered by attentive staff, overseen by the hotel's friendly manager.

Do not miss renting one of the schooners that bob majestically in the bay, and take a tour through a handful of small and mostly uninhabited islands. Paraty, a UNESCO-protected colonial town, is a 30-minute drive away and one of the region's many highlights.

The region around Picinguaba is one of the most beautiful, well-preserved and least-known parts of the Brazilian coast, an area of extraordinarily rich natural environment combining beaches, forests and mountains.

www.picinguaba.com

MATSALEN / MATHIAS DAHLGREN

Stockholm, Sweden

The Michelin-starred restaurant is housed in the legendary Grand Hotel Stockholm, which was built in 1874 and is a stunning grand dame that defies time. Run by Swedish celebrity chef Mathias Dahlgren, it offers two different dining experiences, which complement one another through the concept of Matsalen (dining room) and Matbaren (food bar). Dahlgren is known for his organic and natural approach, which he couples with themes drawn from memories of his childhood. He has won the Swedish Chef of the Year award seven times and is the only Swedish chef to have been awarded the international Bocuse d'Or.

The restaurant's elegant design is the work of leading British designer Ilse Crawford and features a gentle palette of warm neutral colours. Diners are presented with electronic menus on individual iPads. The menu is evocative, inventive, playful and original. The 8-course tasting menu is as divine as it is sinful.

www.mathiasdahlgren.com



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