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Adega de San Nicolau, Rua de San Nicolaau 1, 222-008-232: Classic Portuguese dishes in the ancient Ribeira district - a tourist rite of passage. Book, Rua de Avis 10, 917-953-387; restaurante-book.com: Everyday elegance permeates this discreet dining room in a former bookstore. Cafeana, Rua do Padran 100, 226-108-059; cafeina.pt: a tried and true favorite near the Atlantic beaches in the trendy foz district. Located in a renovated early 20th century house where the rooms remain gorgeous and the international fare never disappoints. Casa d'Oro, Rua do Ouro 797, 226-106-012; casadoro.pai.pt: Excellent pizza and pasta in a one-of-a-kind setting sitting above the Douro. Museum Ave, Travessa de Cedofeita 54-56, 933-130-382: With the kitchen open from 8pm to 4am, this quaint-filled antiques tavern attracts a young crowd for wine and tapas. Reitoria,Rua Sa Noronha 33, 222-011-463; reitoria.pt: Upstairs is a sedentary restaurant, but Porto's stylish set often appears in a street-level bar for aperitif and plates of ham, cheese and crispy focaccia. Taberna Galeria de Paris, Rua da Galeria de Paris 67, 222-081-797; taberna.com.pt: The light artfully bounces off the low ceiling of the space, creating an intimate backdrop for simple rustic fare and after-dinner fun. WHERE IN SHOP Vida Portuguesa, Rua da Galeria de Paris 20, 222-022-105; avidaportuguesa.com: Take the best Portuguese products - soap, olive oil, sardines and paper dolls - at this belle epoque-esque store. Crewe, Rua do Rosario 211, 935-600-904; cru-cowork.com: Local designers and artisans in this workspace and salon sell clothes, jewelry and other unique products. Fine and candy, Rua-do-Rosario 129, 220-924-466; fineandcandy.com: Luxury handmade stationery and bold leather laptops are custom-made and released in seasonal collections. L'De Luz, Rua de Miguel Bombardier 469, 226-064-896; ldeluz.com: Three floors of vintage furniture and design, including an impressive array of midcentury lamps and lighting. Livraria Lello and Irmao, Rua das Carmelitas 144, 222-002-037: This gem of a modernist-meets-Gothic revival is considered one of the most magnificent bookstores in the world. Lobo Taste, Largo San Domingos 20, 222-017-102: Possibly the chicest salon of Portuguese crafts and design, the products include baskets, blankets, ceramics, carpets and textiles, curated by designer Paulo Lobo and his wife, Paula. Vista Alegre, Rua das Carmelitas 40, 222-004-554; myvistaalegre.com: Portugal's oldest porcelain manufacturer sells an amazing range of items, from reproductions of historical works to collaborations with contemporary artists and designers such as Christian Lacroix and Joana Vasconcelos. 1 Stay in Lisboans Lisboans opened in 2016, and the team is here (a lovely husband and wife couple, Isaac and sisters Tanya Martha and Marisa) have created a collection of thoughtful apartment design right in the beating heart of Lisbon's Baixa district. These residences are full of unique and considered design touches like an eclectic mix of antique furniture mixed with handmade pieces that the team designed themselves. Think carefully selected handmade blankets from one of Portugal's oldest quilt factories in Alentejo, azulejos tile floors and Marshall speakers. The team here is young, proactive, super friendly and full of the best local recommendations for the city they proudly call home and it's not even the best bit. The breakfast bag they leave on your door every morning filled with fresh orange juice, bread and pastries (accompanying the yogurt, milk, butter and jam they kindly left in the fridge) is heavenly. If you value high design, book here. The new Restaurant Lisboans - the concept of farm to table in a large basement called Prado - opened last December. Want to stay? Their boutique, namesake grocery store will open this month. 2 Head in Santa Clara 1728 When Joan Rodriguez, the brains behind Santa Clara 1728, first laid eyes on this previously abandoned building on the edge of Alfama, he plans to turn it into a home for his family. Luckily for locals and travelers, Joan's plans changed midway through construction, and he decided to turn the house into a boutique six-bedroom guest house in partnership with renowned Portuguese architect Manuel Aires Mateus. Here in Santa Clara 1728, it's all about a sensual experience. As soon as you pass the threshold of this 18th century house, located next to the busy streets of Alphama, you will immediately notice the quietness and tranquility, the smell of fresh bread and cakes and the irresistible feeling of space, with beautifully high proportions of ceilings and walls. These layered yet subtle experiences are entirely intentional, and staying here leaves you with a more unique guest experience than one usually expects or receives from a standard hotel, or even a luxury hotel. Santa Clara 1728 is no ordinary hotel; it is a delightfully warm and welcoming home away from home. 3 Sleep in the Palace (in Palacio Belmonte) If sleeping in a 15th century palace is your thing (and why not?!), we recommend booking one of the spacious suites in Palacio Belmonte. Under the watchful eye of the Moorish Castelo San Jorge, in the historic region of Alfama, this is a seriously charming place to move on. No official reception, no lobby, no elevators, no TVs... The list can be said further, this hotel may miss all the standard mod-cons that you used to know in the hotel, but what it lacks in modern finish, it is made up for by endless character, beauty and simplicity. An opportunity to meet the charismatic owners of Palacio, Frederic Coutolas and his Portuguese wife, it's an experience in itself. Frederick, a Frenchman who bought the palace in 1994 for 26 million euros (!) before the work on its restoration, and Maria, an artist, inspire their highlight of life, hospitality, generosity and warmth. Spend the night sipping Portuguese wine and getting to know them. After a night stay here and hours of fascinating discussion, their love for their family, art, meeting people, traveling and storytelling is clear. Complete with a secret garden, swimming pool and exceptional views of lisbon's coloured houses and red rooftops, this is truly an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime place to relax. 4 Go boutique at Casa do Bar'o In a quiet corner of the Chiado district, this charming boutique hotel is a warm and friendly respite and its location couldn't have been more perfect. With decadent breakfasts served in a light glass eatery overlooking a beautiful garden and a small lap pool, Casa do Bar'o offers a relaxing but luxurious stay. The rooms and suites designed by the architect and owner of Rui Gomes da Costa are spacious and full of thoughtful design touches. When booking, we recommend room 15. 5 Discover Mi Casa En Lisboa Sitting pretty on a hill in the Lisbon Grasa area, near the Feira da Ladra flea market in Alfama, the beautiful home of Maria Ulecia has nine bright rooms and spectacular views of Grasa Park, the castle of San Jorge and the Tagus River. The team's generous hospitality shimmers for breakfast every morning: Maria and her team prepare an incredible, daily changing menu with local dishes and delicious homemade cakes that you'll smell as soon as you get in for check-in. We recommend booking a very large attic room with a private terrace. 6 Visit the MAAT Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology (MAAT) opened just over 12 months ago on the edge of lisbon's Tagus River in the Belem area. The impressive building, designed by London-based architectural firm AL_A, is covered with 15,000 white ceramic tiles, with an incredible wavy shape inspired by the ripples of water. Sitting pretty next to the river, the museum also occupies the former teho Central Power Station building next door - a red brick thermoelectric factory building that has been converted into a gallery space. 7 Check out Museu Nacional to do Azulejo It would be impossible to visit Lisbon without noticing its hundreds of walls that are laden with incredibly beautiful hand-painted tiles (or azulejos). Expect a stop-you-in-your-tracks wall display around every corner, each one more colorful and beautiful than in the past. At the National Museum of Azulejo, home to the former Monastery of Madre de Deus, founded in 1509, you can experience and learn about the history of this unique and iconic art. With a beautiful open air Cafe, it's the perfect place to spend a couple of hours. 8 Shop at Mercado Biologico in Pr'ncipe Real Garden Every Saturday morning, local farmers gather to sell their produce in the beautiful pr'ncipe Real Garden. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, handmade olive oil, jelly, bread and more. Don't just grab and leave; It is a beautiful picnic park. Sit down and enjoy the things you buy at the market, or grab a coffee in one of the open-air cafes nearby. 9 Drink Specialty Coffee Copenhagen Coffee Lab was one of the first cafes in Lisbon to open with a focus on specialty coffee, and the desire to skillfully made a latte, flat white or cappuccino kept locals returning to the crowd. Always busy, get there early to nab a place and try one of their delicious pickup brews. The huge Aussie community in Portugal loves its flat whites, and so do you. If you're after something sweet paired with espresso, they have a great selection of homemade cakes and cinnamon buns as well. Keep an eye out for their two new locations that have recently opened, one of which is in Feira da Ladra opposite the market. If you can't find a place in the original CCL outpost, stroll down the hill to Hello, Christophe-cute coffee and magazine shop; Or, keep going a little further to the friendliness of all the specialty coffee cafes, The Mill. Australian, this cozy cafe is always packed (often there is a queue out the door), but it's well worth the wait. Australian coffee at its best, The Mill offers everything down under the lashings australian cafe lovers expect, and they even Vegemite! 10 Book Place in Sociedade Open Plan, a light-filled studio in Lisbon's most charming neighborhood, Principe Real, A Sociedade is a creative gastronomic studio founded by Lisbon local Claudia Villax. This amazing space isn't just Claudia's design studio (she's an amazing food photographer/graphic designer as well). It hosts a number of workshops, private dinners, activities and excursions related to food, conceptual Claudia and her team. With a mission to promote the gathering of creative and inspiring people at the table, the events developed by the A Sociedade team are designed to give participants a practical understanding of Portugal's food culture. If you want to learn more about the local grocers in the area, they offer Principe Real walking tours with chef Tolga von Klein. 11 Visit the Kalust Gulbenkian Museum and Gardens This cultural center is part of a large complex, comprised of a center of contemporary art, a library, gardens and an auditorium where live music and other performances are played. The gardens at the Kalust Gulbenkian Museum are incredibly peaceful and beautiful. Japanese design, they make for a lovely, relaxing place to spend away steaming Before or after the post time in the museum, which has one of the largest private art collections in Europe and the world. 12 View on under cover just across the street from the Calouste Gulbenkian Museum and gardens of an adorable little magazine store, appropriately named under cover. Filled to the brim with an impressive line-up of unique and interesting local and international titles, it's definitely worth making a stop here after spending some time across the road at the museum. 13 Go to Up and Comers: Beato and Marvila Lisbon has its go to the districts, but several areas are still on the rise in the eastern industrial part of the city (between Alfama and the new-ish Park das Naes). Beato and Marvila are full of abandoned warehouses and buildings that are quickly filled with start-ups, workshops and craft breweries. We recommend grabbing a beer at Dois Corvos or Musa (which just opened inside a factory in Rua do Achar in October) and then lunch or dinner at Lugar que nao Existe (translation: This is a place that doesn't exist). There are a bunch of galleries in these areas as well (don't forget to check out the Underdogs), as well as a cute cafe called Cafe Com Calma, and a massive vintage warehouse (Cantinho do vintage) that's worth a visit for some shopping. 14 Visit the Time Out mercado da Ribeira Time Out Mercado da Ribeira is Lisbon's largest market. Housed in a large food hall, with tons of food stalls to choose from, run by some of Lisbon's best chefs, no less - you could spend hours indulging here. When visiting, we recommend trying fried tuna pregos in sea me loaf bread, Portuguese pies from Manteigaria, local green wine (vinho verde) from O Bar da Odete and ice cream from Santini (try coconut and pineapple). 15 Head Vida Portuguesa is a must visit if you want to take home some authentic Portuguese products for yourself and others, Vida Portuguesa beautiful shop tucked away in an alley in Chiado. Founded in 2007 by Katarina Portas, a former Portuguese journalist, the store is full of artisanal blankets, ceramics, Portuguese tiles, old-school soaps, gourmet food and other products from Portugal that honor the cultural traditions of the past and present of the country. If you find yourself in Porto, Katarina has a second outpost there as well. 16 Treat yourself to Portuguese tarts It would be a crime to visit Portugal without trying one (or many) of its most revered delicacies, Portuguese custard pie (or past'is de nata). With a crispy dough on the outside and a soft and warm custard filling, you probably won't stop at one. In our opinion (and according to the locals we asked), there are three contenders for the best of the city. Our best choice by far is best known for these sweet treats, Past'is de Belem. The cookies are super crispy and salty, and still warm custard is not as sweet as most. Another place to stop for Manteigaria Pies, which has a number of locations throughout the city. There will often be long lines outside the chiado outpost door as they ring the bell to signal a fresh batch just out of the oven. Finally, Martinho da Arcade, a small, quirky cafe in Prasa de Comercio, is an older cafe in Lisbon, best known as a writer to hang out (and where Fernando Pessoa still has a desk booked exclusively for him, even more than 80 years after his passing!). Pies are homemade here, and the experience of enjoying them in such a genuine setting will not be missed. 17 Where to eat in Lisbon there are so many wonderful places to eat in Lisbon. The food scene in this city is thriving right now, with amazing eateries ranging from tiny little local taverns to more quaint restaurants. Our favorite in town should be Taberna da Rua das Flores. It's a favorite among the locals, but getting there is early. This place has no booking policy and so it can be impossible to get in. Check out the new restaurant from farm to table Prado (under The Lisboans) and visit Time Out Market, or any of Jose Aviles' restaurants throughout the city (it basically has a monopoly on all the good food in this city). Visit Cantinho do Avillez or Belcanto (for which he was the first Portuguese chef to receive two Michelin stars) or pizza at his newly opened Pizzaria Lisboa. If you find yourself in Alfama, it is also worth checking out pizza and pasta at the Italian favorite restaurant Esperanza Se. 18 Where to drink in Lisbon If you want an amazing view with your sundowner, check out the park. Located on the top floor of a car park in the centre of Lisbon, it may be full of tourists, but the sunset views over the Tagus River and the 25-de-Abril Bridge of Lisbon are spectacular. The wine shop and wine bar with an impressive wine ceiling. There is also a very cute Aussie-owned wine bar on the back streets of Principe Real called Bar, which is worth checking out 19 Where to Shop in Lisbon While in Lisbon, check out some amazing local Portuguese brands in The Feeting Room Lisbon (they also have a shop in Porto). Watch out for the incredible leather shoes of JAK, and jewelry by Ines Telles. There are some fine shops in the Principe Real area; stay at Principe Real Enxovais for home

linen, Mini by Luna (for children's items) and Casa Pau-Brasil (Brazilian concept store). We also like Skinlife in Chiado for their beautifully curated line of skin care brands like Aesop, Diptyque, Le Labo, Byredo and more. Veronica is a multi-brand boutique that has international brands at affordable prices: here you will find See Chloe, Sonia Sonia Rykiel, Vivetta, Paula Jo, Orla Keele among others. And and The smallest store you've ever seen, check out the Luvária Ulisses-pepper shop founded in 1925. 20 Get your hair done at Griffehairstyle if you need a good cut, color or dry kick, look no further than Lisbon's most famous hair salon- Griffehairstyle. Located on one of the best streets in Chiado, owner Helena Vaz Pereira works with some of The biggest Portuguese fashion houses and collaborates with TAP Portugal's onboard magazine. If it's the color you're looking for, try your luck to get a meeting with Sofia (she's often booked three months in advance) or Ana (she's absolutely amazing). If it's the cut you're after, book a meeting with the salon's founder, Elena. This magnificent salon is a real family affair. Elena and Ana are sisters; Sofia is their sister-in-law, and their cousin Joanna is working their welcome. Family ties don't stop there. If you want your makeup done as well, Sofia's husband (Elena and Anna's brother) can help with that too. 21 Stay in a converted warehouse apartment If staying in Airbnb is more your style, we found the ultimate home in Lisboa. This renovated warehouse apartment, in a once-abandoned building, is perfectly sandwiched between the bustling neighborhoods of Bairro Alto and Principe Real. Light and spacious, the apartment has two large bedrooms, an industrial-style kitchen, a large bath and an incredible sunset view on Lisbon's red rooftops, overlooking Etrella. You don't want to leave. BOOK 22 Shop on The Fair da Ladra Flea Market Feira da Ladra, which translates as the Thieves Fair, is Lisbon's oldest flea market. Taking a large corner in Alphama, the market has been operating since the 12th century! Come here on Tuesday or Sunday morning to find antiques and second-hand goods. Here you can shop for everything from ceramics, tiles and glassware to clothes, shoes and books. This market is not for shopping nervous; There are stalls all over the world, so you will need patience to scope out good things. 23 Go to the Champalimaud Foundation Research Center Champalimaud Foundation (a fund created by the family of Antonio Champaimo-Portuguese banker and industrialist who in 2004 was the richest man in Portugal) created the Center for Research in Belem Lisbon, developed by Charles Correa. If architecture is of interest, this impressive building is worth a visit. While objects are dedicated to neurology and cancer research, the building and its foundations are a true sight to see. Spend some time in the garden and enjoy lunch at Darwin's Cafe after a walking tour of the building. After a beautiful day in this beautiful place, why not stay at the birthplace of Pastis, the factory of Febrica dos Paste de Belem, for another nata. 24 LX Plant Especially On Sunday, when the weekly flea market is held along its main street, Lx Factory is a mini-district near Alcantara that is home to the downtown, creative crowd. There are a lot of design studios, equestrian spaces, cafes, restaurants and boutiques. In this part of the city there is always something to work, see and explore. Check out Ler Devagar's bookstore for its impressive floor-to-ceiling wall of books centered around a two-story printing press. Take coffee (really good coffee) from Wish Slow Coffee House. If you fall in love with their brew, no stress, they also have another place in Chiado. 25 Journey south to Alentejo... Alentejo is one of Portugal's most charming regions, full of olive groves, vineyards, ancient oaks and cork trees that seem to go on forever. The landscape here is simple but beautiful. Not only that, it is home to one of the most magical places in all of Portugal, San Loino do Barrocal. Jose Antonio Uwa, founder, is the eighth generation of the same family who have lived in San Lawrence do Barrocal for the past 200 years. When Jose Antonio was just 26 years old, he gave up his financial job in London and returned to the 780-hectare estate with a vision - he planned to spend two years living in an abandoned estate to begin to understand property: land, soil, seasons. He lived alone in what is now a tiny pool-house. A couple of years later, he enlisted the 2011 Pritzker Prize by Portuguese architect Eduardo Souto de Moura to rejuvenate his family estate in a retreat this today. The process took 14 years. Opening in 2016, this former farming village is now one of the most beautiful, peaceful, welcoming and inspiring housing experiences out there. With interiors of the very clever Anahory Almeida, organic skin care (and stunning spa) by Suzanne Kaufmann and thoughtful design touches throughout the property (such as family photos and trinkets adorning the walls), Barrocal is a special place. The food at the Barrocal restaurant is local, seasonal and mostly sourced from their on-site (and very impressive) vegetarian garden. There is a beautiful horse stable as well, and it is possible for guests to take riding lessons, or go for a walk to the nearby medieval town of Monsraz. This exciting farm retreat is understated-luxury at its best. 26 Visit Fefrica Alentyana de Lyensesios de Mizett Nielsen Misette Nielsen (Dutch) dedicated his time to saving one of the oldest Portuguese traditions - a unique weaving method used to create blankets in Alentejo. In the pheffrie of Mizzett Alentejana de Lanifesios in Reguengos de Monzaraz (a 15-minute drive from San Lurenco d Barrocal) visitors can see her four weavers working away on her 150-year-old looms. Mizette uses merino for her blankets and carpets, and works on a special special for brands such as Kenzo and Portugal's own Vida Portuguesa among others. 27 Visit the medieval village of Monsraz In this medieval hilltop town near the Spanish border or San Lurenco d'Barrocal, you can visit the cozy Mizette Nielsen store (to pick up some more alentejan carpets and blankets), as well as wander through the tiny, whitewashed streets that surround the castle. For a hearty local lunch, we recommend booking a table at Sabores de Monsaraz (where booking is essential) for excellent Portuguese food. 28 Visit Coudelaria De Alter Another decent stop in Alentejo is the Coudelaria De Alter Stud Farm, an 800-hectare property dedicated to the noble Lusitano (Portuguese breed of horses no different from the Spanish Andalusian horse). Once a royal stud (founded back in 1748), this hotel is now open to the public to visit the stables, the Codelaria de Alter Museum, riding lessons or just for the opportunity to visit these beautiful horses. Every day there is a exit from the egada ceremony, where all the mares go to the pasture. We hear that there will be a luxury hotel in the works here as well, so stay tuned. 29 Stop Estremoz Dinner at the Cadeia restaurant quingentista - a delicious eatery housed in a 500-year prison. This building has an infinite amount of history within its walls, but today its upstairs terrace is the perfect place to see the sun set. 30 Visit the Jorou, a World Heritage site full of medieval architecture and ancient Roman history, Ovora is the capital of the Alentejo region and is well worth a visit. Stop at the (admittedly somewhat creepy) Capela dos Ossos (Bone Chapel), where walls are lined with bones and skulls of more than 5,000 bodies that have been exhumed from the crowded cemeteries of Evora. The wording above the entrance to the chapel reads: We, the bones, are waiting for your... Also worth a visit is Templo de Diana, which is considered the best preserved Roman temple on the Iberian Peninsula. 31 Rent a Boat House If you fancy some time on the water, head to Lake Alkeva, Europe's largest lake. Here you can rent a houseboat near Amieria (without requiring a license) and spend the night under the stars. 32 Dinner (and a little wine) at kinta do Ketzal This is an exceptional hotel. Newly opened, the quinta do Ketzal is part winery, part private museum of contemporary art and part restaurant. The interior of the restaurant, designed by Lisbon's best design firm Anahory Almeida, is absolutely beautiful and has an impressive mural with countless painted tiles designed by local artist Henrietta Arcelin. Located in the small town of Vidigeira, also in Alentejo, this makes for an incredible stop for lunch or a glass of wine. 33 in the Algarve and stay at Casa Modesta Casa Modesta, on the edge of the Natural Ria de de De Near the city of Olhao, was an old family home that was recently redesigned into a clean-lined boutique hotel by its co-owner, Vienna, and its architect firm, PAR Architects. Run very charming Carlos, brother of Vinia, this is a real family affair. Their other brother, a physical therapist, is even on call if you need or want a massage. The design here is rustic minimalism at its best. Come for the design; stay for breakfast. The incredible spread of showcasing local produce is put on every morning and can be enjoyed by the pool in the sun. 34 Visit Faro Faro itself is one of the most beautiful cities on the Algarve. After exploring the old town (and its wonderful market for produce), take a boat to one of the nearby islands within the Ria Formosa National Park for a day at the beach. Best option? The nearby Desert of Ilya (Desert Island). A small island - just 7km long and 600m wide - it has only one resident, an old fisherman who lives alone in a shack (the subject of Pedro Neves's documentary, called Raposa de Desert, which translates as Desert Fox). The reason people come here, besides spending time at its beautiful beach, is for lunch at the very popular Estamine restaurant in the eastern part of the island. Estamine is known for its exceptionally fresh and delicious seafood made from its solar-powered cuisine. We recommend trying Algarve salads, crispy shrimp Beach (pictured here) and clams Bulhao Pato. 35 Book a night (or two) on a Palma farm a delightful 200-year-old traditional 'monte' house, lovingly converted into a small guesthouse by an equally delightful Belgian couple (who dreamed of a slower life in Portugal), The Farmhouse of the Palms makes for a perfectly quiet and cozy home base to explore the Algarve. While there, visit Monterosa - an artisan maker of olive oil - in nearby Moncarapacho. A production boutique where everything is done by hand with minimal machine intervention, visitors can take part in one of their daily olive oil tastings. You will notice on your travels that the Algarve is home to thousands of cork trees. Visit the Novacortica Cork Factory for a tour and a lesson in how traffic jams are assembled. And finally, for some of the best (cheap and fun) piri-piri charcoal chicken you'll ever eat, head to the local bistro Luis dos Frangos in downtown San Bres de Alportel. If it's Saturday, head to nearby Lula, where one of the most popular Algarve farmers markets is held every Saturday every morning. 36 Stop Vila Joya If budget is not an object (the largest suite here starts at 2,000 pounds per night), book a room at the Villa Joya-private clifftop villa in Albufeira overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. If your budget Don't quite stretch that far, just put your hands on it during the day. Installation here-along here-along The Atlantic coast is hard to beat. With three restaurants (one of which was awarded two Michelin stars) there are many options to choose from. We prefer a whitewashed, light-filled, more casual bar on the beach. 37 Staying at Casa M'e in Lagos is totally unpretentious, Casa Mee is exactly what the chic, lazy beach town of Lagos has lacked for so long- incredibly thoughtful and considered a boutique hotel. Located right within the walls of the old town of Lagos, this beautiful hotel is a quiet oasis surrounded by a huge vegetarian garden, in the middle of an otherwise rowdy party town. Comprised of three different houses, combining old and new-Casa Miae pays homage to the local Portuguese craftsmanship in every way. Casa Mae founder Veronica Ploaert is all about people, about collaboration and partnerships, and about honoring local traditions and artisans where possible, in Casa Mae Loja (shop) you will find many of the products that you enjoy in your hotel room. We especially loved the OTR carpets and the ceramics of the design studio, Madre. We are obsessed with every little design detail here - from branding to ceramics, from tiles to blankets, from lampshades to bathrobes, and beautiful breakfasts. Coffee is our favorite, Copenhagen Coffee Lab, so life is good. And while in Lagos, make sure you check out their wonderful farmers market held every Saturday morning near the bus station (Estedio Municipal). 38 Stop in the village of Aljezur After spending a few long, lazy days in Lagos, catch a ride on Aljezur on your way back to Lisbon. You will find a small and beautiful farmers market held there on the third Monday of each month. Nearby is the town of Arrifana, and there you will find one of the most beautiful beaches in Portugal - a great place to learn to surf. Stop at the O Paulo seafood restaurant for a delicious seafood lunch on the way home. 39 Visit the beaches of the West Coast Beaches of the West Coast of the Algarve are sturdy, wild and ridiculously beautiful. In Costa Vicente you'll find the beaches of Amoreira, Carrapateira, Castelejo and Beliche just to name a few, finishing with Odeceixe (the last stop before you enter back to the Alentejo region). In winter, these beaches are almost deserted, and in summer they never get too crowded. It's beautiful here. 40 Spend the night in Odessa on your way back to Lisbon, spend the night in Odessa on the West Coast of Monte. The owners, Ricardo and Katarina, are absolutely lovely and they have created an amazing place to stay. Odeceixe, on the border of the Algarve and Alentejo, is a small fishing village in front of a beautiful beach that is great for surfing and catching the sun on the way back to the city. 41 Check out Comporta - and book a room at sublime Comporta Only an hour and a half south of Lisbon, still on The coast of Alentejo, lies Comporta. This low-key beach town has become a pretty hot summer destination lately. It is especially popular among local and international fashion sets. And it's not hard to see why the white sandy beaches here seem to go on forever and they are full of incredible oceanfront bars and seafood restaurants. The town of Comporta itself has several cute shops (our favorite time is Lavanda), one life-changing restaurant (see below) and there are some great accommodation options nearby as well. If you want to completely relax but still want to have access to amazing food and wine, pool and day spa, then book a room at Sublime Comporta. The only five-star Comporta Hotel, just a five-minute drive from Comporta's best beaches, is located in a beautiful 17-acre husband offering simplicity and tranquility in its cabin-style accommodation. With the new general manager (who joined the team with AMAN Resorts), Sublime Comporta has some exciting plans for the new year and is set to become an even more impressive and sought-after destination. We definitely recommend ordering one of Cabana's two-bedroom villas. If you happen to be there in spring or summer, look for a new outdoor Sublime dinner, 'The Food Club', where you can dine among 300 aromatic herbs, vegetables and plants in their organic garden and watch the chef cook all over the hot coals in front of you. 42 While in Comport... It may only be small, but the town of Comport has some great little things to explore. For shopping, head to Lavanda for a wide range of local and international brands. For a great meal, make Cavalaris your first stop. Relatively new (it opened only in the summer of 2017), and housed in the former horse stable, Cavalaris is one of Portugal's best lunch experience thanks to the amazing and internationally experienced team that hold reigns here. Run by a young, passionate and professional team-Bruno (chef), Philip (pastry) and Fabio (on drinks) - their menu showcases local and organic products where possible and inventive and interesting, while simultaneously bringing laid-back simplicity to the plate. This is the kind of place you find yourself going back three to four times during a week's stay. For something more traditional, head to the very quiet and very local restaurant Dona Bia, located on the right side of the road heading into town. For beaches, we love Praia do Pego (eat seafood at Sal's restaurant), Carvalhal beach for swimming and Praia da Gale. Other restaurants worth checking out include Sabor Mar, Ilya do Arroz and Dinis. Also, non-guests can enjoy the bar and restaurant in Sublime Comporta. 43 Cavalos on Areia (Horses in the Sand) very kind and charming Jo'o, this horse horse The experience at Comporta takes you through green rice fields, past traditional fisherman's dwellings, over sand dunes and along endless, empty beaches. An incredible way to experience the beauty and simplicity of this region, extended orders here are essential but worth it. 44 Casas Na Areia (House in the Sand) If you travel with a small group to Comporta and would prefer something more private, we recommend booking the beautiful Casas Na Areia. Another incredible project by Joan Rodriguez (Santa Clara 1728) and architect Manuel Aires Mateus, these gorgeous thatched hut/fisherman-style houses were built using only natural materials in order to fit into the environment. Comprised of three separate cottages, Casas Na Areia can accommodate up to eight people. Our favorite part of the whole cottage with sandy flooring in the living room! It's the perfect place to relax completely, immersing yourself in nature and incredible, thoughtful design. 45 Catch lunch or sunset in Praia do Gincho or Azenhas do Mar head back to Lisbon, and while you're at it, head a little further north along the Atlantic until you reach Praia to do Guincho for a seafood lunch at Mar do Inferno. Also drive a little further north and dine at Azenhas to do a Mar-a-rock town overlooking the ocean. Here you will enjoy amazing seafood and spectacular views, so stay at sunset if you can. Whether you're a game, renting a motorcycle or scooter in Lisbon and making a drive along the coast from there is a really magical ride. 46 Take a day trip to Sintra Unlike some of the other hidden gems mentioned in our guide, the town of Sintra on top of the hill is certainly no secret. Like something out of a fairy tale, this very beautiful city is full of colorful palaces and charming buildings. If you are in the mood for a workout, we recommend taking the Seteais walking trail that starts at the Seteais Palace and takes you through the wooded footholds to the park, The Pena Palace and the Moorish castle. It is an incredibly beautiful trail through the forest with beautiful views back around the city. The only downside about Sintra is that it is always so packed with tourists, so we would suggest making a day trip from Lisbon rather than staying overnight. 47 Beach time at Ericeira Less than an hour's drive from Lisbon, Ericeira is the perfect place to avoid if you are looking for good waves and good vibes. While there, make sure you eat pastel de Nata from the local bakery P'ozinho das Marias, bowls of acai from Nalu Bowls (yes, just like the one in Bali) and check out Sunset Bamboo for their big toast (sandwiches bigger than your head), fresh juices and cocktails. For sunset drink head mar das Latas, or go to an impressive wooden beach bar in Praia de Ribeira (take footpath all the way from GIG (Green Is Good) is the best place for a healthy dinner. Book a room at Magic quiver Surf Lodge - it's super basic and discreet, but cute in design - its location right in the middle of town is lovely. Also, check out the Magic quiver surf shop for its good coffee and surf gear, and keep an eye out for Ericeira's custom local surfboard, Nico from Wavegliders. Oh, and the Australian Cafe Mill (from Lisbon) will soon be opening second place here. 48 Catch some waves in Peniche Apart from the obvious, like its incredible, world-class surf and wave-Peniche beaches is incredible for yet another thing as well as The Surfers Lodge Peniche. Owned by ex-Swedish professional surfer John Malmquist, Surfers Lodge Peniche is a rustic and bohemian surf boutique to serve full of warm and friendly vibes. It's the perfect place to stay when visiting these parts - the beds are super comfortable, the restaurant dishes in the house are up to incredibly fresh and local produce, and they have a great roof terrace and bar with bands and DJs throughout the summer. A short walk from Baleal Beach (a long, beautiful white sandy beach with red cliffs), Surf Lodge also offers surf lessons for all levels. Time for your visit with Rip Curl Pro and see the talent of some of the best surfers in the world at nearby Supertubs, Europe's answer to the pipeline to Hawaii. 49 Book a room at the Duas Portas Townhouse Duas Portas (meaning two doors) Townhouse, like most great establishments in this country, a family affair. Upon arrival in this beautiful eight-bedroom house on the banks of the Duoro River, you will be greeted by the beautiful Luis Suto de Moura, the architect who owns the guest house. The architect of this project was Luasa's mother, also named Luasa (Penha). Luisa Francis's aunt is the one who bakes delicious cakes that you will smell at the entrance and who serves guests their breakfast every morning. Her father, Eduardo Suto de Moura, although not involved in this project, is the winner of the Pritzker Prize in 2011 and the architect of the incredible San Lorenevo d Barrocal in Alentejo. This is Portuense (Porto people) hospitality at its best. A simple but exquisite place, the renovation of this hotel honors the history of the building, adding a nod to the aesthetics of Scandinavian design. The color palette here is full of crisp white and natural wood, and the floors are painted in the most luscious dark green glitter. Soon a great team at Duas Portas will open a brand new restaurant next door. It is a cozy, warm and friendly place to stay on your next trip to Porto. At the end of the day, head to nearby Travesse for a glass of wine and delicious guacamole. 50 All on board... Presidential train for super charming and charismatic Portuguese entrepreneur Gonzalo Castel-Branco, it's look when he found the presidential train placed inside the National Railway Museum. The crown jewel of Portugal's railway, this magnificent train has hosted kings, presidents, heads of state and popes in past centuries. It was Gonzalo's 10-year-old daughter who invited her father to take the train from the museum and turn it into a restaurant (he loves food and entertaining, after all). After a restoration worth 1 million euros, a nine-hour gastronomic journey from Porto-Vesavio-Porto was born on board the carefully restored Portuguese presidential train. On board you can expect four gourmet dishes tasting the Michelin-starred chef's menu. Complete with wine pairs, exclusive access to an exciting private estate in Duoro kinta do Vesavio-port wine tasting, a bar with live music on board on the back and an afternoon tea service, this is a seriously polished and impressive experience. Hosted by only 60 guests at a time, through the weekends of spring and autumn, this is a Portuguese experience you want to put right at the top of the bucket list. This year's spring season and dates have just been announced, so be sure to check out their website for more details. 51 Stop at San Bento station You don't have to leave Porto without visiting one of the most emblematic and iconic buildings in the country, the beautiful San Bento train station. Filled with 20,000 azulejos tiles, designed by local artist Jorge Colacho, it's an incredibly majestic space and insanely Instagram-worthy. 52 Visit the Duoro Valley The beauty of the Duoro Valley is astounding. Take the presidential train there and you will struggle to work if you are in the countryside of Switzerland, whistling around Lake Como, or a combination of both. The Rolling Hills and beautifully manicured vineyards around here - it's really gorgeous. There are many wonderful sleep options in the valley, but for something homemade and more boutique, we strongly recommend booking a room in the beautiful house of quintas dos Murkas. With the interiors of a very smart Lisbon-design firm, Anahory Almeida (the same team behind San Lawrence do Barrocal and some of the best Lisboa restaurants), this is the perfect place to spend a night or more. If dos Murcas happens to be full, check out the boutique wine hotel kinta do Valado, or Six Senses Duoro Valley instead. 53 Spend the morning in Matosignos Matozinhos a small seaside town near Porto, which is famous for its excellent surf. With a strong beach culture and proximity to seafood, you will find great fresh fish in these parts. Mercado de Matozignos Municipal Park is an excellent fresh food market located in an impressive curved white pavilion by the sea. While you're here, it's worth checking out manifesto-big magazine and bookstore on the edge of the market that serves a delicious coffee filter. There are also a bunch of design studios, co-working spaces and large boutiques popping up all over the city. Matosinhos has great energy and is worth visiting while in Porto. 54 Visit the Serralves Museum of Contemporary Art in the port, a visit to the Serralves Museum of Contemporary Art is a must. Along the beautiful tree-lined street in Fose (an area once considered the French Riviera of Portugal) is a museum and its beautiful gardens. The impressive building was designed by architect Alvaro Siza Eyra, winner of the Pritzker Prize. You can spend hours pondering around this hotel, its magnificent gardens and their magnificent museum shop. Expert tip: Admission is free on Sundays. 55 Shopping in porto Legs Room (as mentioned above) is one of the best concept stores in Portugal. Originally from Porto, they have another outpost in Lisbon as well. Their beautiful Porto store is located in two two-story, light spaces on Largo dos Loyos. Home to the stunning in-house coffee shop (Royal Raw), they serve excellent specialty coffee and homemade cakes upstairs. We love their well-curated combination of local Portuguese brands - keep an eye out for the beautiful leather shoes of the Lisbon brand JAK. Visit The Feeting Room, make a quick trip up the hill on The Daily Day - another multi-brand concept store with clothes, shoes and accessories, as well as exhibitions and music. La Paz (see below) is great for classic men's braces. 56 Try the 'Francesinha' Sandwich from Santiago If there is one traditional Porto dish that every visitor should try, it is francesinha. Full disclosure: this certainly won't be the healthiest thing you've had in your life. This, however, will be sublimely delicious. Available throughout the city, locals tend to favor a place called Santiago. They don't accept reservations though, so get there early (think 11.30am for lunch, or 6.30pm for dinner). What are you asking? A white bread sandwich filled with ham, sausage and steak, covered with melted cheese, topped with thick tomato and beer sauce and served with French fries. 57 Eat pizza at Casa O'doro Amazing glass view and steel window structure that juts over the river, under the Arrevid Bridge (actually it was once an architectural office for those who built the bridge), this impressive restaurant-Casa O'Doro divides into three parts. Downstairs you'll find the official Italian restaurant a la carte, upstairs a more casual pizzeria (where they don't accept reservations), and on the top floor you'll find a roof terrace. You will be rewarded with stunning views from any of these floors. Hot tip: order a truffle pizza. 58 Coffee in Kombi While wandering the streets of Porto, you will no doubt notice a cute mint truck serving coffee. That started mobile, Combi coffee company now into a physical space - a beautiful, architecturally designed cafe next to the garden garden of San Lazaro. Come here for your favorite specialty coffee and pastel de Nata. 59 Visit the Bolhao Market You can not visit Porto and not visit the Bolhao market. The city's most famous food market is coming here to try and buy fresh, local produce, or dine at one of the market restaurants. If you haven't tried francesinha (see above), here you can learn from one of the butchers how it really should be done, everyone has their own method for cooking a local dish, and so you can try each bite and choose your favorite. 60 Grab a drink at Aduela We love this little local wine bar. With places that flow outside into a beautiful square called Pragna das Oliveiras (olive tree area), beneath the (surprise, surprise) large olive tree, this is a famous meeting place for locals. The wine here is affordable and the service is super friendly. 61 Shop in La Paz on Ribeira We stumbled upon the store La Paz, wandering through the super tourist area of Ribeira Porto. Hidden from a small alley, you barely know the shop is there. With an exceptionally impressive entrance, and a warm interior that offers a beautiful view of the river, you will find good quality, handmade menswear with a design inspired by the Atlantic. 62 Visit Casa da Musica Come here to admire the architecture alone. Casa da Musica is home to the Porto National Orchestra and an impressive white concrete building in the middle of the historic Rotunda da Boavista Square. With the ever-changing line-up of musical events, there are always some great things to see at Casa, especially in June during the Primavera Sound music festival (now in its seventh year). If you're into music, early spring is a good time to plan your visit to Porto. 63 Stop Costa Nova There is a very good chance that you may have already seen pictures of cute and colorful houses that define Costa Nova, a popular beach town south of Porto. Especially popular back in the mid-19th century, these colorful palheiros were used by the fisherman as a place to rest and store their equipment. It was around the end of the 19th century when it became fashionable to swim in the sea, and since then, these palheiros have become a hot commodity and are rented out during the summer months. If you are looking for a great place to spend a day on the beach, along with a great photo-op, this is a very instagrammable place to visit. 64 Visit the Azores hundreds of miles from mainland Portugal, this cluster of nine Mid-Atlantic islands known as the Azores. If nature is your thing, you will love to visit these beautiful islands. Full of natural wonders like waterfalls, hot springs, volcanoes and more, Azores adventurer's paradise. The food is here And. You will need a car, and keep in mind the weather is very unpredictable, so you may need an umbrella as well. Check out the new Santa Barbara Eco Beach resort, on the north shore of San Miguel Island, for some eco-architectural villas. While you're here, don't forget to eat a ton of seafood; It's incredibly fresh here. 65 Trip to madeira Madeira Island is a Portuguese island in an archipelago of four islands near the northwest coast of Africa. Being so close to Africa means that it enjoys a subtropical climate all year round. Volcanic, green, mountainous and rugged, Madeira's landscape is not too different from Hawaii. Here you will find beautiful wine (they make their own), exotic fruits, fresh seafood, beaches, mountains and some great places to stay. The airport here has been renamed in honor of Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo, who grew up here. You can take the ferry to Porto Santo (Madeira's younger sister) for its white sandy beaches as well. 66 Book your flight with TAP We were already a fan of the TAP Portugal flight offer, but during a recent trip from New York to Lisbon (in which we were lucky enough to experience their business class service) we developed an even stronger love for this airline. The most exciting part of the trip was getting packages of amenities (often so!), which were presented in giant jars of sardines. TAP Portugal makes it easy to get to Europe with their current TAP Stopover promotion, which allows you to visit two cities for the price of one. 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