

Suite life Global

Whether you're longing to lounge by the lake in Bavaria, follow in the footsteps of a former king in Stockholm or visit ancient vineyards and avocado groves in the Algarve, here are four stays that are destinations in themselves.

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Quinta do Pinheiro Algarve

It's increasingly hard to find somewhere off the beaten track in the Algarve but Quinta do Pinheiro, a converted 19th-century farmstead, is one of them. Bordering the sandy dunes of Ria Formosa Park, this property is made up of five terracota-tiled cottages.

Lisbon-based architect Frederico Valsassina preserved key features



of the buildings, such as their prominent chimneys, and used traditional materials including cane strips to create rustic living quarters.

A large water-storage tank once used by farmhands is now a pool. Each cottage comes equipped with a kitchen but Monocle restaurant favourite Noélia is a short drive east of the estate should you have a hankering for superb seafood. — [ic quintapinheiro.com](#)



Stockholm Stadshotell Stockholm

Built in the 1870s, this historic building at Björngårdsgatan 23 has been restored as a 32-key hotel with a lounge, a sauna and a cold plunge. "Many of the original details have been preserved," says founding partner Johan Agrell. Stockholm Stadshotell also offers two restaurants, one of which, Matsalen, is in the former chapel. Chef Olle T Cellton dishes up contemporary Nordic fare, such as wood-grilled fish. "Matsalen is about cooking without ego," says Agrell.

The rooms and suites are rendered in muted tones, with furniture by Swedish company Tre Sekel, Italian linens from Liv Casas and bathroom fixtures by Lefroy Brooks. "The property's architectural significance made it a compelling choice for a hotel because it has a soul," says Agrell. — [sz stockholmstadshotell.com](#)



Chiemgauhof Lakeside Retreat Bavaria

The Chiemgauhof Lakeside Retreat overlooks Lake Chiemsee, an untamed expanse of water nicknamed the Bavarian Sea. Halfway between Munich and Salzburg in Übersee, the property was acquired by hoteliers Dieter Müller and his wife, Ursula Schelle-Müller, in 2021.

Working with Milan-based designer Matteo Thun, they embarked on a major reconstruction. Thun conceived a contemporary barn built from larch, with oak-floored interiors and floor-to-ceiling windows that open up to the surrounding waters. In the restaurant, Maximilian Müller serves hearty Bavarian classics, while at the bar, Japanese chef Naoki Terai crafts sushi using fish caught from the lake. — [fs chiemgauhof.com](#)

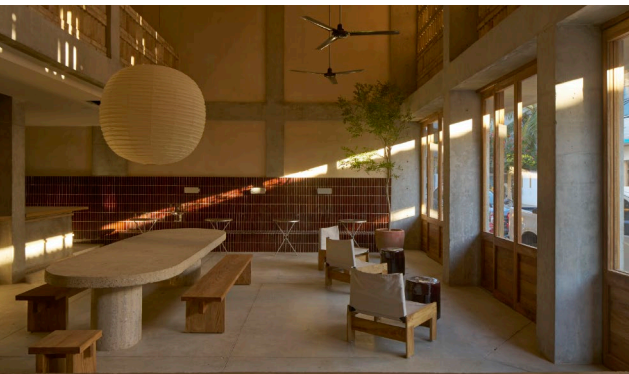


Hotel Humano Oaxaca

The so-called Mexican Pipeline on the country's southern Pacific coast attracts an international surfing community to the town of Zicatela. Steps from the break at Playa Zicatela, Hotel Humano has become a popular stop-off. Architect Jorge Hernández de la Garza developed his idea with design firm Plantea Estudio for Mexico's Grupo Habita. The result is a striking building defined by brutalist

concrete and terracotta-coloured tiles offset by native tropical wood. The lobby, which opens onto the street, allows the interior and exterior to merge seamlessly.

In Humano's 39 guestrooms, handmade hazel-coloured tiles by San Pedro Ceramics nod to the 1970s, while ecru twill curtains divide the ocean-view suites. In the evenings, chef Marion Chateau of Marseille's La Relève brings a refreshing fusion of French and Mexican flavours to the dinner table. — [IMA hotel-humano.com](#)



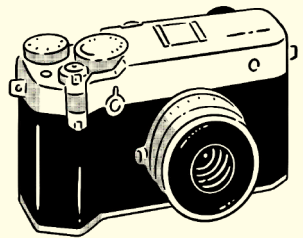
Tech Corner On the move

Writer David Phelan plugs in to the latest innovations in this month's technology round-up, which includes over-ear headphones and a sleek e-bike from Ampler.

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Fujifilm GFX100RF

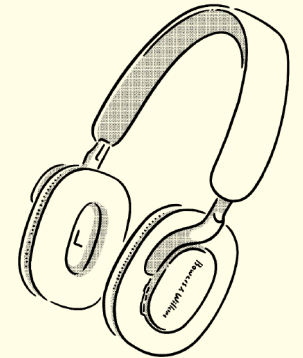
The latest release from Fujifilm builds on the classic design of its hugely popular X100VI camera. The larger, medium-format 102-megapixel sensor on this camera produces remarkably detailed images, while the 28mm-equivalent fixed lens is suitable for both landscape and close-up shots. [fujifilm.com](#)



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Bowers & Wilkins PX7 S3

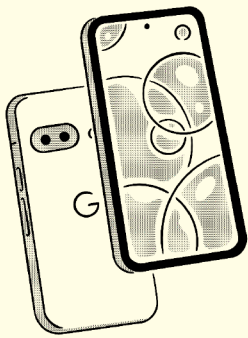
The latest over-ear headphones from UK audio brand Bowers & Wilkins are the PX7 S3. The sound is as clear as ever, the noise-cancelling feature is exceptional and, unlike some models with swipe controls, these headphones have reassuringly returned to physical buttons. [bowerswilkins.com](#)



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Google Pixel 9a

Every year, Google releases a phone that is a more affordable version of the previous autumn's flagship. The Pixel 9a is an all-new design and makes use of Google's many AI features. It also has a decent battery life and a fast processor, and comes in colour tones ranging from quiet to bright. [store.google.com](#)

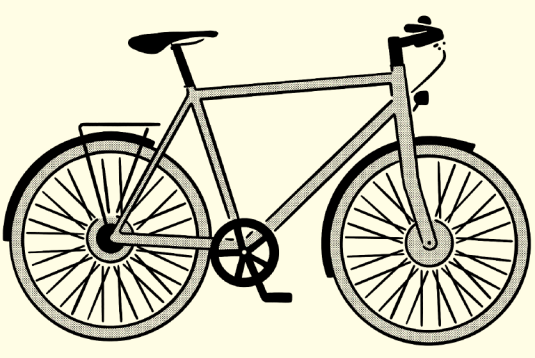


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Ampler Nova Pro

Estonian brand Ampler makes exceptional e-bikes that cleverly hide the battery inside the frame. The ride on

its new model is smooth and supportive, with plenty of power to help you glide uphill. It has a USB-C charging port, so that you can use a laptop charger to charge the bike. [amplerbikes.com](#)



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