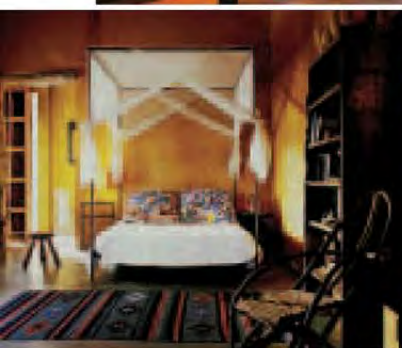
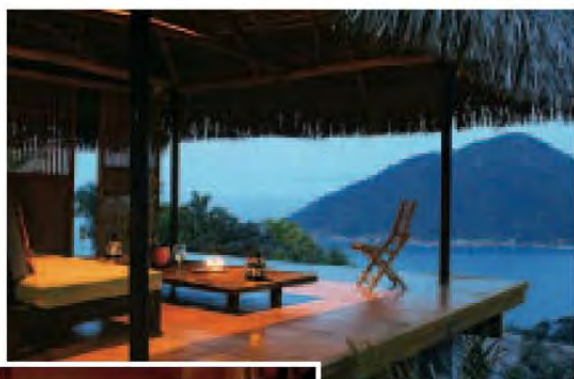


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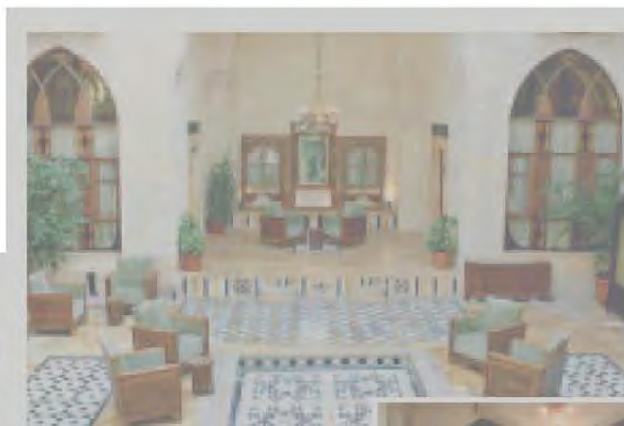
The old marquee on the exterior of this Georgian townhouse reads “Number One Hotel.” Located near London’s King’s Cross station, the **Rough Luxe** hotel preserves the building’s history—and its 19th-century wallpaper—while showcasing oddball modern design. Amenities include an “Anger Release” vending machine that sells porcelain objects and encourages guests to break them. Designer Rabih Hage explains the Rough Luxe concept: “Something old has its own way of existing. So I uncovered layers instead of adding another one.” —Charlotte West
From \$275. 44/(0) 20-7837-5338, roughluxe.co.uk



Mexico

To stay at the **Verana**, an eco-lodge outside Puerto Vallarta, guests take a 30-minute boat ride to the village of Yelapa. (Dolphins accompanied me on the journey.) Scattered on a jungle hillside are eight variegated cottages and stand-alone rooms. My cottage, Palapa, had no walls, which maximized the views of the Bay of Banderas. A gang of chatty wild parakeets provided my wake-up call. The hotel spa offers facials and massages, and you can relax by the pool, which is crafted from concrete tinted in the hues of the local trees, rocks, and clouds. —Karen Catchpole

From \$250, plus \$80 per day for meals. (866) 687-9358, been-seen.com/verana



Syria

Built in the 18th century to house a wealthy family, **Dar Zamaria** remains true to a once-glamorous way of Syrian life. To reach my room, I walked a short distance through an ancient limestone alley in Jedaideh, Aleppo’s historic Christian district. A morning buffet featured *ful*, a lemon juice-infused fava bean stew from Abu Abdu, a neighboring shop that prepares the best version of the dish in town. After the meal, I emerged from the lobby to find myself in the thick of Aleppo’s street life. I paused to watch a baker drying pitas on a fence. —Milena Damjanov

From \$105. 963/(0) 21-363-6100, darzamarria.com