

TOP 5

Europe's artful accommodations



1 THIEF OF HEARTS

In the waterside district of Tjuvholmen in Oslo, The Thief design-hotel takes its art collection seriously. So seriously, that it employs its own in-house art curator **Sune Nordgren**. Passionate about creating new spaces to experience art, Nordgren re-defines the vision of hotel art. Harmoniously integrated with the architecture and interior design, the collection, which comprises works by international and local Scandinavian artists, is found within each room. But it is not only cutting-edge art that inspires; tasting menus at the hotel's restaurant Fru K are world-class.

thethief.com

Fancy sleeping next to cutting-edge contemporary art on your travels? Jet-setting art lovers are taking their passion to a new level, enjoying unique travel experiences in Europe's best art-inspired hotels.

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2 VINTAGE CHARM IN HUNGARY

Situated in the Palace Quarter of Budapest, Brody House offers a special place to rest your head. Housed within a grand residence, guests are invited to get up close and personal with the hotel's eclectic curated art collection. Artworks are presented in a salon-style hang throughout communal areas and the exclusive themed eight rooms. As an arts hub, the hotel's affiliation with the Brody ArtYard print studio and gallery and BrodyStudios arts space connects visitors to a broader creative community.

brodyhouse.com



3 COLOUR ME BEAUTIFUL

The Hotel Crayon and its little sister, Hotel Crayon Rouge in Paris, offer a distinctly bohemian chic experience for hotel guests. Situated in the 1st arrondissement, the decor within the two boutique hotels is inspired by artist **Julie Gauthron**. Her playful illustrations are exhibited throughout the interior upon colouring-book inspired wallpaper. The rooms offer visual delights and personalised detailing with vintage furniture and art books. A world of art is beyond the front door; the Louvre and Centre Pompidou are just a stone's throw away.

hotelcrayon.com
hotelcrayonrouge.com



4 LIKE ROMEO AND JULIET

The Byblos Art Hotel near Verona has an enviable A-list art collection. Located in the heart of Valpolicella, the elegant 18th-century Villa Amistà is perhaps the pinnacle of the art hotel concept. The historical manicured grounds are juxtaposed with interiors filled with avant-garde installations by some of the world's biggest art celebrities. Careful refurbishments of the elegant residence by architect and designer **Alessandro Mendini** elevate the hotel to the status of a contemporary art museum.

byblosarthotel.com



5 WALTZ YOUR STAY AWAY

Designed by renowned French star-architect **Jean Nouvel**, the Sofitel in Vienna boldly stands as one of the world's most integrated art hotels. Conceived as a work of art, each room has a striking monochromatic palette of grey, white or black. The crown of the hotel's aesthetic is the vibrant, and by night luminescent, ceiling on the top floor created by acclaimed Swiss artist **Pipilotti Rist**. Here guests enjoy a panoramic view of the Danube River.

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