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Hotels That Feel Like Home. Only Better.

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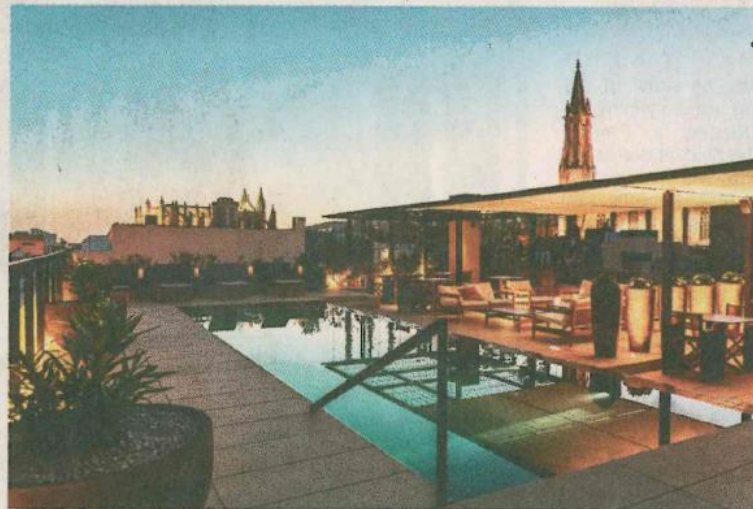
Hotels as different as a period townhouse and a modernist rural retreat conjure a sense of home in a few common ways, including the warmth of the proprietors, the intimacy of the property (even on sprawling grounds) and the coziness of the rooms. For those seeking a sense of the familiar abroad, these eight new, renovated or expanding properties extend a homey welcome.



ENGLAND

Batty Langley's, London

If your idea of home is an 18th-century townhouse with period furnishings in London's Spitalfields neighborhood, consider Batty Langley's, a 29-room newcomer from the owners of the city's similarly historic Hazlitt's and the Rookery. Named for the architect and landscape designer Batty Langley, who wrote books on house and garden planning, the boutique hotel evokes a stay with the gentry via cozy, firelit public rooms filled with overstuffed couches, book-lined shelves and an honor bar. Individually decorated rooms feature antique carved beds, brocade drapes, mirrors and paintings with gilded frames, and updated bathrooms, many with soaking tubs and freestanding bathtubs.



VERA LAIR

MAJORCA

Sancti Francesc Hotel Singular, Palma de Majorca

The 19th-century home of the Alomar Femenia family on Majorca, built to express the owner's wealth in one of the city's oldest quarters, was large enough to house 42 guest rooms when it was converted into the Sancti Francesc Hotel Singular last year. The hotel takes its name from the neighboring Franciscan monastery on its square, but there's nothing frugal about the place, where many rooms have original frescoes, moldings and wood-beam ceilings. A collection of contemporary art and photography, a rooftop pool and a dining terrace in a garden update the restored palace. Rooms from 300 euros (about \$340); hotelsantfrancesc.com.



MASSERIA TRAPANÀ

ITALY

Masseria Trapanà, Puglia

For those seeking peace and privacy in their home away from home, Masseria Trapanà provides them in a 16th-century farmhouse recently converted into a nine-room resort in the southern Puglia region. Nearly 150 acres of olive groves buffer the property where grandly proportioned rooms feature exposed stone walls and floors, and some include original fireplaces, private gardens and outdoor soaking tubs. Each of the six walled gardens, home to 19 types of fruit and nut trees, has a distinct personality, from the tranquil yoga garden to the more social games garden. Plum trees shade the lounge chairs around the pool, and hammocks are strung up throughout the grounds for getaway naps. Rooms from €500 for two nights' minimum, including breakfast; trapana.com.