

TRAVEL NEWS



Klimahaus HAMBURG

Making global navigation coordinates more interesting than they have ever been, the mind-blowing Journey exhibition at Bremerhaven's new environmentally themed activity and education centre proposes a fascinating round-the-world trip along the city's eighth degree of longitude. Voyagers

will go from the increasingly unpredictable climate of northern Germany, through the fresh mountain air of the Alps, over the parched landscape of the African Sahel and across the icy Antarctic. On the way, you'll experience these unique climate zones and learn about the unnerving individual changes to each that are



affecting the Earth's climate. Visitors can even carry out climactic experiments in the Elements exhibition. *OT* www.klimahaus-bremerhaven.de



Il Giardino Segreto BRINDISI AND BARI

Join Milan's fashionistas this summer in Puglia's trendy cave bars and on its pristine beaches by booking this exquisitely renovated 15th-century monastery in Galatina. It sleeps six and has a roof terrace with film projector for private film screenings – a summer bargain at only €160 a night. *JB* www.holiday-rentals.co.uk



Port Rive Gauche MONTPELLIER

If you think you've left it too late to whisk your family down to the South of France this summer, think again. Port Rive Gauche was once the local wine store of the idyllic Languedoc fishing village of Marseillan. After a major overhaul, it has just reopened its doors as a rather chic retreat with 11 sumptuous suites overlooking the sea. A suite sleeping four with flatscreen TV, wireless Internet and air-con will only set you back €170 a night and a little extra will get you a large, private roof terrace. On-site massages with local lavender, honey and Camargue salt, and wine-tasting at a cave bar nearby can be arranged. *JB* www.garrigae-resorts.com



Brasserie Délice PRAGUE

Superbly located on the city's bustling Žitná street just steps from Charles Square and the picturesque old town, this French eatery in Prague's new Sheraton is fast becoming de rigueur for stylish city-centre grazing. Helmed by one-time Czech chef of the year, Jan Pipal, the brasserie's faithful rendition of a classic à la carte bistro menu even includes authentic essentials like a brass-topped bar and waiters in Dickie bow ties. *OT* www.sheraton.com



Harvey Nichols Restaurant and Bar BRISTOL

Although fashion mecca Harvey Nics in Bristol's Quakers Friars quarter is packed full of the hippest labels in town, you don't need to bash your credit card on the shopfloor for a taste of the high life. Head for the second floor to order a Double B Bellini or three at the new onyx-clad bar and settle down on a silver-clad banquet before a night on the tiles. Or move on to tuck into chef Louise McCrimmon's seasonal menu which includes low-cal fashionista-friendly dishes like pea shoot salad and grilled Brixham lemon sole with watercress butter and fennel. *JB* www.harveynichols.com



Internacional Design Hotel LISBON

The walls of this brand new design hotel are plastered in eclectic vinyl designs inspired by films, local graffiti artists, Andy Warhol and techno music. Each floor has its own unique soundtrack, smells, textures and artworks gathered from the four continents. The first 'Pop' floor is inspired by all things American, the 'Tribu' level by Africa and the 'Zen' Asian floor is a hymn to minimalism. Restaurant Naoki (meaning nature or tree in Japanese) is run by chef Stefan Langmann who cut his teeth at Spanish three Michelin-starred restaurant Martin Berasategui. *Rupert Eden* www.idesignhotel.com

