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We are loving Design Hotels which has a collection of more than 180 properties in over 40 countries across the world. The vibe is young and cosmopolitan, but many of the locals skillfully blend old world architecture with new design concepts. The fusion can create a very unique travel experience.

One such example is the AnaYela in Morocco. The five individually designed rooms and suites are located in a 300-year-old former palace in the Medina of Marrakech. The interior was restored completely by hand by 100 local artisans and designed by Yannick Hervy.

One moment, the breathtaking views will make you feel like you've stepped back in time and the next, you'll be watching a movie in the open-air theater feeling very much of the moment. www.designhotels.com/anayela or 800-337-4685.

--Lisa Arcella



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Over \$1 million has been spent to overhaul the Cocina de Autor (Author's Kitchen) at Mexico's new Grand Velas All Suites & Spa Resort Riviera Maya. But all the design and décor in the world is meaningless if the food isn't up to par.

Luckily the combination of "Nuevo Basque" and traditional Mexican cuisine is a hit under, Michelin pedigree Spanish Chefs Mikel Alonso and Brun Oteiza.

Try the Tuna Wrapped in a Rice Skin with Anise or Piquillo Peppers with Duck and Tamarind or the Grouper in a White Mole Sauce. Yum. If you aren't staying at the resort, you can still visit the restaurant. Be sure to request a table on the terrace with a stunning ocean view when you make reservations. www.grandvelas.com.

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We love these wacky (and easy to find in your luggage) Mimoco flash drives designed by various pop artists including Tokidoki and David Horvath.

Our favorite:

Hovarth's newest comic book character **Bossy Bear x MIMOBOT**. They're the perfect size for traveling and it's nice to have a cute little gadget to store your photos, music, and more while you're on the go. They cost about \$19.95 www.mimoco.com/shop/

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