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Gaudí's Casa Milà; the city's
seafront; a local tapas bar;
Park Güell, also by Gaudí



WHERE TO STAY

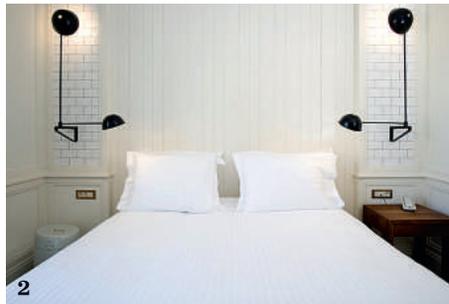
1 CONSOLACIÓN

Perched among craggy hilltops, a three-hour drive from Barcelona, this hotel sits on the site of a 14th-century hermitage. All of the rooms are modern, Craig Ellwood-inspired glass and timber, cube-shaped pods. *Doubles from £123; Carretera Nacional 232, km 96, 44652 (consolacion.com.es)*



2 HOTEL PRAKTIK BAKERY

Since April this year, this bakery has offered freshly baked bread and board to the city's trendy visitors. The accommodation is low cost and stylish, serving great breakfasts. It's just an eight-minute walk from Casa Batlló, too. *Doubles from £64; Carrer de Provença, 279, 08037 (hotelpraktikbakery.com)*



THE FIVE ROOMS

This tucked-away gem actually contains 12 rooms and two flats, all run by Jessica Fritz and her husband. The ninth-century building's private rooms are decorated in contemporary loft style and the communal areas are also beautiful, from the steel-clad kitchen to the chequered courtyard and comfy lounge scattered with art books. *Doubles from £105; Calle Pau Claris, 72, 08010 (thefiverooms.com)*



WHERE TO DINE

3 FLAX & KALE

Teresa Carles' new vegetarian restaurant offers an LA-style take on the classic Mediterranean diet: 80 per cent plant-based with a Hispanic twist. *Carrer dels Tallers, 74B, Plaça Castella, 08001 (teresacarles.com)*

BAR MARSELLA

A stalwart of Barcelona bohemia, rumoured to have been frequented by Picasso and Gaudí. Its jaded glamour (electric chandeliers and cigarette-stained ceilings) is compensated for by the house drink: a killer absinthe. *Carrer de Sant Pau, 65, 08001 (+34 93 442 72 63)*

COMERÇ 24

Seeking an El Bulli-style experience? Book a table here (ideally six weeks in advance) for set menus that include pumpkin marmalade and a truffle-infused play on the Kinder Egg. *Calle comerç, 24, 08003 (carlesabellan.es)*

BIG FISH

Founded by a family of seafood merchants, this venue has an interior by local designer Lázaro Rosa-Violán and, what's more, it serves great ceviche. *Carrer Comercial, 9, 08003 (bigfish.cat) ▶*