

Where to go... FOR A WINTRY CITY BREAK

NEED SOME HEAT?



EAST Miami

If you have business in Miami (and no need for the ocean), then stay in the Brickell area. This is downtown Miami - the shiny new heart of its heaving artsy scene and East is where it's at. The 352 rooms might be a touch sober and monochrome, but the rest is anything but. There's Domain, the ground-floor coffee bar that magically turns into a real bar after dark (with sliding panels totally cool). Then there's Sugar, the 40th-floor rooftop bar, an Asian-inspired jungle with 270degree views from the northern tip of Miami Beach all the way down to Key Largo (the queue to get in, at street level, snakes around the block). And the fifthfloor pool deck comes with four pool 'experiences', including jacuzzis and a lap-pool, while at Quinto La Huella, the first outpost of the famous Uruguayan beach restaurant, you can sit around the wood-fired grill or on the sprawling outdoor terrace - heartstoppingly romantic at night. East is exactly where you want to be. BOOK IT Double, from £168 (east-miami.com).



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ATEMPORAL Lima

Lima's latest boutique bolthole is tu casa, for a few days at least. This revamped Forties mock-Tudor townhouse in the city's buzziest barrio feels like the home of an artistic amigo who's never around. The design team behind Barranco's Hotel B and Lake Titicaca's Titilaka have mixed minimalism with eclectic finds in the nine rooms. Sleek furniture courtesy of designer Jordi Puig might be paired with a chunky Fifties chair and a handwoven Andean rug. After breakfast - perhaps homemade granola and an Amazonian superfruit juice - borrow the Mini, plus driver, or one of the shiny red bicycles and explore Miraflores; there's everything from pre-Inca ruins to contemporary art on your doorstep. Follow a hard day's sightseeing with a chilcano (pisco, ginger ale and lime) from the honesty bar. After that, the allknowing maître d' will get you into one of the hottest restaurants. BOOK IT Aracari (aracari.com) offers two nights, as part of an eight-night trip, from £4,509 per person, incl. domestic flights,

breakfast, transfers and tours.



AMAN TOKYO Tokyo

Hidden away on the top six floors of a skyscraper in Tokyo's Chiyoda business district, amid all the lights and noise, is this oasis of tranquillity. The first thing you'll notice is your ears popping as you ride the lift up to the lobby on the 33rd floor. The second thing is the 100ft-high ceiling, covered in Washi paper: you can gaze up while you wait to be checked in, sipping on chilled ume (plum) juice – it's a nice contrast to the dark walls and floors. There's also an indoor zen garden that changes with the seasons, and the floor-to-ceiling windows look right into downtown Tokyo's cleavage. 'Welcome home,' they say, as you're shown into your room. Indeed. The decor is classic, minimalist Japanese (wood, stone, more Washi paper) and every bathroom comes with a furo, a sort of deep soaking tub, plus a loo seat that seems to greet you when you enter. Best feature? The window-facing bed - on a clear day you can spot Mount Fuji from between the sheets. BOOK IT Double, from £715 (amantokyo.com).



FANCY IT FAR-FLUNG?

TOTEM Madrid

Set in the quiet, chichi barrio of Salamanca - basically Madrid's answer to Chelsea this newbie is the coolest kid on the block. From the outside it may look like any other neighbourhood building, but inside all is fresh and new, with calming slate-grey walls and strokeable Scandi furniture. And just a little bit of naughtiness like the F Scott Fitzgeraldinspired, aptly named restaurant and bar, Hermosos y Malditos (Beautiful and Damned). Sink into one of those deepblue velvet sofas with a stiff drink and you'll never want to leave. But do haul yourself out, because this is Madrid, so there's plenty to see. If you want to feel like a local, hire a scooter to zip about on; then retreat to your room, wash the city out of your hair and luxuriate in one of the ludicrously enormous beds, dreaming about the cinnamon and apple pancakes you'll be having for breakfast. BOOK IT Double, from £144. incl. breakfast (totem-madrid.com).