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# THE INDEPENDENTE

## HOSTEL & SUITES · LISBON, PORTUGAL

Originally built to become the Swiss ambassador's official residence at the start of the 20th century, this fantastically located palace – right in the centre of the Bairro Alto and Principe Real districts - assumed a new life as it celebrated its centenary.

Its 90 beds spread across 11 dorms with its impressive floor to ceiling heights and abundant size, offer guests the opportunity to enjoy a private lounge within every room where they can relax and share stories and experiences with fellow travellers. Our three-story bunk beds, custom made for the Hostel, include built in secure storage and will make you feel like you're on top of the world!

Our Guest Relations team organises weekly events, ranging from movie nights to cooking shows so that you'll always have something to do. We also host regular concerts from local and international artists and partnerships with local specialised guides, surf tours and many other fun activities.

The Independente Hostel & Suites also offers a fully licensed bar and restaurant as well as a secluded beer garden for hot summer days. The typically Portuguese cuisine with a modern twist set amongst an art-déco environment open to both the international and local public.

The Independente Hostel and Suites will surely create a melting pot of different cultures and lifestyles worth every minute of your visit.

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## SUITES & TERRACE · LISBON, PORTUGAL

Set between Chiado and Príncipe Real, two of Lisbon's trendiest neighbourhoods, this 19th century palace is both elegant and bohemian, the perfect place for an indulgent yet authentic stay.

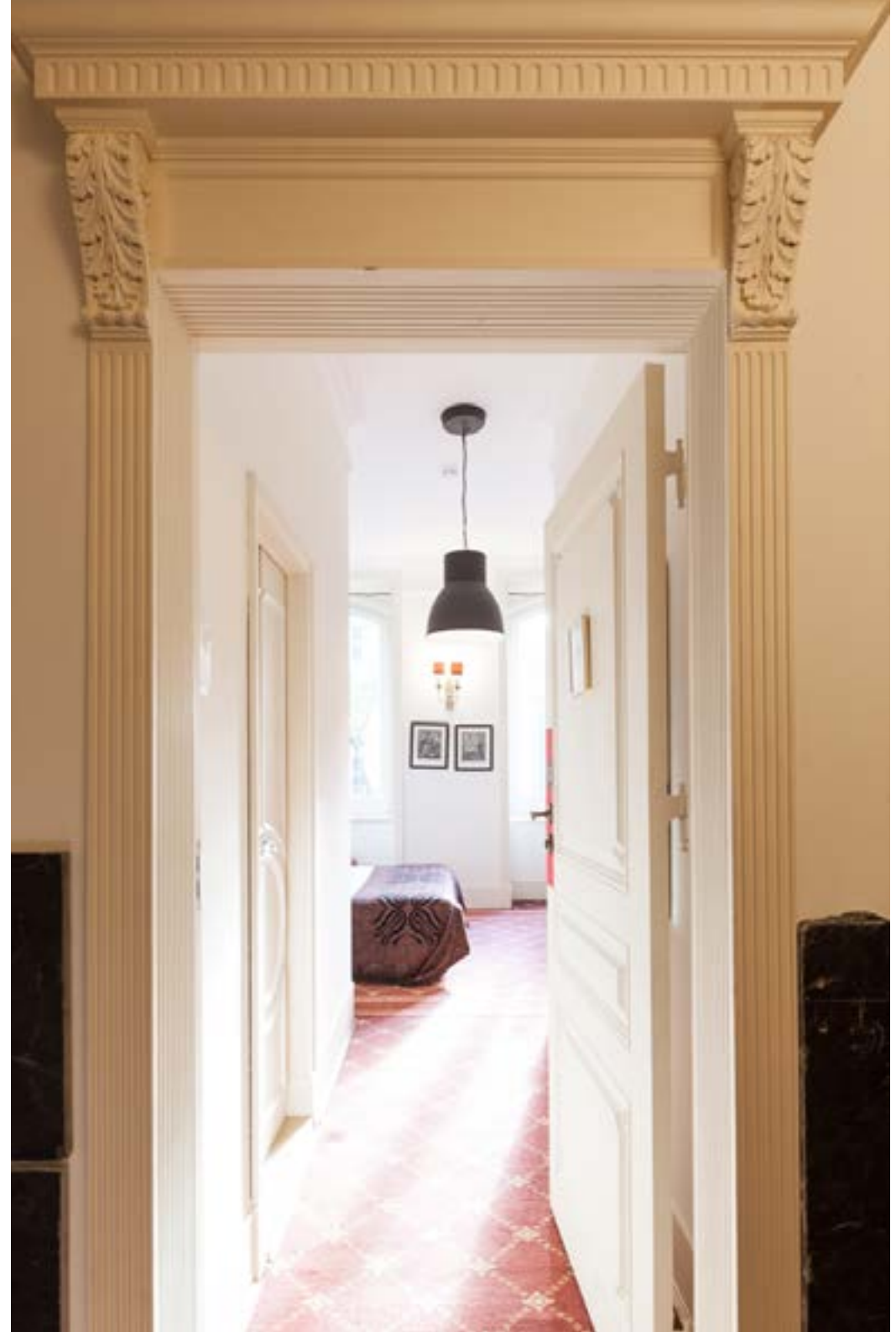
Coming to life a few years after its twin brother next door, The Independente Hostel and Suites, The Independente Suites and Terrace offers a different but no less creative accommodation concept. Think bohemian and palatial suites set in one of Lisbon's most fascinating addresses looking for likeminded travellers whose sights are set on having an out-of-the-box experience. Not quite a hotel yet more than just a hostel.

Built with comfort in mind, all 22 rooms are ensuite, with cable television, sustainable A/C system, Nespresso coffee machines and ridiculously cushy beds! There is free wifi in the rooms and every morning, breakfast is served on our rooftop terrace with one of the best views of the city!

Guests have access to an exclusive guest lounge, located in the building next door, where they can join in on several events, from poker night to cooking classes, all organised by our Guest Relations team.

From the colourful lobby, to the handpicked items spread through-out, not to mention the artworks from 18 artists from the Independent artist salon in the early 20th century, and the breath-taking view in the rooftop restaurant, this building is full of unexpected delights that will surely make your Lisbon stay unforgettable.

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# THE DECADENTE

## RESTAURANT & BAR · LISBON, PORTUGAL

Set within The Independente Hostel & Suites, The Decadente celebrates two of life's most pleasurable self-indulgences: eating & drinking!

Here you will find a place for sharing and discovery, a meeting place of minds and cultures. Locals and travellers come together to share experiences, indulging together in old classics and bold newcomers.

Our extensive menu is based on traditional Portuguese flavours, reinvented with our very own unique twist. We take care to use seasonal and regional ingredients, keeping our offer updated and in line with local and international trends and flavours.

The Decadente has an in-doors capacity of approximately 50 people, as well as a secluded beer garden with an extra 40 seats. For those looking for a more exclusive experience, we also have a private room for events and parties up to 14 people. We're open from 12 pm, for lunch, snacks and dinner.

Keeping in line with the restaurant concept, our bar serves 100% Portuguese signature cocktails – made exclusively with spirits produced in Portugal, by Portuguese brands.

On weekends, you can try out brunch menu, served each Saturday and Sunday from 12 pm until 4 pm.

We believe most of life's best memories are created around a dinner table; come create some great memories at The Decadente.

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# THE INSÓLITO

RESTAURANT & BAR · LISBON, PORTUGAL

Set within The Independente Suites & Terrace, this thought-provoking restaurant is defined by its quirky atmosphere - from food to context - set in the rooftop of a 19th century Town Palace with a stunning view of both the old town and the river Tagus.

At The Insólito you will find a place to rediscover flavours and textures, sometimes through the least expected combinations.

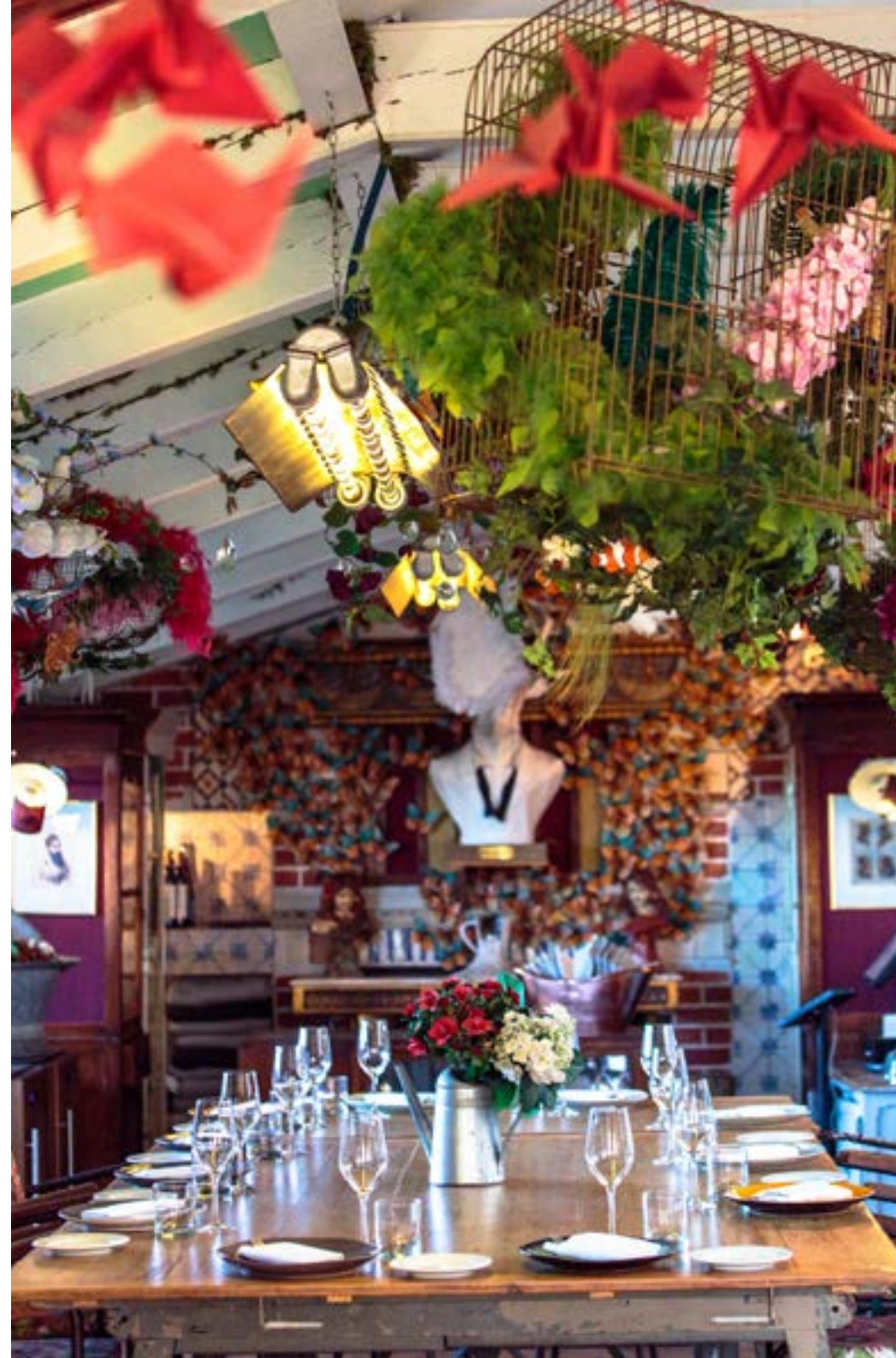
We look to explore the unusual side of food and drinks; to provoke the ingredients themselves to challenge both the local and the international palate.

Challenging conceptions, tastes and preparation methods, at The Insólito we aim to provoke, and share with you an unexpected and playful side of Portuguese gastronomy.

Our two main areas, indoors and outdoors, offer two completely different settings, both equally delightful. Stay indoors, in one of our 30 indoor seating places, including 6 at the counter, and admire the mismatched collection of vintage works of art; or, step outside into the sun terrace, and marvel at the stunning view of the Baixa and Tagus River from one of the 32 seating places.

Never shy of a challenge, The Insólito will most definitely surprise you.

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# THE HOUSE OF SANDEMAN

## HOSTEL & SUITES · PORTO, PORTUGAL

The city of Porto has always marched to the beat of its own drum. This alternative and independent spirit is something that is immediately felt when walking around its streets and when talking to the locals. In a city so rich in history and culture, we wanted to create something that properly celebrated that unique Porto essence.

So, we teamed up with one of the most prominent wine companies in the world, Sandeman, and created this ground-breaking project: the world's very first Branded Hostel, right on top of the river Douro, in one of the city's most iconic buildings.

The centenary building belonging to the Sandeman brand was transformed into a multicultural space, where subtle touches evoke the brand and its origins, welcoming Port Wine connoisseurs and interested laymen alike. The House of Sandeman Hostel & Suites introduces a new way to experience Sandeman, with several Port-related experiences on offer, and also another way to experience a city. Take a traditional guided tour to the Port Wine Cellars or grab one of our bikes with Sandeman yellow tyres and explore the city at your own pace: at The House of Sandeman Hostel & Suites you can do both.

On the first floor, where once was the tasting room, you will be greeted by friendly staff members by the welcome desk, located in the bar-lounge. The epicentre of the social living of the building, this is the meeting place for travellers, and also where the hostel's private wine cellar and kitchen is located. Here, guests can enjoy homemade dinners, game nights, concerts by local bands and several other exciting activities.

Inside one of the four spacious dorms you will find custom-made king-sized single beds, with an outrageous design inspired by the Port Wine barrels. You also get ensuite private and fully equipped bathrooms. The granite stone walls and the huge windows serve as reminders of the building's industrial past, while the cork-lines entrance hall and the colourful bathroom tiles give it a warm and familiar vibe

If you prefer a more private experience you can choose from any of our 12 large suites, overlooking the Douro river and Porto's beautiful riverfront, decorated with pieces inspired by Sandeman's irreverent and avant-guard spirit, and your very own turntable and vinyl records!

The House of Sandeman Hostel & Suites is a place for all those who adore Porto, locals and travellers and for all those who are curious to discover the mysteries of this wonderful city.

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# THE GEORGE

## RESTAURANT, BAR, CAFETERIA, TERRACE AND EVENTS ROOM · PORTO, PORTUGAL

On the verge of the Douro river, overlooking the Ribeira, The George Restaurant & Terrace brings some of the green northern countryside to the city, joining rustic charm and modern vibe in the same spot. The green walls and the luscious plants create a friendly, joyful environment, inviting locals and travellers alike to come in and share a bottle of Douro wine.

The food invokes the unique atmosphere of Northern Portugal, with flavours from traditional Portuguese cuisine revisited in irreverent dishes, created for a more contemporary age. The George Restaurant & Terrace will take you on a journey of the best that the Douro valley has to offer, with not only the recipes but the best of the locally sourced produces as well.

Divided in 4 distinct spaces and moments, at The George Restaurant & Terrace you will always find something for you. Outside, you can chill to late afternoon concerts with a cocktail on your hand, taking in the sunlight on the terrace next to the sea container-turned-bar. If you prefer the indoors, you can pop inside the cafeteria, and have a tasty snack or a refreshing beverage. At night, this same space turns into a cool riverside bar, with DJ sets and a range of wild Port -Wine base cocktails, as well as some of the best classics.

Climb the stairs, following the astonishing artwork by local street artist Frederico Draw to find the restaurant room, with a spectacular view over the river Douro and the city of Porto. Finally, on the top floor and with the best riverfront view, you will find a multipurpose event room, perfect for any type of meeting, party or private dinner.

Like the city of Porto, The George Restaurant & Terrace is alive with different moods and experiences, making every visit different from the last.

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# THE INDY HOUSE

## ROOMS AND APARTMENTS · LISBON, PORTUGAL

Intendente is the centre of all that is alternative, independent and weird in Lisbon. A meeting point of nationalities and cultures, the air feels different around here, flavoured with spices from all over the world, bright colours and fresh rhythms coming from every corner and open window. Still relatively unknown and unblemished by tourist traps, the Intendente remains one of the coolest neighbourhoods in Lisbon, unapologetic about its infamous reputation and welcoming to all things unusual and unexpected.

The Indy House is inspired by this eclectic mix of typical Portuguese streets and elements and the wave of exotic influences that have established Lisbon's reputation as a deeply international city since the 1500s. In a Portuguese palace from the 19th century you will find a centre for sharing ideas and experiences, with a unique vibe and decoration that pays tribute to the Intendente's exceptional community and local life.

The Indy House features 34 rooms, 1 suite, 5 one-bedroom apartment and 1 two-bedroom apartment, along with 7 shared kitchens, as well as 2 common rooms and a patio. An experience in creative hospitality, The Indy House allows guests to define the rhythm of their stay, with nothing but the essentials for a pleasant visit.

Breakfast is available from 7.30 until noon every day in the shared kitchens, so guests decide when and what they would like to have; no rush, no set menu, just all you need for a perfect start of the day. The rooms are comfortable and carefully decorated with details that will keep surprising you with ever new look. The ample common rooms invite you to stay and chat to other travellers and recharge your creativity.

In the same building, The Favela presents a unique venue for any type of private, totally customisable events. The Favela can accommodate a maximum of 100 people, with covered and outdoor areas. The decoration is like nothing you have ever seen, with a huge mural artwork by Lisbon artists Estúdio Altura taking up the whole exterior wall and old doors and windows piled up to create a wall. Here you can experience an with an exotic and vibrant vibe, like a tiny oasis in the heart of the city .

At The Indy House, you will get to experience the city on the side-lines of the tour guides, where life happens in a wave of creativity and multiculturality.

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