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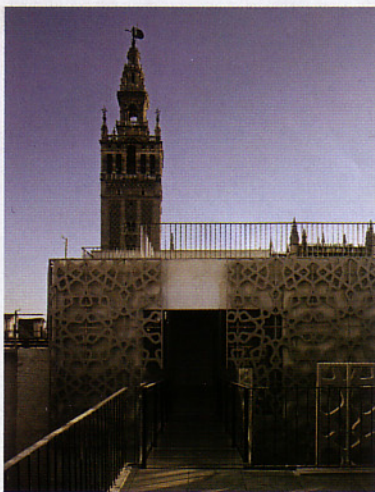


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ARABIAN NIGHTS ▲ *Eme, Seville*

The Eme hotel is a rather unusual sight in Seville's historical city centre. Designed by Sandra Tarruella and Isabel López, the 60-room hotel is covered with grey decorative motifs inspired by the Arabic arts, while the interior features a clean palette of grey, beige and white. Have a fresh mint and melon juice by the rooftop pools, then bunk down in Fusion Room 302, which has two balconies offering great views, a Jacuzzi on the terrace and direct access to the pool. And don't miss out on an Arabic-style massage at the Despacio spa. **Alvaro Castro**
Alemanes 27, Seville, www.emehotel.com.
Room rate: from €280

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PARTY IN THE PARK
Above, at the Park hotel in Navi Mumbai, the lobby features two curved walls, one hiding a snug seating area

INDIAN SLUMBER ▲ *The Park, Navi Mumbai*

Located in a quiet part of Navi Mumbai and surrounded by green hills, this 80-room hotel attracts business clients during the week and a hip crowd at weekends. Designed by London-based practice Project Orange, the interiors mix local Indian patterns with clean lines, while there's an open-plan approach to the public spaces. The hotel has four restaurants, but the best experience is to be had at Bamboo. Chinese chef Li Qun Xu was recruited specially and serves an outstanding Peking duck. **SH**
No 1, Sector 10, Belapur, Navi Mumbai, tel: 91.22 2758 9000, www.theparkhotels.com. Room rate: from INR11,000 (\$272)

LORD OF THE JUNGLE ▼ *M/V Aqua, Peru*

Almost two-thirds of Peru is covered by Amazonian rainforest and the best way to experience it is on board a cruise liner. Designed by local architect Jordi Puig, the 12-suite Aqua is the first thoroughly contemporary liner to cruise the Amazon, and each cabin features huge windows and custom-designed furniture. Aqua will travel deep into the remote Pacaya Samiria Reserve, allowing guests to witness rare wildlife such as pink dolphins while enjoying the haute jungle cuisine of Peruvian chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino, a veteran of Michelin-starred eateries. **DK**
www.aquaexpeditions.com; three-night cruises from \$1,950

