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TRAVEL

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Rich in charm, low in price, rooms in some of Europe's chicest new hotels can be found for €200 and under a night.

NEW HORIZONS
CASA SAN RUFFINO
IN THE HILLS
OF ITALY'S LE
MARCHE REGION.

Sketches of Spain

In a seventeenth-century manor house in the enchanting white Spanish hill town of Vejer de la Frontera, the brand-new **Hotel V** offers twelve impeccably minimalist rooms, glorious views of the Andalusian countryside, and rates as low as €200 a night. Besides exploring the town, guests can check out nearby Cádiz as well as quiet beaches and pristine pine forests; hotelv-vejer.com. . . North of Valencia, El Maestrazgo—with its great rocky

mountains and unspoiled medieval villages, called *aldeas*—is one of the country's least-traveled regions. Created from the restored ruins of an abandoned *aldea*, the rustically chic hotel **AldeaRoqueta** overlooks antiquated plazas and lanes. This peaceful spot is a great base for hiking and biking, and has a pretty pond for swimming as well as a restaurant serving regional game and fish specialties. Junior suites from €170, including breakfast and dinner; aldearoqueta.com.

La Vie Bohème

Tucked away in southern France's reenergized Montpellier, **Baudon de Mauny** is a charming getaway. Housed in an eighteenth-century nobleman's mansion, its five guest rooms feature high ceilings, Cole & Son wallpapers, modernist furniture—and rates as low as €175 for a double, including breakfast. Located in Montpellier's atmospheric historic district, the inn is steps from the city's sixteenth-century botanical garden and from the spectacular, recently

expanded Fabre museum; baudondemauny.com. . . The storied Norman harbor town of Honfleur—with its cobbled streets, timbered houses, and fine seafood restaurants—now boasts **La Petite Folie**, with five well-appointed rooms (decorated with antiques and Porthault linens) and three apartments within a former sea captain's residence and in a fourteenth-century annex next door. Rooms from €130, including breakfast; chicretreats.com. . . Just off the Boulevard Raspail, in Paris's fashionable Sixth Arrondissement, the newly revamped **Hôtel Le Sainte-Beuve** has visitors abuzz. Decorator David Hicks styled the 22 smart rooms, with doubles from €145; parishotelcharme.com.

Little Italy

High in the rugged foothills of Italy's Le Marche region sits **Casa San Ruffino**, an idyllic inn on the edge of a centuries-old village, offering four guest rooms with beamed ceilings and stone floors, an excellent restaurant (wild mushrooms and truffles are local delicacies), and a lovely pool. Rates are a mere €100 a night for two; chicretreats.com. —RICHARD ALLEMAN *pata >650*

	<i>selling point</i>	<i>hidden charm</i>	<i>local color</i>
<i>Hotel V</i>	Dream location next to an ancient Spanish castle	The sleek glass-and-polished-plaster bathrooms	The world-class Montenmedio golf course and Las Breñas park for horseback riding
<i>AldeaRoqueta</i>	A unique hideaway in undiscovered Spain	The desserts, including homemade ice cream and raspberry flan	The hotel encompasses an entire restored village, with secret beaches at Serra de Irta nearby
<i>Baudon de Mauny</i>	The up-and-coming city of Montpellier	Decor by modernist designers Gerrit Rietveld and Harry Bertoia	The city's postmodern Antigone quarter, by Catalan architect Ricardo Bofill
<i>La Petite Folie</i>	Bed-and-breakfast charm with grand-hotel touches	Natural Judith Jackson spa products in every room	Honfleur's famed Sa.Qua.Na restaurant
<i>Hôtel le Sainte-Beuve</i>	A great address in the heart of the Left Bank	The elegant lobby, styled by David Hicks	A short walk from Paris's legendary La Coupole
<i>Casa San Ruffino</i>	A cozy country house in the midst of one of Italy's wildest landscapes	Home-baked breads for breakfast and chilled watermelon served poolside	The nearby Roman ruins of Falerone

GOING GREEN
THE GARDEN AT
LA PETITE FOLIE
IN NORMANDY.