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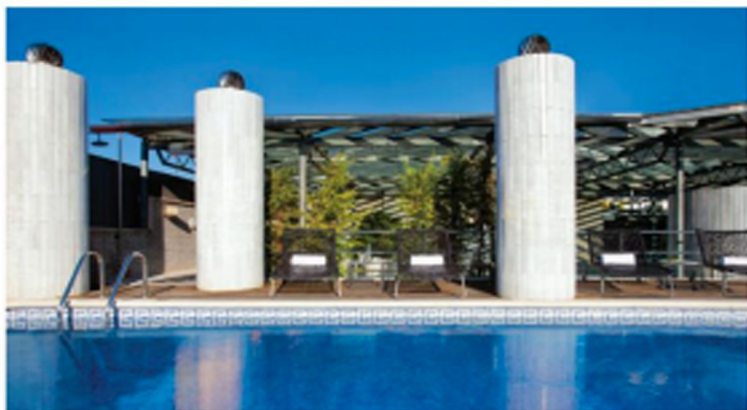
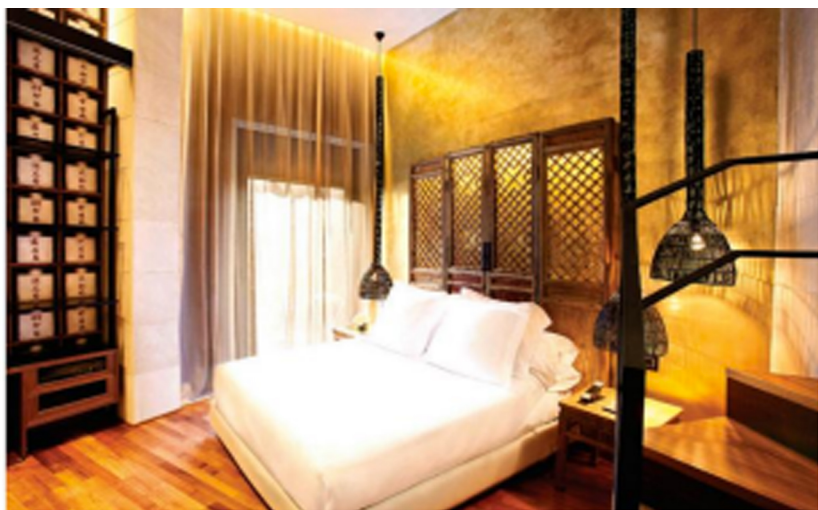
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HOTEL CLARIS

Hotel Claris is the perfect place for couples looking for a luxurious stay in Barcelona. This 5-star hotel is the gem in the crown of the Derby Hotels Collection. Housed in a neoclassical building dating back to 1883 and formerly the Vedruna Palace, this hotel is packed with history, not only because of its origins but also because of the carefully selected art pieces found in each room which add that sense of sophistication that we're always looking for. Expect your room to be adorned with custom designed wallpapers, African ceremonial masks, or even art from Ancient Egypt, all adding to

the feeling that you're staying in the most captivating of museums. Located in the lively Eixample neighbourhood, Hotel Claris is only a short walk from La Rambla, and Sagrada Família, two must-see attractions for every Barcelona traveller. The deluxe sun loungers that surround Hotel Claris's rooftop pool offer the chicest way to catch some rays after a day exploring the city. We recommend staying in their two-story junior suite as it's perfect for couples, and, if you book through Hotel Claris's website, you also get free entry to the Egyptian Museum of Barcelona.

Rooms start from £224 at hotelclaris.com

EAT

LA TERRAZA DEL CLARIS

Dining at La Terraza del Claris is the epitome of laidback luxury. Relaxing on their rooftop terrace with a glass of wine is a brilliant way to begin your time in Barcelona, especially if a late flight means you've arrived at Hotel Claris in the evening. We recommend the taster menu which includes a selection of delicious Mediterranean-inspired dishes like tuna belly tartare with oysters, and grilled Galician sirloin steak, along with perfectly paired wines for just 59 euros. hotelclaris.com/en/restaurants/la-terrazza-del-claris/



MAKAMAKA

We popped into this beach burger café to grab a quick bite, and stumbled across some of the best burgers we've ever tasted! This 70s-inspired beach burger café is loved

by locals and travelers alike. With its name meaning 'intimate friend' in Hawaiian, Makamaka is definitely a place to relax and chat to some friendly folk. makamaka.es



LA TASQUETA DE BLAI

Head here for a delicious lazy lunch. La Tasqueta de Blai is famed for its scrumptious pinchos - fresh bread with loads of different toppings, from cured meats to local cheeses, pierced with a skewer. This self-service restaurant charges you for the number of pinchos you've had simply by counting up the skewers. We recommend lunching like the locals, and washing down your pinchos with a pint of Estrella. grupotasqueta.com/index_en.html



TICKETS

Ranked the 25th best restaurant in the world, Tickets is truly a gastronomic treat that lives up to its (often) months long waiting list. Make sure to try the 'Nordic Landscape': beef tartare, smoked cheese, herbs, and vinegar powder, as well as the sucking pig tacos. Save space for dessert as you'll be taken through to a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-esque room with imaginative dishes to match like cheesecake fashioned to look like an aged cheese wheel, and cotton candy tacos. Book your table as soon as you book your flights, and set aside at least two hours to enjoy the Tickets experience to the fullest. ticketsbar.es/en