

SPECIAL PLACES TO STAY

FROM THE INSIDE of a hotel room, every city can look the same. But not every hotel room is equal.

Based on that premise, we asked some of the most hardened travelers we know, members of our foreign staff, to choose their favorite small hotels. Almost every city can

claim at least one small establishment that stands out from the rest. These little gems blend the exotic and the romantic, and renew even the most seasoned globe-trotter's love of travel. They aren't the world's largest or necessarily the world's best, but they all personify what is most appealing about the area you're visit-

ing, summing up in the accommodations the unique character of the native life.

The Village

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. tel: 011-691-9-797, telex 6803 Vilage FM.

● In a rain forest, a series of thatched-roof bungalows built on a hilltop overlooking a lagoon. Hop a boat to the edge of the barrier reef and snorkel, then take the boat to an inlet and hike up a jungle stream to a great waterfall.

Dukes

35 St. James's Place, London SW1
tel: 011-441-491-4840, telex 28283.

● Elegant little hotel in the heart of London's club-land, near everything. Excellent restaurant.

Hotel Le Richemond

Jardin Brunswick, CH-1201 Geneva
tel: 011-4122-31-1400, telex 22598

● A small (98 rooms) but grand hotel, the way you always knew the 19th century would be. Warm and exceptionally elegant public rooms, including three good restaurants. At the brasserie, the orchestra seems to play just for you.

American Colony Hotel

1 Louis Vincent Street at Nablus Road, East Jerusalem
tel: 011-972-2-285-171 or 282-421, telex 25362 amcol 1

● In the Arab quarter, near the old city, this one-time pasha's palace has some wonderful older rooms with vaulted ceilings opening onto a garden courtyard.

Victoria Falls Hotel

P.O. Box 10, Victoria Falls,

Ballynahinch Castle Hotel

Ballinasad, County Galway, Ireland
tel: 011-353-91-09531006 telex 50809

● Secluded Castle converted into hotel, salmon fishing on the property, beautiful walks, classic Irish conversation around the pub fireplace—ideal honeymoon spot.

Raphael

Largo Febo #2, Rome
tel: 011-396-650881, telex 622396

● Just off the Piazza Navona. Well-guarded because ex-Prime Minister Craxi lives on the top floor.

Georges Blanc

01540 Vonnas, France
tel: 011-33-74500010, telex 380776.

● One of the world's best restaurants, with rooms to match in a flowery French country town. Swimming pool, tennis court, helicopter pad.

Murni's

Ubud, Bali

● No telephone or telex, but this fine old Bali house has been modernized, and combines traditional Balinese living with modern plumbing. Write via general delivery, Ubud, Bali, and Murni's staff will answer with confirmation.

Grand Hotel

Friedrichstrasse 158-164 Deutsche Demokratische Republik-1080 Berlin
tel: 20920, telex 115198 graho dd

● Situated just beyond the Berlin Wall, this new hotel offers Western items unavailable to East Germans: Western publications, Courvoisier cognac, Wladimir's chewing gum, Chi-