



The best City stays for less than £200

124 Exe Adahan Galata ISTANBUL

Best bed because: Spiked with minarets, the famous Sultanahmet district may be postcard-pretty, but there's little to detain you after dark. By contrast, Beyoğlu, just over Galata Bridge, is a late, great neon blur of bars and tavernas, hence the appeal of Adahan, occupying several floors of an Ottoman-era townhouse. It's agreeably non-corporate, the decor is refreshingly spare — bare floorboards, huge windows, raftered ceilings — and hammam soaps from the Grand Bazaar aromatise the marble showers. Don't splurge on space — book an entry-level room and use the roof terrace, with its skyline views, for breakfast, cocktails, dinner and late

Ahead of the curve: above, slick modern steakhouse, Mr Porter, at Sir Victor in Barcelona. Opposite, clockwise from top left, Made Hotel's bar in New York; eclectic chic at Budapest's Brody House; bar in Venice's Hotel Flora; cosy room at Paris's Hôtel Jeanne d'Arc

drinks (exedahangalata.com; doubles from £180, room only).

125 Made Hotel NEW YORK

Best bed because: It's one of NY's most stylish pads, in an on-trend, central neighbourhood, NoMad, but you'd never know it from the room rates. With no sign out front, you enter through an earthy café and bar where guests and locals mingle, work and swap cocktail recommendations. Petite, light-filled rooms have a Japanese-like simplicity — cult Leesas mattresses on wooden platforms, industrial-look clothing rails, polished stone sinks — but everything's designer quality. If the area wasn't stuffed with Korean restaurants and cocktail bars, you'd be heading to its restaurant, Ferris, or the slick terrace bar on the roof (madehotels.com; doubles from £168, room only).

126 The Vintage LISBON

Best bed because: Tucked near the fragrance boutiques and wine bars

of Avenida da Liberdade, the Vintage is well out of the touristy madness of Alfama and Baixa, but is still walkable to the sights. And it's a retro-design stunner, all circular mirrors, velvet accent chairs and warm uplighting, with an oud-scented spa in the basement and a plush, view-blessed bar on the roof. Breakfast at its powder-blue-accented restaurant includes perfect *pasteis de nata* tarts and chilled Cava. Later, indulge in an expert hot-stone massage (£80), before shrugging off the day in saunas and whirlpools (thevintagelisbon.com; doubles from £140, B&B).

127 Brody House BUDAPEST

Best bed because: It's where Europe's creatives and entrepreneurs choose to lay their heads in Budapest. A secret-feeling mansion, on a quiet street in the nightlife-rich Pest quarter, Brody comes with an ivy-draped central courtyard and rooms named after past artists in residence. It has the full millennial bingo, too, with an honesty bar, plus a communal

lounge with mismatched furniture, board games and fruit 'n' granola breakfasts. There's a sister bar, Brody Studios, in the cool Jewish Quarter, and you're close to museums, parks and the riverside stop for the city's historic No. 2 tram (brody.land; doubles from £80, room only).

128 Sir Victor BARCELONA

Best bed because: Sir Victor ticks all the boxes you want ticked in hotel-stacked Barcelona: great neighbourhood, gorgeous design, and sociable bars and restaurants. Plum between elegant, foodie Gràcia and Modernist mecca Eixample, its undulating facade hints at the fabulousness within. Enter to find daffodil-coloured pool tables, Perspex shelves loaded with art books, and muted rooms with balconies and cocktail paraphernalia. Best of all is the sun-flooded rooftop, with its indulgent pool, yellow-striped loungers and a bar that specialises in great G&Ts, sipped with the turrets of Gaudí's masterpieces in view (sirhotels.com; doubles from £175, room only).

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129 Hotel Normandie LOS ANGELES

Best bed because: It's one of this hyper-modern city's handful of historic hotels, set in a '20s mansion, but freshened up by a diner-style burger joint, minty retro-drugstore toiletries and a nightly free wine hour. Loveliest of all is the vast lobby lounge, with checkerboard flooring, wooden beams and glossy chesterfields. There's even a free continental breakfast, generally unheard of in the US. What's the catch? There is none, unless you're dying to stay in showy Hollywood or Beverly Hills (Normandie is in cool, residential Koreatown) or need a particularly lavish bedroom (these are basic but charming) (hotelnormandiela.com; doubles from £128, B&B).

130 Park Hotel TOKYO

Best bed because: In a city of monster-brand, corporate-feel stays, Park Hotel feels a bit different. Set 25 floors up in a skyscraper, its lofty lobby is surrounded by crisp, basic rooms with skyline views, some embellished

with artists' murals, while in the polished bar, a musician riffs on the grand piano at cocktail hour. Although it's in the smart but nondescript business district of Shiodome, you're a walk away from the glam shopping and nightlife area Ginza and the smoky *izakaya* pubs of Shimbashi, and a metro ride to the rest. Stay at these rates and get your luxury fix over cocktails at the Mandarin Oriental or Park Hyatt (parkhoteltokyo.com; doubles from £145, room only).

131 Hôtel Jeanne d'Arc PARIS

Best bed because: Here's a three-star that feels much swisher — think monkey-print wallpaper, the odd flash of exposed stone and retro fittings such as handlebar phones and chrome-legged stools. The location's not half bad either — a 17th-century townhouse in the honey-hued Marais district, a block and a half from the Place des Vosges. Breakfast belies the price, with a full-on French spread of croissants, baguettes and cheese. ➤

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BUSINESS CLASS
BA Club World

It has its (many) detractors, but get a back-row window seat and you're in the kind of private suite space that costs oodles more on other airlines (ba.com).

Great escape:
Lisbon's hidden
gem the Vintage



There's loads of comfy seating on the ground floor, including a library, if your standard room feels a little too cosy (hoteljeannedarc.com; doubles from £117, B&B).

133 Amoy SINGAPORE

Best bed because: Singapore hotels can be bland and businessy. But not this one: the entrance is through an ancient temple and the modern interiors are stuffed with antiques charting the first Chinese settlers in Singapore (the area, Telok Ayer, is one of the oldest parts of Chinatown). Rooms are atmospheric, with faux-brick walls, woodcut screens, opium beds and porcelain basins in the bathroom. Even better, the minibar is a free-for-all — and you're a quick walk from Lau Pa Sat, a grand 19th-century hawker centre (stayfarest.com; doubles from £132, B&B).

134 Mario de' Fiori 37 ROME

Best bed because: Rome does a great line in micro-hotels — that is, a few rooms in a house originally built

for a family, not mass tourism. This is one of the loveliest: a nine-room townhouse in the fashion district beneath the Spanish Steps, with plush wood-accented rooms (wooden framing around the TV; wood-tiled baths) and, in the case of top-floor rooms, original beams. Guests get access to the rooftop terrace and bar at pricey sister hotel Babuino 181. And if the free morning croissants delivered to your room aren't enough, you can head there for the breakfast buffet, too (romeluxurysuites.com; doubles from £186, B&B).

135 Zoom Hotel BRUSSELS

Best bed because: Functional but funky, photography-themed Zoom has vintage cameras in the lobby, moody shots of Brussels behind the beds and clothes racks made from metal scaffolding from photoshoots. Formed from interconnecting period buildings, each of the hotel's minimalist rooms is different (one has steps to the bathroom, another tipsily angled walls). None is small, but the bigger XL

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CURRENCY CARD

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category tends to offer suite-style extras, whether it be a sofa or a giant bathroom. The breakfast area turns into a full-fridged temple to Belgian beer after midday, and within a block you're in the buzzy centre of 'new town' Brussels, Avenue Louise. Weekends are cheapest in this business-heavy city (zoomhotel.be; doubles from £77, B&B).

137 Hotel Flora VENICE

Best bed because: It's hard to find the real Venice if you're only there for a weekend, but the guys at Hotel Flora will help. The Romanelli family, who own it, produce their own off-the-beaten-track city guide, and the staff are old hands, ever ready to offer advice at the teeny bar or in the tranquil courtyard. Rooms are small, but the right kind of traditional — antique beds and terrazzo floors, matched with plush mattresses and posh Ortigia toiletries. Down an alleyway near Piazza San Marco, it's a rare retreat in a much-trammelled area (hotelflora.it; doubles from £123, B&B).