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Beijing,
China

A Night at the Museum

In many cities, your cultural immersion now begins at check-in. More and more hotels are showcasing collections of top-notch art, and their well-connected staff members can introduce you to local artists and gallerists. Some will even give you the chance to paint your own masterpiece.

by JEN MURPHY



CHANNEL YOUR INNER ARTIST CLOSE TO HOME

RANCHO LA PUERTA

Tecate, Mexico

This fitness-focused resort also offers classes in sculpture, landscape sketching, and watercolor.

From \$3,150 per week.
rancholapuerta.com

THE SURREY

New York City

The hotel's roof garden is the perfect backdrop for plein air art classes. Students work up to drawing from a live model.

From \$395. thesurrey.com

GRANADA HOTEL AND BISTRO

San Luis Obispo, California

Local artists host painting classes in the hotel's Art Bar. A complimentary cocktail helps stimulate creativity.

From \$199.
granadahotelandbistro.com



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THE CULLEN

Melbourne, Australia

Art collector William Deague created the Art Series Hotel Group five years ago as an homage to some of his favorite Australian artists. The late Adam Cullen, an artist both loved and loathed for his confrontational style—he once chained a rotting pig's head to his leg—was the muse for the first property, located in Melbourne's

Prahran district. Throughout the hotel you'll find pieces, including *Growler*, a cartoonlike portrait of Cullen's dog, and a painting of Australian folk hero Ned Kelly. Guests can dine at the hotel restaurant, Gramercy Bistro, or go on an eating crawl at the nearby foodie mecca Prahran Market.

From \$210. artserieshotels.com.au/cullen

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RAFFLES MAKATI

Makati, Philippines

Typically, travelers have come to Makati, the financial hub of metropolitan Manila, for business or en route to holiday hot spots such as Boracay. When Raffles opened a 32-suite hotel here last February, it added a dose of culture to the neighborhood. Raffles commissioned more than 1,800 pieces of art from 40 up-and-coming Filipino and

Philippines-based artists that explore various aspects of local life, past and present. At the Long Bar, pop art collages by Delphine Delorme allude to the local obsession with boxer Manny Pacquiao, and in the lobby, painter Gerry Joquico's *The Explorer* portrays how Spanish culture influenced 19th-century Filipino life. From \$350. raffles.com/makati