



# Christmas Markets

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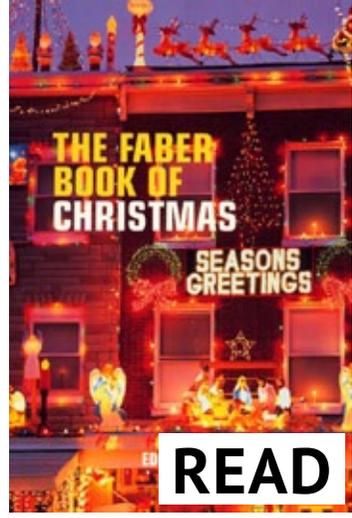
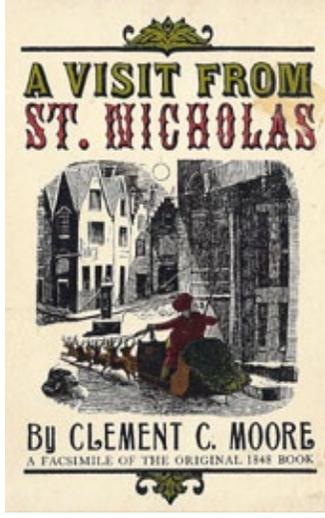
## Presenting Europe's Christmas Markets

The first Christmas Market is believed to have started somewhere in central Europe, particularly in Germany, Austria, South Tyrol and the Alsace region; since then, it has long since spread throughout Europe to become a seasonal tradition in many cities.

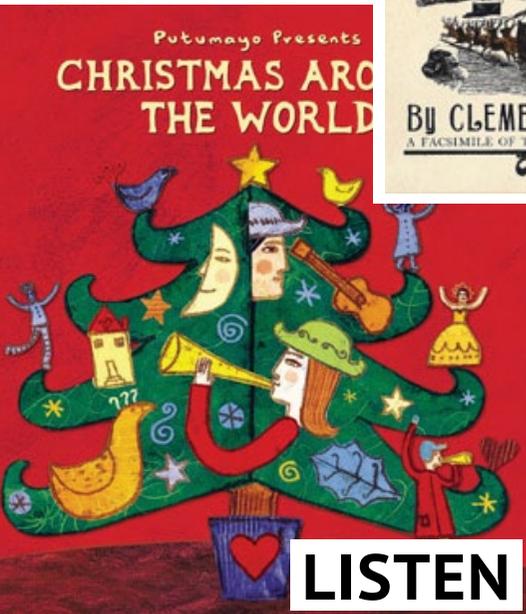
From the world-famous Prague market to lesser-known gems in Denmark and Spain, HotelREZ Hotels & Resorts has compiled a list of top market recommendations in its latest mini travel e-guide. Read on for exceptional arts and crafts, unique gifts and copious amounts of mulled wine, gingerbread and many other local specialities.



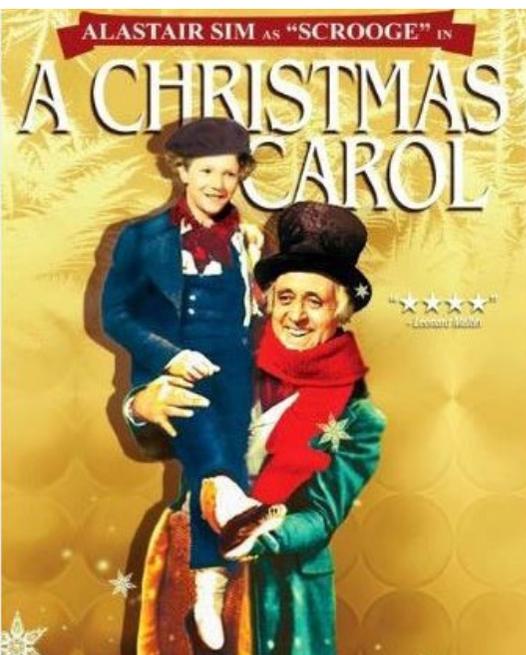
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## Getting In The Festive Spirit

**Read:** [A Visit From St. Nicholas](#) by Clement C. Moore

*"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse"*

Until 1823, St. Nicholas was just a bald Greek Orthodox bishop who was known for his charitable works. Thanks to the American academic, Clement C. Moore, this serious religious figure was transformed into jolly old Santa Claus, with a brand-new red velvet suit and eight reindeer!

**The Faber Book Of Christmas** by Simon Rae

This is a book about the history of Christmas as you've never heard it before: from its roots as a pagan festival to accounts of how Christmas is celebrated all around the world.

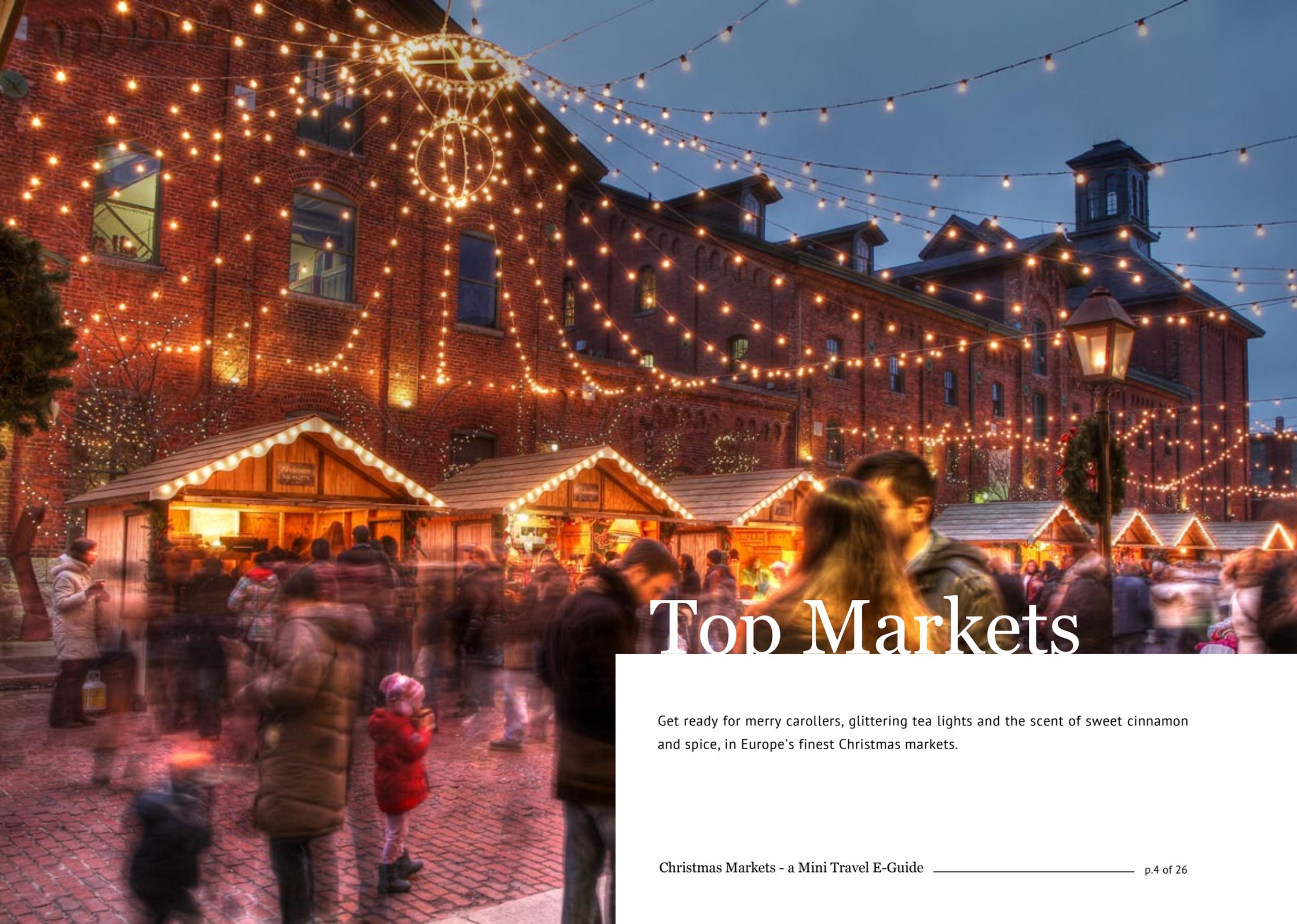
**Listen:** Perhaps one of the most famous Christmas carols of all time, **'Silent Night'** (from the German *'Stille Nacht'*) was composed in 1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber to lyrics by a young priest, Joseph Mohr, and first performed on Christmas Eve at St. Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf, a small Austrian village on the Salzach river.

For something a bit less traditional, try Putumayo's collection of familiar Christmas songs performed by artists from around the globe. From a Cuban rendition of 'Joy to the World', to a flamenco version of 'White Christmas', **'Putumayo's Christmas Around The World'** is bound to give your holiday season a truly international flavour.

**Cook:** Give your Christmas a special taste: try some of these mouth-watering **Christmas recipes** from around the globe.

**Watch:** Widely considered to be the ultimate film version of Charles Dickens' classic novel **'A Christmas Carol'**, **'Scrooge'** (1951) stars Alastair Sim in the title role in this British classic.

A stunning work of stop-motion animation from cinematic eccentric Tim Burton, **The Nightmare Before Christmas'** tells the story of Jack Skellington, the Pumpkin King of Halloween Town, who discovers – and learns to love – Christmas, by kidnapping Father Christmas and running the show himself!



# Top Markets

Get ready for merry carollers, glittering tea lights and the scent of sweet cinnamon and spice, in Europe's finest Christmas markets.



## Amsterdam

There is nothing quite like a proper Christmas market to bring some festive spirit to a city. In Amsterdam there are plenty to choose from, from the trendy, creative Funky Xmas Market on 10 December, to the **Ice\*Village Amsterdam** on the Museumplein, filled with an ice rink, live entertainment and a host of market stalls. There are plenty of little delights and Christmas food and drink at both.

**Highlights:** There's plenty of fun to be had at the Ice\*Village. This winter wonderland takes place against the iconic backdrop of the Rijksmuseum. An ice rink, an abundance of traditional Dutch Christmas food and drink, and some whacky games like human bowling are all on offer at the Christmas village. The markets sell everything from fashion and interior decorations to handmade seasonal gifts, all under a canopy of twinkling Christmas lights.

**When:** 20 - 30 December

**Where:** Museumplein

**What to Buy:** At any decent Dutch Christmas market, food takes centre stage. Make sure to leave plenty of room for typical Dutch winter treats like oliebollen (a pastry similar to a doughnut), poffertjes (small, fluffy pancakes) and of course sip on some glühwein to keep yourself warm.

**Other experiences:** While many of the main Christmas markets take place in Amsterdam itself, other equally enjoyable ones can be found slightly out of town, in places like Haarlem, Lelystad, or Keukenhof, so don't be afraid to explore. In the capital itself, there's still plenty to experience, such as **Amsterdamsche Kerstmarkt**, hosted in a former industrial warehouse in Amsterdam Noord. This slightly folky market features small, independent stalls selling authentic gifts and delicious food.





## Barcelona

**La Fira de Santa Llúcia** is a traditional Christmas fair that takes place in front of Barcelona Cathedral, which dates back as far as 1786. According to local history, the fair, initially hosted around 13 December in honour of Saint Lucy, was also known as the “girls’ fair” as it was the place for unmarried women to go in search of possible suitors.

**Highlights:** This is a very Spanish market and does not have the typical German feel of most Christmas markets, so don’t expect to find any mulled wine or bratwurst here. However, there is no shortage of Christmas spirit – particularly in the evening, when the lights in the stalls sparkle against the backdrop of the impressive Barcelona Cathedral. There are 300 or more stalls selling all kinds of handcrafted decorations and gifts, along with mistletoe, poinsettias and tons of Christmas trees. There is also a Nativity Scene contest, musical parades and exhibitions, including a popular life-sized Nativity Scene at the Plaça Sant Jaume.

**When:** 24 November - 23 December

**Where:** Pla de la Seu & Avda de la Catedral

**What to Buy:** Best for nativity scene figures and traditional crafts, the most popular being the Catalan figure of the **Caga tio**.

**Other markets:** **La Fira de Nadal a la Sagrada Família**, is a Christmas market taking place in the gardens outside the Sagrada Família. Smaller in size than the Fira de Santa Llúcia, it makes for a good opportunity to see the iconic Barcelona building and go Christmas shopping in one trip.



## Bath

Arguably England's best, the **Christmas Market in Bath** has been taking place in the city centre since 2000. And thanks to its unique setting in the shadow of famous Bath Abbey, it is certainly one of the prettiest. Selling everything you could possibly need for your festive celebrations, from local produce to handmade decorations and gifts, this market is the reason Bath is now nicknamed the 'Christmas Capital of the West'.

**Highlights:** For 3 weeks, the romantic streets and square between Bath Abbey and the world-famous Roman Baths are transformed into a Christmas shopper's haven. Hundreds of wooden stalls line up the streets, each offering original, handmade gifts, Christmas decorations and traditional foods. Many of the items on sale are made within the local area, giving the market a distinct identity and feel. A big Christmas tree in the Abbey churchyard completes the unique setting.

**When:** 23 November - 10 December

**Where:** Around Bath Abbey and next to the Roman Baths, in the heart of the city's main shopping district.

**What to Buy:** This is a very British take on the traditional German Christmas market, so it's a great place to try the best produce of Bath and the South West of England. Take your pick from award-winning ciders, artisanal cheddar, handmade chutneys, pickles, preserves and curds.





## Berlin

The oldest and the best Christmas markets are in Germany. Dating back to the Middle Ages, these markets are what all the others aspire to be. Here you'll find the aroma of spiced glühwein, gingerbread, and traditional German sausage filling the air as you wander through the chilly streets looking for treats.

**Highlights:** Many people the **Weihnachtszauber at the Gendarmenmarkt**, in the heart of Mitte in the city centre to be Berlin's best market. This rather upscale market is a true Winter Wonderland, set in one of the city's most beautiful squares, edged by three elegant and impressive buildings: The Neu Kirche or Deutsche Dom (German Church), the Konzerthaus (Concert Hall) and the Franzosische Friedrichstadtkirche (French Church). Boasting culinary temptations from some of the country's top chefs as well as lots of entertainment including: jugglers, acrobats, fire artists, dance groups, choirs, classical, jazz and gospel ensembles.

**When:** 27 November - 31 December

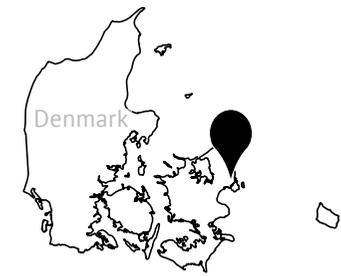
**Where:** Gendarmenmarkt square

**What to Buy:** Best for unique gifts ideas and handmade crafts such as flax embroidery, ivory or wood carvings, and gourmet delicacies such as white hot-chocolate, fried apple, bratwurst and mulled wine.

**Other markets:** **The Berliner Weihnachtszeit**, in front of the Roten Rathaus in Alexanderplatz, is one of the oldest Christmas markets in Berlin. Its many stalls are decorated in the style of the beginning of an early 19th-century style, giving it a unique, historical appearance. There is also a gigantic ferris wheel and a large ice-skating rink.

A 30 minute walk away from the Gendarmenmarkt is **Potsdamer Platz Market**, which promises a more modern and adventurous event, featuring Europe's largest mobile toboggan run.

Across the city, the **Lucia Christmas Market** is Nordic-Scandinavian themed, offering a intimate atmosphere.



## Copenhagen

Copenhagen is considered a real 'Christmas city', not just because every Dane knows exactly where *Julemand* lives (that's Greenland!) but because the season itself is welcomed, like in many other European cities, by Christmas markets. The Danish capital pulls out all the stops, filling up with bright decorations and illuminations. Unlike most, the atmosphere here is less commercial and more festive.

**Highlights:** Every year up to a million people descend on the **Christmas fair at the Tivoli Gardens**, Europe's oldest amusement park. Decorated wooden huts selling food and gifts sit alongside rides and thrilling rollercoasters, an ice rink and hundreds of trees decorated with glittering lights. Pony rides and other amusements are available for young children, and you can admire a colourful light show on a part of the Tivoli Lake. Make sure you sample gløgg, the Nordic spin of traditional mulled wine, featuring raisins, almonds, cinnamon sticks, cloves and a generous splash of spirits (blame the sub-zero temperatures!).

**When:** 18 November - 31 December

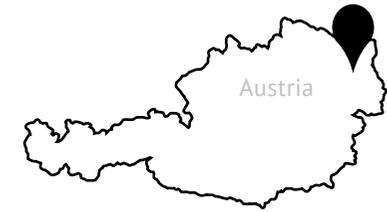
**Where:** Tivoli Gardens

**What to Buy:** Fine handmade crafts, including the traditional Scandinavian Christmas figurines of clog-wearing pixies in pointy red caps.

**Other markets:** Another traditional market is in the **Grey Hall in Freetown Christiania**, Copenhagen's famous hippie commune. Unique and unusual handmade products are on sale here for a ten day period in the middle of December.

From mid-November, the picture-postcard **Nyhavn canal** will also be full of Danish Christmas spirit, with booths selling souvenirs, æbleskiver, roasted almonds, gløgg and other traditional foods.





## Vienna

There's nothing more romantic than a Christmas market in beautiful Vienna, the Austrian capital. The first dates back to 1298, when Vienna's citizens were granted the privilege of hosting a December market. Christmas punch, roasted chestnuts and a whole host of traditional food and crafts welcomes every guest to the city. The biggest and the best is the Christkindlmarkt at the Vienna Christmas Dream, with the grand City Hall as a backdrop.

**Highlights:** The Vienna Christmas Dream is an unforgettable experience. 154 stalls fill the Rathausplatz in front of the city's grand City Hall. The aroma of lebkuchen, cinnamon, chestnuts and hot mulled wine fill the air as you wander round collecting presents for loves ones. An ice-skating rink and a whole host of magical attractions complete the picture. Inside the City Hall there is an area dedicated for children, where the city's younger visitors can learn how to make Christmas cookies and candles. International choirs are also in attendance, singing carols and traditional songs.

**When:** 17 November - 26 December

**Where:** On the square in front of the grand Vienna City Hall.

**What to Buy:** Traditional wooden toys, typical Austrian Christmas treats such as lebkuchen, and even chocolates in the shape of everyday objects.

**Other markets:** Christmas Village Belvedere Palace offers a baroque perspective on Christmas markets, offering traditional handicrafts and decorations with one of the most famous Austrian palaces as a backdrop.



## Prague

Although there aren't as many as their German counterparts, Christmas markets (Vánoční trhy) are a key ingredient of the festive season in the Czech Republic, and the Prague Christmas markets are the country's most impressive. The most famous is the one held in the **Old Town Square**, where you'll be greeted with sparkling lights, Christmas trees, and wooden huts with vendors selling a variety of crafts and treats.

**Highlights:** Brightly decorated wooden huts selling various traditional handicrafts, as well as plenty of food and drink to warm you up on a cold winter's night. There is a large Bethlehem Nativity Scene, and an animal stable, which is particularly popular with the children, where you can pet sheep, goats and a donkey. Most impressive, however, has to be the Christmas tree, shipped in from the Krkonose mountains in the north of the country. The tree is switched on every night around 5pm. Set against Prague's dark gothic skyline, it is truly a spectacular sight.

**When:** 2 December - 6 January

**Where:** Old Town Square

**What to Buy:** Traditional Czech glassware, jewellery, wooden toys, metalwork, ceramics, scented candles, Christmas tree ornaments, hats, gloves and scarves, and puppets and dolls dressed in traditional costumes.

**Other markets:** The market on **Wenceslas Square** is a mere 5 minute walk away from the Old Town Square. This market has its own brightly lit Christmas tree, which can be admired from all over the square.

There is also a smaller Christmas market on **Republic Square** and another in **Havel's Market**, the city centre's permanent market selling fruit and vegetables, flowers, leather goods, arts and crafts, wooden toys, puppets and ceramics.



# Traditions

From a giant log that drops gifts when beaten with a stick, to a Spanish Moor who serves as companion to Saint Nicholas, the holiday season in Europe is full of curious traditions and intriguing characters.

# Traditions



## Caga Tió

A conspicuous four-legged log with a big nose and a smiley face who plops out gifts when your little ones hit it with a stick. Originating from Catalonian traditions, from December 8th all through Christmas Eve the Caga Tió is covered with a blanket and pampered with food. On December 24th, however, in a dramatic turn of events the log is tossed into the fire, beaten with sticks and ordered to poop out candy!



## Christmas Pixie

Pixies or Nisse, in Danish and Scandinavian tradition, are household spirits responsible for the care and prosperity of a particular house or farm. Usually described as a short man or woman wearing a red pointy cap, on Christmas Eve, it's the duty of the family to offer the pixie with a gift, generally in the form of a single bowl of porridge with butter, or else the spirit could turn against its masters.



## Shoe Tossing

A Slovakian tradition still followed by many in the Czech Republic. During Christmas, single women stand at the front door of their home, then remove one of their shoes and toss it over their shoulder. In the event the shoe lands with its heel facing towards the door, the woman is destined to spend the next year single, if however, the shoe lands with the toe pointing towards the door, the woman is believed to be married soon.



## Zwarte Piet

Dutch children anxiously look forward to St. Nicholas or Sinterklaas Day on December 6th. Travelling by ship from Spain to Amsterdam, the kindly bishop bearing gifts for children travels with a companion, Zwarte Piet (Black Pete in English). The character first appeared in the 1850s and is commonly depicted as a dark-skinned Moor from Spain. His tasks are mostly to amuse children and to scatter pepernoten, kruidnoten and strooigoed (candy) for those who come to meet Sinterklaas.



## Krampus

A beast-like creature from Germanic folklore, but which spread far beyond Germany's borders, thought to capture and punish children who misbehaved during Christmas. Traditionally on the evening of December 5th, young men dressed up as the Krampus and roamed the streets frightening the children with rusty chains and bells. Some places such as Southern Bavaria, or Austria still maintain this century's old tradition.



# Flavours

Christmas markets are not just about shopping. Visitors can also observe traditional foods being made, and sample all manner of rich local food and drink.

# Christmas Specials



## Lebkuchen

This traditional treat is popular in Germany and Austria. Lebkuchen somewhat resembles gingerbread, and is made with honey, spices and candied fruit, and is a mainstay at Christmas markets in this part of the world. They range in flavour from spicy to sweet, and come in a variety of shapes and sizes.



## Tortell de reis

In Spain, there is a long tradition of having the children receive their Christmas gifts, not from Santa Claus, but from the Three Kings (Tres Reis in Catalan), during the night of January 5th (i.e. the Biblical Magi Eve). The next day, people usually celebrate by eating a special cake, the Tortell de reis. This is a dried fruit cake with an oval shape and for decoration, fig fruit, quinces, cherries or dried and candied fruits.



## Christmas Pudding

Traditionally made five weeks before Christmas in the UK, and consumed on the 25th of December. It originates from medieval times, and used to contain poultry, pheasant, partridge and rabbit and later sugar, apples and raisins were added to it. In the 14th century it became more like what is eaten today with suet and rum. A spring of holly is usually added on top and the pudding is often flamed before eating.



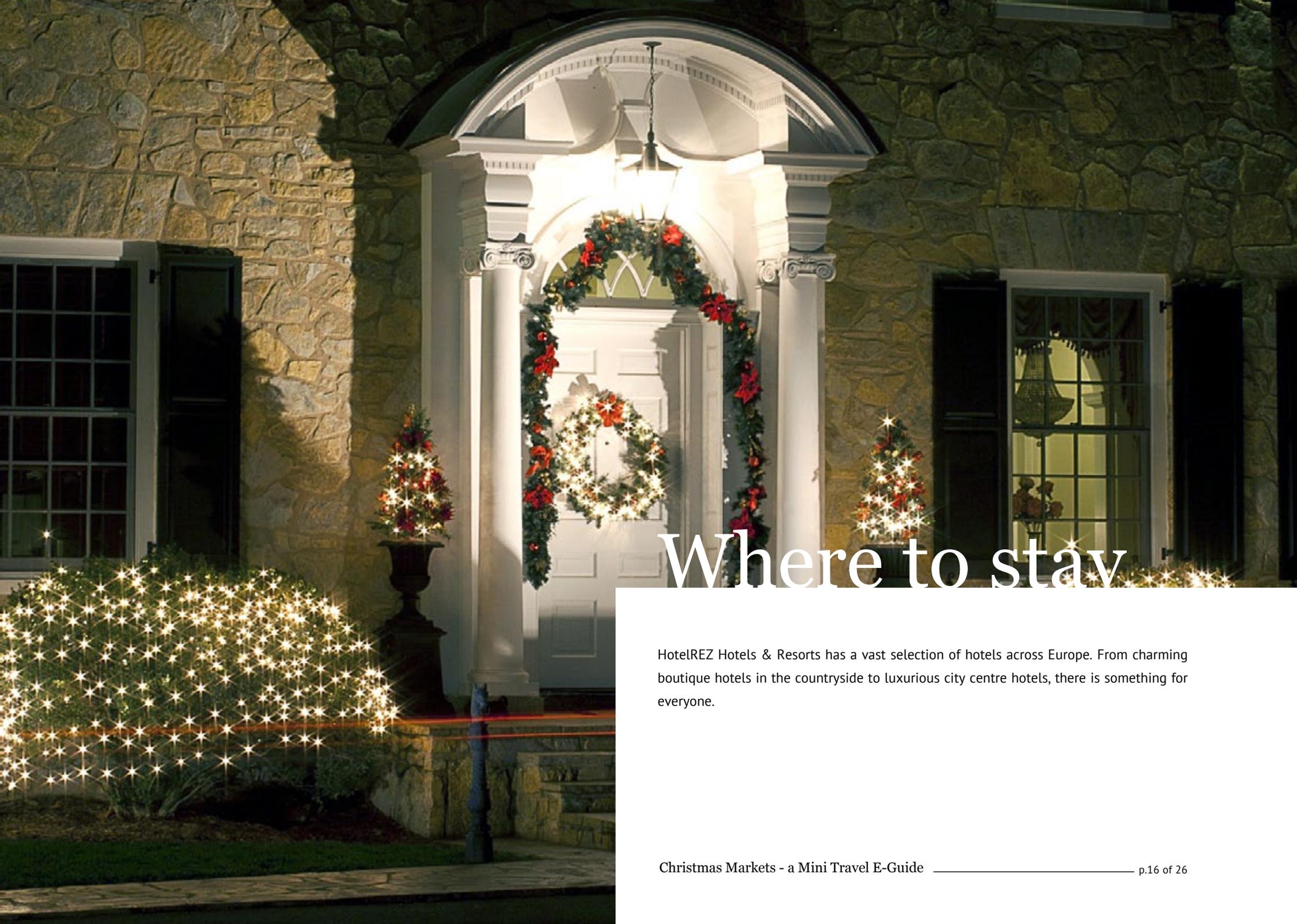
## Trdelník

Made from rolled dough wrapped around a stick, then grilled and topped with sugar and walnut mix; this is a traditional Christmas sweet originally from Hungary, but which spread in the 18th century to the Czech Republic. Accompany it with a cup of hot mulled wine or any of the famous Czech beers like Pilsner Urquell, Staropramen and Budvar.



## Æbleskiver

Originally from Denmark Æbleskiver are traditional appledoughnuts usually slathered with black current jam and sprinkled with powdered sugar. In December, they are often served with a cup of gløgg, a Scandinavian version of mulled wine.



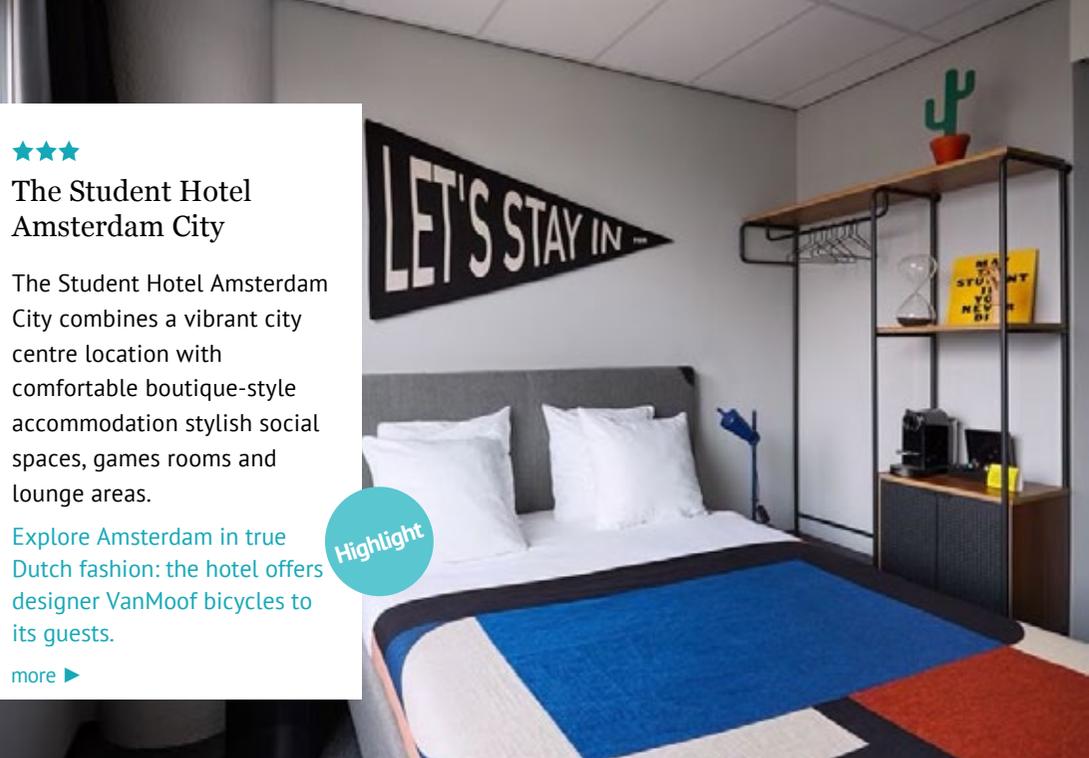
# Where to stay

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## Amsterdam

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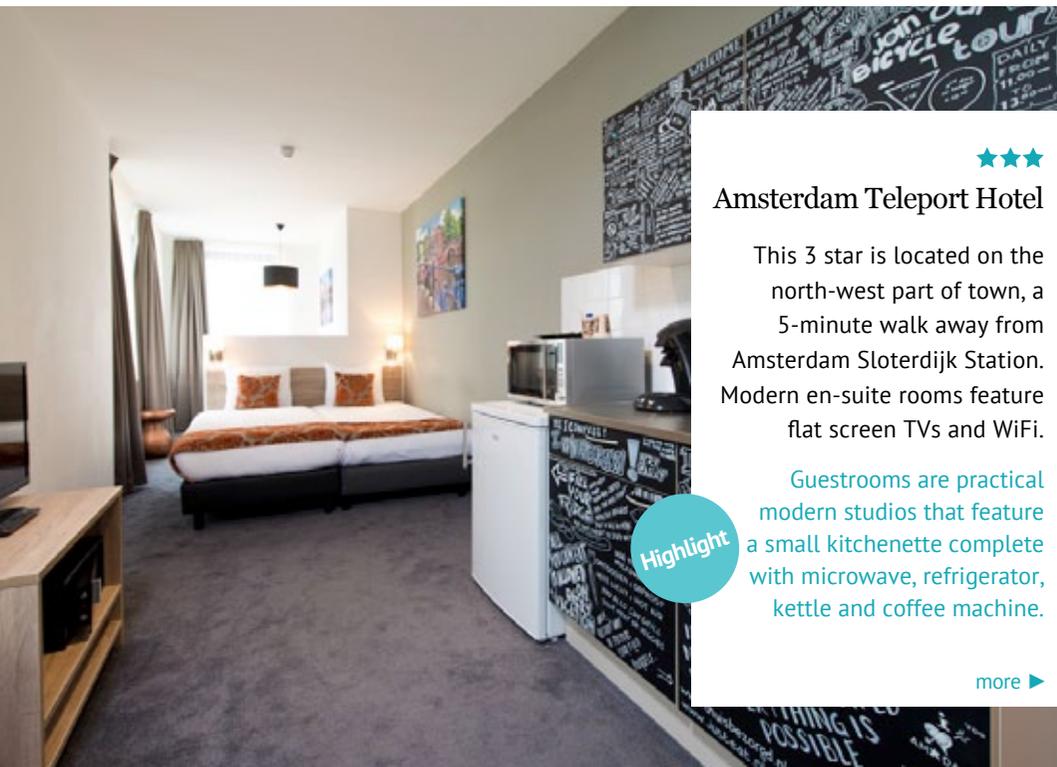
### The Student Hotel Amsterdam City

The Student Hotel Amsterdam City combines a vibrant city centre location with comfortable boutique-style accommodation, stylish social spaces, games rooms and lounge areas.

Explore Amsterdam in true Dutch fashion: the hotel offers designer VanMoof bicycles to its guests.

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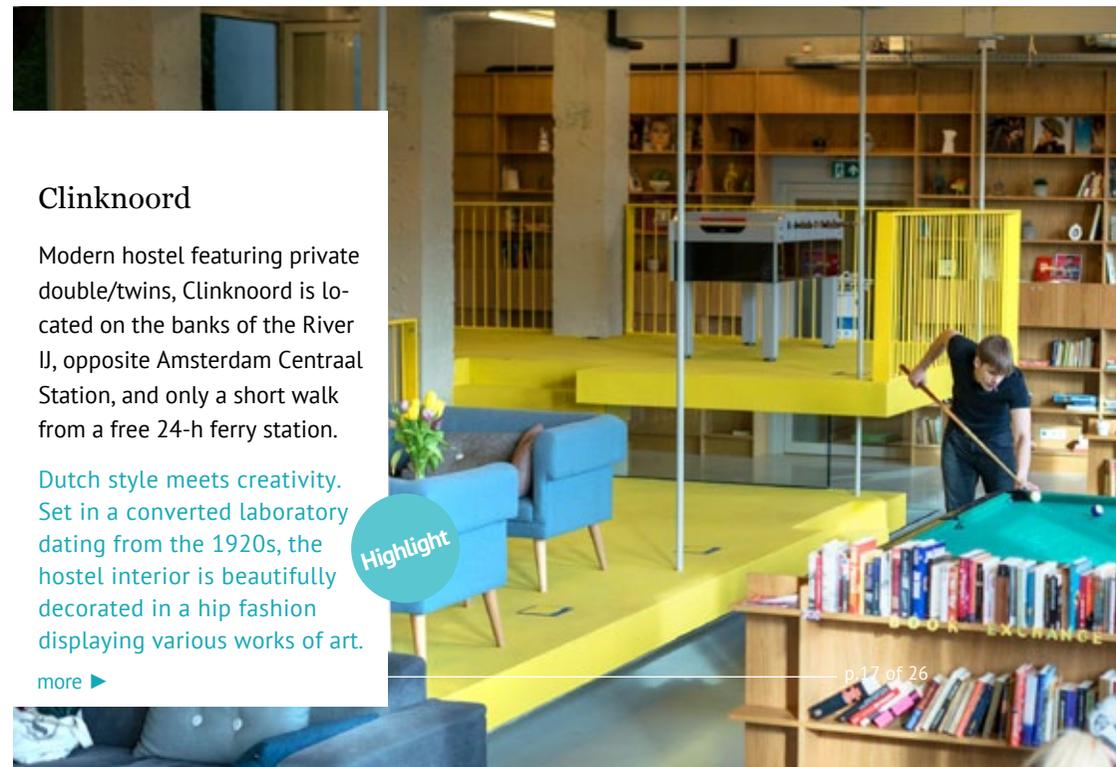
### Amsterdam Teleport Hotel

This 3 star is located on the north-west part of town, a 5-minute walk away from Amsterdam Sloterdijk Station. Modern en-suite rooms feature flat screen TVs and WiFi.

Guestrooms are practical modern studios that feature a small kitchenette complete with microwave, refrigerator, kettle and coffee machine.

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### Clinknoord

Modern hostel featuring private double/twins, Clinknoord is located on the banks of the River IJ, opposite Amsterdam Centraal Station, and only a short walk from a free 24-h ferry station.

Dutch style meets creativity. Set in a converted laboratory dating from the 1920s, the hostel interior is beautifully decorated in a hip fashion displaying various works of art.

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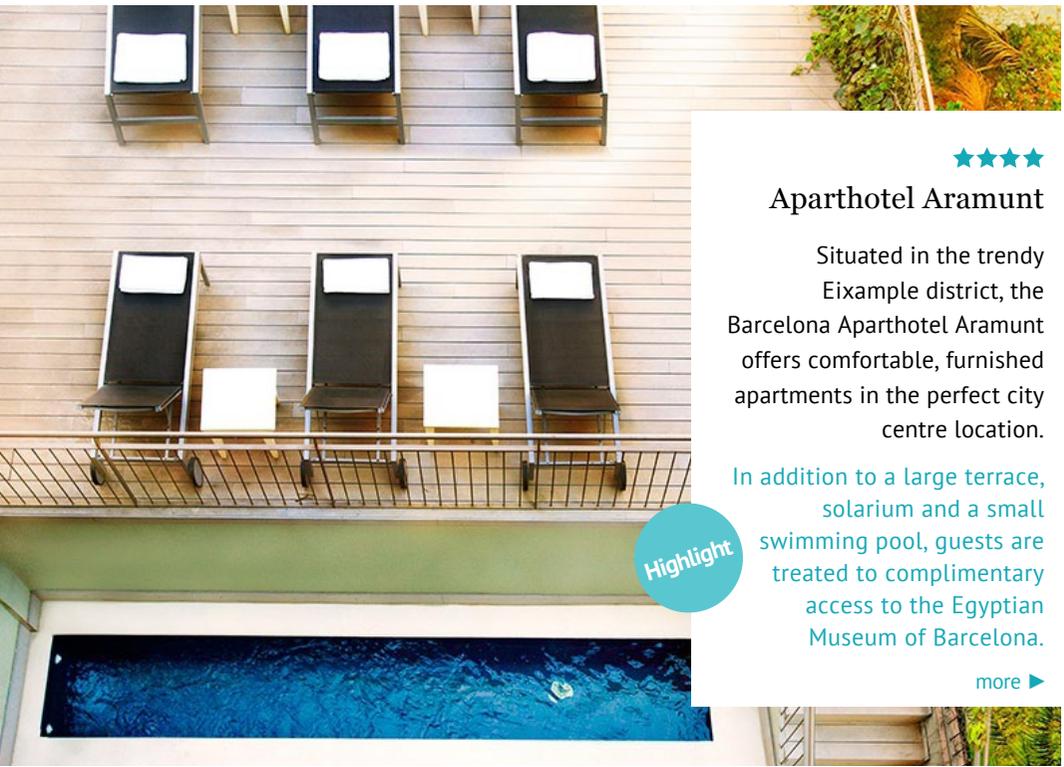
## Hotel Ambit Barcelona

With an unbeatable location, just a few yards from the famous Passeig de Gracia, Ambit Barcelona occupies a 19th century modernist building in the Eixample district.

Facilities include a 24 hours reception and concierge, free WiFi, 1st floor terrace with complimentary coffee, as well as a social living area with newspapers and board games.

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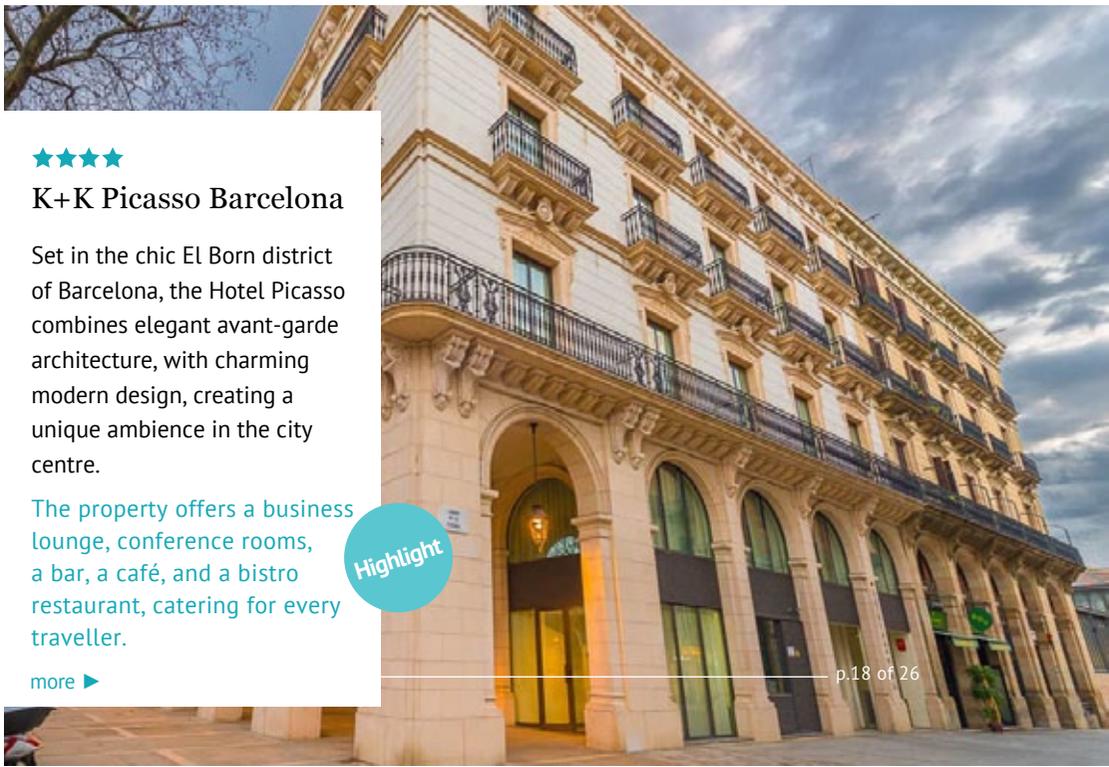
## Aparthotel Aramunt

Situated in the trendy Eixample district, the Barcelona Aparthotel Aramunt offers comfortable, furnished apartments in the perfect city centre location.

In addition to a large terrace, solarium and a small swimming pool, guests are treated to complimentary access to the Egyptian Museum of Barcelona.

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## K+K Picasso Barcelona

Set in the chic El Born district of Barcelona, the Hotel Picasso combines elegant avant-garde architecture, with charming modern design, creating a unique ambience in the city centre.

The property offers a business lounge, conference rooms, a bar, a café, and a bistro restaurant, catering for every traveller.

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## Queensberry Hotel

This quirky hotel in the centre of Bath is one of the city's most beautiful. Owned by a husband and wife duo, it offers an intimate experience with traditional service and sophisticated, contemporary design.

Guests can enjoy the Olive Tree Restaurant, serving delicious food made with locally-sourced ingredients.

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## Lansdown Grove Hotel

One of the oldest hotels in Bath, the Lansdown Grove Hotel nonetheless offers charming contemporary design and comfortable modern facilities, recently refurbished.

This beautiful Grade-II listed hotel dates back to 1770, and forms part of the UNESCO World Heritage site marking Bath's architectural tradition.

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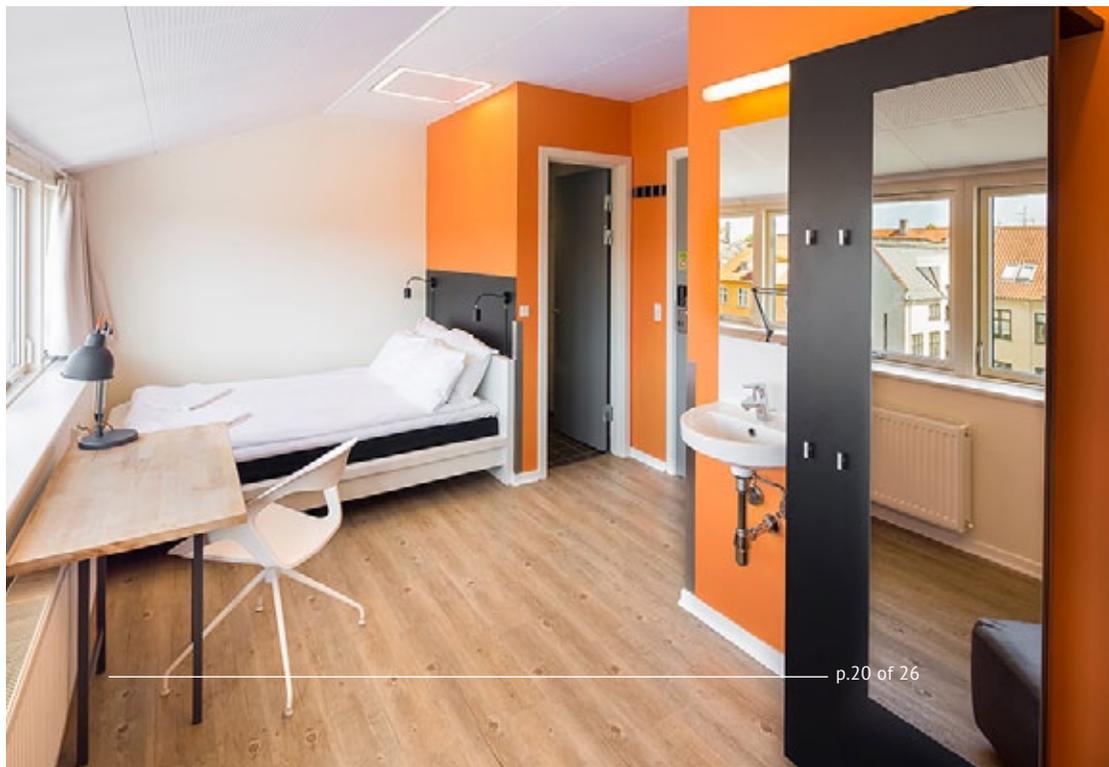
## Generator Copenhagen

In the heart of Copenhagen, and located in one of the city's most lively areas, this stylish property offers several room types from singles, twins or quads all featuring en-suite bathrooms.

The Generator Copenhagen is set in a former luxury apartments building designed by world-famous designer Philippe Starck.

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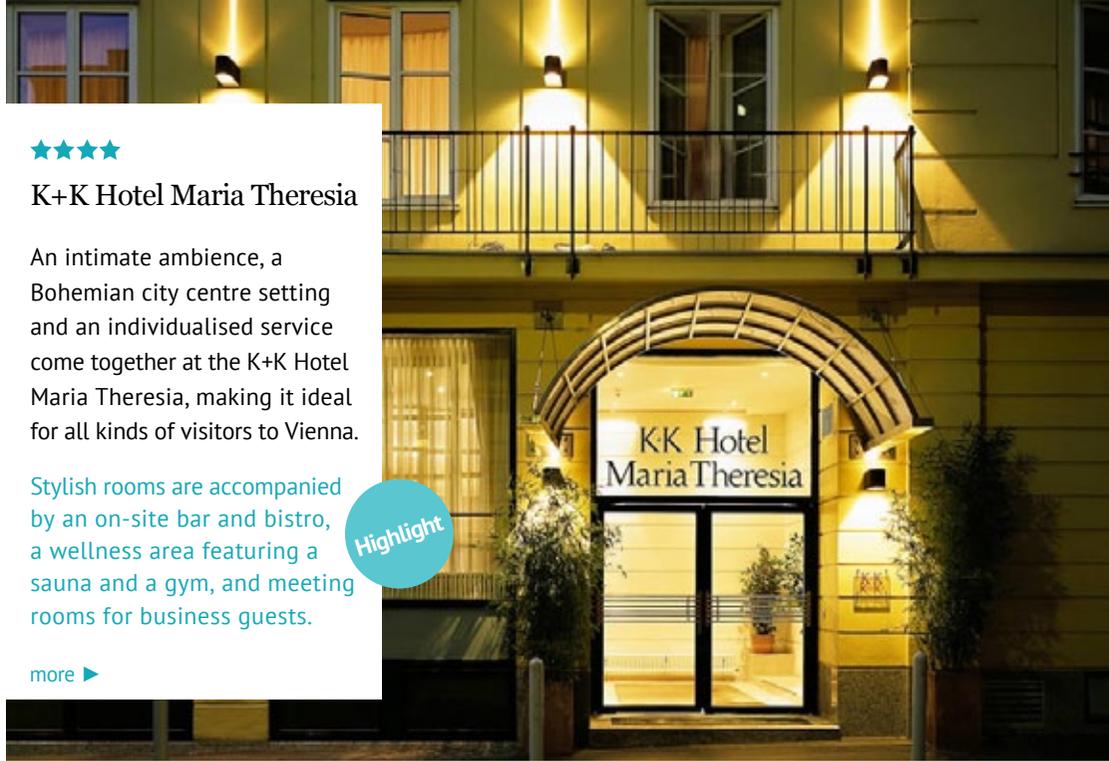
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# Vienna

Austria



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## K+K Hotel Maria Theresa

An intimate ambience, a Bohemian city centre setting and an individualised service come together at the K+K Hotel Maria Theresa, making it ideal for all kinds of visitors to Vienna.

Stylish rooms are accompanied by an on-site bar and bistro, a wellness area featuring a sauna and a gym, and meeting rooms for business guests.

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## K+K Hotel Palais Vienna

An elegant city centre hotel within walking distance of Vienna's best-known attractions. The hotel combines traditional Austrian architecture on the outside with extensive modern amenities and contemporary design within.

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This hotel has truly imperial splendour: it was once the townhouse of the Austro-Hungarian Emperor Franz Josef.

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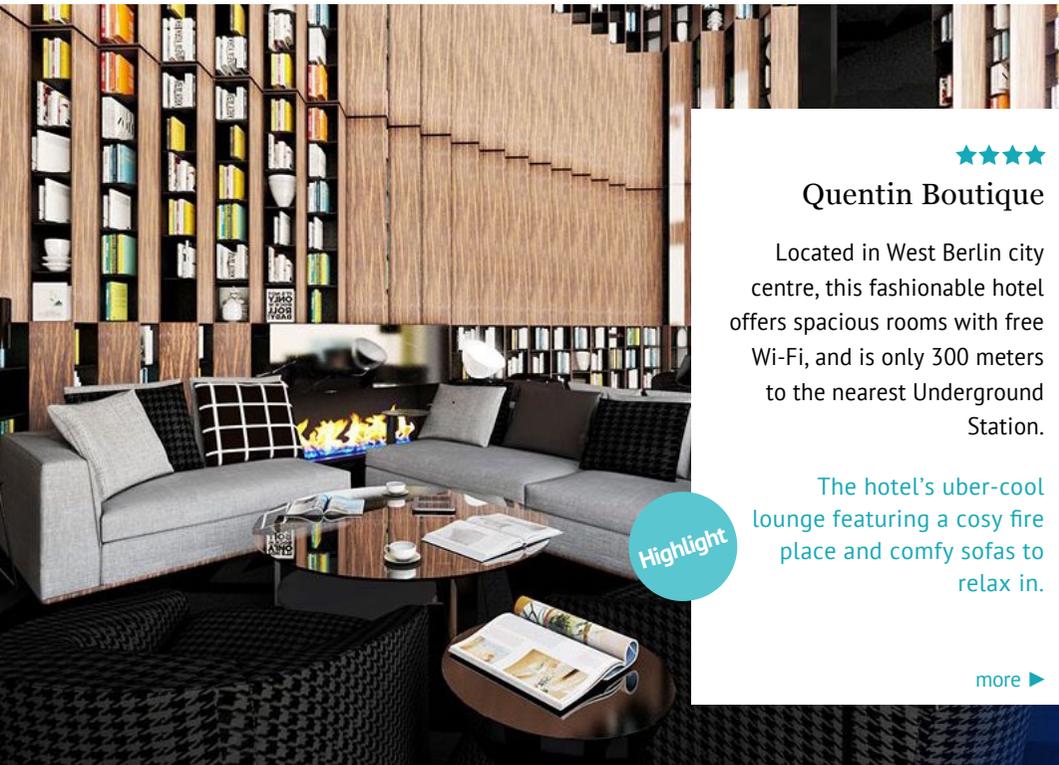
## Quentin Design

Boutique Hotel in the centrally located Schöneberg district, only a short walk to the Kurfürstendamm shopping area. Air-conditioned rooms with LED smart TVs, free WiFi, hardwood floors and designer bathrooms.

This neighbourhood is a great choice for travellers interested in Berlin's Nightlife and Shopping.

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## Quentin Boutique

Located in West Berlin city centre, this fashionable hotel offers spacious rooms with free Wi-Fi, and is only 300 meters to the nearest Underground Station.

The hotel's uber-cool lounge featuring a cosy fire place and comfy sofas to relax in.

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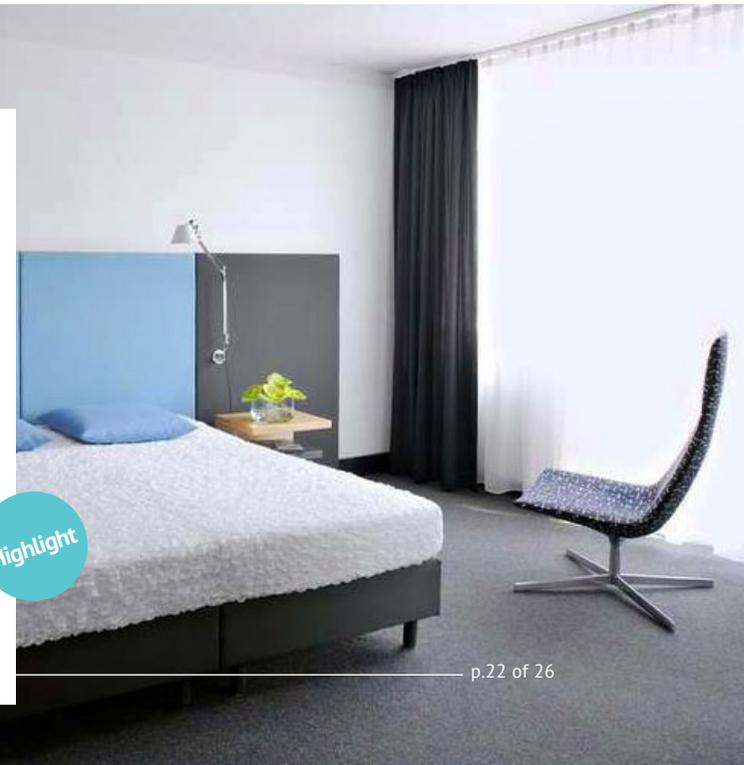
## Hotel Otto

TripAdvisor award-winning Hotel Otto, located just 10 minutes away from the Kurfürstendamm shopping street, offers 46 comfortable, modern rooms and studios.

Hotel Otto is particularly proud of its eclectic buffet breakfast, served every morning in the Etage 07 lounge with panoramic views over Berlin.

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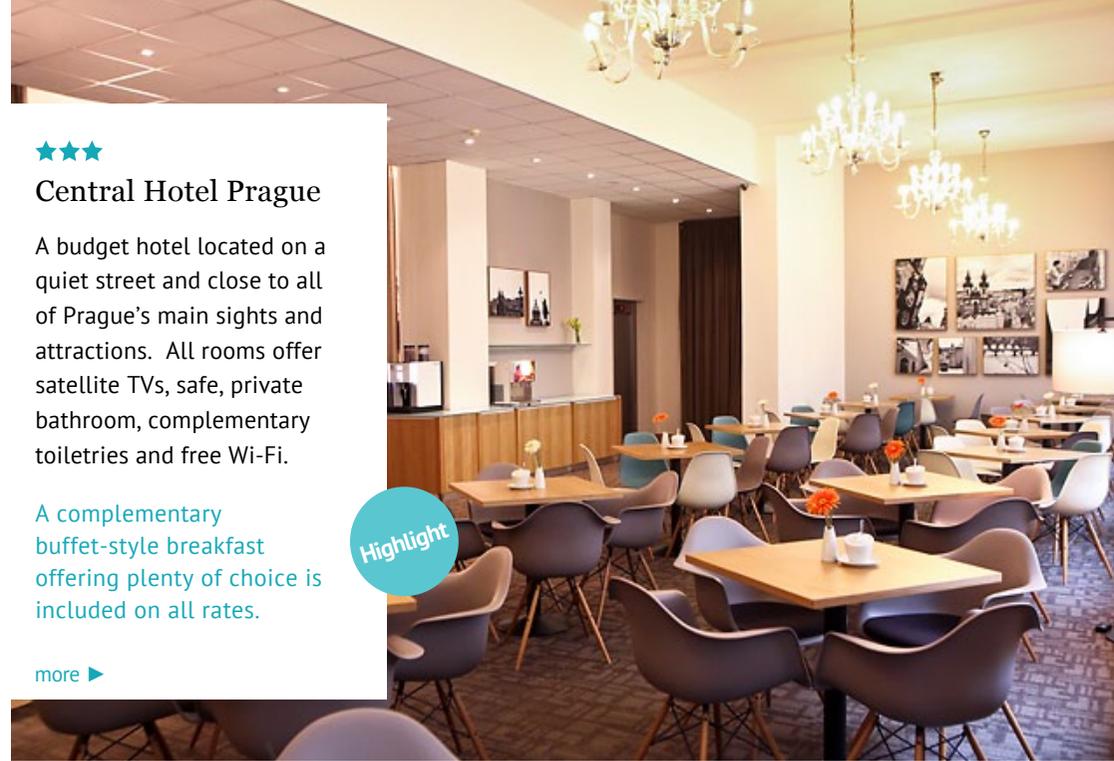




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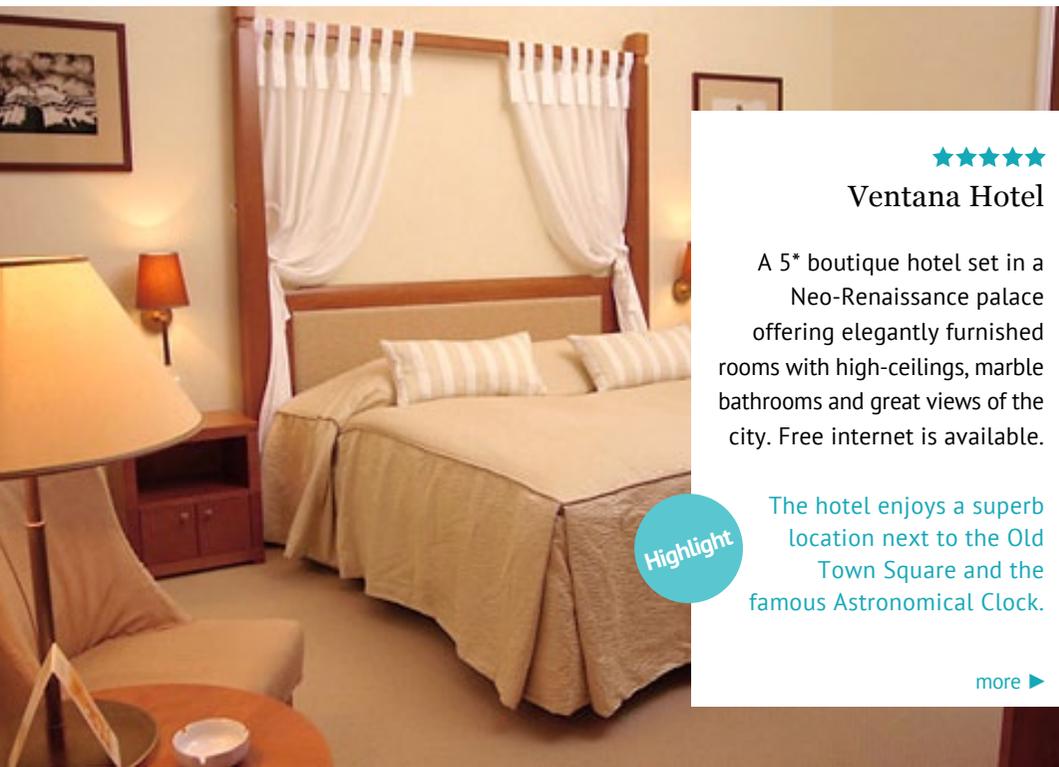
## Central Hotel Prague

A budget hotel located on a quiet street and close to all of Prague's main sights and attractions. All rooms offer satellite TVs, safe, private bathroom, complimentary toiletries and free Wi-Fi.

A complementary buffet-style breakfast offering plenty of choice is included on all rates.

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## Ventana Hotel

A 5\* boutique hotel set in a Neo-Renaissance palace offering elegantly furnished rooms with high-ceilings, marble bathrooms and great views of the city. Free internet is available.

The hotel enjoys a superb location next to the Old Town Square and the famous Astronomical Clock.

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## Jalta Boutique Hotel

Situated directly on Wenceslas Square in central Prague, the elegant and luxurious boutique hotel Jalta is right next to the National Museum.

Unique features include Andy Warhol's original screen print of Franz Kafka, hanging on the lobby, and a previously concealed fall-out shelter from the 1950s.

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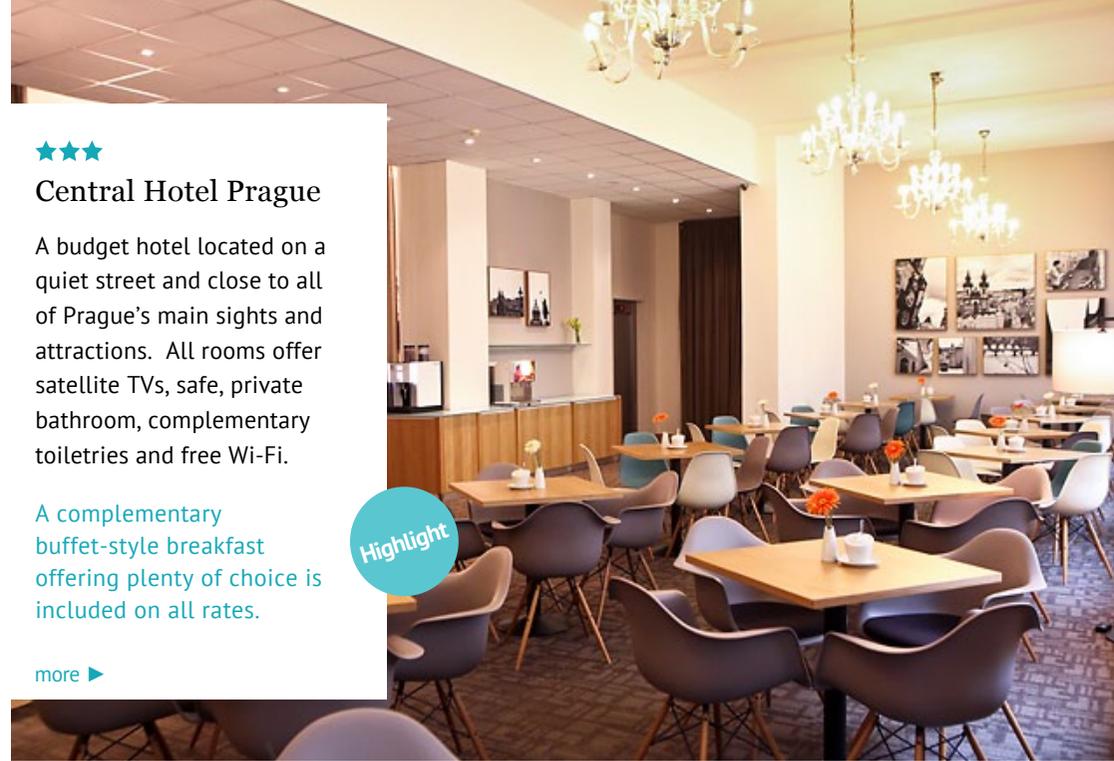
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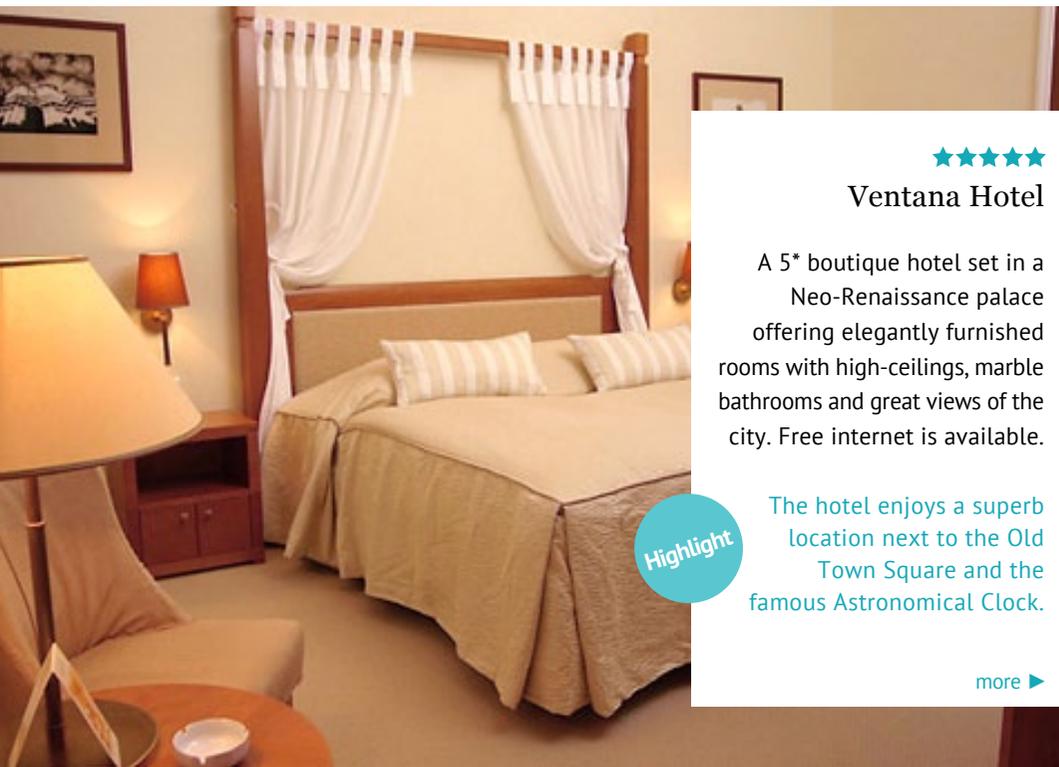
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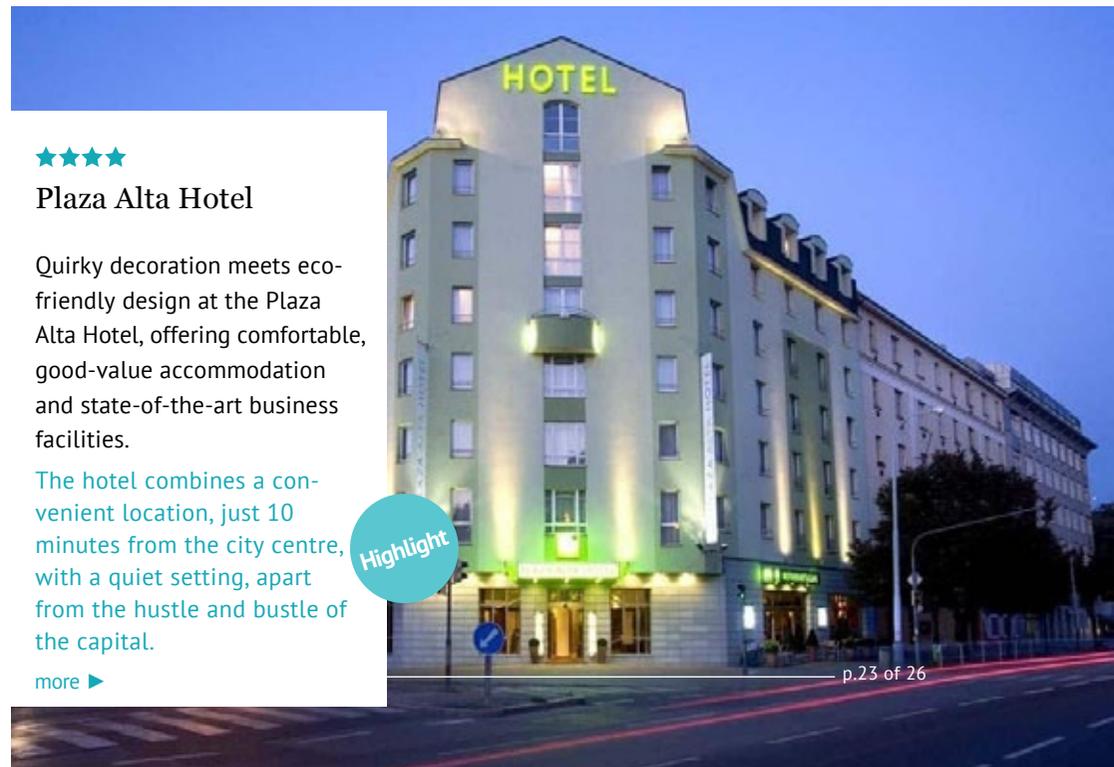
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### Plaza Alta Hotel

Quirky decoration meets eco-friendly design at the Plaza Alta Hotel, offering comfortable, good-value accommodation and state-of-the-art business facilities.

The hotel combines a convenient location, just 10 minutes from the city centre, with a quiet setting, apart from the hustle and bustle of the capital.

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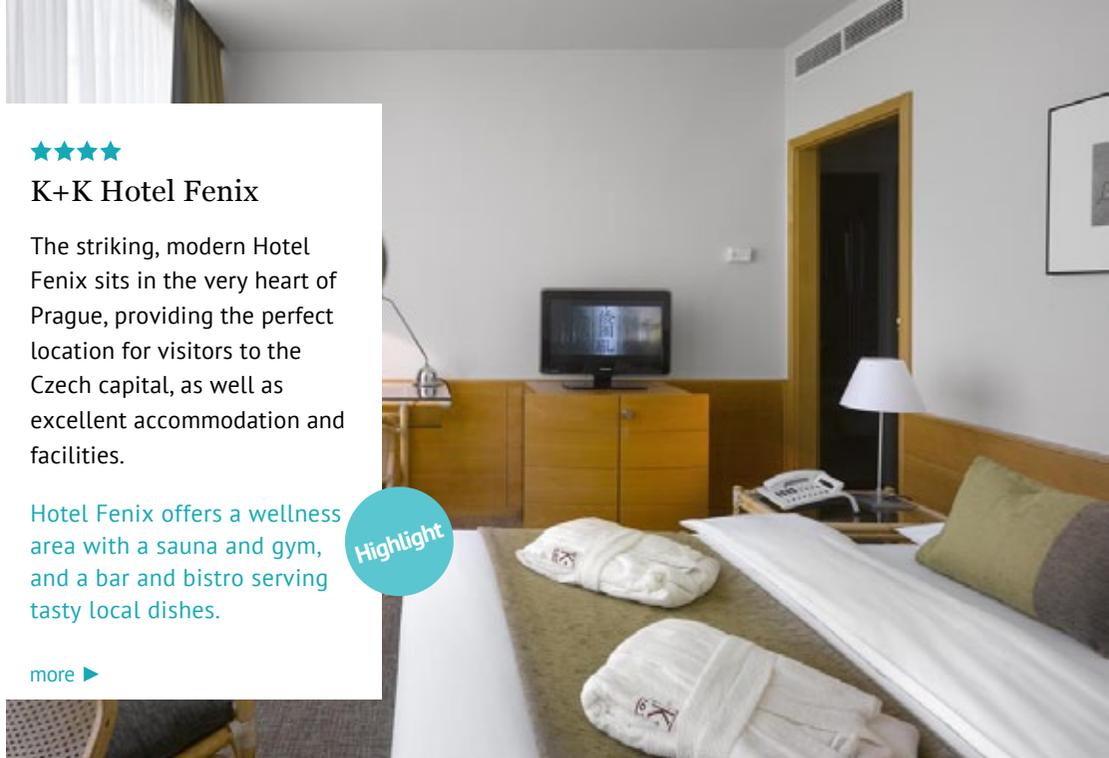
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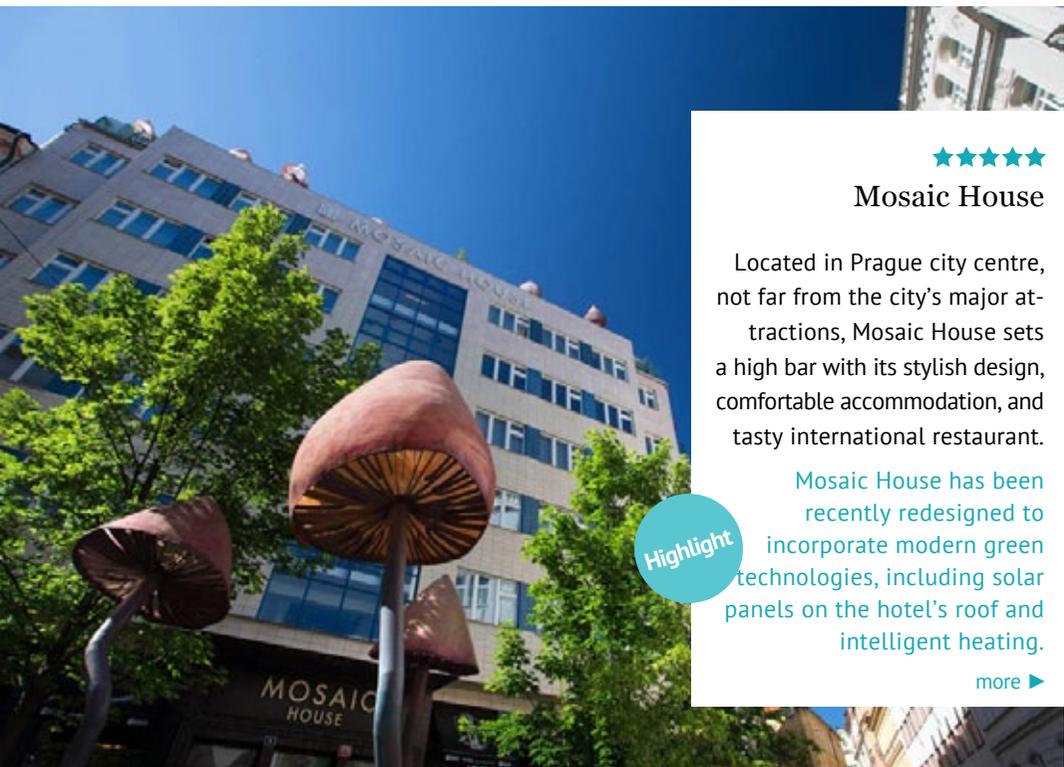
## K+K Hotel Fenix

The striking, modern Hotel Fenix sits in the very heart of Prague, providing the perfect location for visitors to the Czech capital, as well as excellent accommodation and facilities.

Hotel Fenix offers a wellness area with a sauna and gym, and a bar and bistro serving tasty local dishes.

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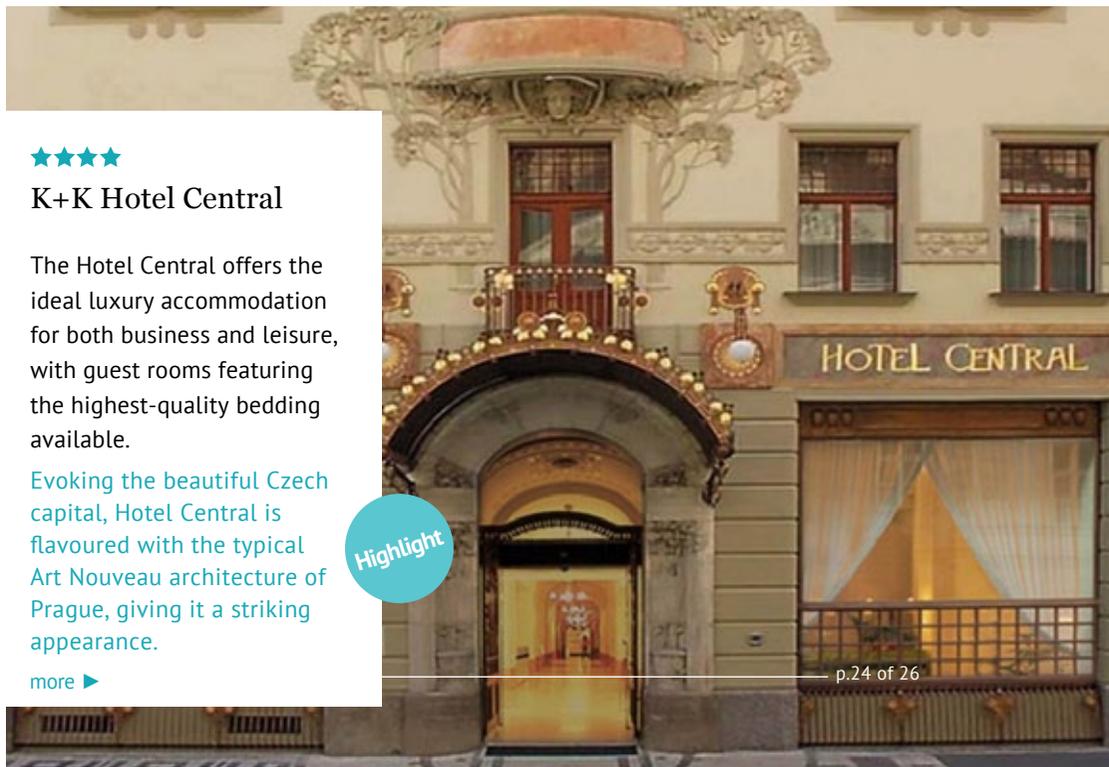
## Mosaic House

Located in Prague city centre, not far from the city's major attractions, Mosaic House sets a high bar with its stylish design, comfortable accommodation, and tasty international restaurant.

Mosaic House has been recently redesigned to incorporate modern green technologies, including solar panels on the hotel's roof and intelligent heating.

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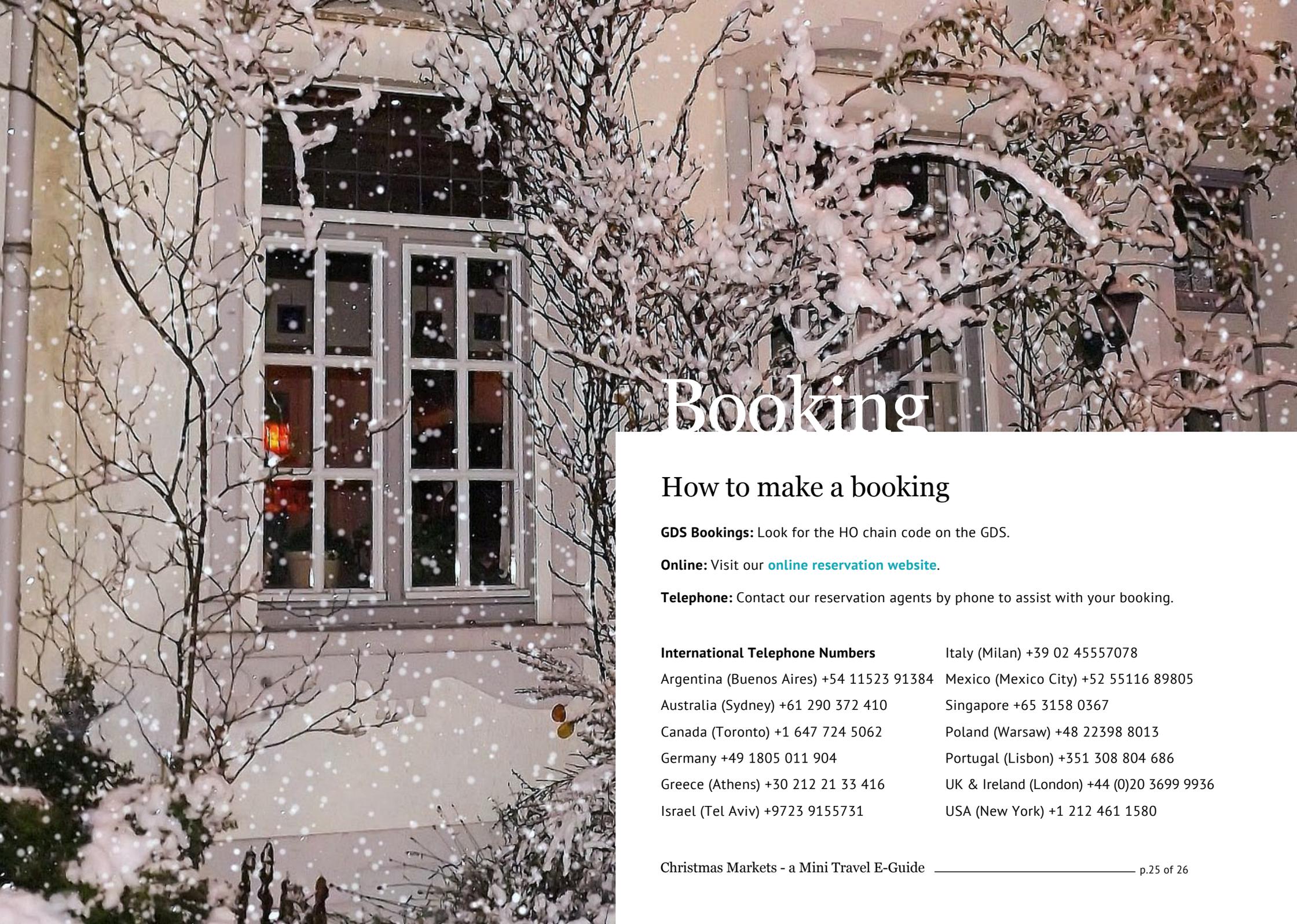
## K+K Hotel Central

The Hotel Central offers the ideal luxury accommodation for both business and leisure, with guest rooms featuring the highest-quality bedding available.

Evoking the beautiful Czech capital, Hotel Central is flavoured with the typical Art Nouveau architecture of Prague, giving it a striking appearance.

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