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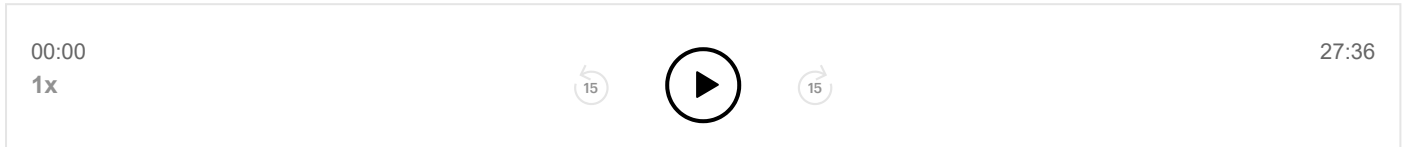
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When it comes to uncovering the most beautiful spaces, you could say that we here at *AD* have insight into the best hotels in the world. Our editors' expertise stems from constant study of the landscape and frequent travel to design weeks, including the likes of NYCxDesign and Design Miami and Art Basel every year to learn about the latest trends in art, design, and architecture. Plus, our staffers vacation in stylish, design-forward spots on their own trips, many that are featured in this piece.

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From seaside escapes to serene inns tucked away in the mountains, we've found lodging for every type of stay. Each location is teeming with design details that are reminiscent of everything from Old-world, Parisian-style apartments to industrial-inspired suites in bustling cities.



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La Perouse in Nice, France

I loved the charming interiors designed by Virginie Friedmann and Delphine Versace of the Paris-based Friedmann & Versace Studio. From the natural rattan and wicker touches, to the colorful tiled tables, to the charming stained glass in the dining room, it has all the design hallmarks of the South of France. Plus, nothing beats the Mediterranean sea right out the window. I stayed there for three nights at the beginning of a South of France road trip. It was just the right amount of time to explore the city. I also loved the location, which is in the city's old town. The hotel is actually nestled into the limestone face of Castle Hill (Colline du Château) which you can climb to the top for the best view in the city. It's right on the water, a short walk to many restaurants, and, to our delight, just steps from the flea market on Sunday morning. I would absolutely stay there when I return to Nice. —[Hannah Martin](#), senior design editor

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