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THE NEW HOTEL TREND

OUR LOWDOWN ON THE WORLD'S LOVELIEST SMALL HOTELS

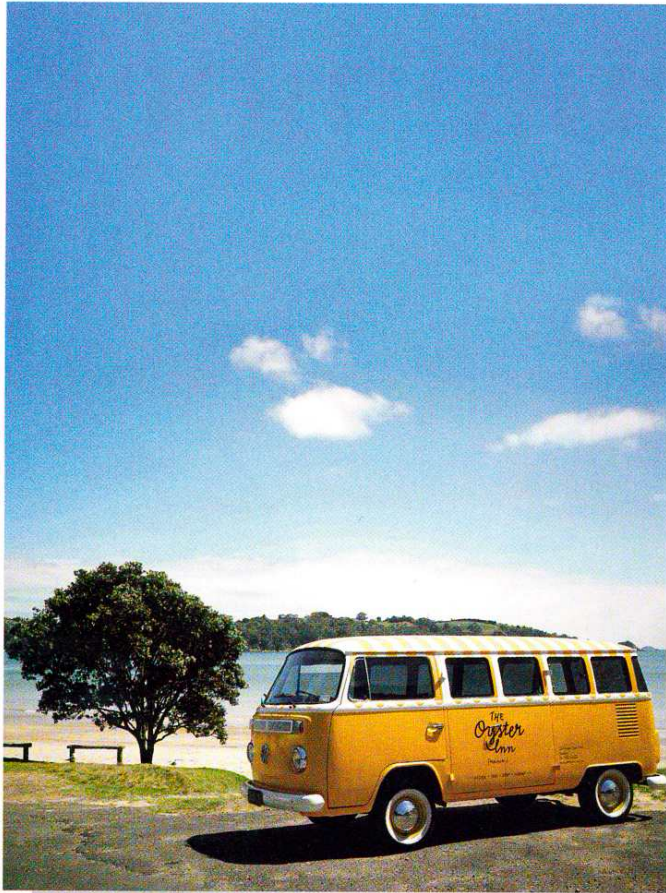
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THE GREEK ISLANDS

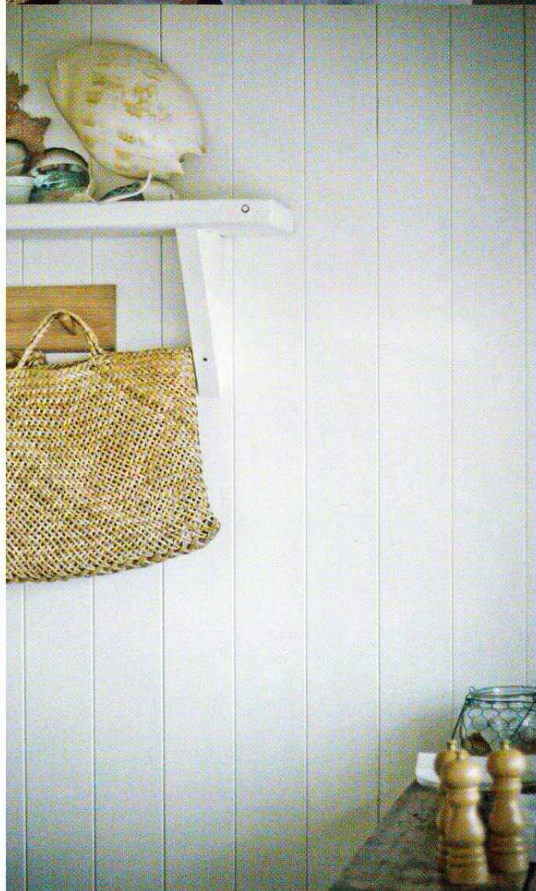
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THE ULTIMATE
TROPICAL ISLAND
THAT NOBODY ELSE
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NEW HOTEL
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TREND WATCH

Micro Hotels

Once upon a time, staying in a small hotel meant a chintzy room in a bungalow and a forgettable breakfast, or a grotty motel at the side of a motorway. But now, unrestrained by the shackles of corporate dos and don'ts, a new wave of media-savvy owners are revamping the concept to create diminutive accommodation in quirky buildings, character-packed private houses and fantastic locations. These are smart places to stay – with three rooms or less – where the intimate scale is enhanced by a delicious dose of atmosphere and chutzpah. We get a first peek inside the world's smallest hotel in Denmark and round up the other mini gems

The Oyster Inn Waiheke, New Zealand

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This little inn on the island of Waiheke, 35 minutes by ferry from Auckland, has caused quite a stir since it opened last year. Fresh from lengthy stints working in the London fashion and events industries, local owners Andrew Glenn and Jonathan Rutherford Best have created more of a lifestyle experience than a hotel. A jaunty yellow 1970s VW van meets guests from the ferry and deposits them, a few minutes later, outside an old building that was once the island's newspaper office. The buzzy bar and seafood restaurant serves up dishes such as snapper on clam-and-corn chowder, with home-made lemonade or NZ microbrews. The vibe is Hamptons-esque, and the fresh, airy design continues in three bedrooms so perfectly kitted out you may feel the need to restyle yourself. Which is fine because there's a small shop downstairs selling hip beachwear and accessories from the likes of Orlebar Brown and Tom Binns. *Doubles from about £145. +64 9 372 2222; www.theoysterinn.co.nz* KATE JOYCE