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Your next wild adventure starts here (selfie stick optional).



ROOMS WITH A VIEW Ballyfin, arguably the most lavish Georgian mansion in Ireland, is set to unveil five new rooms this spring. Interior designer Colin Orchard, who oversaw the 2011 rebunch, is at the helm again, creating elegant, luxurious and tasteful suites. Think chic four-poster beds, hand-painted murals and stunning views over the 600-acre estate. Stay for €580 per night, including breakfast, lunch, pre-dinner drinks, dinner and activities, 057 875 5888; ballyfin.com.



THAI HIGH If you can't quite make that dream break to Koh Samui happen, head north instead and try the sumptuous Thai Spa Experience at Lough Erne Resort in Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh. Recently awarded Northern Ireland's Hotel of the Year, the resort's pampering package won't burst the budget, with prices from €131pp including an overnight stay and a luxurious 45-minute treatment, 048 6632 3230; loughernereresort.com.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Designer pads high on personality.



BAG LADY

Inspired by the outdoors, this is the perfect city break bag. Beautifully made by Swedish brand Sandqvist, this Bob Olive Backpack, €170, is the kind of tote you'll use for years to come. Available from Dublin design store Indigo & Cloth, indigoandcloth.com.



Hotel Covell, USA

Set in the hip, cultured Los Feliz neighbourhood, each of the five rooms in LA's latest hotel hideaway tells a story. We're lusting after the Chapter 3 room, which houses a vintage Eileen Gray Bibendum chair. Stay from around €214 per night, 001 323 680 4300; hotelcovell.com.



Ett Hem, Sweden

Designer Ilse Crawford has created one of the most stylish – and comfortable – hotels in Stockholm. Featuring wood panelling and beautiful bespoke furniture, the vibe is luxe country house meets chic city casa. Stay from around €400 per night, 0046 820 0590; etthem.se.



Villa Orsula, Croatia

A beautifully restored 1930s villa in Dubrovnik, the balcony view is worth a check-in alone – look out over the Adriatic to the lush green island of Lokrum on your left, and the pretty red-tiled roofs of the old town to your right. Stay from €540 per night, 00385 2030 0300; adriaticluxuryhotels.com.