

# TRAVEL NOTES

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## Lesser spotted LONDON

There are over 60 London locations included in Peter Dazeley's new book, *London Uncovered* (Frances Lincoln, €40), a sequel to the hugely popular *Unseen London*. This follow-up features locations that are all publicly accessible, allowing readers to do more than just look at beautiful images; they can visit the sites themselves, while the stunning photographs are beautifully presented with detail by historian Mark Daly.



## TRAIN OF THOUGHT

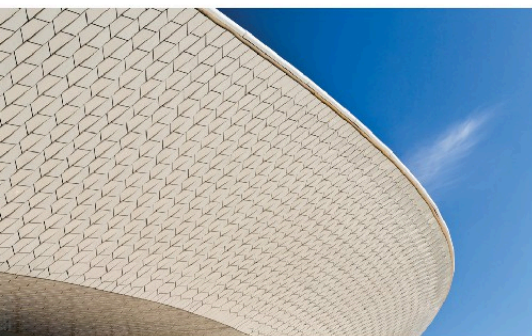
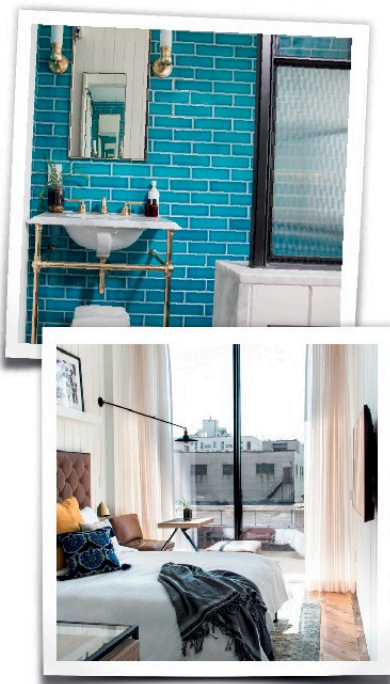
Fancy festive dining on the Orient Express without having to have won/stolen a large sum of money recently? The Pullman restaurant at the luxe five-star Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Galway – recently awarded two AA rosettes in recognition of their not unimpressive culinary chops – may just be the thing to set you on the right track. Set aboard two original carriages from the iconic locomotive, the restaurant offers a unique dining experience (it even has piped in “train noise”) as well as providing spectacular views across the Glenlo Abbey estate to Lough Corrib, Ireland's second largest lake. And of course, having ridden the Orient Express personally (not a brag, I swear), I can attest that the experience at Glenlo is more than reminiscent of the real thing. Choo-choo ... [glenlo.com](http://glenlo.com).

## Hipster Mecca

After much anticipation, The Williamsburg Hotel ([thewilliamsburghotel.com](http://thewilliamsburghotel.com)) is now taking reservations for December and beyond. Located in the heart of Brooklyn's bourgeois hipster 'hood, the hotel features 150 rooms and suites designed by Michaelis Boyd Studio (Babington House UK, Soho House Berlin) and offers unobstructed views of Manhattan, along with a line-up of cool bars, a restaurant and modish amenities. In addition, bread is back.

Building upon the success of his pop-up, the Brooklyn Bread Lab ([brooklynbreadlab.com](http://brooklynbreadlab.com)), chef Adam Leonti will feature a grain- and vegetable-focused menu at Harvey, the hotel's signature restaurant. Brooklyn's new after-dark hotspot will also feature a rooftop pool and three distinct bars, including a private bar for guests and a replica water tower bar honouring the block's historic wooden water tower factory.

Rates start at approx €340 per night.



## DOOR MAAT

Lisbon's evolution into one of Europe's most interesting cities continues apace with the recent opening of the new Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology – MAAT ([maat.pt](http://maat.pt)). Not since the opening of the Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim Museum Bilbao has there been such a significant new museum opening in Europe. And to celebrate the new addition, the city's beautifully curated AlmaLusa Baixa/Chiado hotel is offering guests who book online free entry to MAAT, along with a 10 per cent discount on their room booking and an additional 20 per cent lopped off meals at the hotel's very cool Delfina restaurant, [almalushahotels.com](http://almalushahotels.com).