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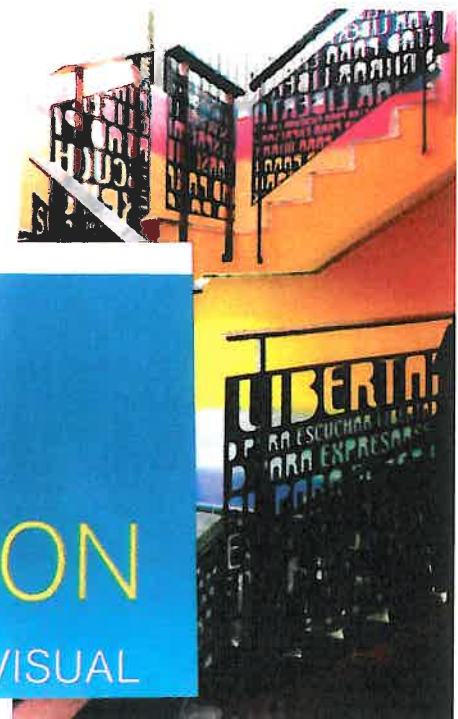


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artist's touch

façade of Berlin's Arte Luise Kunsthôtel in the shadow of the Reichstag (left); stairway to garage at Madrid's Hotel Puerta America (right); punkadelic painted room at San Francisco's Hotel des Arts (middle right); photo-clad doors at Seattle's Hotel Max (below right); New Majestic Hotel, Singapore (below left)



ART OF ACCOMMODATION

DESIGNER HOTELS EXTOL A PASSION FOR THE VISUAL

Step inside the painted rooms of San Francisco's Hotel des Arts and savor the bold, urban strokes of graffiti-inspired color. Stroll along the corridors of Seattle's Hotel Max and nourish your inner photographer. These one-of-a-kind spaces transform a night away from home into a feast for the senses.

Who needs a stuffy gallery when you can experience the sinuous curves of minimalist modern at Madrid's Hotel Puerta America? It took the fall of the Berlin Wall to turn the Arte Luise Kunsthôtel from a neoclassical palais into an artist's mecca. Today it boasts 50 original rooms, each depicting a singular artistic vision.

Nothing beats a little local culture, especially when savvy hoteliers offer creative carte blanche and a percentage of the room payment to emerging artists. Or when wealthy patrons release their cherished collections from the vaults and share them with appreciative travelers.

