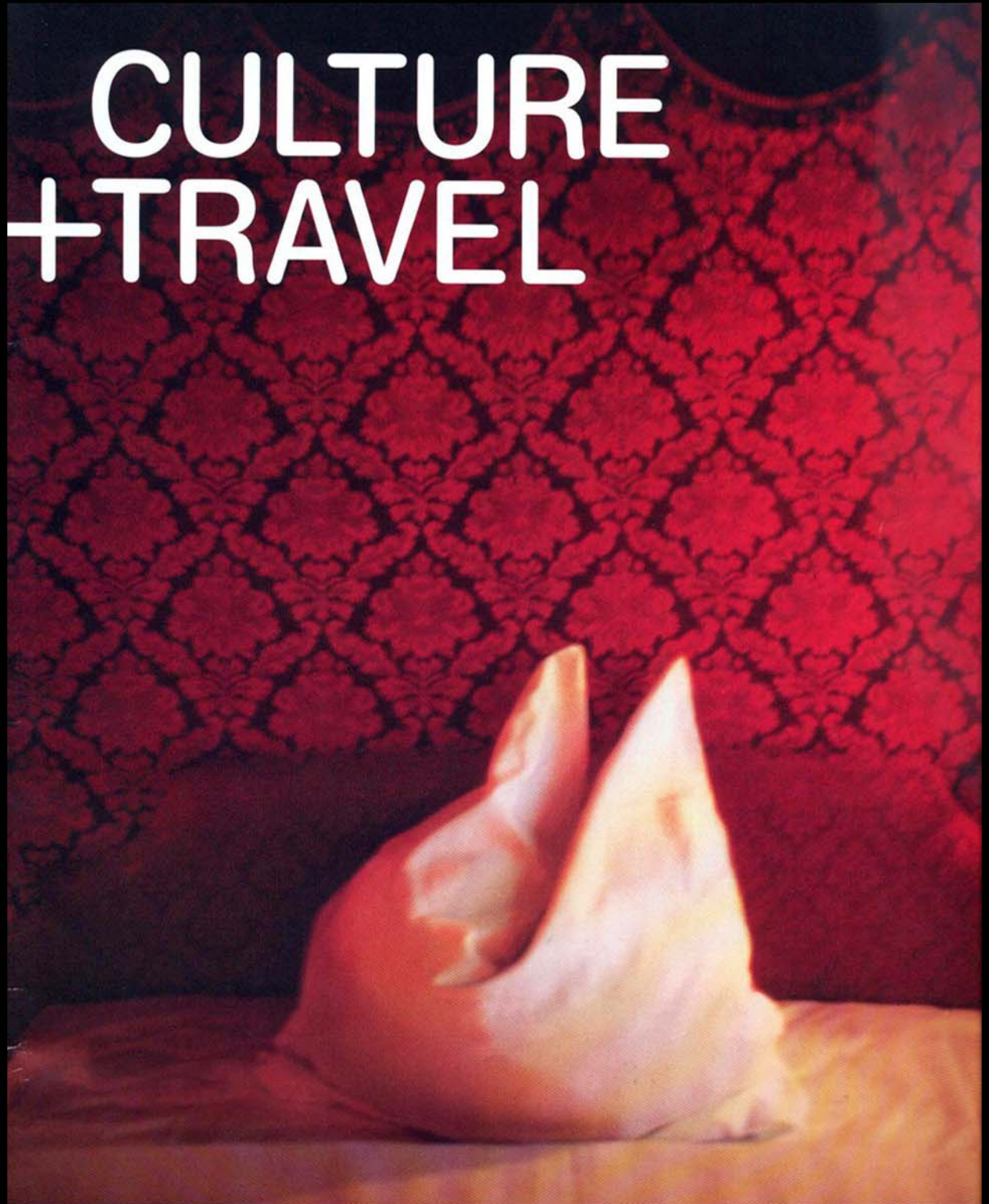


CULTURE + TRAVEL



COMPASS: LYON

Stay:

COLLEGE HOTEL

You can't help feeling nostalgic for the slate chalkboards and polished apples of youth while staying at the Collège, a grade school-themed hotel adorned with vintage maps, leather armchairs, well-worn textbooks, and what every student finds indispensable today: Wi-Fi. The witty decor has an Art Deco vibe, and the overall effect is definitely classy rather than classroom.

5 PLACE SAINT-PAUL
33-04/72-10-05-05
RATES: \$150-\$200
college-hotel.com

LA VILLA FLORENTINE

Once a 17th-century convent, this restored hotel, tucked into a quiet Lyonnais hillside, is just steps from Vieux Lyon, the original medieval city center. Don't miss the villa's charming garden or its adjoining restaurant, Terrasses de Lyon, where you can savor chef Davy Tissot's inspired, eclectic cuisine while enjoying a panoramic view of the city.

25 MONTEE SAINT-BARTHELEMY
33-04/72-56-56-56
RATES: \$275-\$1,275
villaflorentine.com

Eat:

LES HALLES DE LYON

Open since 1858, though in its current location since the 1970s, Les Halles, the city's most important food market, offers an insider's look at Lyon's gastronomic heart. The much-traveled alleyways have long served as shopping grounds for illustrious chefs like Paul Bocuse, but even the suppliers enjoy a certain renown—seek out nibbles from celebrity hawkers like *fromagier* Mère Richard and *charcutier* Colette Sibilia.

102 COURS LAFAYETTE

33-04/78-62-39-33

MAGALI ET MARTIN

One of Lyon's tiny bistro *gastronomiques*, housed in a rustic bi-level space

on the Presqu'île, Magali et Martin attracts a hip clientele who come often for the daily-changing, market-driven menu, rich with the likes of crab bisque with girolles mushrooms and mussels, and salmon sausage with artichoke and fennel. While Martin Schmidt commands the stove, his wife, Magali, oversees the small but unusual wine list specializing in smaller producers from the surrounding Beaujolais and Rhône regions.

11 RUE DES AUGUSTINS

33-04/72-00-88-01

NICOLAS LE BEC

Boy wonder chef-owner Nicolas Le Bec, 35, earned his first Michelin star mere months after opening in 2004; a second followed in 2007. His kitchen yields consistent triumphs, like clam-stuffed zucchini blossoms and tender rabbit cooked in tobacco leaves and topped with a wild mushroom and sherry sauce.

14 RUE GROLEE

33-04/78-42-15-00

Shop:

ANTOINE BRAC DE LA PERRIERE

This furniture designer's vast selection of tables, chairs, bookshelves, and dressers are true treasures for lovers of quirky, modern lines and functional design. Most pieces are constructed of wood and can be finished to order, with colorful lacquers or natural varnishes and oils.

23-27 RUE DU BOEUF

33-04/72-40-02-33

brac.biz

CHARLES JOUFFRE

In two decades, upholsterer Charles Jouffre's custom sofas, curtains, and decor have built reputations far beyond France. In addition to boutiques in Lyon and Paris, Jouffre has stores in New York and Morocco.

45 RUE ALEXIS

PERRONCEL

33-04/72-69-46-10

charles-jouffre.com

CHOCOLATIER RICHART

Since the Richart family first began handcrafting their gorgeous, gallery-worthy chocolates in 1925, their store has been the city's top destination for exquisite bonbons. Be sure to sample the more unexpected flavors, like rose ganache, thyme praline, and kumquat coulis.

35 COURS FRANKLIN

ROOSEVELT

33-04/78-89-00-21

1 RUE DU PLAT

33-04/78-37-38-55

richart-chocolates.com

LAURENCE OPPERMANN

In Vieux Lyon, the atelier of jeweler Laurence Oppermann displays her exquisite collection of rings and pendants that draw from themes of nature and passage, as in her signature piece, the *fil du temps* (threads of time), a ring of delicate knitted gold thread flanked by hammered gold spheres.

15 RUE ROUSSY

33-06/61-41-02-05

laurence-oppermann.com

VINCENT BREED

With an eye toward contemporary design, glassblower Vincent Breed creates sculptures, furniture, and table art that exude graceful whimsy and a mastery of form. The colorful, anemone-like chandeliers are favorites among his fans.

31 RUE DU BOEUF

33-04/72-41-95-77

cerclerverre.com

ZILLI

Few luxury sportswear makers take the word *luxury* as seriously as Zilli, which has been making fine-tailored clothing and accessories for nearly 40 years. Handcrafted in Lyon from materials ranging from the traditional, like cashmere and silk, to the rather exotic, like stingray, alligator, ostrich, and chinchilla, each piece is a delight to feel, let alone wear.

4 RUE PRESIDENT

CARNOT

33-04/78-38-66-29

zilli.fr



Lyon artisans, from top: upholsterer Charles Jouffre in his atelier, jeweler Laurence Oppermann, who uses precious and semiprecious stones, and Zilli's Laurent Schimel.