

This and That

A Cultural Compendium

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NOW BOOKING

A Gilded Getaway

Everything about La Réserve, a new Haussmann-style hotel and spa opening soon in the Eighth Arrondissement in Paris, harkens back to the grandeur of the Belle Époque. Like previous collaborations between the interior designer Jacques Garcia and the hotelier and vintner Michel Reybier (La Réserve's Geneva property and the chateau at Reybier's 225-acre vineyard in Bordeaux), the secluded 40-room residence is an exercise in effortless glamour, adorned with rare antiques and draped in ghost damask, papal purple and ballet-satin pink. For the full Baudelairean experience, there's also a smoking parlor and round-the-clock butler service. lareserve-paris.com — DANIEL SCHEFFLER



ON THE VERGE

Jewels Without Gems

Instead of mining precious metals and stones to create her one-of-a-kind accessories, the Italian jewelry designer Olivia Monti Arduini makes necklaces and bracelets — and even corsets, capes and vests — out of porcelain. There is a luminous quality to her pieces, one of which inspired a show of erotic jewelry in Madrid last spring, and a lightness of touch that belies her painstaking craft. Acknowledging that the average necklace takes about 20 hours to make by hand, Monti Arduini says with a laugh, “While I love the Zen-like concentration, I doubt I will ever find an assistant patient enough to help me.” oliviamentiarduini.com

MODEST RICHES From top: the Waterfall necklace, about \$2,400; the designer Olivia Monti Arduini; the Opium necklace, about \$1,900.



— MARELLA GARACCIOLLO CHIA



The New Marylebone

Since the February opening of André Balazs's **Chiltern Firehouse** — and its celebrity-packed restaurant — the quiet neighborhood of Marylebone has turned into London's latest culinary destination. Away from the paparazzi, there's **Fischer's**, a new Viennese-style cafe from the restaurateurs behind the beloved **Wolsley** and the just-launched **Beaumont Hotel**. Nearby, at **Beast**, diners feast on Norwegian crab and Nebraskan steak around candelabra-topped communal tables set underground. For upscale Southern comfort, the **Lockhart** serves fried chicken with friggiteilli peppers, while **Carousel** is the new headquarters of **Shuttlecock Inc.**, which stages culinary events with themes like “Canada Day” and “the golden age of air travel.” And next spring, the crew behind Clerkenwell's eccentric **Zetter Townhouse** will unveil a second location in the area, with a curiosity-filled lounge serving molecular cocktails and modern bistro fare. chilternfirehouse.com, fishers.co.uk, beastrestaurant.co.uk, lockhartlondon.com, carousel-london.com, thetettertownhouse.com — CHRISTINE ALJUDIA



A FINE MESS Clockwise from above: fried chicken with collard greens and black-eyed peas at the **Lockhart**; **Chiltern Firehouse's** 19th-century facade, butterscotch-dripped ice cream at **Fischer's**; For night, grilled sardines and fried cassava at **Shuttlecock Inc.'s** Pan Am-themed dinner event, **Mile High**.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: PETERLIN; CROCCAL/DWELL; JEFFREY MAYER/PHOTO OF PHOTOGRAPHY; COURTESY OF FISCHER'S; MICHAEL VAN SOCKA/NYU