



## SHIPWRECK LODGE

Namibia

At Shipwreck Lodge, 10 chalets in the form of miniature wooden ships spring out of the sand dunes of Namibia's Skeleton Coast, a haunting name derived in part from the remains of hundreds of ships that have run aground there. Dense mist often shrouds the wooden cabins, all furnished with woodburning stoves, daybeds, and slanted picture windows that offer wide views of the ever-shifting skies and seas. Every brush with life in this seemingly desolate terrain feels like a small miracle. On a game drive, you might come across a herd of desert elephants, their quiet footfalls almost deafening in the silence that surrounds you. From \$750, all inclusive. naturalselection .travel

## CASA TEO

Mexico City, Mexico

Located in Mexico City's posh Polanco neighborhood, Casa Teo is an epicurean's dream. When local celebrity chef Enrique Olvera moved his iconic flagship restaurant, Pujol, 10 blocks away, he transformed parts of the original location into a two-bedroom retreat. The modern-feeling space mixes light wood furniture with gray textiles; it's punctuated by Oaxacan handicrafts (woven straw side tables) and Japanese-inspired touches (dried corn husks twisted into cranes). With your morning cup of coffee, watch resident chef Jesús Durón in the open kitchen as he prepares your inventive breakfast, perhaps chilaquiles or mole verde, always with fresh fruit and homemade bread. After a mezcal-fueled night on the town, tuck into house-made snacks in the rooms, such as chile-laced sunflower seeds or amaranth chocolate bars. From \$400.

## RYSE

Seoul, South Korea

An antidote to the glitzy shopping malls of Gangnam, the Hongdae neighborhood of Seoul, home to the country's best art school, is the city's creative center, and young residents flock here for the edgy galleries and clubs. The stylish new Ryse, a member of the Autograph Collection, reflects the spirit of the area: In a lobby on the ground floor of a 20-story concrete high-rise, the hotel showcases the work of local artists such as Kyunghwan Kwon, whose massive brightly colored steel sculpture spans four stories. In the 272 quest rooms designed by Michaelis Boyd, oversize windows face cityscapes with a river on one side and mountains on the other. At night, join residents as they sing along to thumping K-pop beats in the area's best shops and bars, just a short walk away. From \$215. autograph-



