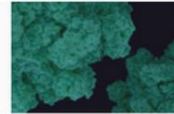




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Share quirky design facts from a range of hotels, both
 and small, that will delight and surprise everyone from
 ent travellers to the simply curious.

Across the world come in all sorts of shapes and sizes; some have
 standing tall for decades, while others are up-and-coming, newly
 ed or still in development. Experiences in hotels will also differ,
 iding on guests needs; some become retreats for respite or
 tion, others act as homes-away-from-home, or a base for exploring a
 town's culture and history.

hat many don't know is that hotels often carry their own secrets and
 sting facts – including accidental asymmetric designs, custom-made
 ars, histories that date back as far as 1000 A.D., clock towers that

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s the centuries, the island and its Grade-I listed buildings have been
unt of monarchs, artists, writers and aristocrats, including Edward
G Wells and Clara Butt, with Monkey Island even playing host to the
Oxfam Ball. In the 1980s, however, the island fell into decline... until
ie into the expert hands of YTL Hotels; after a huge investment and
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AGON 700 BOUTIQUE HOTEL & SPA, PUGLIA

open in the summer, Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa is an
rtly restored red palace in the heart of Ostuni, Puglia's 'White City'.
a five-minute walk from Ostuni's main square, the hotel's red brick
e stands in stark contrast to the whitewashed buildings of the city,
its lush garden and swimming pool marks it out as an exclusive
With only 11 rooms and suites, Paragon 700 is a boutique hotel
ig guests the chance to explore Ostuni and everything Puglia has to



alazzo Rosso – the Red Palace – that now houses Paragon 700 has a
ating history, and has always been at the centre of Ostuni's social
ultural life. Once the home of the city's first mayor, the building has
oused the Biennial exhibition of the Industrial Technical Institute; held
lasses for the city's Scientific High School in 1971; and acted as the
ks for the Italian Customs and Financial Police. To this day, the
ificent vaults, centuries-old stones and historical frescos have
ned intact, and with the opening of Paragon 700, guests and locals
will be able to enjoy this unique piece of the city's history.

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