

## WHERE TO STAY



### THE CITY INSIDER

## CASA FORTUNATO, LISBON

This isn't just a hotel: it's a home, to António and Filipa Fortunato, their four children and loveable half-blind labrador Cacau, who all live in the spacious attic. The couple are successful architects who met at Lusíada University in Lisbon and dabbled with life elsewhere, but failed to find a place as alluring as their hilly home city. António ran his practice from this tall-doored 20th-century building, near a neighbourhood park in Lisbon's central Amoreiras district, until Filipa realised it could become the guesthouse the pair had long talked about crafting. The result, two years in the making, has the looks of an informal design museum, with nine rooms (a number they consider to be lucky) individually styled with objects amassed over the decades and details that need Googling. There's graphic, modernist wallpaper by London-based Jupiter 10 and curvy, matte-black taps from Italian brand Fantini Rubinetti. The family lived between the different rooms for four months, checking that the lighting was just right at all times of day. António, a true Lisboaeta, has a thing about light. A chef concocts artful vegan recipes, such as breakfast pancakes with house-made chocolate spread. There are also yoga sessions each morning (Cacau has his own mat) and piano lessons from the children's tutor can be arranged in the library. Casa Fortunato swings seamlessly between its dual roles as homebase and guesthouse depending on your mood. Lisbon has become the favourite European city right now, and this is a stylish way to experience it from an informed local's perspective. BECKY LUCAS BOOK IT *Doubles from about £365. casafortunato.com*

