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HOW I TRAVEL

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CAMPER SHOES

Majorca-based Fluxá is behind the Camper line, its hip, rubber-soled shoes. He runs the Casa Camper store in Barcelona, and gauges trends from his stores. Fluxá shares how—he finds rest

Which airport is flying a pro?

The new Richard Rodgers Terminal 4 at LAX Airport has high ceilings, bamboo ceilings, and Tegel International. The gates have tiled floors and check-in areas that can literally drive you to your departure

What's always in your bag?

At the moment, books by authors I just finished reading: *The Brooklyn Folio* by John McCarthy's *The Republic* without my iPod, listening to classic

What do you do in your city?

Markets are a great sense of a city. In Santa Caterina in Barcelona is a favorite. There's a stall inside called Cocinas. I stop there for

Make Yourself at Home

A host of new hotels, restaurants, and spas are opening in former private residences in **New York**, welcoming travelers to a softer side of Gotham. *By* AMY LARocca

3. The Mansfield

Once the home of several prominent New Yorkers (John Butler Yeats, for one), this 1904 hotel recently completed a yearlong restoration. The 126 rooms are painted in muted ivories and beiges, with ebony floors. In the honey-colored parlor, guests play cribbage, chess, and bridge to the hum of an espresso machine brewing Italian-roast beans. *12 W. 44th St.; 212/277-8700; mansfieldhotel.com; doubles from \$299.*

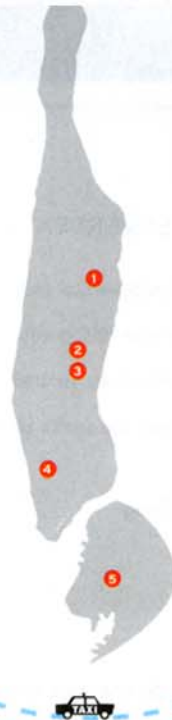


4. Bobo

Assuming West Village is easy to miss: there's a gem on the brownstone's second floor and you enter through a hidden door. Inside, it's like you're at the intimate party of a dialed-in New Yorker. Blue walls are lined with photographs of the owner's travels and bookshelves stacked with books surround two dimly lit chandeliers. The best part of the house is the chicken *couronne* with mashed potatoes. *10th St.; 212/488-2626; or two \$80.*

5. Black Mountain Wine House

A cab ride over the Brooklyn Bridge is worth it for a stop at this 12-table bar on a quiet corner in Carroll Gardens. Owner Jim Mamary imported the oak doors and windows from a farmhouse and church in upstate New York. And the artisanal wines are stored on bookshelves around a wood-burning fireplace. Pair a Chenin Blanc with one of the menu's 10 European cheeses. *415 Union St., Brooklyn; 718/395-2614; drinks for two \$16.*



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