



# Mind Your Manors

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*By paying attention to both the past and the present, the brand new owners of these grand old homes transformed them into boutique hotels that burst with personality.*

Perhaps some other time we'll cover the mansion hotels that present a perfectly preserved replica of an earlier age. For the purposes of this list, however, we're focusing on mansion hotels that maintain the intimate character of their original structure but are not beholden to the past. The current owners combined a thoughtful restoration with a careful revisiting, mindful of the design trends that had accumulated in the years since the buildings were erected. What you're left with is what we love most: personality.

Anachronisms are welcome. And so are you.

## Solar Egas Moniz Charming House

Penafiel, Portugal



The owners of this 19th-century family manor aim to merge the concepts of a hotel stay and an immersive local experience. They provide cultural experiences and personally tailored amenities that you're unlikely to find at a hotel, and the intimate, unique interior design pays tribute to the history of Portugal and adds to the feeling that you're staying in someone's well-conceived home.



## Topping Deck House



From the outside, Hotel Ella looks much the same as it did in days gone by: it's a two-story stone Greek Revival-style mansion with wraparound porches supported by grand columns. Inside, things have changed. The parlors and boudoirs have been reshaped with a craftsmanship that befits the era that inspired the place: heavy, luxurious materials, granite-topped desks, combed cotton towels, etc.



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## Hôtel de la Villeon

Tournon-sur-Rhône, France



The antique front door of this 18th-century mansion on the Rhone river is considered a historical monument in France. And it gives you an idea of what to expect inside: picture gilded chandeliers, wooden floorboards, marble fireplaces and old-fashioned moulding, a stone staircase with a cast-iron banister. Mixed throughout all this tradition is a subtle hint of modernity.



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## Atemporal

Lima, Peru



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