

A photograph of a bedroom. In the center is a bed with a tufted headboard, covered in white linens and several pillows, including one with a large floral embroidery. On either side of the bed are dark wood bedside tables with white lampshades and water bottles. Above the bed is a framed picture with a scalloped gold border, depicting a tropical resort at night with palm trees and a building. The word "Travel" is written in large white letters across the top right of the image, with the subtitle "Where To Stay When Feeling Fashionable" below it.

# Travel

*Where To Stay When Feeling Fashionable*

## The Best-Dressed List

With shows and stores in every major capital and endless shoots in far-flung locations, travel is an integral part of the fashion designer's life. Where to unwind in between is of utmost importance, and designers are only too aware of their surroundings - Chanel's Karl Lagerfeld's regimen demands a perfect seven hours' sleep each night in a room without curtains, so he can wake gently with the rising sun. Given their exacting natures, you know it can only be a good sign when designers put their own stamp on hotels across the globe. **UNUSUAL PRINTS, LUXURIOUS TEXTILES AND CAREFULLY CHOSEN ACCESSORIES** characterise these best-dressed homes away from home. With linen by Vera Wang or fabrics by Ferragamo, we found ten hotels that take their style as seriously as you do yours

## FLIGHT PLAN



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### 1. (PREVIOUS PAGE) HALEKULANI, WAIKIKI

With a divine oceanfront setting, right on Waikiki Beach in Hawaii, it's almost easy to forget about the astounding freshwater pool at the breathtaking Halekulani Hotel, which also has amenities like its own florist and bakery. Bedrooms are white with comfortable grey and blue details but, to really step it up, check into the Vera Wang suite, designed by its namesake using her eponymous line of linens and fine china. Extra perks include a 24-hour butler service, and the use of the hotel's fleet of Lotus, Maseratis and Bentleys. Rooms from €300; [www.halekulani.com](http://www.halekulani.com)

### 2. THE WESTBURY, DUBLIN

Having undergone a complete refurbishment last year, The Doyle Collection's Westbury Hotel has reaffirmed its status as one of Dublin's premium hotels. The afternoon tea is raved about, but be daring and instead head to the bar where the black marble floor and glittering chandeliers provide a decadent and delicious escape from the buzz of Grafton Street. Bedrooms are tricked out with Nespresso machine, Frette linens and Acqua di Parma toiletries, and the staff are hugely accommodating - a real aid to kicking back. Rooms from €240; [www.doylecollection.com](http://www.doylecollection.com)

### 3. THE GORING, LONDON

In the hands of the same family since it opened, The Goring is approaching its centenary next year and has been refurbished as part of the celebrations, with designer Russell Sage commissioned to employ bespoke wall coverings from the Gainsborough Silk archives, including patterns used originally for Buckingham Palace. Swagged curtains and elaborate ceilings create a theatrical atmosphere with an aristocratic eccentricity. It's all very comfortable, with unwaveringly attentive service you could only expect from somewhere so terribly British. Rooms from €380; [www.thegoring.com](http://www.thegoring.com)

### 4. THE FITZ WILLIAM HOTEL, DUBLIN

Overlooking St Stephen's Green, The Fitzwilliam was renovated to celebrate its tenth birthday last year. In the bedrooms, hues of green, purple and pink add zest to white Egyptian cottons, while Paul Smith's signature stripes adorn pillows. Chequerboard bedside tables add an unusual touch. The outdoor roof terrace is great for drinks as the sun goes down over the park, and in-house restaurant Thornton's is still one of the best in the city. Rooms from €170; [www.fitzwilliamhotel.com](http://www.fitzwilliamhotel.com)

5: MISSONI



6: THE CRANLEY

### 5. MISSONI, EDINBURGH

The first of a new concept hotel series, set to span the globe from Kuwait to Brazil, this summer, the hotel Missori Edinburgh finally opened on the Royal Mile. Every inch of space is filled with the high design and attention to detail expected from this elegant Italian fashion house, renowned for its layering of coloured



7: HOTEL BELLECHASSE



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textiles. Bold iconic patterns meander over everything from tiled mosaics to soft furnishings and even the bathrobes, which, frankly, are so fabulous you may just have to risk stealing one. Rooms from €213; [www.hotelmissori.com](http://www.hotelmissori.com)

**6. THE CRANLEY, LONDON**

When based in busy London, sometimes it's nice to have a boutique escape, and South Kensington's The Cranley fits the bill perfectly. Antique paintings mix seamlessly with modern elegance in this cosy townhouse, and there's a feeling of home in the sweet bedrooms with hand-crafted four-poster beds and Irish linens, set against a background of Farrow & Ball paints in muted tones of blue and mustard. Rooms from €160; [www.cranley.franklynhotels.com](http://www.cranley.franklynhotels.com)

**7. HOTEL BELLECHASSE, PARIS**

In the seventh arrondissement, this is the second Parisian hotel designed by French couturier Christian Lacroix, and features fantastical prints, textures and stories, presented as whimsical *mises en scène*. A hop, skip, and jump from the Musée d'Orsay, the hotel is tucked away in a courtyard, and all rooms are decorated differently. Each is as magical as the last in one, elegant stripes provide a background for the jack of spades to play amongst men in top hats. Request the butterfly room, with its rich blue design. Rooms from €199; [www.abbellechasse.com](http://www.abbellechasse.com)

**8. THE MARK, NEW YORK**

A recipient of the Chevalier de Legion d'Honneur, Jacques Grange is a fabulous French decorator, best known as the man behind Yves Saint Laurent's boutiques and private residences. His latest project is on Manhattan's Upper East Side, at new hotel The Mark, where public areas have hypnotising stripes of all sizes punctuated with shapely furnishings. Bedrooms (thankfully) are much calmer. Live like a Gossip Girl with walk-in wardrobes, room service courtesy of the famous Jean-Georges Vongerichten and the Frederic Fekkai Salon downstairs for the perfect New York blow-dry, vital for blending in with the neighbours. Rooms from €580; [www.themarkhotel.com](http://www.themarkhotel.com)

**9. PORTRAIT SUITES, ROME**

Owned by fashion's Ferragamo family, the Portrait Suites are on Rome's via Condotti, above the Ferragamo men's store and beside the Spanish Steps. The entrance is quiet and without signpost or fanfare - elegantly exclusive, the building contains just 14 suites, each decorated with fabrics and prints taken from or inspired by Ferragamo's rich heritage. Have evening cocktails on the wraparound rooftop terrace, where an outdoor fireplace flickers while the lights of Rome twinkle below. Studios from €490; [www.lungamohotels.com](http://www.lungamohotels.com)

**10. CAPRI PALACE, CAPRI**

Airy, spacious, and filled with art, the Capri Palace is escapism at its best. Looking out over the Bay of Naples, its location is unparalleled - take in the view from the pool or charter one of the hotel's boats and sunbaths on the deck. By night, head to the double Michelin-starred restaurant, outfitted by cashmere aficionados, Loro Piana - could there be any cosier way to enjoy dinner? Insiders know that loyal customer Gwyneth Paltrow stays so often the hotel actually allowed her to redesign the penthouse to her own exacting standards. Room, with breakfast, from €250; [www.capripalace.com](http://www.capripalace.com)



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