

Memorable Rooms

Chile

During my stay at the new **Hotel Surazo**, I fell asleep to the sound of the Pacific surf pounding the sand. Located in Matanzas, a village on the sparsely populated, mountainous central Chilean coast, this low-slung, modern surf lodge is about 50 feet from the waves. The friendly Chilean owners, Andrés Tobar and Felipe Wedeles Tondreau, built two bunk-filled dormitories and eight minimalist, wood-and-glass private rooms equipped with terraces, ocean views, and hammocks. Daytime activities include sport fishing for *merluza* (hake), surfing, or windsurfing (lessons arranged by the hotel), and strolling along lonely black-sand beaches strewn with giant *cochayuyo* (an edible kelp that Tobar cooks for guests). At night, soak in one of the Surazo's wood-fired hot tubs. —*Vanessa Gregory*

Bunks from \$28, private rooms from \$60. 56/99-744-2439, surazo.cl



Malaysia

A 15-minute walk from Langkawi's beaches, the **Temple Tree** resort redefines "home-stay." Guests sleep in authentic Malaysian heritage houses—including a century-old Chinese farmhouse, a colonial-style bungalow, and a 1940s-era Malay home—that were disassembled at their original sites and rebuilt on the hotel grounds. Now updated with modern amenities, the structures are appointed with local antiques such as money boxes and birdcages. Don't miss the resort's lagoon or its eponymous Chinese temple, built around a tree tied with colored ribbons. As a feel-good bonus, some profits from the hotel benefit owner Narelle McMurtrie's animal rescue organization.

—*David Zuckerman*

From \$150. 60/4-955-1688, templetree.com.my



Scotland

Hungry hikers (known as hill walkers in Scotland) will find refuge at **Monachyle Mhor**, a 2,000-acre farm located deep in the middle of Trossachs National Park, just past the grave site of folk hero Rob Roy. The main draw of the 14-room pink farmhouse is the food: Chef-owner Tom Lewis, a rising star on the U.K. culinary scene, prepares meals sourced from the farm. The hotel also offers classes on baking bread and churning butter, and coordinates hunting trips and mushroom-foraging excursions. After a day exploring the land, retire to one of the comfortable rooms, equipped with fireplaces, steam rooms, and views of a loch. —*Amy Westervelt*

From \$188 (includes breakfast). 44/(01) 877-384-622, mhor.net