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A poolside lounge at Casa Fayette.

Culture Shock

GUADALAJARA'S DYNAMIC ARTS SCENE RIVALS THAT OF MEXICO CITY.

the Government Palace, and one by Alegria del Prado, a pair known for their electric work, near the University of Guadalajara's museum of art. There's a game-changing hotel, too: Grupo Habita's **Casa Fayette** (casafayette.com; doubles from \$195), an Art Deco mansion transformed by fashionable design firm Dimore Studio. At its restaurant (entrées \$5–\$39), try chef Trevor La Presle's grilled Veracruz snapper with fried garlic vinaigrette. From the balcony of the eighth-floor suite you can look down at the hotel garden—where La Presle grows mint, cilantro, tomatoes, and lettuce—or gaze out over the city's impressive skyline and antenna-capped Cerro de Cuatro beyond. —DIANA SPECHLER

MEXICO'S SECOND CITY is a hotbed of creativity, thanks to an ebullient jazz scene, the popular Guadalajara International Book Fair, a prestigious film festival, and a well-supported community of visual artists. The murals alone are spectacular—there are a few by José Clemente Orozco, a contemporary of Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo, in

French Evolution

A boom in design and dining is putting the spotlight on the city of **Lille**, an hour north of Paris.



DO | Look for city-sponsored indoor and outdoor art exhibitions and the Modigliani retrospective at the modern art museum **LaM** (above; musee-lam.fr). At Rue du Faubourg des Postes, shop at ethical fashion label **Sainte Courtisane** (sainte-courtisane.fr), and jeweler **Constance L** (constancel.com), two designers backed by the city.



STAY | The five-star **Clarence Hotel Lille** (clarancehotel.com; doubles from \$177) has earned attention for its 18th-century bones dressed up with contemporary furnishings. All 19 rooms and suites are named after Baudelaire poems, and chef Nicolas Pourcheresse, who trained with Alain Passard, helms the restaurant, La Table.



EAT | Lille's old town has specialty coffee shops like **Caféine Coffee** (facebook.com/cafeinecoffeelille), craft-beer dens like **Les Bières de Célestin** (lesbieresdecelestin.fr), and neo-bistros like **Bloempot** (above; blaempot.fr; tasting menus \$38–\$56), where Florent Ladeyn serves Flemish dishes like duck tartare. —LINDSEY TRAMUTA

Canggu, Bali

Sun-wizened surfers have been riding the waves off the island's southwestern coast for decades. But with a crop of Australia-inflected, eclectic establishments designed to appeal to a relaxed crowd, it's recently become favored for more than just its breaks. The hip **Frii Bali Echo Beach** (friihotels.com; doubles from \$36) provides a welcome antidote to the island's mainstream resorts with its simple rooms and Balinese accents. Guests can try stand-up paddleboarding, water yoga, or Muay Thai—if they're not too busy lounging on beanbags around the two pools. There's also a group of expat-run restaurants geared to the active: **Milk & Madu** (milkandmadu.com; entrées \$5–\$7) specializes in fresh juices and wood-fired pizzas, and the concrete-clad **Crate** (facebook.com/cratecafebali) café does hearty smoothies and feta-tempeh wraps. Old Man's surf spot is the best place to watch the sunset and have an ice-cold Bintang beer. After dark, a line of surfboard-laden motorbikes leads to **Deus** (deuscustoms.com; entrées \$4–\$12), a restaurant, bar, music venue, and art gallery that's the cultural heart of Canggu. For the most action, go in May or October, when Deus hosts two major surf competitions, with pros Harrison Roach and Zye Norris scheduled to compete. —LESLIE PATRICK

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