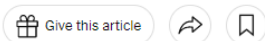


A Mexican Boutique With Penguin Saltshakers and Nopal Coin Purses

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A Sumptuous Villa Hotel in Oslo



Left: the Poppy Library on the ground floor of the Oslo hotel Villa Inkognito. Right: each of the hotel's 11 guest rooms has its own mix of textures and furnishings. The lighting in this room was designed in collaboration with the local heritage producer Hadeland Glassverk. *Francisco Nogueira*

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Oslo has been ambitiously reinventing itself in the last few years; dramatic new architectural monuments like the National Museum and the [Deichman Bjørvika](#) library are invigorating the harbor city. And this week marks the arrival of a sensational place to stay: the 11-room Villa Inkognito in Oslo's elegant Frogner neighborhood. A black-and-white entrance hall gives way to colorful public spaces, making plain that its interior designers — Adam Greco and Alice Lund, the duo behind the studio GrecoDeco — had fun as they updated the former residence from the 1870s. Every room is a joyful mash up of historically inspired wallpapers, jewel-toned painted walls, wood paneling and a mix of antique and custom-designed furniture. “We wanted to keep some of its original Victorian-style interiors but also add some inspiration from other design movements at that time: Art Nouveau, English Arts and Crafts movement and the trend of collecting objects from Asia,” says Greco. Although the Villa is technically part of the eight-month-old Sommerro hotel (the main building, also designed by GrecoDeco, houses 231 rooms with an Art Deco public bath and swimming pool) and is connected to it by a discreet walkway, it was designed to be its own intimate space with access to a private kitchen and chef. The ground floor is made up of common rooms including Spectre, an honesty bar with silver gilded walls and tiles of salvaged golden onyx. Greco hopes that guests feel like they're “staying in an eccentric private mansion.” *From \$615 a night, villainkognito.com.*