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DESTINATION | Eternal Stones of Matera



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The Eternal Stones of Matera, referring to the ancient Sassi di Matera (meaning "stones of Matera"), are one of Italy's most hauntingly beautiful and historic landscapes. Located in the Basilicata region of southern Italy, Matera is one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities, with cave dwellings carved directly into limestone cliffs—some dating back over 9,000 years.

These stone homes, once seen as a symbol of poverty, have been transformed over time into a striking example of sustainable, vernacular architecture. In recent years, Matera has undergone a creative revival, with many caves converted into boutique hotels, cafés, museums, and design studios—all while preserving their raw, organic character.

Design-conscious travelers are drawn to Matera for its timeless aesthetic: textured stone walls, arched tunnels, candlelit courtyards, and panoramic views of the Gravina gorge. The city's dramatic scenery even served as a backdrop in films like *The Passion of the Christ* and *No Time to Die*. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Matera feels like walking through living sculpture—ancient, sacred, and unforgettable.

ARCHITECTURE | Geoffrey Bawa



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Geoffrey Bawa was one of the most influential architects of the 20th century and the leading figure behind what came to be known as tropical modernism. Born in Sri Lanka, Bawa blended the principles of modern architecture with local traditions, climate, landscape, and materials, creating spaces that felt both contemporary and deeply rooted in place.

Rather than imposing buildings onto their surroundings, Bawa allowed architecture to flow seamlessly into nature. His designs often feature courtyards, verandahs, open corridors, water bodies, and carefully framed views, dissolving the boundary between indoors and outdoors. Light, shadow, breeze, and movement play as important a role as walls and roofs in his work.

Some of his most celebrated projects include the Lunuganga Estate, the Kandalama Hotel, and the Sri Lankan Parliament complex, demonstrating his sensitivity to context and human experience. Bawa's work influenced generations of architects across South Asia and beyond, redefining how modern architecture could respond to tropical climates.

TECHNOLOGY | IXI Auto-Focus Glasses

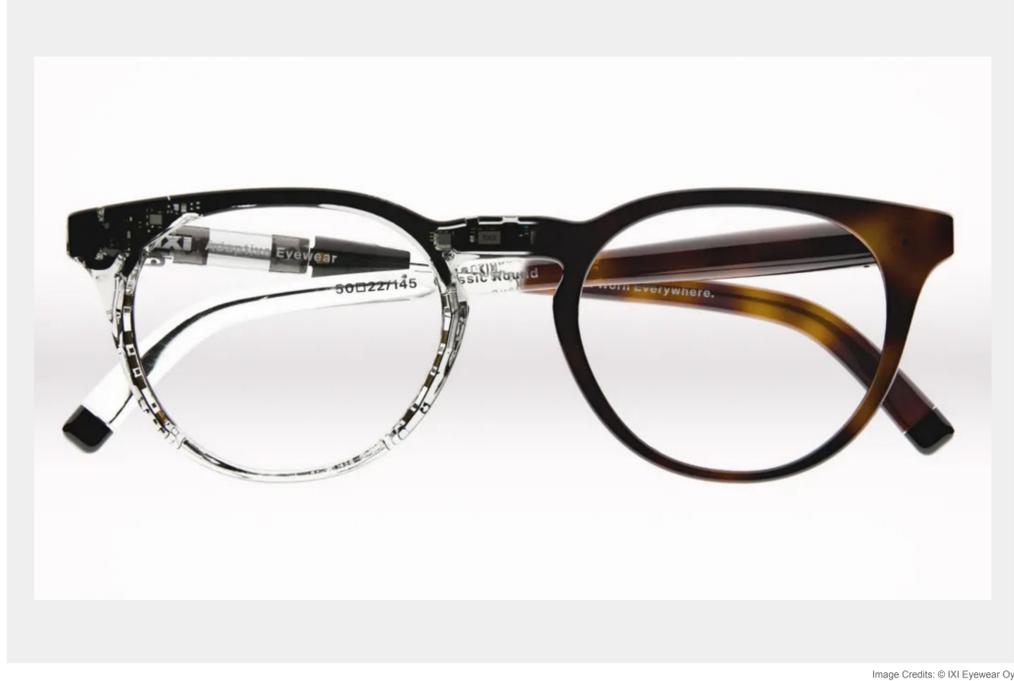


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IXI Autofocus Glasses represent a groundbreaking shift in eyewear technology by introducing adaptive, real-time autofocus lenses that aim to replace traditional fixed or multifocal prescription glasses. Developed by a Finnish startup, these glasses use built-in eye-tracking sensors and liquid crystal lens technology to detect where the wearer is looking, near or far, and instantly adjust optical focus accordingly.

Instead of relying on static lens prescriptions with fixed focal zones (such as bifocals or progressives), IXI's system dynamically alters the lens power based on gaze direction, offering a seamless transition between distances, creating a more natural visual experience that significantly reduce eye strain and the need to switch between multiple pairs of glasses. The technology is tucked into frames that look like regular eyewear and weigh as little as 22 grams, blending advanced optics with everyday style and comfort. The glasses have drawn substantial investment (over \$36 million) including partnerships, bringing this next generation vision solution to the market.

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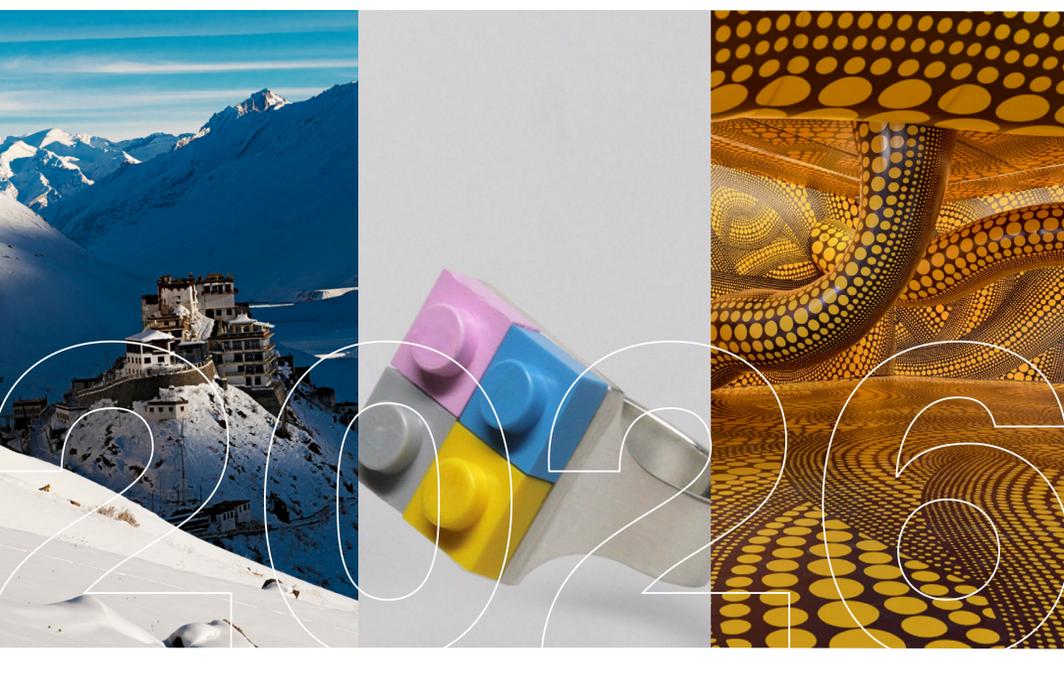
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DESTINATION | Spiti Valley, Himachal Pradesh



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Spiti Valley in Himachal Pradesh is one of India's most breathtaking high-altitude destinations, offering a rare blend of rugged beauty, ancient culture, and spiritual calm. Often called the "Middle Land" between India and Tibet, Spiti is defined by stark mountains, deep gorges, crystal-clear rivers, and wide open skies that seem endless.

The region is home to centuries-old Buddhist monasteries such as Key, Tabo, and Dhankar, where visitors can witness daily monastic life and experience profound tranquility. Adventure seekers are drawn to Spiti for its dramatic road journeys, trekking routes, mountain biking trails, and high-altitude lakes like Chandratul. Meanwhile, photographers and nature lovers find inspiration in the valley's ever-changing colors, from golden deserts to snow-capped peaks.

Despite its remote setting, Spiti offers warm hospitality through homestays and small guesthouses that provide authentic local experiences. Whether you seek solitude, adventure, culture, or stunning landscapes, Spiti Valley promises a soul-stirring journey unlike any other in India.

LIFESTYLE | Lego Jewellery

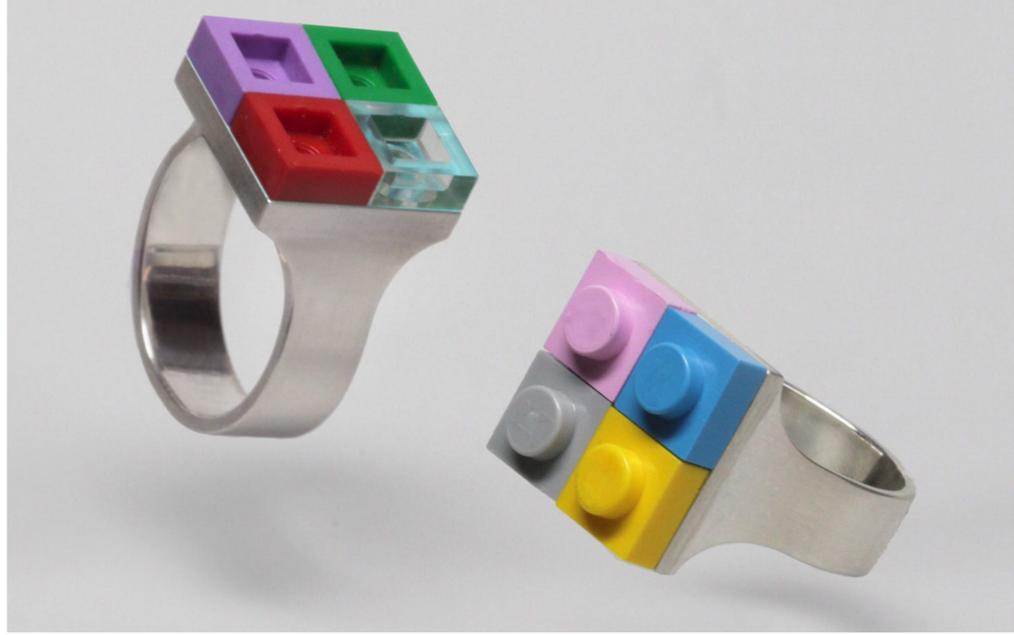


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Studio GOGO's Lego jewellery reimagines playful childhood memories as contemporary wearable art. Based in Berlin and women-owned, the label transforms iconic Lego-style bricks into handcrafted rings and accessories in quality metals like sterling silver, marrying nostalgia with refined design.

Each piece features a LEGO-compatible surface, so you can snap on classic colored studs or other small elements, making the jewellery modular, interactive, and personal - it's jewellery you play with, not just wear. This clever twist turns a familiar childhood toy into a daily accessory that reflects mood, outfit or memory, creating joy through color and creativity as you style it.

Studio GOGO's designs blend minimalist modern craft with tactile fun: clean silver or gold settings provide a refined backdrop for the bright, geometric bricks. Whether minimalist or expressive, each piece celebrates imagination and storytelling, inviting wearers to carry a bit of playfulness into adult life.

ART | Yayoi Kusama at Fondation Beyeler

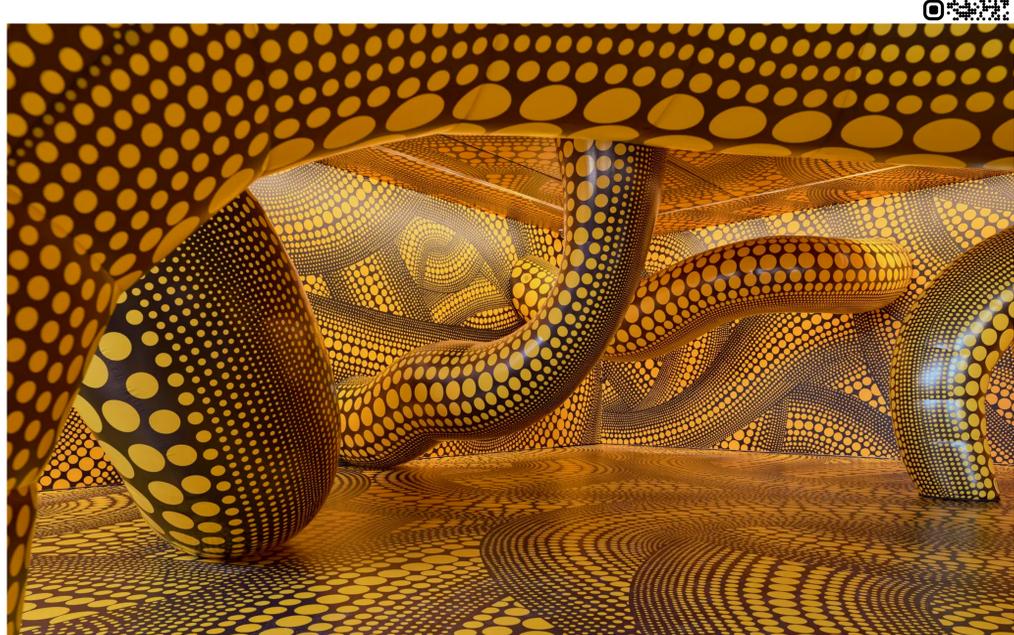


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The Yayoi Kusama exhibition at the Fondation Beyeler in Riehen, near Basel, Switzerland, was a major retrospective. It marks the first time a Swiss museum dedicates an entire show to this iconic Japanese artist, offering a sweeping overview of her more than seven-decade-long career.

Occupying ten galleries and extending into the museum's garden, the exhibition brought together over 300 works, including paintings, sculptures, drawings, installations, performance pieces, and early works never before seen in Europe. Highlights included Kusama's signature polka dot motifs, Infinity Nets, and immersive Infinity Mirror Rooms, including a new mirrored environment created especially for the show.

Curated in close collaboration with the artist and her studio, this exhibition celebrated Kusama's creative evolution and her profound influence on contemporary art. The retrospective continues to Museum Ludwig in Cologne and the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam as part of its European tour.

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DESTINATION | San Miguel de Allende, Mexico



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Nestled in the rolling highlands of central Mexico, San Miguel de Allende is a jewel of colonial architecture and artistic spirit.

Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, the city is famous for its narrow cobblestone streets, vibrant ochre-colored facades, and the iconic pink limestone spires of the Parroquia de San Miguel Arcángel. Unlike many modern cities, San Miguel has preserved its 18th-century charm, making it a "Magical Town" (Pueblo Mágico) where history feels alive at every corner.

Beyond its visual beauty, the city is a world-renowned cultural hub. Since the mid-20th century, it has attracted a diverse community of artists and expatriates, fueling a sophisticated scene of galleries, boutique hotels, and rooftop restaurants. Visitors can spend mornings exploring the Mercado de Artesanías for handmade textiles or evenings in the El Jardín plaza, where mariachis play under the laurel trees. Whether you are drawn by its temperate "eternal spring" climate, the rich culinary landscape, or its romantic atmosphere, San Miguel de Allende offers an immersive experience that consistently ranks it among the world's best small cities.

DESIGN | The Sailing Lantern by Sir Jony Ive



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The collaboration between Sir Jony Ive's creative collective, LoveFrom, and the Japanese company Balmuda represents a high-water mark for contemporary minimalist design. Announced in late 2025, their primary collaboration is the Sailing Lantern, a \$4,800 limited-edition portable light inspired by Ive's lifelong passion for sailing and the technical requirements of the open sea.

Born from Ive's frustration at being unable to find a suitable, durable lantern for his yacht, the device is a masterclass in material honesty. It features a 1.5kg body of precision-machined, marine-grade stainless steel and polished glass. Beyond its ruggedness, the lantern is designed to evoke "humanity and ingenuity," with LEDs that mimic the emotional resonance of a live flame - shifting from a deep reddish glow to a cool white-blue as brightness increases.

This partnership unites Balmuda's reputation for experience-driven appliances, like the famous Balmuda Toaster, with Ive's obsessive focus on tactile precision, resulting in a tool that is meant to be repaired, recycled, and aged by the elements.

ART | V&A East Storehouse

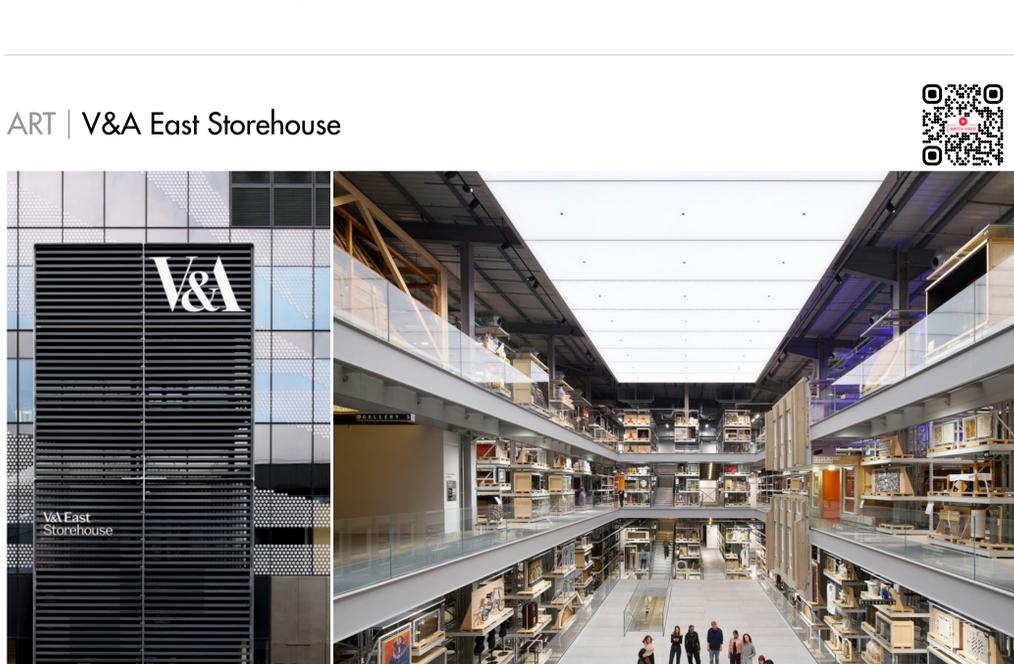


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In Stratford's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Diller Scofidio + Renfro (DS+R) has redefined the museum experience by transforming a former 2012 Olympic broadcasting center into the V&A East Storehouse. Moving away from traditional museum hierarchies where storage is hidden "backstage," the architects "flipped the diagram." They filled the massive internal volume with a dense, efficient shelving system and then carved a public "inner sanctum" directly through the center.

This "collection cloud" puts approximately 250,000 objects and 350,000 books on display in their stored state, ranging from a 1920s Frankfurt Kitchen to a section of the Robin Hood Gardens social housing estate. The design uses a utilitarian steel shelving system as its primary architectural language, allowing visitors to share the "same oxygen" as the artifacts. By removing glass barriers and inviting the public into the heart of the conservation process, DS+R has turned a once-opaque industrial hangar into a radical, transparent archive.

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