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## ANDREAS TRISVEIS "A JOURNAL OF A GLOBAL NOMAD"

For a second time Andreas journal is on its way. Getting ready to go to our meeting to listen to his travels and see the photos of the places he has visited gives me a thrilling feeling. The pleasure of writing this journal is exciting for me as summer is here and now I will have the chance to get some ideas of what is in and hot for choosing a holiday destination. So let's see where we will be travelling again with him in this issue. Starting our way through Cyprus to Budapest, and then Turkey, this issue we see more of the art side of these beautiful countries he has travelled.

### CYPRUS – Paphos - Anassa hotel (August 2017)

Paphos is definitely one of the places to go for a visit in Cyprus, hence the reason it has been named as the European capital of Culture for 2017. Having stayed at the Anassa hotel in Paphos, you will definitely agree that it is a place to appreciate the Mediterranean at its full glory. Having a colonial style, the resort offers a monasteric ambience, with Olive and Cypress trees surrounding the resort offering the sense of peacefulness. The smell of Jasmin, lavender and thyme wherever you are, and the beautiful colours of the Bougainvillea trees make you feel as if you are in paradise. It is a must to mention how wonderful of a host, the general manager of the Anassa hotel Sebastian Wurst is. The hotel renovated in March 2016, with its first class suits, gives an understated, homely environment focusing on the Mediterranean ambience of the island. Designed by Joëlle Pléota, a Parisian designer, all the furnishings were handmade by local craftsmen. The hotel holds a 300sqm boutique filled with all top brands of fashion, including Prada, Miu Miu, Eves Saint Laurent and more. "The Cult", the name of the boutique was designed by the renowned architect and designer Paolo Giachi, making it a temple of fashion within the hotel.



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### **HUNGARY – Budapest (August 2016)**

With a distinctive, youthful atmosphere, Budapest is one of Europe's most delightful and amusing cities. Due to its picturesque setting and its architecture it is nicknamed "Paris of the East". It is a place of hustles and bustles, a more westernised place of the world than the Mediterranean. Art and great design is seen everywhere in this city. From the public lavatories to the fountains placed all over the city. You can sense the forward architectural designs by seeing the glass bottom pool in the public fountain area in the centre of Budapest. Saint Stephen's Cathedral is one of the most interesting and vibrant cathedrals about, I was told by Andreas. It has a neoclassical architecture theme and the ground plan forms a Greek cross. Ionic columns and statues of the twelve apostles decorate the outside walls.

Andreas stay there was complemented even more by staying at the Buddha Bar Hotel in the heart of Budapest. The building itself, the Klotild Palace, dates from 1901, the work of a leading architect called Kálmán Giergl. Its exterior is grand and flamboyant, a neo-Baroque display of carved white stone, with extravagant window cornices and an onion-domed corner tower. Inside, however, the character changes theatrically to reflect the Asian-themed Buddha-Bar 'concept'. The colours are drawn from a palette of reds and browns with dark furniture and tasselled light shades, and a huge golden Buddha looking over the restaurant. Another place to visit is KIOSK bar and restaurant. KIOSK's location offers a beautiful panorama and the tree design inside, is just an amazing piece of design to stare at. One should not forget to visit the Gerbeaud café tasting its famous pastries, where they taste better than how they even look. The atmosphere is delightful, and the vintage wood in the place is stunning, portraying a royal atmosphere for a relaxing time out from the city's vibrant vibes.

## TURKEY

### Bodrum (June 2016)

A place of wonders, Bodrum (ancient Halicarnassus) never seems to lose its cool even though floods of tourists visit its beaches, boutique hotels and trendy restaurants every summer. From Bodrum to Istanbul, art and culture is everywhere. After staying at the Mandarin Oriental in Bodrum, Andreas told me that it's definitely the place to stay if you are looking for serenity, luxury and glamour. A resort full of beautiful surprises and architectural spectacles, so well thought of and implemented, stimulating and delighting all our senses. Antonio Citterio and Patricia Viel, the designers behind this manifestation, have thought of how the smell of the flowers takes you to fairy tale like places offering a Mediterranean feel with an Asian ambience; the touch of the interiors emphasises the quality of materials used and the heavy but yet elegant wooden and metal surroundings, brings you to a fusion of an Ottoman Turkish and Asian mix.

### Istanbul (October 2016)

On the other hand, the Soho house in Istanbul, a member's only club, occupies the 19th century Palazzo Corpi in Istanbul's Beyoğlu district. Nishantashi; a quarter of the Sisli district on the European side of Istanbul simply oozes style. A popular shopping and residential district, it is one of Istanbul's most exclusive neighbourhoods. On arrival he was impressed by harmonious antithesis of old and new. Soho House was founded in London in 1995 by Nick Jones, as a home from home for people working in creative fields. The hotel in Istanbul offers a metropolis feel; a fusion between the rustic cosy furnishing and the modern but yet very attentive architecture. It comprises of neoclassical lodgings skilfully married with a classical finish of velvet upholstery, bright Retro furniture, parquet floors and traditional Turkish kilim rugs. A true gem!















