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For timeless tradition

🏨 PALACIO RAMALHETE

Oak floors, flagstone courtyards and azulejo tiles are among the myriad original features at this grand, family-owned mansion, tucked away on a quiet street. With just 16 rooms, it's intimate but far from stuffy: staff are welcoming, and a beautiful lounge area invites lazy afternoons with a book. The quiet courtyards are full of fruit trees and there's also a pool on one of the terraces. Opposite is the National Museum of Ancient Art, and a handful of laid-back cafes are minutes away.

ROOMS: From €173 (£154). palacio-ramalhete.com

For city slick

🏨 TIVOLI AVENIDA LIBERDADE

Just a stiletto's throw from Gucci and Burberry, this Lisbon institution has stood on the Avenida de Liberdade since 1933, but has never looked better: an art deco skylight crowns the lobby and the marbled spa comes courtesy of Thai brand Anantara. Rooms, meanwhile, are decked out in a cool palette of cream, azure and brown. Dining options include Portuguese brasserie Cervejaría Liberdade and SEEN Lisboa — a restaurant that is, true to its name, the place to be seen. Grab a drink at the Sky Bar, where drinks range from mezcals to Japanese whiskeys.

ROOMS: From €250 (£223). tivolihotels.com

