

CHECKING IN

A Breath of Fresh Air

Windmills turn into places to sleep throughout Portugal.

Authentic travel is a breeze these days in Portugal, with a number of *moinhos de vento*, or windmills, being converted into affordable rural havens for visitors. Forty miles north of Lisbon, traditional ceramics decorate **Moinho da Senta** (from \$96; www.casadoforal.com), a 17th-century windmill inside a national park with two dozen well-preserved dinosaur footprints. Historic mills dot the landscape all the way to **Casa do Moinho** (from \$95; www.casadomoinho.com) on the country's beach-studded southern tip. Take in paintings by local artists and enjoy the ocean views. Or, wake with the birds on the Azorean isle of São Miguel at **Moinho da Bibi** (from \$110; www.moinhodabibi.com), just a five-hour flight from Boston. Swim in nearby thermal waters, take a wooden ladder to the circular guest room with a stunning full-moon view, and have your gracious hosts prepare traditional roast chicken with pumpkin seeds using antique kitchenware on an outdoor woodstove.—EMILY HAILE



interior design in South Beach, Florida, during the last 10 years in the West End. From 2005, along with his former partner, he founded the firm, which has worked on projects in Miami, including the renovation of the historic Biltmore Hotel. The firm's work is characterized by a clean, modern aesthetic that blends with the historic architecture of the area. The firm's work is characterized by a clean, modern aesthetic that blends with the historic architecture of the area.

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STATE UNDER THE SUN

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Light blue walls at the Gulf House in the San Diego Beach.