



An insider's guide to the best new places to eat, shop, stay and visit—from North Carolina to Napa Valley.

new york The organic forms of Santiago Calatrava's buildings—witness the almost animate Lyon Airport railway station in France, above—are frequently described as sculptural. This isn't coincidental; several of his iconic structures began their existence on the sculpting table. From October 18 through January 22, 2006, the Metropolitan Museum of Art exhibits the famed architect's personal works of art for the first time in ***Santiago Calatrava: Sculpture into Architecture***. The show includes marble and bronze sculpture, drawings and models (1000 Fifth Ave.; 212/535-7710, metmuseum.org).

toronto Open since 1889, the **Gladstone Hotel** is the city's oldest continually operating hotel, but in recent years the Parkdale district landmark was looking her age. Enter Christina Zeidler, a local developer who restored gorgeous original details and added modern eclecticism in the process. Now 37 unique artist-designed rooms and 14 exhibition spaces coexist under one turreted roof. Room 411 (left), designed by Toronto architects-designers Heather Dubbeldam and Tania Ursomarzo, highlights the structural elements exposed during the renovation. Rooms from \$110 (1214 Queen St. West; 416/531-4635, gladstonehotel.com). >

