

Lima's latest designer B&B is a dream

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A stylish guest room at Lima's new Atemporal hotel.

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Set in a hidden pocket of Lima's upscale Miraflores district, [Atemporal](#) is the city's newest designer B&B.

It's a renovated 1940s mansion conceived as the imaginary residence of a globe-trotting fictional photographer who's never home.

Designed by Ignacio Masías, Sandra Masías, and Jordi Puig — the same team that created Hotel B in Lima's Barranco district — Atemporal has nine spacious, high-ceilinged, light-filled guest rooms and suites, each uniquely styled with contemporary furnishings, statement drapes, and colorful, bold-patterned *frazada* rugs hand-woven in the town of Pisac in Peru's fabled Sacred Valley.

WHY

Elegant, intimate and relaxed, Atemporal is a cool capsule of calm in a city of 10 million, and really does feel like the grand home of a stylish friend. Collectibles like vintage cameras and photographs from the late, great Martin Chambi (a Peruvian icon) add to the hotel's culture bona fides.

WORKING WELL

Atemporal means "free from limitations of time." Indeed, this is the kind of place where guests will want to hunker down in the rooms, hang out in the salon and lose themselves in the upstairs library. And don't forget the fun: Atemporal's loyal maître de maison, 24-hour concierge, cook, and chauffeur work for that traveling photographer, your nameless imaginary friend.



NEEDS WORK

Still in the planning phase, a 2,700-square-foot rooftop garden will complete the design when it opens by summer 2017.

MUST TRY

The chic hotel's homey facade.

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Atemporal's honor bar allows you to mix your own drinks — though be sure to ask staffers to shake up a Chilcano cocktail, a mix of Peruvian pisco, lime juice and ginger ale. Borrow one of the hotel's shiny red bicycles and explore neighborhood sites along the [Miraflores Bike Path](#). Walk to [Museo de Sitio Huaca Pucllana](#), the pre-Inca pyramid ruins one block from the hotel. If you have time for only one museum,

make that [Museo Larco](#) in Pueblo Libre whose Pre-Columbian artifacts include a large collection of erotic ceramic works. For well-crafted contemporary Peruvian home accessories, art, alpaca goods and jewelry, make a beeline to [Dédalo](#) in nearby Barranco, a beautiful store and courtyard café. Nab a reservation there for thin-crust pizza cooked in a wood-fired oven, served under the stars with live music every Wednesday.



Atemporal's manicured grounds.

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BOTTOM LINE

A quiet central location puts guests close to eclectic one-off shops, bucolic Parque Kennedy, and many of this culinary capital's best restaurants — Amaz, Astrid y Gaston, El Mercado, Fiesta, Maido, Malabar, Maras, Osaka, and Rafael. Don't miss dining at [Central](#), Virgilio Martinez's Miraflores restaurant. It was recently named the best eatery in South America and is No. 4 on the World's 50 Best Restaurants list.

DETAILS

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