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THE ISLAND IN A WORLD  
OF ITS OWN

**KASHMIR**  
THIS YEAR'S BIG  
ADVENTURE

ON HOLIDAY WITH  
**SIENNA MILLER**

TINIE TEMPAAH'S  
FAVOURITE HOTELS

THE BEST  
BRITISH PUBS  
WITH ROOMS

**HIDDEN AFRICA**

ON A FAMILY SAFARI IN DEEPEST BOTSWANA

# Neighbourhood on the up **KARAKOY, ISTANBUL**

## DRINK

**Gaspar**, the new bar and nightclub from Ferit Sarper, owner of the slick Münferit restaurant, is based in an old printing press. His wife is one half of Istanbul design team Autoban, which also does the interiors for House Hotels; the look she has created here is dark and moody. If you're feeling bold, take on a round of thrice-distilled Beylerbeyi Raki, Turkey's potent anise-flavoured spirit, produced by Sarper's family: Müeyyezade Mahallesi, Necebey Caddesi, Arayışlar Sokak 6 (+90 212 293 6660)

■ The recently opened **Fossil Lounge Bar** is on the third floor of an old building with a spot-on view across the mouth of the Golden Horn. Come here to watch the sun set over Sultanahmet mosque and try one of the interesting cocktails such as the Southern Comfort- and Amaretto-laced Star Wars. Kemankay Caddesi 34C (+90 216 355 7791)

## ART

Located in a converted 19th-century wheat mill, **Galeri Manâ** is at the forefront of the area's burgeoning contemporary art scene, holding inventive solo and group shows from international and Turkish artists, including boundary-pushing video maker Kutluğ Ataman. Ali Paşa Değirmeni Sokak 16-18 (+90 212 243 6666; [www.galerimana.com](http://www.galerimana.com))

■ The marble halls of the landmark Imperial Ottoman Bank are now home to **SALT Galata**, a cultural institution that puts on a variety of talks, screenings and workshops, all of which are free. Bankalar Caddesi 11 (+90 212 334 2200; [www.saltonline.org](http://www.saltonline.org))

■ **Istanbul Modern** began life as a waterfront customs warehouse before being converted into a vast public space. Alongside cutting-edge exhibitions, there are photography and video-art galleries, a new media space, library and arthouse cinema. Meclis-i Mebusan Caddesi Liman İşletme Sahası Arayış 4 (+90 212 334 7300; [www.istanbulmodern.org](http://www.istanbulmodern.org))

## SHOP

Along the historic French Passage arcade, **Labı Istanbul** sells an ever-changing selection of quirky interior items by local designers, as well as a covetable assortment of vintage sunglasses from Fashion@EYE and velvet Italia Independent frames. Fransız Geçidi C blok 9 (+90 212 252 1262; [www.labistatbul.com](http://www.labistatbul.com))

■ Young Turkish jewellery designer **Selda Okutan** makes, displays and sells one-of-a-kind pieces in her glass-fronted atelier. Populated with human figures, they're less jewellery and more miniature sculpture. Ali Paşa Değirmeni Sokak 10A (+90 212 514 1164; [www.seldaokutan.com](http://www.seldaokutan.com))



Clockwise from above: the Karakoy Rooms; an exhibit at Istanbul Modern; a cocktail at Fossil Lounge Bar; new restaurant Unto. Opposite, clockwise from top left: SALT Galata; interior shop 333km; the French Passage; café culture in Karakoy

