

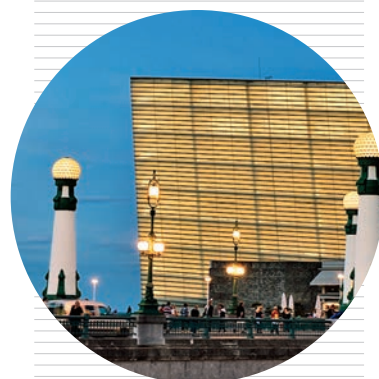
**COOL QUARTERS** Visit these fast-changing neighborhoods now, before the throngs move in.

## Intendente, Lisbon

Not long ago, most Lisboans steered clear of this former red-light district north of Martim Moniz square. But redevelopment has brought in artists and artisans and Joana Vasconcelos's *Kit Garden*, a sculpture that now sits in the heart of the neighborhood. Behind the dazzling façade of a former tile warehouse, an outpost of **A Vida Portuguesa** ([avidaportuguesa.com](http://avidaportuguesa.com)) carries vintage brands and local wares: hand-wrapped tins of Tricana tuna, Ach Brito soaps, hats from the Azores. On sunny days, locals pack the esplanade tables outside **O das Joanas** (28 Largo do Intendente; 351-218-879-401; entrées \$6–\$11) for Mediterranean dishes like béchamel-smothered cod, then head to the 19th-century town house **Casa Independente** ([casa.independente.com](http://casa.independente.com)), which hosts screenings and concerts on its patio.



A Vida Portuguesa. CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT: The Kursaal Building, in Gros; Múj Šálek Kávy; a street mural in Belleville.



## GROS, SAN SEBASTIÁN, SPAIN

While the old town remains touristy, cheap rents and a dynamic surf culture have created a lively scene in Gros. The bookstore **Garoa** ([egaroa.com](http://egaroa.com)) puts on literary-themed concerts and alternative poetry readings, while at **Essencia Wine Bar y Store** ([ardodenda.com](http://ardodenda.com)), wine consultant Dani Corman pairs an extensive collection with fresh anchovies and heritage Basque pork. And the owners of the gin-focused hangout **La Gintonería** just opened a tiki bar, **Shaka & Shake** (5 Calle Zabaleta; 34-943-271-912), right across the street.

## Karlín, Prague

Witness this leafy district's road to renewal after a 2002 flood at projects like **Karlín Studios** ([futuraproject.cz](http://futuraproject.cz)), a warren of ateliers and conceptual galleries in a refashioned factory; **Múj Šálek Kávy** ([mujsalekkavy.cz](http://mujsalekkavy.cz)), a café that serves weekend brunch and Latin American roasts; and **Veltlín** ([veltlin.cz](http://veltlin.cz)), poet Bogdan Trojak's emporium of natural wines from Central Europe.



**BELLEVILLE, PARIS** Chic creative types are the latest settlers in this diverse, multicultural neighborhood that is getting more sophisticated by the day. Don't miss cult coffee brewers like **Cream** (50 Rue de Belleville; 33-9-83-66-58-43), which makes the best flat white in town, and the art space **Galerie Balice Hertling** ([balicehertling.com](http://balicehertling.com)), a magnet for international talent.



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