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Hotel Zaza, Dallas, Texas



The moniker of this 146-room hotel represents its design philosophy: everything from *Z* to *A*. The *Z* stands for the Zulu-esque masks in the Out of Africa Room, one of 13 themed suites; the *A* for the Asian influence evident throughout the lobby and hallways (e.g., calligraphied room numbers framed by faux bamboo). In between, there oughta be an *N* for the naughty Helmut Newton photos in the halls, an *M* for the mood chandelier in the two-story lobby, whose crystals continuously change color, and an *F* for French château (the style of the mansard-roofed exterior). Guest room interiors are spot-on splendid: Sumptuous beds face Picasso prints, and chocolate-marble bathroom counters gleam under light fixtures in the shape of a woman's torso. The Dragonfly restaurant is the brainchild of celebrity chef Stephan Pyles and carries the eclecticism into the dining room, which looks like the interior of a Bedouin tent. **When to go:** The end of September through October, for the Texas State Fair. **Which room to book:** A Premium Room, with a balcony that overlooks the pool and the skyline (800-597-8399; hotelzaza.com; doubles, \$195-\$295; Ⓜ).

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UNITED STATES

Standard Downtown, Los Angeles, California

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Delamar, Greenwich, Connecticut

Sofitel Chicago Water Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Hotel Lucia, Portland, Oregon

Hotel Zaza, Dallas, Texas

Hotel Monaco, Washington, D.C.