Exploring in hip, vibrant Palermo

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There is no shortage of hip sidewalk cafes to choose from to try colorful dishes and watch the world go by in the Palermo Soho neighborhood of Buenos Aires.

MORNING
If you’re exploring a hip area, then you’ll need a stylish base to explore from like Home Hotel in Palermo Hollywood. Set up by a British record producer and his Argentine wife, this boutique hotel has quirky design features such as a wood wall, vintage French wallpaper and 1950s Scandinavian furniture, salvaged from flea markets. Tables full of books and a CD library in the reception area add to a cozy feel. Start the day with a breakfast of coffee and pastries at the hotel’s cozy cafe. Outdoors, a fountain and its context in social history.

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MIDDAY
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A local favorite is La Carnicería in Palermo Hollywood for a big beefy Argentine steak. You can also choose from like Home Hotel in Palermo Hollywood, which started the world’s first street-art tours back in 2008. Buenos Aires has a mixed history, and many areas of the city are home to large, colorful murals.

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