



THE BANK HOTEL ISTANBUL

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WHERE: Istanbul, Turkey

WHY: New Years Eve trip extension

WHEN: January 2022

WHO: Me and my partner in eating crimes

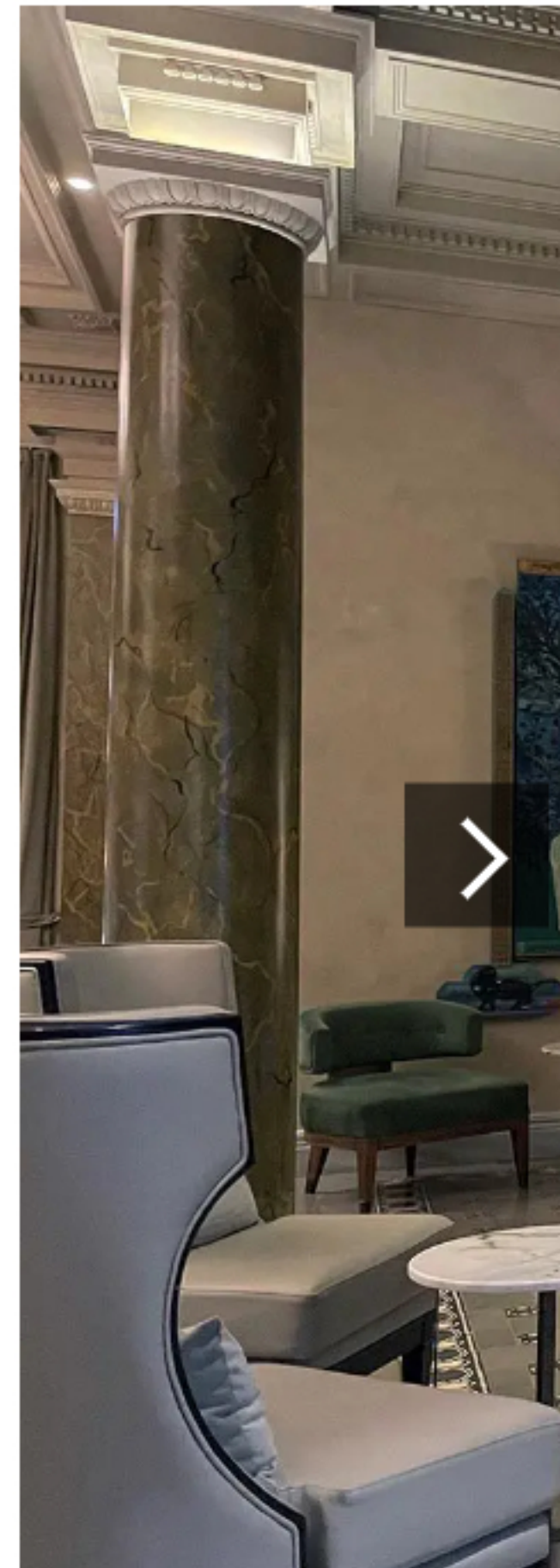
"The hotel was once a bank, it carries that money smell all over"



Cihangir!



A façade fit for both a bank and hotel



The hotel wa with the colle



HIGHS & LOWS

Location is awesome, just across the bridge from the historical district, a 5 min walk away from cute Karakoy for street food, 5 min from busy Galata, 10 min walk from Cihangir and its hip cool bars. Perfetto!

Service. Very warm and caring staff, always with a smile, a helping hand or a story. That really makes the difference on a stay

I'm going to sound like a little superficial brat, but the light is really very nice in the bedroom and bathroom. Felt glowie in there

Covid restrictions are what they are, but I'm not a huge fan of 5 different cards and reminders on every table about social distancing.. We get it, you don't want to make out

THE BAROMETER

DESIGN	★★★★☆	AMENITIES	★★★★★
LOCATION	★★★★★	TAKEABLE TREATS	★★★★★
FUTURE FORWARD	★★★★☆	REFER A FRIEND	★★★★★
NIGHT'S SLEEP	★★★★★	OVERALL VALUE	★★★★★
SERVICE	★★★★★	LIFE CHANGING	★★★★☆

TOTAL: 47/50

IMPORTANT BITS

TYPE

Bank turned Lifestyle Hotel

VIBE

Chic and sophisticated

LOCATION

Super central, near the best shops & museums

ROOMS

62

PRE-ARRIVAL & ARRIVAL EXPERIENCE

Very friendly and quick communication with the staff even though I had to make last minute date changes. We felt very welcomed.

FUTURE FORWARD

No plastic water bottles in use and cultural partnerships with next door Contemporary art centre SALT and The Jazz festival

MUSIC

Chilled jazz tunes

YEAR OPENED

2011

DESIGNED BY

Siman Kafadar

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Small gym and a spa with hamam

FOOD

Roof top restaurant with modern international menu, but was closed for renovation during our stay

BAR, EVENTS & NIGHTLIFE

Nice bar with jazz nights or wine tasting eves in the old safe

MINIBAR & RETAIL

The classics with a Turkish spin

ACCESSIBILITY

Stairs leading up to the lobby. But step free elevator and rooms.

PET FRIENDLY

Yes. Woof!

CHILDREN

Yes. Miaw!

PRICE

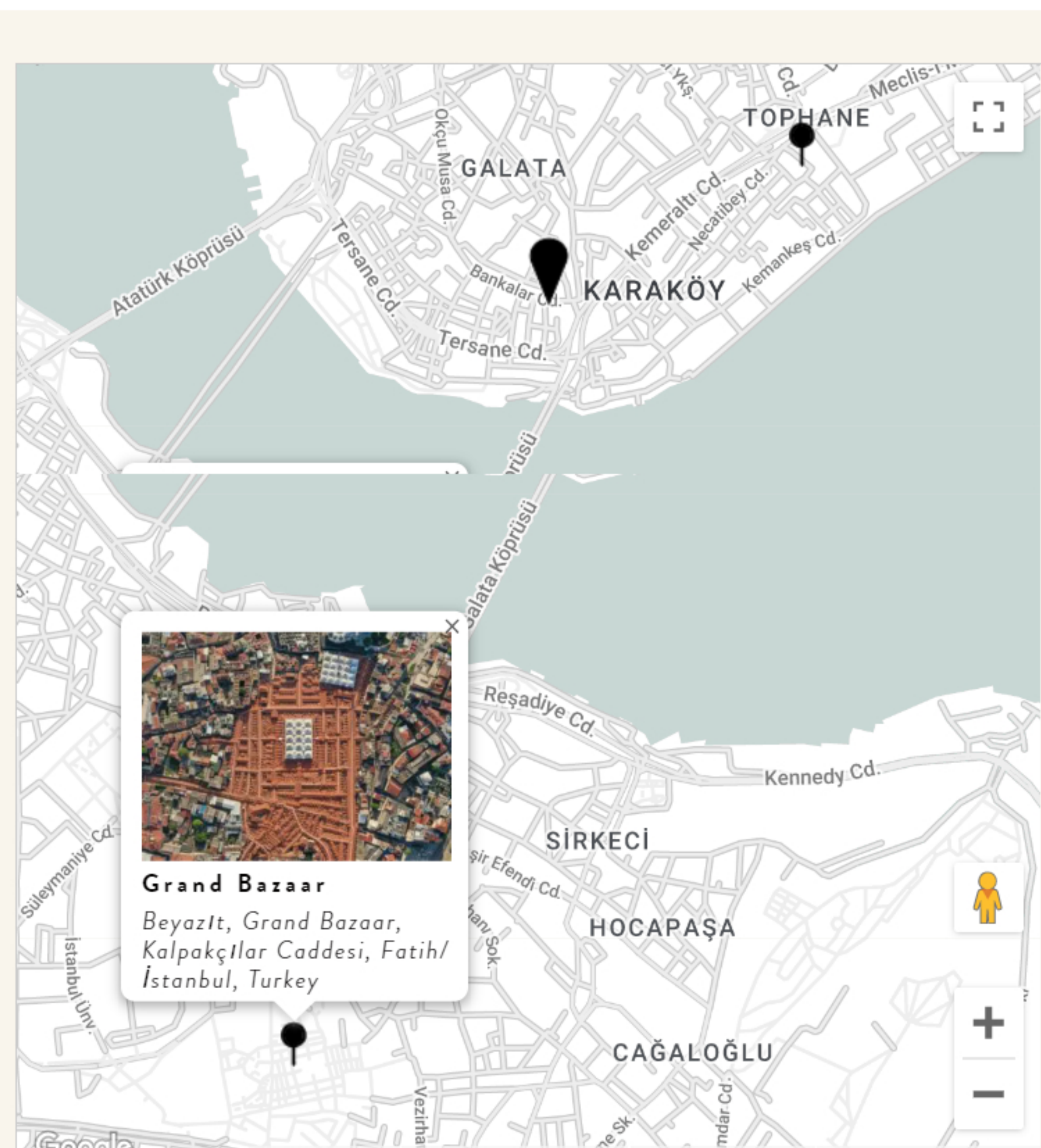
Great value, starting at €120

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IN THE AREA

HOTEL LOCATION Azapkapı, The Bank Hotel Istanbul, Bankalar Caddesi, Beyoğlu/Istanbul, Turkey

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GRAND BAZAAR

Yes that's a touristy reco, but honestly never seen a bazaar in this scale anywhere. And it's pretty fun, for 30min

PANDELI RESTAURANT

Founded in 1901, iconic spot for traditional Turkish kitchen. Blue tiled walls, white table cloth. A must visit

KILIC ALI PASA HAMAM

These Turkish baths have been here for 440 years!! The relaxation is in the walls. Half day for women, half day for men. Honestly a divine experience

BRING IT

TOTEME SCARF

When ladies want to visit some historic sights, hair needs to be covered. It's nice to bring your own beautiful scarf

EYTYS FUGU SNEAKERS

Traffic in Istanbul is stupid, so people walk most places. Not short distances and it's very hilly. We averaged 20km per day.. So bring Eytys sneaks

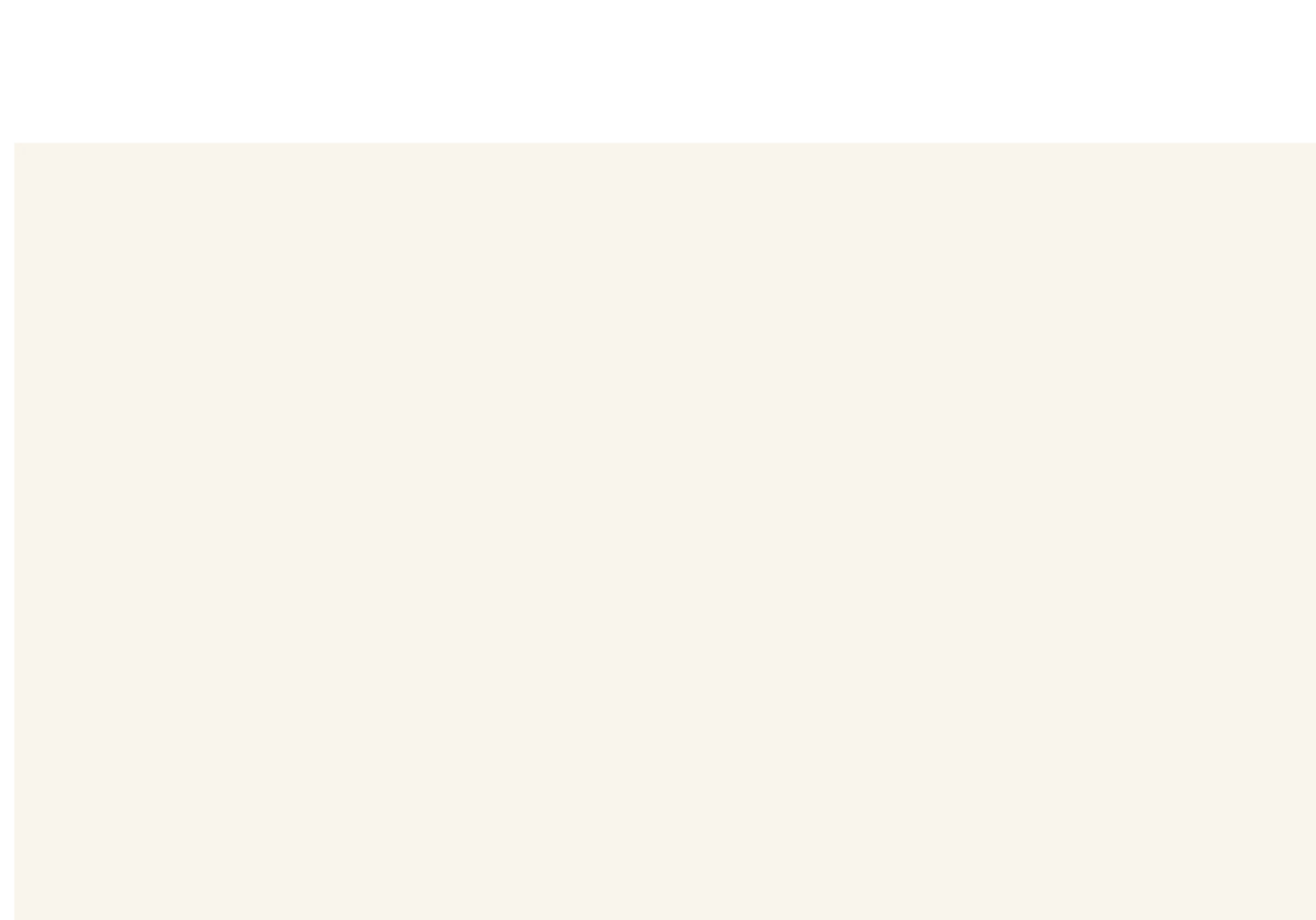
FLOYD SUITCASE

A big, fun and empty suitcase. You know the Grand Bazaar, or you might wanna get some bulky goods, I did

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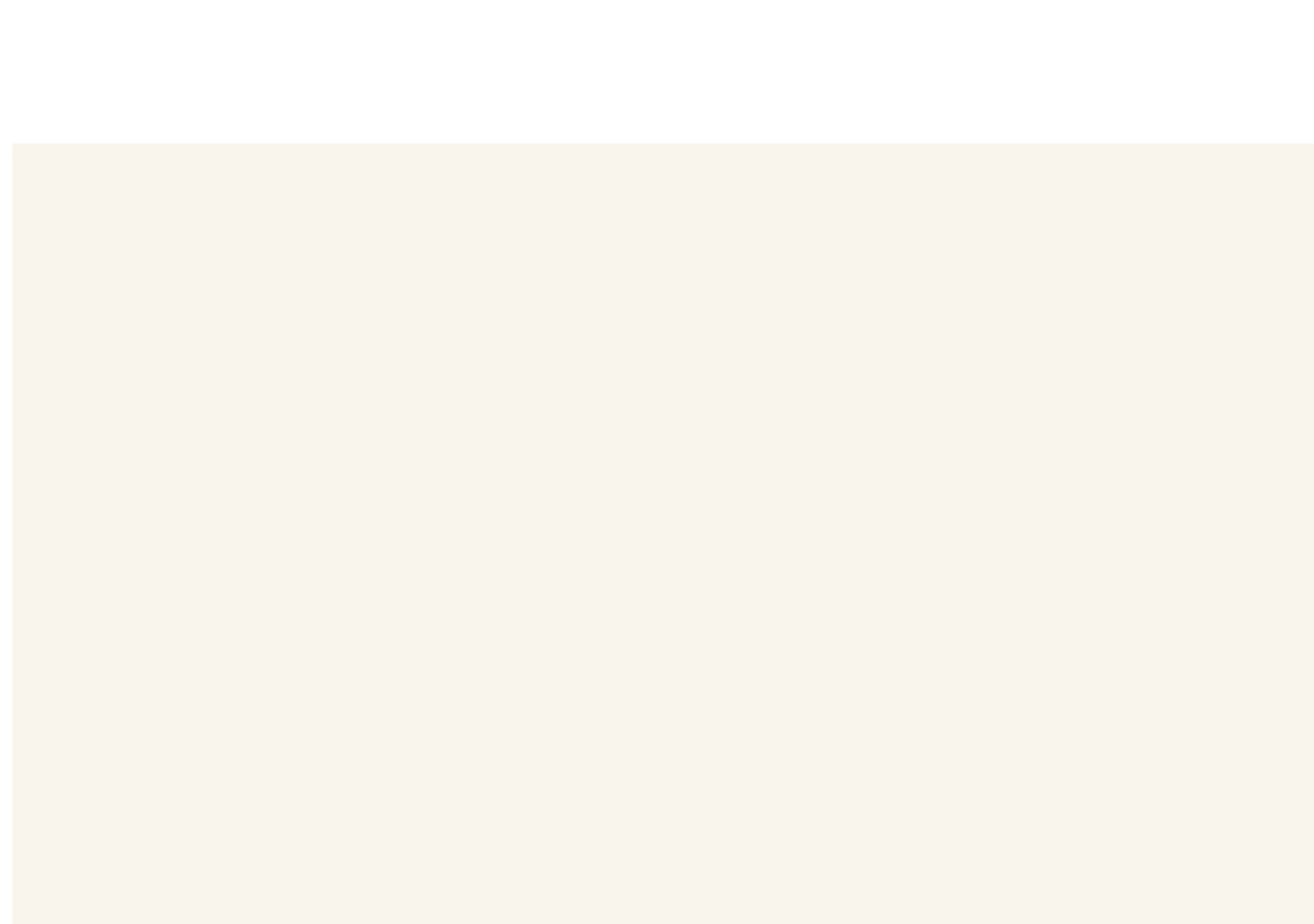


BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

BRODY HOTEL

by Zoe Buckman

"A classic boutique with kooky flair"

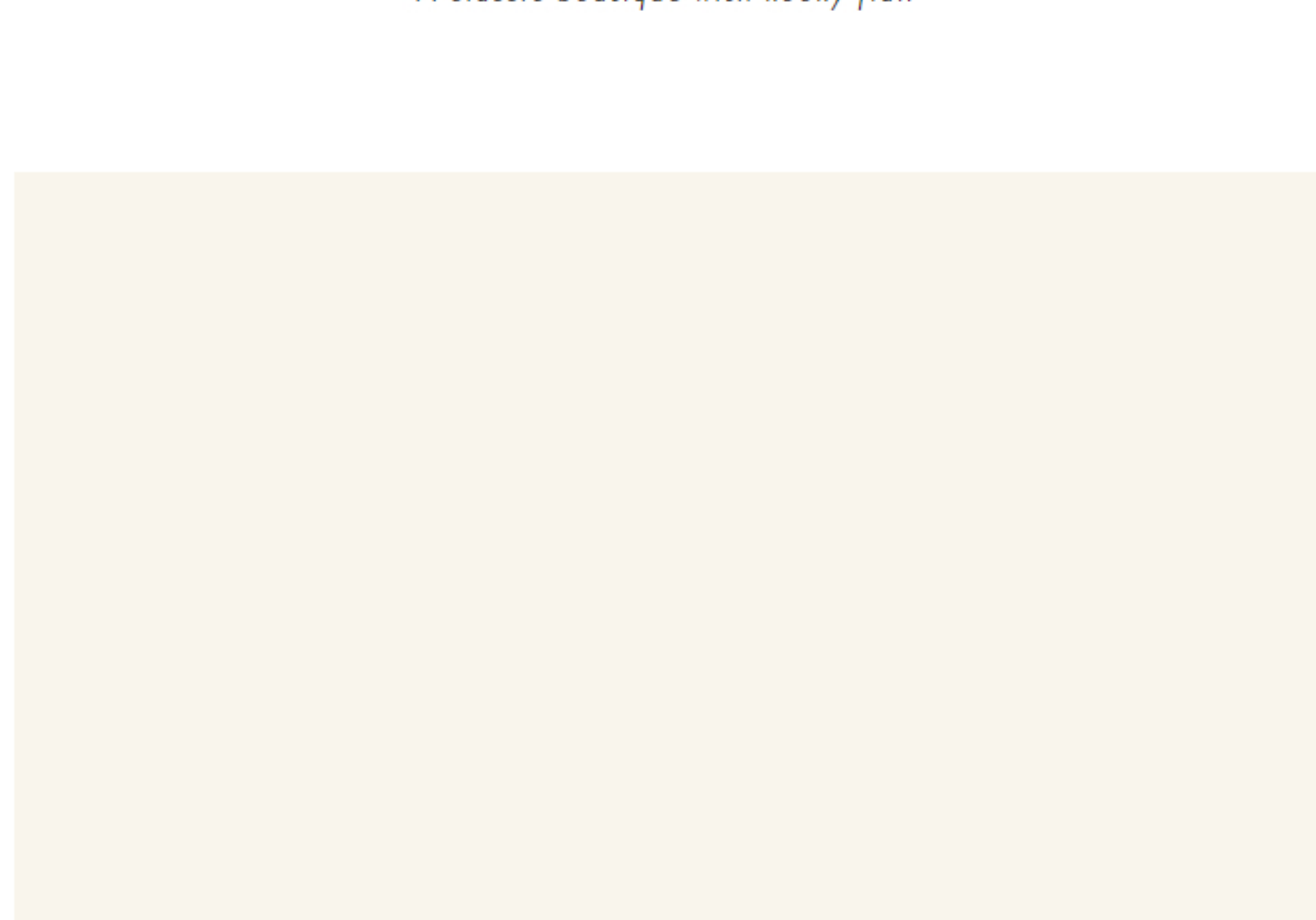


DATCA PENINSULA, TURKEY

D-HOTEL

by Karlynn Dixon

"Elegant chic for international nature lovers."

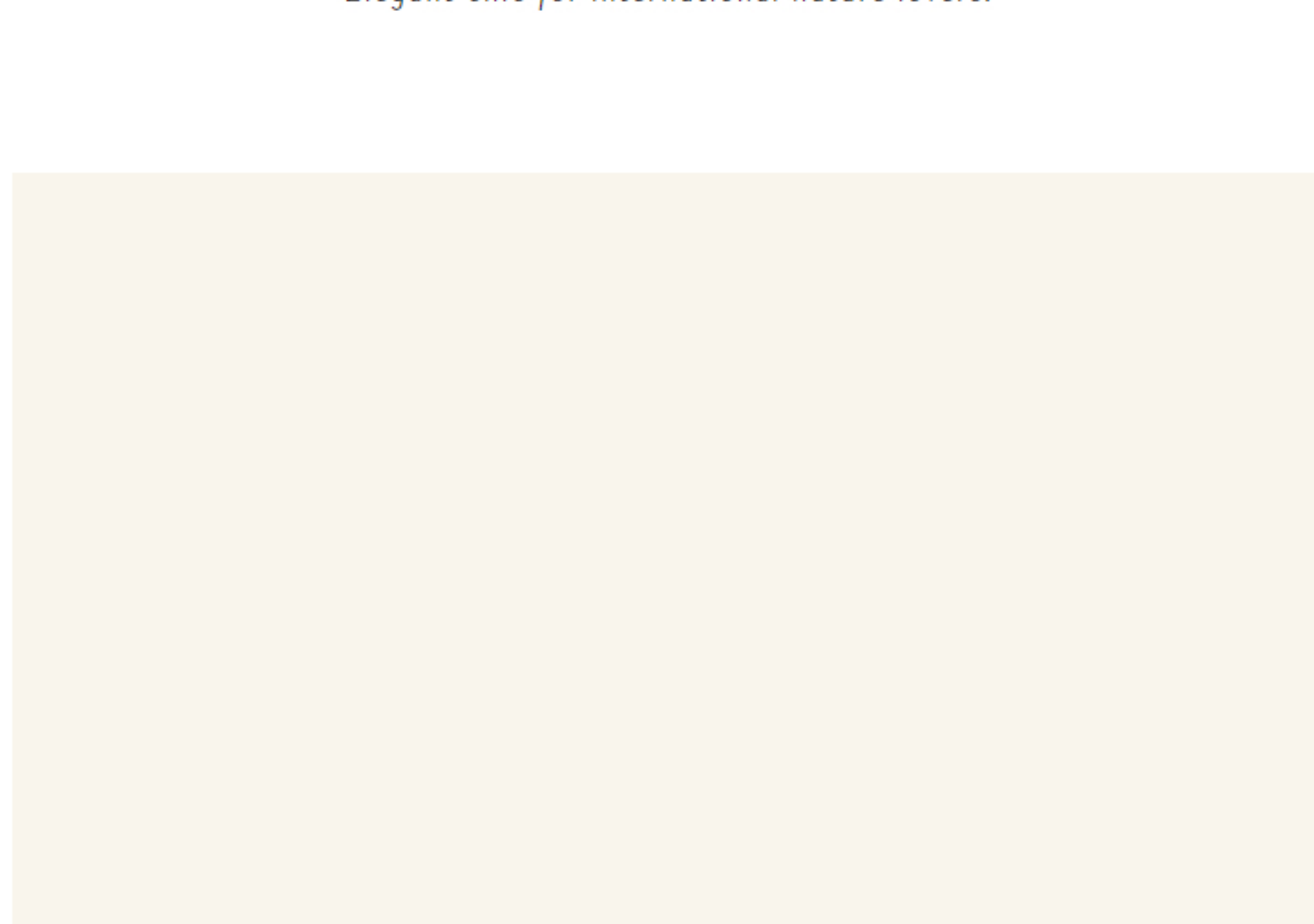


BODRUM, TURKEY

THE BODRUM EDITION

by Tansy Kaschak

"Sophisticated yet relaxed seaside leisure."

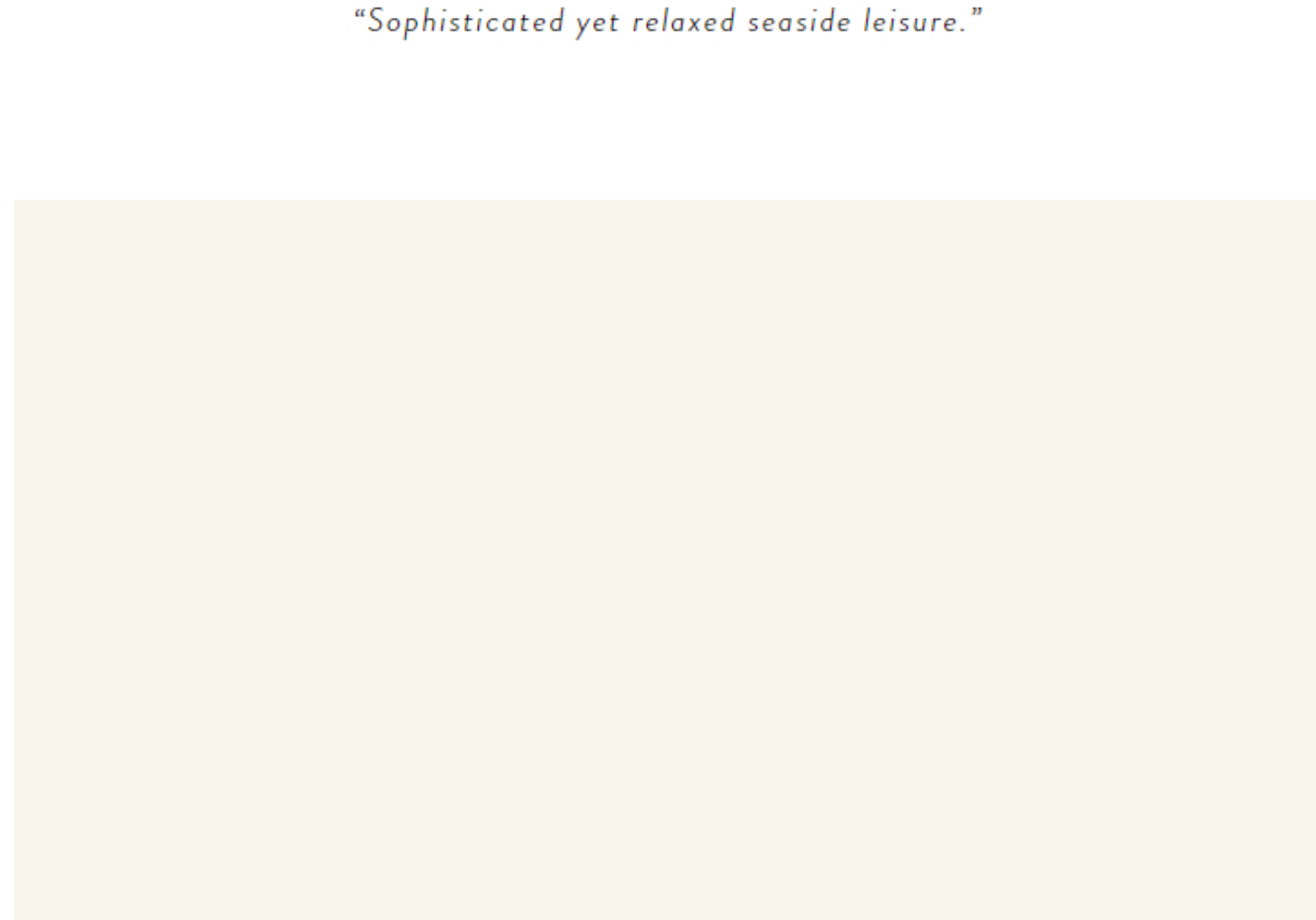


WEST HOLLYWOOD, LOS ANGELES

WEST HOLLYWOOD EDITION

by Polina Sovva

"Just right in every way."

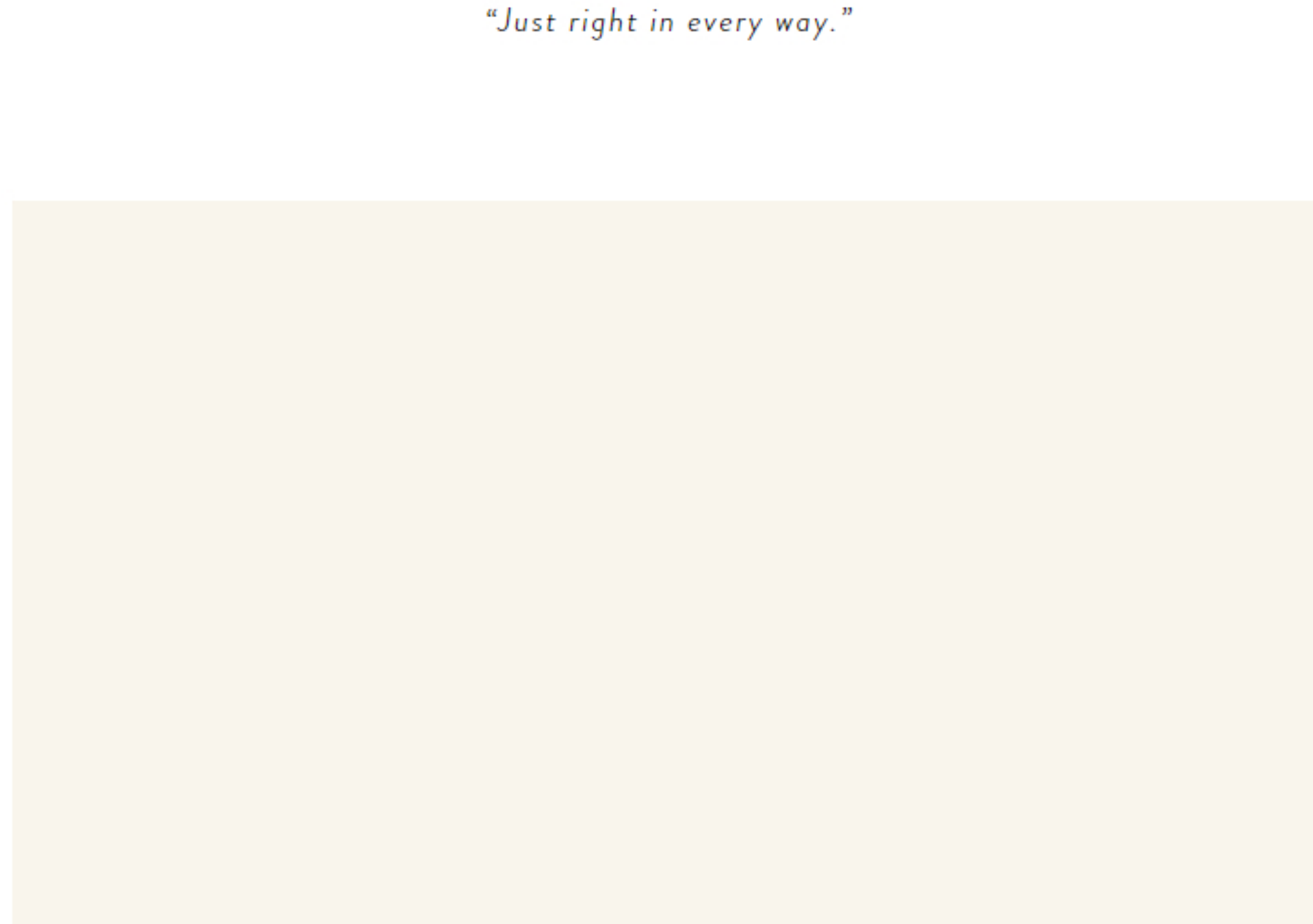


CAPPADOCIA, TURKEY

KELEBEK CAVE HOTEL

by Crystal Moselle

"Luxurious cave dwelling, like no place on this planet..."



ATHENS, GREECE

SHILA

by Georgia Hopkins

"Lush, bohemian hideaway oozing ethereal Athenian charm"

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