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19 – LUIS ESLAVA, VALENCIA

This Valencian designer's new DIY range of modular furniture comprises pine timber, plywood boards, industrial belts and a set of instructions. The idea is to slot the pre-cut parts together, then belt up the result, creating a selection of configurations or 'creatures' as Eslava calls them. 'One creature can meet all of your needs – it can be a seat that grows into a system of shelving, or a bed.' Eslava aims to use as few resources as possible and explains that there are ecological reasons behind the creatures' minimalist design. www.luis eslava.com

20 – TIME + SPACE'S DALÍ-THEMED HOLIDAY, CADAQUÉS

This four-day bespoke holiday in Dalí territory lets you sample the best of Northern Catalonia's culture. It includes private lessons with local contemporary artists, guided tours of the nearby Dalí house and museum, yoga classes and visits to local wineries and restaurants. Guests are based at the chic Ses Vistes villa, located near Cadaqués and the stunning Cap de Creus nature reserve, and are treated to a gastronomic experience by local Michelin-starred chef Paco Pérez. www.timeandspacecadaques.com

21 – DIADES TRASTOS, BARCELONA

Diades Trastos, or Large Garbage Nights – when locals are permitted to leave their unwanted furniture and other large items on the street for collection – have long been a fun sort of free-for-all, where it is possible to pick up anything from a fridge to a gramophone to an art deco suite, gratis – as long as the dealers and their vans don't get there first. Recently, Barcelona's garbage nights have become spectator events, too, as street artists and urban labels take to the streets with their spray cans, elevating the status of trash to treasure as they go.

On Mondays in El Raval, Tuesdays in Eixample and Wednesdays in Sant Pere

**22 – HOTEL CONSOLACIÓN, ARAGÓN**

Surrounded by almond and olive trees, this rural retreat (its name is taken from the local 14th century church) is located near the historic town of Teruel, in one of Spain's most sparsely populated regions. We love the hotel's Kubes, ten individual villas with stunning mountain views and minimalist lines that nod to Craig Ellwood's playful modernist Californian buildings. All come with a private terrace, a slate bathtub and beauty products made with local aromatic herbs. In the main building, the cosy Nordic guest room features Danish furniture and Alvar Aalto lights, while the richly coloured Baroque room has an open fireplace. The restaurant serves local seasonal fare, and the views from the leafy terrace and infinity pool are superb. www.consolacion.com.es