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RETRO ROOMS

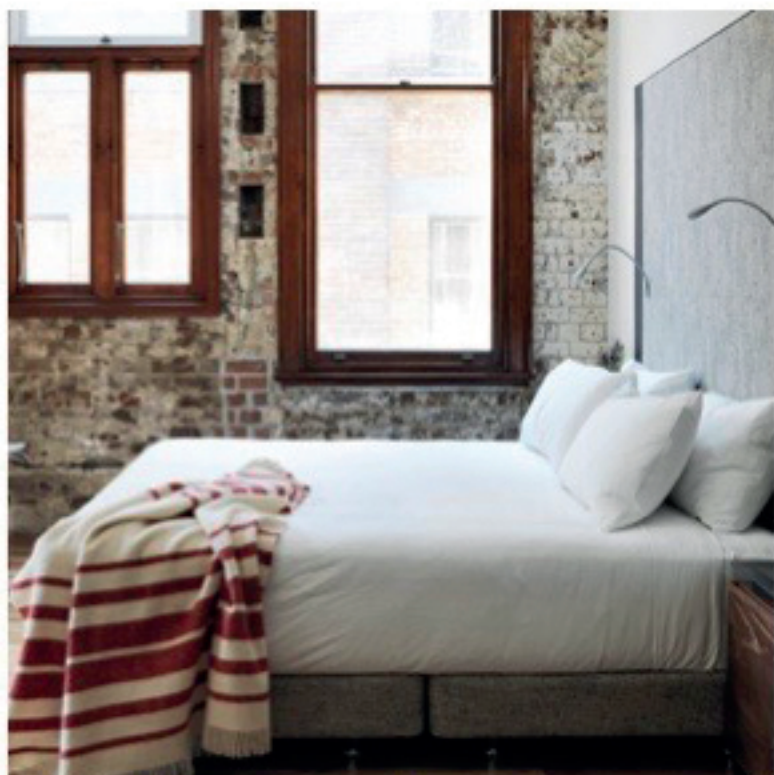
A mix of vintage furniture, one-of-a-kind The Rag And Bone Man lamps and a smattering of smooth free-standing tubs fill the 62 sleek rooms, while the timber panelling and original bars in the Showroom Suites hint at The Old Clare's former incarnation as part of Carlton & United Breweries. Shop the look at check-out with Eloise Rapp's gorgeous textile designs (and follow her at @rappapp for some serious Insta-inspiration).

the old clare hotel, sydney

A new hotspot is *shaking up the hotel scene* with chic design, slick service and world-class chefs

RAISING THE BAR

Step off the busy streets of inner-city Chippendale into the equally buzzy Clare Bar. Owner Loh Lik Peng's love of eclectic chairs is evident here (alongside some show-stopper Hollywood film lamps). Throw in a backlit '70s-style bar with mixologist Matt Fairhurst's epic cocktail list and your night is sorted.



SUCH A DISH

Clayton Wells' industrial-chic restaurant Automata is enough to sate your wildest epicurean dreams with a regularly changing five-course menu plus a bold beverage pairing (think cool, crisp sake matched with creamy stracciatella). Or try minimalistic Silvereye, where Noma alumnus Sam Miller combines traditional Scandinavian techniques, super-fresh produce and impeccable presentation, creating dishes like turnip cannoli with yuzu salt.



TOP OF THE WORLD

Swim laps in The Old Clare's stylish rooftop pool, stretch out on loungers or get your om on at a morning yoga session. And on those balmy nights, hit up the pool bar for a Miami Vice (that's a frozen pina colada layered with strawberry daiquiri). Sunrise or sunset, this is the place to see and be seen.



IN THE HOOD

Chippendale is shaping up to be Sydney's hippest suburb. Skip down the New York-style herringbone-paved Kensington Street to see heritage terraces and the lantern-strung street-food market Spice Alley. Don't miss Glider for its smooth coffee served in ceramics by Liquorice Moon Studios.



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INSIDER TIP

MAKE SURE YOU CHECK OUT THE HOTEL'S NEWEST RESTAURANT, KENSINGTON STREET SOCIAL, HELMED BY STAR CHEF JASON ATHERTON. AND LATER THIS YEAR, THE OLD CLARE WILL BE OPENING A DAY SPA. Rooms start from approx \$299 per night; theoldclarehotel.com.au

