## Gran Hotel Inglés













The smartest new spot to open in the Spanish capital in 2018 is also the oldest - this was Madrid's first proper hotel back in 1886. Revamped with art deco features and the feel of a private club, it is a place to lounge around all afternoon drinking cocktails or recovering in the sumptuous spa - the Jet Lag treatment is quite miraculous. Many of the rooms have free-standing baths as well as roomy marble showers and the minibar is stocked with brewed-in-Madrid craft beers. The Lobo 8 restaurant has one of Spain's top chefs, Willy Moya, at the helm. If you are in the mood for something slightly more spit-andsawdust, you can just stroll across the road to the gloriously shabby La Venencia sherry bar for tapas and jerez. The hotel is in the Barrio de Las Letras, which has a rich literary and theatrical heritage as well as being one of the best areas for the city's independent boutiques and famously late, late nightlife. Fun.

