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YOUR TRAVEL DOLLAR IN 2009

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**AUSTRALIA'S**  
BIG ADVENTURE

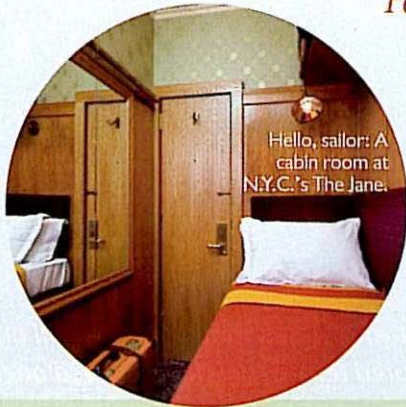
**JORDAN'S**  
ANCIENT WONDERS

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Paris's *Les Ateliers Ruby*.



Hello, sailor: A cabin room at N.Y.C.'s The Jane.

(Buzz)  
hotel

## Credit Crunch Chic

Affordable usually translates as vanilla where hotels are concerned, but a new breed of low-cost, high-style digs is making an entrance—with impeccable timing. New York's **THE JANE**, from the creators of the über-trendy Bowery and Maritime hotels, offers cozy single-bed "cabins" (with communal bathrooms) plus a terrace bar and pool (212-924-6700; [thejanenyc.com](http://thejanenyc.com); cabins, \$99), while **ACE HOTEL & SWIM CLUB** unveils its third grunge-glam property this month, in Palm Springs (760-325-9900; [acehotel.com](http://acehotel.com); doubles, \$100-\$105). Across the pond, the family behind Club Med has the **MAMA SHELTER**, a hotel-meets-hostel designed by Philippe Starck, in Paris's hip twentieth arrondissement (33-1-4348-4848; [mamashelter.com](http://mamashelter.com); doubles, \$114).

Eley Kishimoto helmet, \$1,300, [ateliersruby.com](http://ateliersruby.com).

Happy birthday, **RABBIE BURNS!** Find info on celebrations to mark the Scottish bard's 250th at [homecomingscotland2009.co](http://homecomingscotland2009.co)