



The Rockaway Hotel

The Rockaways are located in Queens, but the relaxed atmosphere of this bungalow beach enclave feels worlds apart from its fast-paced Manhattan neighbor. For [the Rockaway Hotel](#), New York firms Morris Adjmi Architects and Curious Yellow Design created a getaway that honors the local community and its pervasive surf culture through the likes of zinc paneling and abundant greenery. In the guestrooms, custom beds are fashioned out of teak and rattan, the latter a material that also appears on the pool deck's sea urchin light fixtures. Designed as a comfortable sitting room, the lobby is a quirky union of vintage Indonesian textiles, terrazzo, black metal, linen, and bubblegum-colored pink resin. Here, the artwork is part of the hotel's thought-provoking collection that includes pieces by Rockaway Beach denizens.

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