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Nothing will make you fall in love with New York again quite like holing up in a hotel. (It beats dealing with crazies on the subway.) History buffs who want to share a space with a spirit should pick the **Wyndham New Yorker Hotel** (481 Eighth Ave at 34th St; 212-971-0101, newyorkerhotel.com; rates start at \$209 per night), specifically room 3327. This is where Serbian inventor Nikola Tesla, who developed AC power and the first remote control (not to mention the ever-awesome Tesla coil), lived from 1933 to 1943. Now a mini-museum, the room was converted to a suite where guests can geek out over the trinkets and artifacts. Another must for retro-heads, the newly opened **Broome Street Hotel** (431 Broome St between Broadway and Crosby St; 212-431-2929, thebroomenyc.com; rates start at \$350 per night) is in a five-floor federal-revival-style building from 1825. With only 14 rooms, the feeling is intimate and amazingly quiet (the rooms feature soundproof windows to block out the din of Soho), and a well-selected crop of art (by Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat) keeps the space contemporary and decidedly New York. The tranquil and charming open-air courtyard, on the other hand, might transport your mind to Europe.

