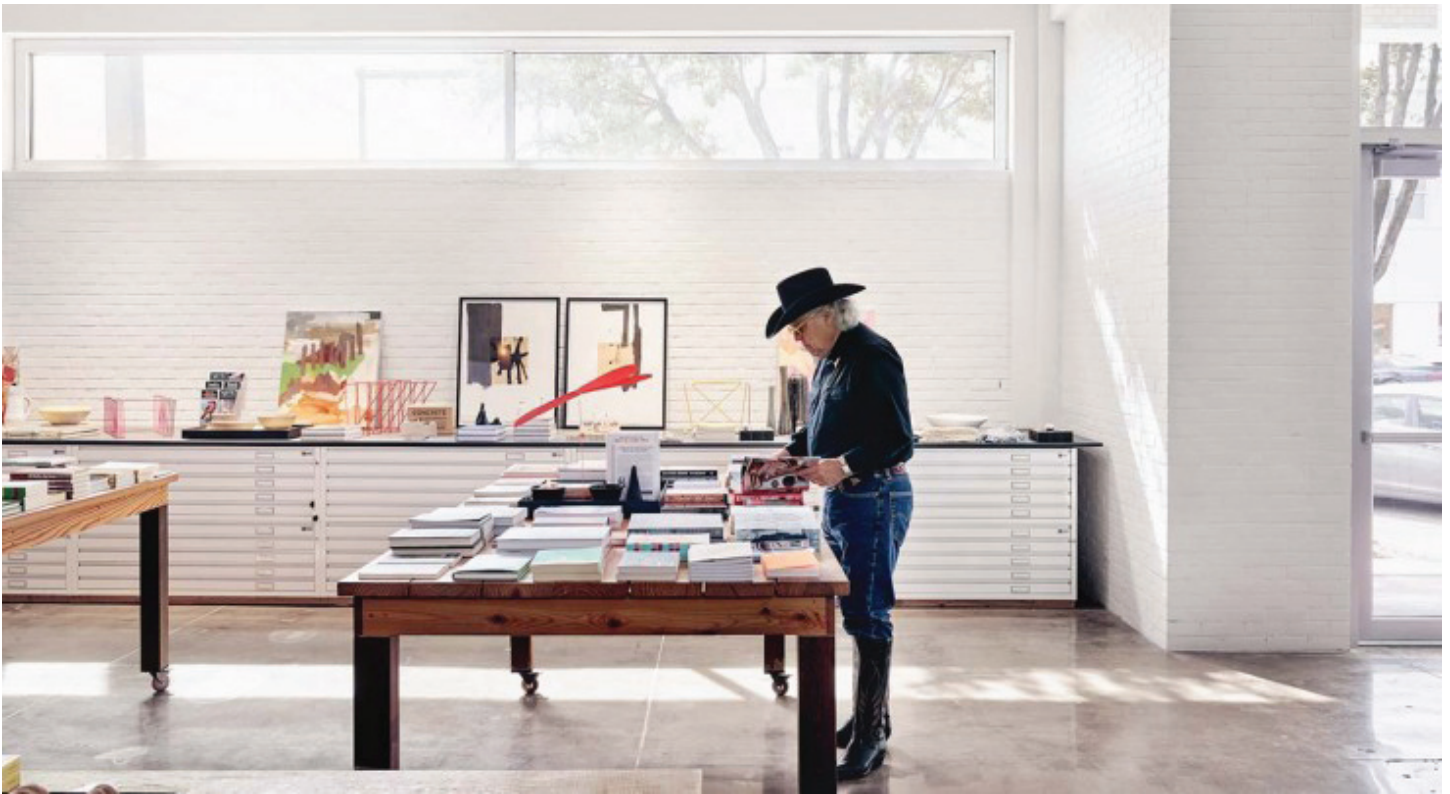


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Hotel Saint George

MARFA



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Marfa may corral an inordinate number of tourists relative to its size, but the mythically remote West Texas town doesn't exactly court them. Shops and galleries keep erratic hours, procuring a meal often requires reservations and/or boundless patience, and finding a place to stay can be fraught with "no vacancies." With this in mind, local businessman Tim Crowley, the Houston expat behind the Marfa Book Company and the Crowley Theater, decided it was time to resurrect the spirit—and utility—of the historic Hotel Saint George.

Erected on the same site, Crowley's *brand-new* Hotel Saint George has the clean, gray lines and simple structure of Donald Judd's eighties-era concrete boxes—Marfa's original tourist attraction—installed nearby. It also has all the provisions a windswept traveler could want. My two friends and I found ample space in our deluxe king room, even with the extra twin bed we'd requested, and a perfectly framed view of the Presidio County Courthouse. We also found ample sustenance—lamb meatballs! Grilled blue prawns!—at LaVenture, helmed by chef Allison Jenkins, formerly of Austin's acclaimed LaV. A more casual eatery and a pool are in the works across the street, and from the excited snippets I overheard from guests buzzing through the bright, airy lobby, it seems the Saint George will more than meet demand—and will likely further stoke it. *Opened March 2016; 55 rooms; starting at \$165; marfasaintgeorge.com*