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DIVINE MASTERPIECE Palma de Majorca's 14th-century cathedral, known as La Seu, may seem an unlikely place to see contemporary art, but the recently unveiled clay tableau covering the walls of the **CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT** (above) has been drawing cultural connoisseurs to this Balearic Island landmark. Beneath forty-foot-high stained-glass windows, Miquel Barceló, one of Spain's leading artists and a Majorca native, has stretched the ancient medium of terra-cotta to astonishing dimensions, encasing the chapel in more than 3,200 square feet of sculptural painted clay to create a mystical grotto depicting the biblical story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. A frothy wave crests as swirling shoals of fish, octopuses and other sea creatures congregate below; crusty loaves of bread emerge from the opposite wall; and an evanescent image of Christ looms over the tabernacle in between. A century earlier, Antoni Gaudí designed some of the wrought-iron metalwork in the stunning Gothic cathedral, putting Barceló in very good company. *Plaza Almoina; 011-971-723-130; catedraldemallorca.org.*

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ASIA MADE EASY

Exploring Asia can be a logistical ordeal, especially if you want to see isolated parts of Mongolia or obscure Indonesian islands. But everything is effortless with **REMOTE LANDS**, a new U.S.-based firm specializing in custom private-jet trips in Asia. Its two founders, entrepreneurs Catherine Heald and Jay Tindall, have lived and traveled extensively in the region, developing the contacts needed for access to unique experiences, like spending a night with camel breeders in the Gobi desert or dining with the Queen of Bhutan. When Alyssa Duncan, an engineer from Kansas, went to India for the first time this year, Heald contacted her friends in Darjeeling, the Maharaja Kumar of Bardhaman and his wife, and arranged a home stay for her. "They live in a palace, and their previous guests include the Aga Khan," says Duncan. "They treated me like family and hosted huge dinner parties every evening." Remote Lands can meet almost any request, such as hiring a chef and a personal trainer to go along. It also offers group itineraries focused on specific interests—among them golf and architecture—and led by experts in those fields. The next one is the Cuisine & Culture trip (October 13-26), during which food writer Gael Greene and author and Asia hand Simon Winchester will put flavors and sites in context on a journey through Thailand, Myanmar, India, China and Bhutan (*double occupancy \$49,950 per person, including round-trip airfare from Los Angeles to Bangkok*). Best of all, the company donates 5 percent of profits to sustainable-tourism projects in the destinations its clients visit. *Private-jet trips average \$1,000 per person per day, excluding airfare from the U.S. 646-415-8092; remotelands.com.*

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