

Smooth Arches and European Details Create an Oasis of Calm

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Daily II is a one-of-a-kind spot you want to return to again and again just to make sure it really exists. Located near the port in the old part of town, its white, curved interior was modeled after traditional Moroccan interiors, while the furniture fittings give the space a distinctly European atmosphere. "The mood there seems to be as relaxing and warm as in the traditional cafés of the old towns of Portugal, Italy, and Spain," says the team from Sivak + Partners who completed the re-fit in 2021. And so, beneath smooth beige arches, cane chairs and round, textured tables sit atop old wooden floorboards. Alongside them, potted plants, calmly whirling ceiling fans, and rattan panels create a warm, easygoing ambiance, offering visitors a moment of calm in their day. Although compact, the building's many rooms and

alcoves nevertheless have a labyrinthine quality too. Moving from one corner to another, it's easy to become pleasantly disoriented, as if lost in a fantasy. Eventually, however, one always somehow emerges in the outside space at the back, which functions as a decentred hub. "In Odessa, there is a practice that every courtyard lives its own life and this one was no exception," note the café's designers, Sivak + Partners. The floors above Daily II's serene oasis are designated for residential use, an indication of which may also be discerned in the courtyard, where, next to tables and benches on a wooden platform, pavers demarcate the divide between public and private space. "The courtyard is like another café," continues the team from Sivak + Partners. "[It's] the same vibe, but at a much quieter pace."



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As its guests move from room to room, Daily II in Odessa provides a warm, relaxing atmosphere that makes visitors feel as if they're in sunnier climes.

