

# SWEET VIEWS FOR ARTIST

Reserve a room with a view and you can gaze down at your destination from the privacy of your hotel. Artist Jeannine Platz takes this one step further and paints the vistas from hotel rooms around the world

The German creative is on a splash and dash world tour and has already painted from hotel rooms and hobbies in Norway, China and Singapore. The final stage of Suite Views will see her touching down in Dubai on 21st August, when she will capture the scene from the Radisson Blu in Dubai Marina.

So how did she come up with idea of creating an artwork of what most of us snap and hashtag?

Jeannine said: "I came back from a trip on the biggest containership in the world. I spent two weeks on board and I saw nothing other than the sky and the endless space. I saw unforgettable horizons at sea and I

would paint different views during my trip. Back home, I asked myself if I could have such a great feeling in a town like mine? Where could that place be? It must be high above, so I thought about the idea that the highest room could be a hotel suite. That was the beginning."

She's already hosted a live painting show in the lobby of the InterContinental Hong Kong, working with just her hands and a spatula to finish a painting in four hours.

"Without a brush I can feel the colour and the canvas. The feeling is the most important think while I am painting. I never think with my brain when I am painting, I only feel," she explains.

Although the Hamburg artist won't be working publically in Dubai, Jeannine is looking forward to capturing the emirate's super towers.

She said: "I love superlatives and I think Dubai has a lot of them; the highest buildings of the world, the most glamour, the most impressive ideas and I am so excited as to what kind of colours the sky will have."

An exhibition of work from Suite Views is planned for 2016.

Keep an eye on [suiteview-artproject.com](http://suiteview-artproject.com)



## SLOW FOOD MOVEMENT GROWS

We can't grow on the ground, so let's head to the rooftops.

That's the thinking behind a new gardening project led by fast food rebuffer Slow Dubai.

Founded in Italy about 25 years ago, the slow food movement has now gently expanded to 150 countries under its very apt banner of a red snail.

Advocates encourage food lovers to embrace local produce and retain culinary traditions that might have been bulldozed by all-pervasive fast food empires.

Now the first slow food chapter in the region has decided to step into the supply chain and create its own roof-top garden.

A small army of green-fingered volunteers will tend to the green shoots of the project. Would-be gardeners are invited to come along to the Time Oak Hotel in Tecom from 5pm on Saturday, 22nd August to find out more about the initiative, which was founded in 2013 by chef Laura Allais-Maré.

As well as returning a sense of importance to meal times (that means ditching your smartphone), Laura also wants us to consider the "devastating" environmental impact of GM crops and intensively reared animals while we scan menus.

If this sounds tasty, sign up here: [bit.ly/1IVpKl9](http://bit.ly/1IVpKl9)