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Hot List

The world's best new hotels, and 15 reasons they'll make you want to pack your bags now.

What makes a new hotel today graduate from an of-the-moment scene to an enduring icon that defines a city? "It's not just about design—people often mistake the way a place looks for the way a place feels," explains André Balazs, who first made our annual Hot List in 1999 for The Mercer. "I *live* at the Chiltern Firehouse—I've slept in every room. I have to because if I don't, I can't tell whether even the littlest details—like the brightness of a reading light—are right." What we've learned from the best hoteliers is that focusing this intensely on the smallest things isn't as obsessive as it sounds: As travelers become more sophisticated, luxury must become more intuitive. Offering butler service because that's what's expected of a five-star hotel ultimately reads as soulless (unless, that is, it's absolutely seamless and unintrusive) and is in some ways less impressive than the quiet replenishment of the right brand of toothpaste by invisible hands. This year, after poring over the intel of our staff and contributors—who vetted more than a hundred recently opened hotels and resorts, from West Africa to Miami—we found that what stands out are the properties which combine old-school extravagance and service with just the right measure of modernity. You might even think of them as the new cultural touchstones. The 60 hotels that follow and the details that make them special—we've given you 15 as a jumping-off point—are a reason unto themselves to board a plane right now.



The key to finding the right hotel.

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Best Bargains
(Under \$200
a Night)

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Beachside
Escapes

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Urbanist
Standouts

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Design Stars

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Family-
Friendly

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Good Food

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Over-the-Top
Luxury

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Remote and
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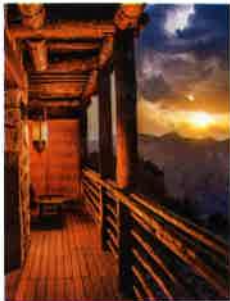


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21 Broad, Nantucket
A restored 27-room Victorian mansion in the center of town with a cheery aqua and yellow palette and mod furnishings, it's made for weekend visitors.

21broadhotel.com;
from \$159. ●



Alila Jabal Akhdar, Nizwa, Oman
At this remote 78-room resort 90 miles southwest of Muscat, guests spend their days hiking through ancient villages blissfully absent of any sign of modern life.

alilahotels.com; from \$500. ●



Alma Histórica Boutique Hotel, Montevideo, Uruguay
A much-needed addition to the city, the 15-room 1920s town house is in the center of one of South America's most underrated capitals.

almahistorica.com;
from \$185. ●



Aman Tokyo
Aman's first urban property is an intimate, modernist 84-room aerie floating 38 floors above the city. On a clear day, you can even see Mount Fuji.

amanresorts.com; from \$618. ●



Aro Hā Wellness Resort, New Zealand
Overlooking Lake Wakatipu, on the South Island, this intimate 20-room lodge is all about yoga, meditation, and health food that doesn't taste like it.

aro-ha.com; from \$3,300 for four nights. ●



Bahia Vik José Ignacio, Uruguay
A ten-suite main house and 11 art-filled bungalows sprawl across the dunes of Uruguay's José Ignacio coastline, 12 miles northeast of Punta del Este.

bahivik.com; from \$800. ●



The Beaumont, London
This 73-room Deco-inspired renovation of a 1926 Mayfair building is the brainchild of two veteran restaurateurs, and its Colony Grill serves one of the city's best English breakfasts.

thebeaumont.com;
from \$600. ●



Belle Mont Farm on Kittitian Hill, St. Kitts
Eighty-four guest-houses—each with a wraparound veranda—are spread across a 400-acre organic farm that grows a cornucopia of fruits and vegetables.

bellemontfarm.com;
from \$1,700. ●



The Brando, French Polynesia
On Marlon Brando's private atoll, Tetiaroa—30 miles off Tahiti—it has 35 thatched-roof villas with private plunge pools that alone are worth the flight.

thebrando.com;
from \$2,550 for three nights. ●



Cape Weligama, Sri Lanka
This collection of 40 colonial-style houses on the Indian Ocean, surrounded by tropical gardens, has an on-site dive center for underwater adventures.

capeweligama.com;
from \$815. ●



Casa de Uco Vineyards & Wine Resort, Mendoza, Argentina
The 16-room minimalist resort was designed to blend into the sweeping landscape—a 790-acre vineyard backed by the snowcapped Andes.

casadeuco.com;
from \$400. ●



Casas del XVI, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Sixteenth-century houses have been transformed into this intimate seven-room hotel that feels like the second home of your dreams.

casasdelxvi.com;
from \$340. ●



Chiltern Firehouse, London
This quirky conversion of an 1889 building—one of the first fire stations in London—into a 26-room hotel and restaurant is where the beautiful people hang.

chilternfirehouse.com;
from \$730. ●



The Dean Hotel, Dublin
If you want to be in the middle of the nightlife district, you can't do better than this 52-room modernist hotbed. When you've settled in, head to the Rooftop Bar for the best views in Dublin.

deanhoteldublin.ie;
from \$130. ●



Delano Las Vegas
At the southernmost tip of the Strip, this shimmering 43-story tower with 1,117 suites is a more subdued version of the typical Vegas experience.

delanolasvegas.com;
from \$200. ●



BELLE MONT FARM ON KITTITIAN HILL, ST. KITTS

Go for the Aesthetic . . . This 400-acre sustainable organic farm, the vision of Trinidadian entrepreneur Val Kempadoo, has vast, windswept grassy dunes and chaise longues that telegraph Cape Cod. But Bill Bensley—one of the masters of tropical interior design—created guest rooms that are like a polished version of the Caribbean ideal, with dark hardwood floors, four-poster beds covered in Frette linens, open-air showers, and outdoor claw-foot tubs.

. . . or Go for the Food Belle Mont Farm could rival your local farmers' market—the resort grows 100 varieties of mangoes alone—and guests are encouraged to head into the field to pick fresh lemongrass, cassava, garlic, and breadfruit. The haul you return with will be served alongside your snapper, lobster, or swordfish—caught about an hour before you sit down to eat it.

—John Wogan

Clockwise from top left: A sampling of what's grown at Belle Mont Farm, St. Kitts; slippers laid out at day's end; the lobby veranda overlooks the Caribbean; the Great House pool.

