

It List 2019: Our Editors' Picks of the Best New Hotels in the World

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Every year, *Travel + Leisure's* editors reach out to our network of hospitality professionals, trusted writers, and hotel addicts in search of the finest new (and newly reimagined) properties around the globe. We then log tens of thousands of miles, checking in to dozens of them, from far-flung islands to mountain lodges (and this year, for our 14th annual It List, more than one renovated church).

The resulting list is a collection of the best new hotels in the world. We've registered major openings and long-awaited renovations, of course – but we've also tracked down the under-the-radar stunners that we know you'll love.

Sure, this year sees its fair share of reborn grand dames, but not just in the well-trod cities of Western Europe. In addition to Lutetia, [the Parisian icon](#) that stars on the cover of our March 2019 Hotels Issue, we find old standbys like the Raffles Europejski Warsaw, [once the haunt of Poland's literati](#); the Oberoi, New Delhi, perennial favorite of the city's society set; and Belmond Cap Juluca, the finest property in Anguilla, which [has returned to its pre-hurricane glory](#).

But there are also young guns disrupting our notion of what a hotel ought to be, like Freehand New York, the hostel-like hangout livening up Manhattan, or L'Arlatan, in Arles, France, whose high-style interiors feature museum-worthy art pieces. There are resorts and camps that are as serious about luxury as they are about protecting their natural environments, including Shinta Mani Wild, [a private nature sanctuary](#) in southern Cambodia, and Mombo Camp, in Botswana's Okavango Delta, which runs entirely on solar power. And there are properties that open up places where we've never dreamed of spending the night, like the Retreat at Blue Lagoon [on Iceland's most famous thermal pool](#), Denali National Park's [uber-remote Sheldon Chalet](#), or [eastern India's Taj Exotica Resort & Spa](#), Andamans, which feels like a paradise at the literal ends of the earth.

Of course, that's just a sampling. Read on to discover all 74 properties on the 2019 It List of the best new hotels in the world. Find your next vacation in the slideshow ahead, then share your favorites with us on social media using [#TLItList](#).

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Zuri Zanzibar – Tanzania

Last summer, Tanzania's first Design Hotel, [Zuri Zanzibar](#), debuted on the northwestern tip of Zanzibar's main island, Unguja. Designed by London- and Prague-based architecture firm Jestico + Whiles, the 55 thatched-roof bungalows have warm, earthy décor and private terraces. The garden-like setting – the product of two years of meticulous plant selection and landscaping efforts –

gives each villa a sense of seclusion, but despite the lush vegetation, most still have views of the sea through the jungle. If you need a break from the private white-sand beach (though with snorkeling, scuba diving, and sunset sails in traditional dhows, why would you?), there's an ocean-view infinity pool and the Spice Garden, a mini-park with shaded footpaths, lounge areas, and an outdoor kitchen for cooking classes. *Bungalows from \$345. – Mary Holland*

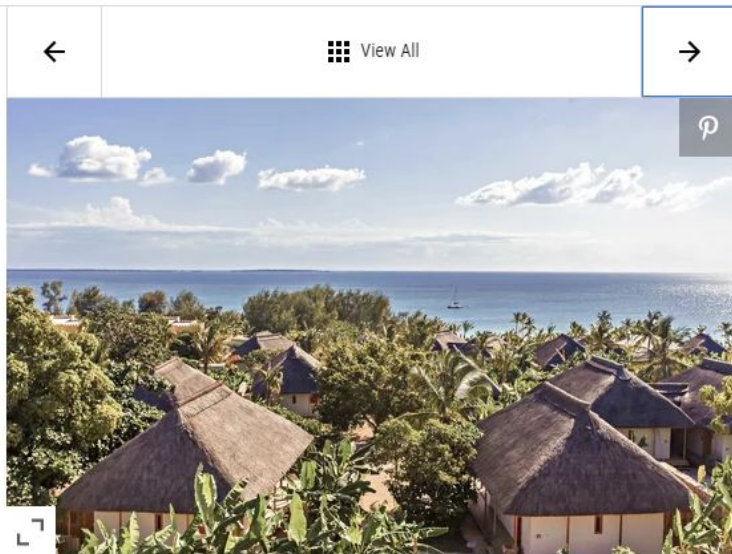


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