



## The Best New Hotels in the World

The bad news? The travel industry is reeling. The good news? Once restrictions are eased, the 65 remarkable hotels and resorts on the pages that follow—and the communities that depend on them—await. Here's to recovery, everyone.

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For the last few months, travel has been but a dream. But the world is slowly starting to come out of lockdown and it's time to start dreaming up some plans. There's no better place to start than with T&C's second annual list of the world's best new hotels.

The 65 hotels and resorts we chose (out of some 140 considered) are arranged geographically below. They include wellness sanctuaries, urban retreats, natural havens, and beach escapes. And remember: While travel is and always has been a luxury and a privilege, it is also an unparalleled form of education and a great force for good. More than 330 million jobs worldwide depend on it, and the revenue travel generates also helps fund countless conservation projects.

Here's to recovery, everyone. The world is waiting.

### Our Criteria

The properties must have opened in the last two years or been completely renovated. They must, in one way or another, be game changers in their destinations. The sorts of places--be they large resorts or four-room retreats--that make us feel starry-eyed: about their location, or their beauty, or their design, or just their *je ne sais quoi*.

### Our Methodology

We culled the winners from our own travel experiences and from the recommendations of a roundtable of the world's top travel specialists, who know the properties well, have personally checked them out or stayed in them, and/or have sent satisfied clients there. (In short, trust us on these recs.)

## Our Specialists

We recommend that you contact these travel specialists for more details and for planning everything from day trips to longer itineraries (where else to go, what to do, where to eat, and so on). They are also invaluable for advising you about where and when you'll actually be able to go in these uncertain times. (Remember that cancellation policies are extremely generous and flexible these days.) [SEARCH OUR LIST](#)

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Feel elevated in the Maldives, muster cattle in Queensland, space out on the South Island.

## Indian Ocean



### Joali Maldives

Dozens of new resorts seem to sprout every year in this archipelago nation, all proffering escapist perfection. But the 73-room Joali, in the Raa Atoll, stands apart with its exceptional attention to design (such as the manta ray-shaped welcome jetty; inspired by Zaha Hadid), the understated beauty of its villas, its star chefs, experienced staff, and works by major artists throughout. For extra privacy: cocoon-style chairs around the main pool.

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### Raffles Maldives Merahhoo

If the Maldives stand for escapism, this resort—in remote Gaafu Alifu Atoll near the equator, with no other islands nearby—is escapism squared. Better yet, it has two “house reefs”—meaning you can dive and snorkel right there, amid a kaleidoscope of fish and green and hawksbill turtles. And while many Maldivian resorts have butlers, here they are especially trained “marine butlers”—your exclusive guides to the underwater world.

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