124 Best New Hotels in the World
(The Hot List 2011)

21 Top Restaurants
40 Sensational Spas

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CARIBBEAN’S Sleeping Beauty
EVERY HOTEL IN THIS LIST won its place the old-fashioned way—by earning it. After scrutinizing nearly a thousand of the hotels that opened worldwide over the past year, we selected a couple hundred of the most promising candidates, then checked into each one—anonymously, of course—trying out the beds, testing the staff, tasting the food. Finally, 124 properties ultimately won us over. Spanning 43 countries and six continents, this year's Hot Hotels are an eclectic group, from tree houses to farmhouses, and they range in size from a three-suite safari camp in South Africa’s leopard-rich Londolozi Private Game Reserve to a glossy 2,995-room tower on the Vegas Strip. The cost per night also runs the gamut—from a mere $75 for a groovy room above a white-hot gastropub in Chicago’s boho Logan Square to $2,040 for a private three-story riad with a rooftop plunge pool and a butler in the heart of Marrakech. Despite the diversity, the hotels share a common standard in their artful blend of high style and a strong sense of place. Now that we’ve completed our white-glove test (and even ferreted out exactly which room to book), all that’s left for you to do is make a reservation.

Wait! There’s more. Look on the following pages for:

THE HOTTIES Those little details that elevate our favorite new hotels from likable . . . to lovable.

THE ONES TO WATCH Another year of reviewing may have wrapped, but the hotels haven’t stopped opening. A number of notable properties debuted just after our press deadline, or are slated to open soon. Our Truth in Travel policy means that we inspect a hotel by staying the night as any traveler would—we do so incognito. As you read this, our editors have already begun a new cycle of reviews, and this year we’re offering a sneak peek at some of the places on the radar. A few may land a spot on next year’s Hot List; others may not make the cut. For our predictions on the next wave of great new hotels, check out our roundup of the Ones to Watch.
ARGENTINA
Algodon Mansion, Buenos Aires
Fiero Hotel, Buenos Aires
Luna-Casa de Montaña, Villa de Largartos

AUSTRALIA
Crown Metropol, Melbourne
The Olsen, Melbourne
Saffire Freycinet, Tasmania

AUSTRIA
Sofitel Vienna Stephansdom, Vienna

BELGIUM
Tenbosch House, Brussels

BRAZIL
Villa Corcovado, Rio de Janeiro

CAMBODIA
Villa Romones, Kep

CANADA
Thompson Toronto, Toronto

CARIBBEAN
Rosalie Bay Resort, Dominica

CHILE
Palafio 1326, Chiloé Island
Le Rîve Boutique Hotel, Santiago

CHINA
Yi House Art Hotel 798, Beijing

CONGO
Conrad Saray Haitang Bay, Hainan Island
Four Seasons Hotel Hangzhou at West Lake, Hangzhou

ENGLAND
The Arch, London
Four Seasons Hotel London at Park Lane, London
The Savoy, London
Coworth Park, Surrey

FRANCE
U Palazzu Sereno, Corsica
Le Strato, Courschevel
Hôtel Thoumieux, Paris

GERMANY
SoHo House, Berlin

GREECE
Kinsterna Hotel and Spa, Monemvasia, Peloponnese
The Romanos, Costa Navarino, Peloponnese
Westin Resort, Costa Navarino, Peloponnese

ISRAEL
The Brown TLV, Tel Aviv

ITALY
Grand Hotel Villa Cora, Florence
Principe Forte dei Marmi, Forte dei Marmi
CastaDiva Resort, Lake Como
Town&House Street, Milan
Borgo Egnazia, Puglia, Itália
The Metropole, Táormina, Sicília
Val di Luce Spa Resort, Abetone, Toscana

JAPAN
Hotel Keio, Kyoto

KENYA
Sollio Lodge, Laikipia

LAOS
Allia, Luang Prabang

LATVIA
Hotel Neiburgs, Riga

LEBANON
Four Seasons Hotel, Beirut

MALDIVES
Constance Moofushi, South Ari Atoll

MEXICO
Banyan Tree Cabo Marqués, Acapulco
Hotel Boca Chica, Acapulco
Las Alcobas, Mexico City
Hotel at Imanta Resort, Punta del Este

MOZAMBIQUE
Roswood San Miguel de Allende, San Miguel de Allende

MOROCCO
Palais Amari, Fez
Le Royal Mansour, Marrakech

NEW ZEALAND
Matakauri Lodge, Queenstown

PERU
Mancora Marina Hotel, Mancora
Tambo del Inka, Urubamba

PORTUGAL
Hotel Areadas do Salto, A dos Cunhados
The Olivas, Cascais
Hotel da Estrela, Lisbon
Hotel Inspira Santa Marta, Lisbon

RUSSIA
Radisson Royal Hotel, Moscow

THAILAND
Siam Kempinski Hotel, Bangkok
Banyan Tree Samui, Koh Samui
W Retreat Koh Samui, Koh Samui

TUNISIA
Dar Si, Nefra

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Armani Hotel, Dubai
One&Only The Palm, Dubai

UNITED STATES
The Redbury, Los Angeles, California

SOUTH AFRICA
The Last Word Sea Five, Cape Town
Babylonstoren, Cape Winelands
Winston Hotel, Johannesburg
Pioneer Camp, Londolozi Private Game Reserve, Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve
Delaire Graff Lodges and Spa, Stellenbosch

SWITZERLAND
The Yeatman, Porto
Hotel Martinhal, Sagres
Vidago Palace, Vidago

TURKEY
Radisson Blu Hotel, Istanbul

UNITED KINGDOM
Four Seasons Hotel, London

UNITED STATES
The Statler, New York

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
Boutique Hotel, St. Thomas

URUGUAY
Playa Vik, José Ignacio
Hotel Faasano Las Piedras, La Barra

VIETNAM
Six Senses Con Dao, Con Dao
Fusion Maia, Danang
Ana Mandara, Hue

MAXIMUM MINIMALISM
Rooms are done-knob-free at Dubai's Armani Hotel.
lobby bar and basement nightclub, 1812, draw crowds on weekends, but hotel guests and condo owners, select locals, and occasional celebs escape to the rooftop lounge for its infinity pool. WHICH ROOM TO BOOK: Northwest-facing rooms on upper floors have great city views—Nos. 713, 813, and 913 are high enough to be unobstructed by other buildings (416-640-7778; thompsonhotels.com; doubles, $405-$467).

C A R I B B E A N

Rosalie Bay Resort, Dominica
📞 767-446-1010; rosaliebay.com; doubles, $185-$450.

GoldenEye, Jamaica
 Hidden in plain sight on the island’s northern coast, GoldenEye has long been a mainstay of Caribbean casual chic. These days, this former estate of Ian Fleming’s has expanded dramatically with the addition of a series of accommodations unfurling between a placid lagoon and the Caribbean Sea, as well as restaurants and a spa. The property’s four original villas (also refurbished) still sit like smaller siblings around Fleming’s three-bedroom house on the lushier side of the resort. This section connects via a footbridge to the 11 beachfront cottages and 6 Lagoon Suites. The accommodations are all painted in soft pastels while still evoking a Jamaican style, with thresholds that are defined with the natural twists of weathered tree limbs and driftwood. Lagoon-facing suites in particular encourage dawdling, as you can move between dips in the water and lounging on the terrace while gazing at the mangroves and the occasional fish popping up. Above the beach is Bizot Bar, the more casual of the resort’s two excellent restaurants, while Gazebo, with its elegant takes on classic resort favorites, overlooks the freshwater and saltwater pools. The Jamaican staff are exceedingly polite and outgoing, always offering their assistance. Mosquito wary guests can close up the shutters and use the AC—at the expense of missing the sweet night air. WHICH ROOM TO BOOK: The Lagoon Suites are serene, with a covered deck and a private sunning platform (876-975-3354; goldeneye.com; doubles, $840-$1,500).

St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort, Puerto Rico
📞 787-809-8000; stregisbahia beach.com; doubles, $819-$1,750.

W Retreat & Spa, Vieques Island, Puerto Rico
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