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**(AND YOU SHOULD TOO).**

**THE WORLD'S 102**

**BEST NEW HOTELS**



# WHAT'S HOT NOW

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# Where TO

NORTH AMERICA

NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN



Habitas Tulum, Mexico



- 11. **Hotel Californian**, Santa Barbara, Calif.
- 12. **Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs Hotel**, Calif.
- 13. **Las Alcobas Napa Valley (Luxury Collection)**, Calif.
- 14. **The Line DC**, Washington, D.C.
- 15. **Made Hotel**, New York, N.Y.
- 16. **Minam River Lodge**, Lostine, Ore.
- 17. **Pendry San Diego**, Calif.
- 18. **Proper Hotel San Francisco**, Calif.
- 19. **Public**, New York, N.Y.
- 20. **The Rossi**, Palm Springs, Calif.
- 21. **Surfrider Malibu**, Calif.
- 22. **Troutbeck**, Armenia, N.Y.
- 23. **Ventana Big Sur, An Alila Resort**, Calif.
- 24. **Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills**, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 25. **The Whitby Hotel**, New York, N.Y.
- 26. **Wm. Mulherin's Sons Hotel**, Philadelphia, Pa.

## CARIBBEAN AND MEXICO

- 27. **Acre**, San José del Cabo, Mexico
- 28. **Bahama House**, Harbour Island, Bahamas
- 29. **Cartesiano**, Puebla, Mexico
- 30. **Chileno Bay Resort & Residences, An Auberge Resort**, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- 31. **The Cove at Atlantis**, Paradise Island, Bahamas
- 32. **Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski La Habana**, Cuba
- 33. **Habitas Tulum**, Mexico
- 34. **Hotel San Cristóbal**, Todos Santos, Mexico
- 35. **Park Hyatt St. Kitts**, St. Kitts and Nevis
- 36. **Rosewood Puebla**, Mexico
- 37. **SLS Baha Mar**, Nassau, Bahamas

## UNITED STATES

- 1. **Hotel Brooklyn Bridge**, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- 2. **Ace Hotel Chicago**, Ill.
- 3. **The Adelphi Hotel**, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
- 4. **Anvil Hotel**, Jackson, Wyo.
- 5. **Austin Motel**, Tex.
- 6. **The DeBruce**, Livingston Manor, N.Y.
- 7. **Detroit Foundation Hotel**, Mich.
- 8. **Four Seasons Hotel at The Surf Club**, Surfside, Fla.
- 9. **Freehand Los Angeles**, Calif.
- 10. **Holiday House Palm Springs**, Calif.

## CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

- 38. **The Emiliano**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 39. **Gladden Private Island**, Belize Barrier Reef, Belize
- 40. **Mahogany Bay Resort & Beach Club, Curio Collection by Hilton**, Ambergris Caye, Belize
- 41. **Palácio Tangará**, São Paulo, Brazil
- 42. **Villa Barranco**, Lima, Peru

# \$55,941

The difference in cost between the most expensive room on the list (the Suite Marie-Antoinette at the Hôtel de Crillon) and the least expensive (\$59 for a shared room at the Freehand Los Angeles).

EUROPE

AFRICA

NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

SOUTH AMERICA

SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

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The number of hours you will travel by car and horseback to reach Oregon's Minam River Lodge from the closest major airport, in Portland.

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

#### WELCOME TO THE FAMILY, BROTHER!

Philadelphia lands its first-ever Hot List spot, with Wm. Mulherin's Sons Hotel.

#### URBAN MIGRATION

Last year, only one-third of the properties on the list were in cities proper; this year, more than half of our faves are in urban areas. We anticipate the pendulum swinging back next year, with a large number of openings planned for Bali and the Caribbean.

**CANVAS IS THE NEW  
CONCRETE**

The glamping (hate the word, dig the concept) trend continues—we had seven luxe-tent spots this year, and half weren't even in Africa.

**ASIA**

**84**

INCHES

Thickness of the fortress walls at India's Alila Fort Bishangarh.

ARABIAN SEA

INDIAN OCEAN

**AUSTRALIA**

**11**

Percentage of properties on this year's Hot List that are in France—the highest its ever been.

# Find THEM

## NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN

### EUROPE

- 43. **7th Room, Treehotel**, Harads, Sweden
- 44. **1898 The Post**, Ghent, Belgium
- 45. **Adare Manor**, County Limerick, Ireland
- 46. **Akelarre**, San Sebastián, Spain
- 47. **Artist Residence Oxfordshire**, England
- 48. **The Bloomsbury**, London, England
- 49. **Bürgenstock Hotels & Resort Lake Lucerne**, Switzerland
- 50. **Casa Flora**, Venice, Italy
- 51. **Castello di Ugento**, Puglia, Italy
- 52. **Château de Fonscolombe**, Le Puy-Ste-Réparate, France
- 53. **Château de Sacy**, France

- 54. **Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square**, England
- 55. **Henrietta Hotel**, London, England
- 56. **Hôtel Bienvenu Paris**, France
- 57. **Hôtel de Bouilhac**, Montignac, France
- 58. **Hôtel de Crillon**, Paris, France
- 59. **Hotel De' Ricci**, Rome, Italy
- 60. **Hotel Eden**, Rome, Italy
- 61. **Hôtel Les Roches Rouges**, St-Raphaël, France
- 62. **Hotel Lungarno**, Florence, Italy
- 63. **Hôtel National des Arts et Métiers**, Paris, France
- 64. **Hôtel Parister**, Paris, France
- 65. **La Divine Comédie**, Avignon, France
- 66. **The Ned**, London, England
- 67. **Nobu Hotel Shoreditch**, London, England
- 68. **Ottantotto Firenze**, Florence, Italy
- 69. **The Pilgrim**, London, England
- 70. **The Rectory Hotel**, Wiltshire, England
- 71. **Sanders**, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 72. **Santa Clara 1728**, Lisbon, Portugal
- 73. **Terminal Neige—Refuge du Montnvers**, Chamonix, France
- 74. **Verride Palácio de Santa Catarina**, Lisbon, Portugal
- 75. **Villa Maïa**, Lyon, France
- 76. **Vipp Loft**, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 77. **Wanås Restaurant Hotel**, Knislinge, Sweden

### AFRICA

- 78. **Asilia Jabali Ridge**, Ruaha National Park, Tanzania
- 79. **Berber Lodge**, Oummass, Morocco
- 80. **Bisate Lodge**, Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda
- 81. **Duba Plains Camp**, Okavango Delta, Botswana
- 82. **King Lewanika Lodge**, Liuwa National Park, Zambia
- 83. **Miavana**, Nosy Anko, Madagascar
- 84. **One&Only Nyungwe House**, Gisakura, Rwanda
- 85. **Qorokwe Camp**, Qorokwe Concession, Botswana
- 86. **The Silo Hotel**, Cape Town, South Africa

### ASIA

- 87. **Alila Fort Bishangarh**, Rajasthan, India
- 88. **Alila Yangshuo**, Guilin, China
- 89. **Bawah Island**, Riau Islands, Indonesia
- 90. **Cempedak Island**, Riau Islands, Indonesia
- 91. **Hoshinoya Bali**, Indonesia
- 92. **Le Méridien Seoul**, South Korea
- 93. **The Oberoi Sukhvilas Resort & Spa**, New Chandigarh, India
- 94. **Park Hyatt Bangkok**, Thailand
- 95. **The Peninsula Beijing**, China
- 96. **Rosewood Phuket**, Thailand
- 97. **Trunk Hotel**, Tokyo, Japan
- 98. **The Warehouse Hotel**, Singapore
- 99. **Wild Coast Tented Lodge**, Yala, Sri Lanka



Henrietta Hotel, London, England

### AUSTRALIA, SOUTH PACIFIC

- 100. **Conrad Bora Bora Nui**, French Polynesia
- 101. **Jackalope**, Mornington Peninsula, Australia
- 102. **Kokomo Private Island Resort**, Yaukuve Levu Island, Fiji

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THE  
HOTTEST  
Hotels  
RIGHT  
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HOT LIST

The term *hot* is not something we throw around lightly at *Condé Nast Traveler*. Every year, we vet hundreds of new hotels that swing open their doors promising all sorts of industry catnip: raw-silk Italian sheets, customized Ayurvedic dining, views of some blindingly cerulean bay that no human has ever woken up to before. Most of these openings are good. Many of them, great. But only a fraction are what we'd deem hot. To determine this, we've cultivated an army of the most discerning hotel sleuths—*Traveler* staff as well as a network of trusted contributors across six continents that we call on year-round—to make sure that nary a perfectly mixed lobby bar old-fashioned nor unfluffed swan-down pillow goes undocumented. We arm our scouts with a survey that's been developed and refined over the past 22 years, with questions that get at the practical (Is the Wi-Fi signal strong enough to download a movie? What's the must-order on the room service menu?) and the emotional, or even sociological (How does the hotel make you feel? Is there a lobby vibe? What celeb can you imagine hanging out at the pool?). We then cull close to a thousand pages of hotel dossiers to come up with our final list. This year, 102 properties, fewer than 25 percent of the hotels we *CSI*-ed, made the cut; keep reading to find out why we think they're extraordinary.



## LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE LITTLE GUY

If 2017 taught us anything, it's that size really doesn't matter when it comes to hotels. A number of last year's most beautifully done properties clocked in at under 10 rooms, joining a growing genre that blends the service and infrastructure of a big hotel with the intimacy of a homestay.

### **7th Room, Treehotel, Harads, Sweden**

Norwegian powerhouse design firm Snøhetta created this futuristic tree house—with huge skylights for viewing the Northern Lights—33 feet up a Lapland pine.

### **Casa Flora, Venice**

Twenty Italian artisans turned a three-bedroom apartment into a sun-flooded modern retreat in San Marco.

### **Ottantotto Firenze, Florence**

Architect Fabrizia Scassellati used terracotta tiles and floral wallpapers in seven cozy rooms along the Arno.

### **Santa Clara 1728, Lisbon**

Design geeks will fall hard for the open-plan bathrooms, limestone staircase, and gray-blue walls in this six-suite 18th-century villa (left).

### **Wm. Mulherin's Sons Hotel, Philadelphia**

These four rooms with exposed brick walls and cacti above Philly's famed restaurant of the same name may be the coolest spot to sleep on the East Coast right now.

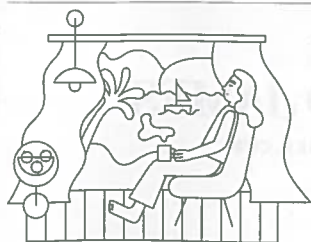
LONDON MAKES A

## Comeback



It still puzzles us how London failed to make an appearance on last year's Hot List. This year, the city came back with a vengeance, with more openings than any other on our list. The City of London, the once snoozy financial area, landed solidly on the hotel circuit with two major openings: Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square, a landmarked Beaux Arts beauty; and, from the hotelier dream team Andrew Zoller and Nick Jones, The Ned (left), which immediately became the hottest place for brunch or a pre-dinner drink, even for those not booked into one of its 250 1920s-style rooms. Just north, Nobu, whose minimalist rooms have Japanese tea sets and wooden-slatted windows, offers late-night bento boxes. The boutique-hotel game hit Covent Garden with Henrietta, where the Ollie Dabbous restaurant may be the biggest draw. Finally, the cheap, cheerful Pilgrim, with its cobalt-blue tiles and raw-wood walls, has officially ushered a design-hotel scene to the formerly humdrum Paddington.

## SPOTLIGHT



**The Emiliano's modern sophistication—a glass-walled rooftop pool, Burle Marx panels, white-on-white rooms washed with sunlight, and lots of vertical gardens—complements the perennial grandeur of Rio's Belmond Copacabana Palace at the other end of the shore.**