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The Best New (and Renovated) Luxury Hotels to Book Now

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Looking to kick 2018 off with a luxurious getaway, but don't know where to start?

The global network of writers and researchers behind the invitation-only [Luxury Travel Intelligence](#) service scout out the top travel experiences for their members every day, but once a year they share that intel with the rest of us.

Their list of the best new luxury hotels that opened or reopened in 2017 includes entries from all over the world. We're listing them in order, saving the best for last.



The Whitby: New York City

Located two blocks from Central Park in upper Midtown Manhattan, The Whitby offers 86 individually designed bedrooms and suites, many with private terraces, floor-to-ceiling windows, and stunning city views. The top floor Whitby Suite, decorated in the hotel's contemporary English style, includes two master bedrooms and two furnished terraces. Guests will enjoy relaxing in the hotel's Drawing Room, with its elegant fireplace, library collection, original art, and honesty bar. *18 W. 56th St.*; firmdalehotels.com.



The Silo: Cape Town, South Africa

Housed in a former grain silo complex dating back to 1924 and situated above the new Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa, The Silo overlooks the popular Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Colorful custom furniture and original art decorate the 28 individually designed rooms and the one-bedroom penthouse. The Silo Rooftop offers 360-degree views, a pool, bar, and restaurant. Focused on the art and culture of Cape Town, the hotel has its own gallery in addition to its ideal location above the museum. *Silo Square, V & A Waterfront*; theroyalportfolio.com.



Palácio Tangará: São Paulo, Brazil

This impressive urban resort has 141 guestrooms, including 59 suites, all with views of beautiful Burle Marx Park. World-renowned chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten oversees the restaurants, including the elegant Tangará Jean-Georges, an all-day lounge, pool bar, wine cellar, and cocktail bar. The facility includes a fitness center and Sisley spa as well as indoor and outdoor swimming pools. *R. Dep. Laércio Corte, 1501; oetkercollection.com.*



Jackalope: Victoria, Australia

An hour from Melbourne amid pristine vineyards in the renowned Mornington Peninsula wine region, this new hotel offers 46 designer “dens,” many with vineyard views, floor-to-ceiling windows, and private terraces. Guests can luxuriate around the infinity pool with all-day dining and poolside spa treatments. Two restaurants offer seasonal, locally grown ingredients in lavish surroundings, and Flaggerdoot, the hotel’s cocktail lounge, is set in the estate’s original 1876 manor house. *166 Balnarring Rd.; jackalopehotels.com.*



Four Seasons Hotel at the Surf Club: Miami, Florida

Old Miami glamour and contemporary luxury combine in this nine-acre, resort-style property. With 77 stylish rooms and 28 residences, the hotel is classic Four Seasons. Guests can enjoy oceanfront dining, luxury cabanas, a full-service spa, and lawns for yoga or meditation. The hotel is home to Le Sirenuse, the first outpost of the famed Amalfi Coast restaurant and Le Sirenuse Champagne Bar with the largest champagne selection in Miami. *9101 Collins Ave., Surfside, FL; fourseasons.com.*



Kokomo Private Island, Fiji

This exclusive resort has 21 spacious beachside villas, all with private infinity pools, tropical gardens, and white sand beaches. Four luxury hilltop residences offer spectacular views of the lagoon. From a seaplane arrival to island excursions with chef Daniel Johnson's picnic lunches to water sports and an inviting spa, this resort has something for everyone, including a special Kaji (kids) Club. *Yaukuve Levu Island; kokomoislandfiji.com.*



Hotel Eden: Rome, Italy

The hotel's extensive 18-month renovation added space and elegant décor, natural light, the latest technology, and luxurious marble baths. An ideal location near the Villa Borghese and Spanish Steps, along with lavishly furnished rooms, suites, and lobby, make this Dorchester Collection Hotel the top choice in Rome. Their rooftop restaurant, La Terrazza, offers spectacular views and the creative Mediterranean cuisine of chef Fabio Ciervo. *Via Ludovisi, 49; dorchestercollection.com.*



Nobu Ryokan: Malibu, California

With just 16 rooms, 11 with ocean views and terraces, this sophisticated, Asian-inspired property offers the ultimate in privacy and relaxation. Minimalist style, teak soaking tubs, indoor and outdoor fireplaces, and its location on exclusive Carbon Beach add to the serene atmosphere. Guests have access to nearby Nobu Malibu, the popular Japanese-fusion eatery. *22752 Pacific Coast Hwy.; noburyokanmalibu.com.*



Burgenstock Hotel: Lucerne, Switzerland

After nine years of planning and construction, the Burgenstock Resort, perched 2,800 feet above Lake Lucerne, opened in August. The contemporary Burgenstock Hotel (one of four at the resort) has 102 rooms and suites, blending modern architecture with traditional elements, luxurious furnishings, and views of the lake. The Alpine Spa includes one indoor and two outdoor pools. Guests may arrive via the famous Burgenstock funicular railway. *Bürgenstock, 6363; buergenstock.ch.*



Chablé Resort & Spa: Yucatan, Mexico

Thirty-eight spacious casitas and two expansive villas are situated in lush gardens on the resort's 750 acres of private grounds. Three restaurants, led by acclaimed chef Jorge Vallejo, serve organic, seasonal cuisine mostly sourced from the on-site traditional Mayan gardens. The world-class holistic spa is built around a *cenote* (natural swimming hole) which serves as an extension of the spa. The resort boasts the world's largest tequila collection. *Tablaje 642, San Antonio Chablé; chableresort.com.*



Hotel de Crillon: Paris, France

After an extensive four-year renovation of this historic landmark, the hotel offers 124 exceptional rooms and suites, a perfect location near the Champs-Élysées, and an opulent spa. The sixth floor Bernstein suite boasts a view of the Eiffel Tower and Grand Palais. The Karl Lagerfeld-designed Les Grands Appartements on the fourth floor are the ultimate in luxury with marble floors, antique furnishings, and many other extravagant details. *10 Place de la Concorde; rosewoodhotels.com.*



Villa La Coste: Provence, France

This unique property has 28 spacious contemporary villas constructed of natural materials from the region. All have private terraces and views of the Luberon Valley; ten of the villas have private pools. Situated on 600 acres of woodland, vineyards, and olive groves, with an array of art and sculpture, the resort offers indoor and outdoor dining with three restaurants directed by Gerald Passadat. *2750 Route de la Cride; villalacoste.com.*



The Ned: London, England

Set in a former bank in the heart of the city, this 252-bedroom property opens to a vast lobby with 92 African verdite columns, restored walnut banking counters, and eight restaurants and bars. Hotel guests have exclusive access to Ned's Club, with its own late-night bar, gym, spa, and an expansive rooftop with a pool area, restaurant, bar, and 360-degree London views. *27 Poultry*; thened.com.



The Bulgari: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Luxury Travel Intelligence chose this resort, just opened in early December, as the best new luxury hotel for 2017. The exclusive Mediterranean-style property on manmade Jumeira Bay is an island carved into the shape of a seahorse. The resort includes 173 sea-facing apartments, 15 private mansions, and Bulgari's first-ever marina and yacht club with 50-berths. La Spiaggia beach club with a private beach and swimming pool, and the Bulgari Spa with an indoor pool, fitness center, beauty salon, and barbershop are just a few of the amenities. Niko Romito's Il Ristorante echoes the elegant design of the original at the Bulgari Hotel Milano. LTI has advised members to book one of the Beach Villas. *Jumeira Bay Island*; bulgarihotels.com.

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