



The Best New Hotels in the World: 2020 Hot List

76 PHOTOS

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For the 24th edition of the Hot List—our picks of the year's top hotel and cruise openings—these 76 winners represent the absolute best of the best.



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When our team of editors and contributors set off for a year of hopscotching the globe to put together *Conde Nast Traveler's 2020 Hot List*, we could never have imagined that by the time we were able to announce our winners, we would be staying home for the foreseeable future. In 24 years of putting together this compendium of the latest and greatest industry openings, we've never published it in a year like this. Many on this list have had to, at least temporarily, close their newly opened doors. Even still, we are proud to unveil this selection of 76 hotels, whittled down from over 400 prospects. Found throughout 34 countries and territories, in some of the world's busiest cities, dreamiest islands, and emptiest deserts, from established hotel brands as well as first-time, indie hoteliers, these are the absolute best of the best; the game-changing, boundary-pushing, and vacation-making openings to get you dreaming.

We know that right now you're probably wondering when you'll be able to take your next trip. When you do, we encourage you to use these exceptional openings and launches as your guide. We have a feeling that, when the time comes and it's safe to travel, we're all really going to need these hotels and cruises, and they're going to need us, too. It will be worth the wait.

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Costa Rica packs a punch of nature for its small size. Tropical rainforests, blue zones: this is one of the world's most biodiverse countries. But it's also the land of fire, with more than 100 volcanoes. Perhaps the most recognizable is the perfect cone of the Arenal. And the sight of its smoking tip as the dawn light spreads across the jungles below is one of those standout travel moments. Access to this mesmerizing lookout is a big reason why this, the newest of Nayara's trio of retreats, is the star of the set. Older siblings **Nayara Springs** and **Nayara Gardens** are also in the shadow of the volcano. But as they are at the bottom of the valley, that peak is never clearly in focus—and the near-guarantee of clouds due to the humid conditions doesn't help the chances. Nayara Tented Camp, however, has taken over the sloping hillsides that lead up from the rainforest and planted 21 bells-and-whistles canvas rooms among the trees. A steaming flask of excellent locally produced coffee is delivered tent-side every morning for early risers heading out to spot sloths and armadillos (if there are none on the hike, ask to see Tony, Nayara's unofficial three-toed mascot, who's usually hanging upside down by the reception). These walks aren't too strenuous, but a splash-about in the tiers of natural hot springs feels fantastic straight afterwards. And the same waters feed into the private outdoor pools of each room, for rest-of-the-day soaking with a soundtrack of tree frogs and a backdrop of those glorious views. —*Erin Florio*

Insider Tip: The on-site coffee school is a clever way to pass a rainy day, with classes on roasting and tastings of local beans. *Doubles from about \$1,175*

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