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These are the best hotel openings in the region from the past year, according to our editors

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It's a thankless job: spending a whirlwind 24 hours at a highly anticipated hotel the day before it opens; securing hard-to-get reservations and forging through 12-course tasting menus; sailing to every end of the world and back. But hey, someone's gotta do it. And those lucky someones are our global editors and contributors who've tirelessly lived their travel lives to the fullest for the past 12 months to create the 30th edition of the Hot List, our meticulously crafted annual compendium of the world's best new (and newly reborn) hotels, restaurants, and cruises. This year's list covers the latest and greatest, including a [New York](#) icon back after an eight-year renovation, the properties redefining [wellness](#), tiny but mighty dining rooms punching above their weight, and ships reacquainting us with beloved [Caribbean islands](#).

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## UXUA Maré, Trancoso, Brazil

Since 2009 former Diesel creative director Wilbert Das and environmental activist Bob Shevlin, of Bahia's cult stay Uxua Casa Hotel & Spa, have been at the forefront of sustainable, culturally empowering design. Last July the ingenious hoteliers upped the ante of their upcycled craft ethos with Uxua Maré, a model...

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## Tinajani, Peru

Arriving at Tinajani comes with a sense of intrepid accomplishment and some head-spinning altitude—it's located at 12,900 feet above sea level in the Peruvian Andes. The drive from Juliaca Airport takes you across vast mountain plains and past herds of llamas, through weather-beaten villages and along dusty...

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## Inkaterra Cabo Blanco, Peru

This stretch of Peru's northern coastline feels remote, untouched, virgin – almost unbelievably so. That's because it is: The new **Inkaterra** Cabo Blanco sits on the same unmarred beach that was once home to the Cabo Blanco Fishing Club, a glamorous hub for sport fishermen in the 1950s and '60s where everyone

and blends into the desert landscape, allowing the vivid blues of the Pacific to pull your focus seaward. The days can be as active or as idle as you please: Surf swells right in front of the hotel, though the swath of sea visible from every room and the panoramic infinity pool are worthy playgrounds for windsurfers, fishers, and wildlife observers alike. Take a sunset cruise on *Miss Texas*, a fishing boat that Mr Hemingway himself sailed on, or slink into your private plunge pool with a cold pisco sour and watch the night stars twinkle overhead. An artisanal fishing excursion, guided by fishermen from the nearby seaside village of Cabo Blanco, honours a long legacy of sustenance fishing in these parts and aptly ends with your own catch served for lunch. As with every **Inkaterra** (the Peruvian brand has properties in the Amazon and Cusco regions as well), there's an eco-mindedness rooted in every stay and a sense that you are treading lightly, allowing nature to shine. *From £170. Megan Spurrell*

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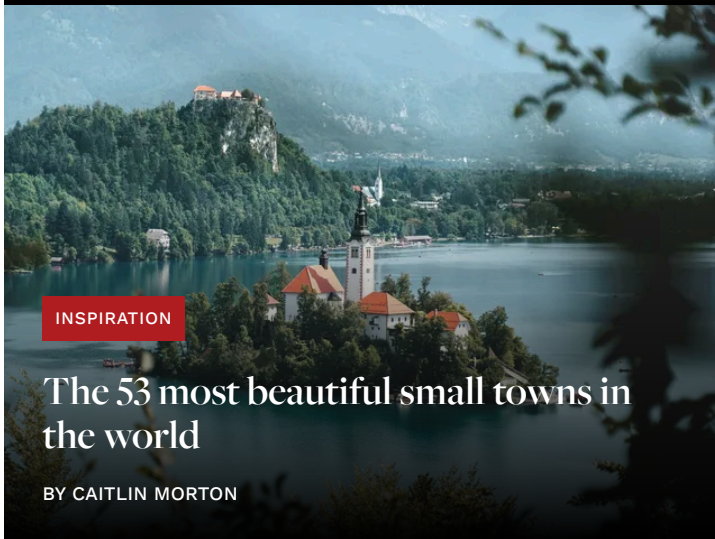
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