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The travel mag's annual Hot List spotlights the best new openings in the world of hospitality, from the snow-capped peaks of Montana to the sun-bleached shores of Crete



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On the 30th edition, you'll find everything from remote wilderness lodges to reimagined heritage palaces (and, it goes without saying, the most impeccable service you'll ever get). From the snow-capped peaks of Montana to the sun-bleached shores of Crete, here are some of our picks from *CN Traveller's* Hot List 2026.

## Europe

### Tella Thera – Crete, Greece

Cycladic charm meets breezy, barefoot luxury at this serene newcomer in [Crete](#). Tella Thera blends into its rugged surroundings with earthy textures, whitewashed walls and panoramic views of the Aegean Sea. Designed by the firm Pieris – who really took advantage of Greece's stunning lighting via vast skylights and windows – Tella's modern yet minimalist form will not disappoint. Rooms start at €347 per night.

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### A Mandria di Murtoli – Corsica, France

In [France](#), Corsica's wild beauty takes centre stage at A Mandria di Murtoli, all rustic-luxe villas and farm-to-table dining. Set on a vast private estate with 10 rooms and suites, A Mandria was made for groups, with an elongated pool and outdoor bar surrounded by shaded lounges. Better yet, the lush glory of Corsica's Regional Natural Park is right on the doorstep. Rooms start at €325 per night.

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### Castel Badia – Dolomites, Italy

High in the Dolomites, this historic castle has been transformed into a jaw-dropping retreat. Think Gothic details and the most modern amenities complemented by dramatic views of [Italy's](#) jagged peaks that turn white

with snow in the winter season. Honestly, just being in this landscape alone is worth the booking. And as if the sights weren't enough, Castel Badia also features a private garden, swimming pool, a three-story chalet, and a basement spa with frescoed relaxation rooms that overlook the mountains. Sold. Rooms start at €587 per night.

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## Asia, Australia and New Zealand

### The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace, Khajuraho – India

A regal addition to [India's](#) luxury scene, this meticulously restored palace peaks out of the thick, lush forests of the Maniyagarh Hills. Dripping in neutral-toned opulence with ornate courtyards, intricate frescoes and the kind of service that knows what you want even before you want it, The Oberoi and its 65 glorious rooms could be the setting of the next Wes Anderson film. Rooms start at €428 per night.

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### Roki Collection – Queenstown, New Zealand

New Zealand's adventure capital, [Queenstown](#), just got a stylish new hub in the Roki Collection, a hotel that pairs sleek architecture with immersive experiences like heli-hiking, lake cruising or simply soaking in those cinematic landscapes we've longed to see since watching *Lord of the Rings*. Perfectly poised on the edge of Lake Wakatipu and near the city centre, Roki looks like a pretty sweet set-up for trips to Queensland. Rooms start at €1400 per night.

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### Kimpton Tsim Sha Tsui – Hong Kong

This 50-story stunner is shaped like a giant V to maximise views, and bold interiors, buzzing social spaces and skyline views that dazzle at any hour bring it all together to create [Hong Kong's](#) newest, most upscale stay. Oh, and do book a table at Jija, the property's restaurant headed by top chef Vicky Lau, for some incredible dishes from southwest China. Rooms start at €340 per night.

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## Africa and the Middle East

### Rosewood Doha – Doha, Qatar

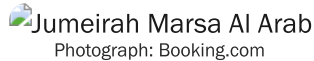
Rising from the shorelines of Lusail City, housed in twin coral-inspired towers on the marina, Rosewood Doha is certainly a stunner, with design that draws deeply on Qatari heritage. We're talking intricate latticework, sea-glass hues and subtle nods to the local dhow boats. On the property, you'll find 155 rooms and suites, 162 serviced apartments and 276 residences, and some incredible restaurants like the Koo Madame, which focuses on Chinese flavours, and The Butterfly Room, filled with patisserie that could be mistaken for jewels, and a relaxing afternoon tea. Rooms start at €281 per night.

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## Jumeirah Marsa Al Arab – Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Shaped like a superyacht, this place screams Dubai. Inside you'll find light-filled rooms and suites, each with private terraces and views of the Gulf. Spend the day at one of the four pools, the hotel's private beach or its 82-berth marina, while evenings are enjoyed at one of the many global restaurants. Rooms start at €513 per night.

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## Laba Grumeti Art Lodge – Grumeti, Tanzania

'Put simply: there is art everywhere.' So says CNT about this tasteful lodge in the heart of the western Serengeti. Laba Grumeti Art Lodge offers a pretty unbeatable combination: an art gallery you can stay in, right in the heart of Africa's greatest safari destination. We could spend a very long time in that curvaceous infinity pool, that's for sure. Rooms start at €732 per night.

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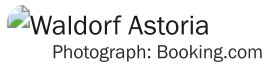
## The Americas

### Waldorf Astoria New York – New York City, USA

Few hotel reopenings have caused a stir as much as the [return of the Waldorf Astoria in New York City](#), and after an eight-year, multibillion-dollar transformation, it more than earns its place on this list. The grande dame of Park Avenue and dream hotel of nostalgic *Gossip Girl* fans, it's been meticulously restored with a sleeker, more contemporary look, while polishing its classic Art Deco features. Rooms are fewer, but more spacious, service is smart, sharp and speedy, and its facade remains utterly timeless. Rooms start at €1200 per night.

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## Inkaterra Cabo Blanco – Piura, Peru

Right where the ocean and desert meet, this [Peruvian](#) paradise is all about showcasing raw, elemental beauty by the sea. Expect dramatic coastal views, thoughtful conservation efforts and a sense of serene seclusion. There's a stunning infinity pool, an outdoor bath, open-air lounges and suites with beds that face the rolling waves. Rooms start at €220 per night.

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## One&Only Moonlight Basin – Big Sky, Montana, USA

Outdoor jacuzzis, indoor swimming pools, terraces with firepits and a fitness centre with views of [Montana's](#) Madison Range – Big Sky certainly goes big on luxury with this alpine resort. If you're looking to fawn over the vastness of US landscapes, this is the place. Winter welcomes powder-perfect skiing conditions while summer brings wildflower trails and adventurous cycling. Rooms start at €1100 per night.

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