

41 Best New Hotels in North America, Europe, and Beyond 2024

From Hawaii's most stunning new resort to a party palace in San Diego here are the places that make travel magic happen.

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A truly great hotel can't be measured solely by the fancy soap in the marble bath, the plushness of the bed, or the quality of the chocolate provided with turndown service. We all love these little touches of luxury, of course. But they've become standardized—a way of offering the predictability that many travelers crave. Forgive us, but that's not a very exciting way to explore the world. The most memorable travel experiences are the ones we didn't expect and can't replicate anywhere else.



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Boston, Emerson's "happy town beside the sea," is perhaps most charming from a distance. It's all skyline and pleasant reverie from the three-story lobby of the new Raffles, the hotel brand's first foray into America. It occupies the middle nine floors of a thirty-five-story tower, with the lobby starting on the seventeenth. Hotels-as-aeries can be vaguely dystopian, but here peace reigns. Each of the 147 rooms, inspired by Boston brownstones but groovier, are compact cocoons of luxury. George Mendes, the tremendously talented Portuguese-American chef, runs Amar, a soaring fine-dining restaurant devoted to the sea: ember-grilled carabineros, arroz de mariscos, cute pineapples flown in from the Azores. A hidden-ish speakeasy called the Blind Duck serves the Back Bay's [best cocktails](#). It's enough to make you feel like a Brahmin, peering down at the cobblestones and the ant-like Bostonians far below. **Rooms from \$1,095** —*J.D.S.*