

# LUXURY'S HOT NEW ADDRESSES

Redefine your travel experience at 12 of the finest new hotels being unveiled this year

From opulent palace hotels to upscale beachside retreats and secluded safari camps to buzzing properties in the world's most iconic cities, new outposts of luxury are all set to push the limits of indulgence. Whether it's urban rejuvenation in New York, London or Kyoto, a mission to sight the tiger in the jungles of Madhya Pradesh, or just a lazy sprawl in Mykonos, Spice curates a list of the most anticipated openings in 2025.

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## **Waldorf Astoria New York, USA**

With the room count slashed from 1400 to 375, expect each one to be bigger and more opulent at this historic art deco hotel on New York's swanky Park Avenue that is reopening after a multi-million-dollar, eight-year long renovation. Even in its new avatar, the city's grande dame that has hosted famous personalities such as Winston Churchill, Elizabeth Taylor, Charlie Chaplin and Queen Elizabeth II, will retain its iconic artifacts including the original Cole Porter piano and the gorgeous lobby clock, commissioned by Queen Victoria for the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. There's a 30,000-square-foot spa with a gym and an outdoor lounge terrace. Spread over two floors, the signature restaurant, Lex Yard, will be helmed by Chef Michael Anthony. The legendary Peacock Alley bar will return as a swanky new lounge and bar area.

Opening in March/April  
[www.hilton.com/en/hotels/nycwawa-waldorf-astoria-new-york/](http://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/nycwawa-waldorf-astoria-new-york/)

## **The Oberoi Vindhyavilas Wildlife Resort, Bandhavgarh, Madhya Pradesh**

Be up and close to wildlife in the lap of luxury, sip your morning cuppa to the tune of birdsong in a private garden or dine under the stars on your own outdoor deck at this sprawling 20-acre resort of The Oberoi group. It lies within the fringe zone of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, with each of its 21 luxury tents equipped with their own secluded patch of green. The two villas at the property will have a private pool. When the safaris are done, spend time at the infinity pool or the lake at the resort. Besides an open air restaurant, enjoy an exclusive meal at Bush Dining, which has a live grill and a seating capacity of just 12.

Opening in January  
[www.oberoihotels.com](http://www.oberoihotels.com)







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**Jumeirah Marsa Al Arab, Dubai, UAE**

Designed to look like a superyacht, this latest entrant will add yet another cutting-edge architectural showpiece to Dubai's skyline. Opening with 386 rooms and suites and 82 residences, it is located on a private beach close to Jumeirah Burj Al Arab. Five pools set amid lush landscaping, 11 restaurants

and four bars will redefine the pleasure of leisure. At the 3,500 square metre spa that spreads over three floors, each of the 13 treatment suites has a private terrace with expansive views of the sea.

**Opening in March**  
<https://www.jumeirah.com/en/stay/dubai/discover-jumeirah-marsa-al-arab>

**The Vineta Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida, USA**

The blue sea, lively beaches and designer shopping – nothing screams a luxury beach holiday more than Florida's Palm Beach. No wonder the Oetker Collection group chose to open their first hotel in the country here. Formerly the Chesterfield hotel, The Vineta hotel's pale pink facade will lead into 41 bright and airy rooms. The signature restaurant Coco's will offer a few dishes from the restaurants at Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc in Antibes. Dine outdoors at the gorgeous courtyard with espaliered flowers and palm trees or indulge in lazy lunches and afternoon drinks at the poolside cafe.

**Opening in March/April**  
[www.oetkercollection.com/hotels/the-vineta-hotel/](http://www.oetkercollection.com/hotels/the-vineta-hotel/)



**Jim Corbett Marriott Resort & Spa, Uttarakhand**

If location is everything, this property fits the bill. Overlooking either the Kosi River or the Jim Corbett National Park, each of the 99 rooms and suites at this resort comes with a gorgeous view. When the safari is done, go for a swim, get a spa massage, play at the gaming arcade or try your hand at the golf simulator. The four restaurants and bars here include the Malani Grill, a specialty restaurant with cuisine inspired by the five elements of nature.

**Opening between April-June**  
[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)



**Rosewood Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

Housed in a building with a storied past – the former Palace of Justice – the first Rosewood hotel of The Netherlands aims to be the crown jewel among the city's stay options. Originally constructed in the mid 17th century, this architectural marvel was Amsterdam's main courthouse for more than 175 years, so stepping into a lounge library where legal books double up as art pieces, photographs and artifacts will be no surprise. Overlooking the Prince's Canal, one of the city's most scenic waterways, the hotel will have 133 rooms and three restaurants including one serving Indian cuisine. The spa offers ayurvedic treatments; there are three landscaped courtyards and an indoor pool.

**Opening in March/April**  
[www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/amsterdam](http://www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/amsterdam)



**The Oberoi Rajgarh Palace, Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh**

Step back in time at this erstwhile palace, originally constructed by Maharaja Hinu Pat Shah of the Bundela Dynasty in the late 1800s. Perched atop Managad Hills near Chandranagar, the hotel's 66 lavish rooms are both within the palace and in clusters in the massive grounds that sprawl over 70 acres of lush greenery. Reaching the spa will be a unusual experience – it is accessed via a boat ride on the lake that lies within the property. The restaurants—the lakeside fine dining one and a palace restaurant have lovely views. Get your fix of history and adventure at the famed Khajuraho temples and Panna National Park, which lie close.

**Opening in March**  
[www.oberoihotels.com](http://www.oberoihotels.com)



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**Udaipur Marriott Hotel, Rajasthan**

The city of lakes is adding one more jewel to its crown of lakeside hotels. Located on the picturesque Fateh Sagar Lake, the hotel's 226 opulent rooms and suites will overlook either the blue waters or the mountains. The property's highlight – a grand staircase, adorned with floor-to-ceiling windows—will be the perfect frame for Instagram. The all-day dining restaurant named The Great Room will be the focal point for dining while a rooftop grill and bar will be perfect for summer evenings. It will also have a rooftop pool and spa.

Opening between January-March  
[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

**Six Senses London, United Kingdom**

A former art deco emporium in the British capital will be home to the country's first Six Senses hotel. Located at The Whiteley, an iconic London landmark, it will have 109 rooms and suites and 14 residences. The London property will be the group's first hotel to introduce Six Senses Place, a private members club with a bar, lounge, restaurant, co-working spaces, wellness rooms and more. Located not too far from Hyde Park, the hotel has a cosy lobby bar and lounge, an all-day dining restaurant with both indoor and outdoor seating.

Opening in March/April  
<https://www.sixsenses.com/en/new-openings/london/>



**Four Seasons Resort  
Mykonos, Greece**

White structures, whitewashed courtyards, traditional pathways and picturesque piazzas will define this Four Seasons property that is opening along one of the biggest beaches in this gorgeous seaside Greek town known for soaring cliffs, clear blue water and sandy stretches. Located along the coast of Kalo Livadi Bay, the resort's 94 rooms, villas and suites will have panoramic views of the sea. An al fresco pool-side Italian restaurant, a modern interpretation of a typical Greek cafe and a beachside eatery will take care of hunger pangs while boating and water sports offered by the hotel will add zest to the fun beach experience.

Opening between June to August  
<https://www.fourseasons.com/>



**Capella Kyoto, Japan**

Zen gardens, Japanese artwork and heritage touches everywhere—say hello to the first Capella hotel in Japan, nestled in the historic Miyagawa-chō district of Kyoto. The central point of this four-storey, 92 room property will be an inner courtyard with a shallow pond that plugs you into its calm ambience. The main restaurant is conceptualised as a modern brasserie but if you prefer to go local, there is a Japanese speciality restaurant with a sunken garden and an omakase-style restaurant.

Opening between October to December  
<https://capellahotels.com/en/capella-kyoto>



**Aman Nai Lert Bangkok, Thailand**

The tropical gardens of Bangkok's Nai Lert Park will be the backdrop for the group's first hotel in Thailand's capital. In a city that buzzes at all times, the 52-suite hotel on Wireless Road will provide a quieter stay option. The property will include 39 residences. When it comes to dining, there's going to be an Omakase restaurant, a Teppanyaki place and a stylish Jazz bar. Those familiar with the brand can indulge in the extensive range of signature massages and therapies that the Aman Spa and Wellness centres are famed for.

Opening between January to March  
[www.aman.com/hotels/aman-nai-lert-bangkok](http://www.aman.com/hotels/aman-nai-lert-bangkok)