

## The 25 best hotels to stay at this year

From a new Raffles at the Old War Office in London to the rebirth of a timeless Capri icon, these stylish openings are guaranteed to thrill

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Run-of-the-mill just won't cut it: we want something special | CREDIT: Pantelis Konsolakis

Big openings are afoot in the hotel world. These days, where we stay and where we spend our money matter more than ever. Run-of-the mill just won't cut it: we want something special. Hoteliers, chefs, architects and designers are now striving to create game-changing hotels that thrill, whether via their food, interiors or location.

Wilderness escapes get ever more exciting, whether we are talking about a remote island hideaway – a fortress adrift in the Adriatic, say, an eco-farm in the Indonesian archipelago or a cabin in the Inner Hebrides – or a sleek modernist lodge high in the mountains of Greece or Austria which takes the humble wellness break to the next level.

This year also sees the birth of new hotel icons in [London](#), [Paris](#), [New York](#) and [Rome](#) – our grandes dames of the future. So here are 25 amazing hotels opening in 2023 which will make your next trip extra special. Note that not all could provide prices at the time of going to press.

# Eliamos

*Kefalonia, Greece*



'Rustic-lux': Eliamos in Kefalonia, Greece | CREDIT: Pikon Photography

We are spoilt for choice when it comes to chic Greek retreats – and this May a new one lands in Kefalonia, a stroll from the beach. Adhering to the rustic-lux island aesthetic, Eliamos comprises 12 whitewashed cubist villas decked out in natural stone, wood and rattan, each with a dining terrace, pool and one, two or three bedrooms.

There is a spa, a gym, a restaurant serving local organic cuisine, and pursuits including kayaking, SUP, yoga and pilates.

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Opens May; villas from £384 B&B ([eliamos.com](https://www.eliamos.com))



# Le Grand Mazarin

*France*



Your quintessential Parisian: Le Grand Mazarin, France | CREDIT: vincent Leroux

This theatrical showstopper in the Marais is your quintessential Parisian: fashionable, sophisticated and sexy as hell. The Martin Brudnizki-designed interiors are richly layered with velvets and tapestries, mid-century art and art deco furniture, in an urbane palette of mint green, tobacco and mustard.

The hotel has a restaurant, a jewel box of a bar and a pool. It's a fitting new five-star for this creative neighbourhood.

Opens spring; doubles from £607 ([legrandmazarin.com](http://legrandmazarin.com))