



# In the City

Urban hotels that are destinations in themselves

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## SEATTLE

**The Thompson Seattle** adds a dose of style to the city's hotel scene. The angular glass structure commands views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains, and its interiors riff on Seattle's aviation heritage with exposed steel and concrete finishes. The Nest lounge, with its two fire pits, draws locals for happy hour, and the locavore-oriented Scout restaurant has already become

a coveted reservation. Score a seat at the chef's counter for a 14-course exploration of the Pacific Northwest. *From \$280.*

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## DENVER

The first clue that the **Halcyon** is not your normal hotel: no check-in desk. Instead, guests are welcomed with an espresso or a cocktail at the lobby bar (where they can return for gratis pick-me-ups during their stay). Turntables with vinyl collections are found in the 155 guest rooms, and the Gear Garage stocks

e-bikes, Vespas, longboards, Leica cameras, and other toys. *From \$299.*

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## MIAMI

Anchoring the city's sparkling Brickell City Centre is **EAST, Miami**. The 352 guest rooms exude calm, thanks to natural woods, abstract ocean art, and mesmerizing skyline views framed by floor-to-ceiling windows. Book a table at Quinto La Huella, the first U.S. branch of a revered seaside *parrilla* in Uruguay. *From \$380.*

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## SEVILLE

Until last fall, Seville

lacked a luxury hotel worthy of the city's world-class architecture. The **Mercer Sevilla** changes that. The seductive 12-room retreat occupies a meticulously restored 19th-century *palacio*. White-on-white guest rooms mix original wood floors with modern furnishings. The rooftop pool's deck is ideal for a siesta; in the cocktail bar, the drinks were dreamed up by noted Seville bartender Diego Cabrera. *From \$687.*

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## ROME

Come spring, Rome's historic **Hotel Eden** will reemerge after an extensive face-lift. The 128-year-old hotel's marble and gold lobby hints at the 98 opulent guest rooms that have been refreshed with gold detailing and original artwork. The new spa will use products from the Farmaceutica di Santa Maria Novella, founded in 1612. The top-floor restaurant, La Terrazza dell'Eden, will serve Italian cuisine with views of St. Peter's Basilica. *From \$687.*

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## BARCELONA

The London-based Soho House group comes to Spain with the **Soho House Barcelona**, set in a 19th-century building in the lively Barri Gòtic quarter. The private club and hotel embraces classic Catalan

design (traditional tiles, warm hues) in 57 bedrooms, many of which face historic Duc de Medinaceli Square. Social spaces include a lounge serving tapas and a pool with views of the Mediterranean. The spa has its own cavernous pool. *From \$245.*

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## GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR

Long known as a stopover for Galápagos-bound travelers, Guayaquil has graduated from gritty port city to promising Pacific hub. One reason to stay a couple of

extra nights: the standard-setting **Hotel Del Parque**. Set on the banks of the Rio Daule in an 1890s former Catholic hospice, the 44-room retreat preserves original Republican-era architectural features, including the fountain courtyards, ornate chapel, and bell tower (transformed into a spa treatment room). The hotel is bordered on three sides by a park nurturing native flora and fauna, including the spider monkey, harpy eagle, iguana, and macaw. *From \$350.*

—ALEX PASQUARIELLO





THE THOMPSON  
Seattle

## By the Sea

Worth, ahem, splashing out for

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### LANAI, HAWAII

Lanai, a sleepy former pineapple plantation, has entered the spotlight. Following the island's purchase by tech billionaire Larry Ellison in 2012, the **Four Seasons Resort Lanai**

underwent an overhaul that reduced the number of guest rooms from 286 to 213 and shook off their dated look with mahogany floors and walls of slate and teak. Guests can dine at outposts of Nobu and Malibu Farm, take flying lessons, learn to make leis, hike, ride horses, or go off-roading. *From \$1,150.*

### 51 MEDHUFARU, MALDIVES

If you thought the Maldives were only for honeymooners, think again. **Soneva Jani** offers 25 family-friendly villas, each with a private pool and a water slide that delivers you into a turquoise lagoon below. Summer camp-style programming, an ice cream shop, and an open-air movie theater aim to please younger guests. For the adults: retractable roofs in the master bedrooms for stargazing, and

glamping stays on nearby deserted islands. *From \$1,870.*

### 52 KAPLANKAYA, TURKEY

Canyon Ranch has brought its spa philosophy to Turkey's southwest coast, 50 miles from the popular holiday city of Bodrum. The 141 minimalist rooms of **Canyon Ranch Wellness Resort at Kaplankaya** all face the Aegean Sea. The spa and wellness center, covering more than 107,500 square feet, offer enough therapies, classes, and

regimens to keep sybarites busy for days. *From \$335.*

### 53 FÉLICITÉ, SEYCHELLES

The powdery beaches, nature reserves, and unique culture of the Seychelles Islands remain largely unknown to U.S. travelers. That could change soon, thanks to better air service and a recent crop of resorts, including the eco-minded **Six Senses Zil Pasyon**. The only lodging on the island of Félicité, the 30-villa resort leaves a light footprint, with solar power, water filtration, and scientist-led projects dedicated to protecting native wildlife. *From \$1,340.*

### 54 ANGRA DOS REIS, BRAZIL

Less than a three-hour drive west of Rio, the 365 islands of Angra dos Reis are popular with vacationing Brazilians. When it opens later this year, **Fasano Angra dos Reis** intends to lure beach-obsessed foreigners to its

shores, too. The 54 guest rooms will be furnished with works by local artisans using materials such as straw and fishing nets. Also in the plans: a raw-bar restaurant, a spa, and five pools. *From \$450.*

### 55 LANGKAWI, MALAYSIA

Langkawi is the name of both a Malaysian archipelago and the largest of the archipelago's 99 sandy islands. Two new resorts are opening up on the island's less-visited southwest coast. The **St. Regis Langkawi** (from \$300) has 85 suites, four overwater villas, and a spa with a natural saltwater lagoon. The **Ritz-Carlton, Langkawi** (from \$450), slated to open this summer near an ancient rain forest, will have its own private beach. The 90 rooms and 29 villas will take design cues from traditional Malay palaces, while basket-shaped spa cabanas will appear to float on the sea. —SANDRA RAMANI



FOUR SEASONS RESORT  
Lanai