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THE  
HOT  
LIST

# Hot

**2018**

**WE SLEPT THERE**

**(AND YOU SHOULD TOO).**

# List

**THE WORLD'S 102**

**BEST NEW HOTELS**

# Where TO

NORTH AMERICA



Habitas Tulum, Mexico

NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN



## UNITED STATES

1. **1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge**, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2. **Ace Hotel Chicago**, Ill.
3. **The Adelphi Hotel**, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
4. **Anvil Hotel**, Jackson, Wyo.
5. **Austin Motel**, Tex.
6. **The DeBruce**, Livingston Manor, N.Y.
7. **Detroit Foundation Hotel**, Mich.
8. **Four Seasons Hotel at The Surf Club**, Surfside, Fla.
9. **Freehand Los Angeles**, Calif.
10. **Holiday House Palm Springs**, Calif.

11. **Hotel Californian**, Santa Barbara, Calif.
12. **Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs Hotel**, Calif.
13. **Las Alcobas Napa Valley (Luxury Collection)**, Calif.
14. **The Line DC**, Washington, D.C.
15. **Made Hotel**, New York, N.Y.
16. **Minam River Lodge**, Lostine, Ore.
17. **Pendry San Diego**, Calif.
18. **Proper Hotel San Francisco**, Calif.
19. **Public**, New York, N.Y.
20. **The Rossi**, Palm Springs, Calif.
21. **Surfrider Malibu**, Calif.
22. **Troutbeck**, Amenia, N.Y.
23. **Ventana Big Sur, An Alila Resort**, Calif.
24. **Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills**, Los Angeles, Calif.
25. **The Whitby Hotel**, New York, N.Y.
26. **Wm. Mulherin's Sons Hotel**, Philadelphia, Pa.

## CARIBBEAN AND MEXICO

27. **Acre**, San José del Cabo, Mexico
28. **Bahama House**, Harbour Island, Bahamas
29. **Cartesiano**, Puebla, Mexico
30. **Chileno Bay Resort & Residences, An Auberge Resort**, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
31. **The Cove at Atlantis**, Paradise Island, Bahamas
32. **Gran Hotel Manzana Kempinski La Habana**, Cuba
33. **Habitas Tulum**, Mexico
34. **Hotel San Cristóbal**, Todos Santos, Mexico
35. **Park Hyatt St. Kitts**, St. Kitts and Nevis
36. **Rosewood Puebla**, Mexico
37. **SLS Baha Mar**, Nassau, Bahamas

## CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

38. **The Emiliano**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
39. **Gladden Private Island**, Belize Barrier Reef, Belize
40. **Mahogany Bay Resort & Beach Club, Curio Collection by Hilton**, Ambergris Caye, Belize
41. **Palácio Tangará**, São Paulo, Brazil
42. **Villa Barranco**, Lima, Peru

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## A Big Year for Second Acts

Several of our favorite hotels emerged from the chrysalis of what seemed like never-ending renovations, and we're in awe of the consideration, patience, passion, and, yes, money that went into these transformations. Take Paris's Crillon, which, after a four-year closure, opened with a Karl Lagerfeld–designed apartment and 92 different styles of employee uniforms. Kudos to The Peninsula Beijing, Florence's Hotel Lungarno, and Hotel Eden in Rome, all of which significantly reduced the number of guest rooms to offer more spacious accommodations. And the designer Martin Brudnizki, who turned a ho-hum reception area at London's historic The Bloomsbury into the spectacular Coral Room, with a Deco bar and glowing orangey-red walls. Equally impressive was the way properties used their renovation to embrace their location: The Cove at Atlantis went all-in on Bahamian culture with its refresh, tapping local artists, chefs, and designers; and at Ventana Big Sur, all rooms were redone, 15 luxe safari-style tents were added, and the spa got a relaxation deck that overlooks the Pacific.

## Extra! Extra!

Three properties on this year's list had us booking trips to destinations we wished we'd explored sooner: the hip Rosewood and the artistic Cartesiano, both

in Puebla, Mexico, and the historic 1898 The Post, in Ghent, Belgium. For more on those hotels and what to do in Ghent and Puebla, turn to pages 64, 88.



# Wellness <sup>AS</sup> Lifestyle

While spa-centric and hardcore med retreats have long existed, we're excited that wellness (like food, in recent years) is considered less niche as travel becomes more, well, holistic. If the chia-seed pudding and chakra-balancing offerings popping up at even the most mainstream properties are any indication, it's a trend that's sticking around, and these three get it just right.

### **Bürgenstock Hotels & Resort Lake Lucerne, Switzerland**

On top of fresh Alpine air, you'll get facials with products from the Austrian beauty-and-wellness guru Susanne Kaufmann (above).

### **The Oberoi Sukhvilas Resort & Spa, New Chandigarh, India**

There's forest and moon bathing,

meditation, and customized Ayurvedic treatments in the Himalayan foothills.

### **Rosewood Phuket, Thailand**

Singing-bowl sound therapy, Reiki treatments, and plenty of dips in the Andaman Sea leave guests utterly reset.