



9 Reasons to Love Hotels Now

A great hotel can be the highlight of your trip, the key that unlocks a location, even a destination in itself. Which is why we celebrate the latest trailblazing properties: the ones that elevated design, redefined wellness, whetted our appetites, and reminded us that true hospitality is always in style. And don't miss our 2017 It List—the best openings of the past year.

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Because there have never been so many ways to achieve nirvana.



The onsen at Amanemu.

Courtesy of Aman

Amanemu, Ise Shima National Park, Japan

If you want to collapse in total privacy, this 24-suite, four-villa resort is an exquisite ship in a bottle made for silent observation. The crowning glory of Aman's newest creation is its gently lit, mineral-rich onsen, with different pools at varying temperatures. Pavilions with plush daybeds, a Watsu pool for hydrotherapy, and four spa-treatment rooms round out the Zen experience, as does the property's traditional Japanese design, including narrow corridors, small courtyards, and views of maple trees and cherry blossoms. *Doubles from \$770.*

Chablé, Yucatán, Mexico

This 40-villa resort, which is spread over 750 acres of jungle near Mérida, celebrates Mayan culture in a way that feels authentic and not at all gimmicky. The 15-room spa is centered around a large cenote, and offers a wide range of experiences, from a "Tree of Life" ritual incorporating massage and sound healing to three temazcales (pre-Hispanic versions of a sweat lodge), where ceremonies are performed by local shamans. At night, guests can sample tequilas and farm-to-table cuisine overseen by chef Jorge Vallejo of Mexico City's standout Quintonil restaurant. *Doubles from \$780.*

Aja Malibu, California

Ready to indulge in a digital detox? A seven-day, all-inclusive stay at this New Age spa— which is set on property once owned by Teddy Roosevelt— is called the Magick Process. The ultimate goal: getting your seven chakras aligned, through a combination of ancient and modern healing practices. You won't be allowed a cell phone, and there's no formal gym, but there is plenty of hiking, acupuncture, infrared saunas, "wisdom workshops," and plant-based, biodynamic cuisine. Days begin at seven, follow a strict schedule, and end (meaning lights out) by 10 p.m. *From \$10,000 per week, per person, all-inclusive.*