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The Best New Hotels to Book Around the World in 2020

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The new year is here, and from the number of recent and planned hotel openings, it's clear that the hospitality industry is booming. A few trends became apparent as we gathered details on new hotels and resorts around the world.

The focus on wellness continues: Several properties offer not only high-quality fitness centers and spas, but also yoga, fitness, and nutrition experts, as well as group exercise classes and individual trainers. There's also an emphasis on the health of the planet, as properties are promoting sustainability and letting guests know of their efforts to conserve resources, reduce waste in their culinary outlets, and provide experiences that contribute to the overall improvement of the environment.

Vintage buildings are being restored, honoring their beauty and historical value, while modern comforts are incorporated. A trend toward adding community spaces, shared work areas, and events to encourage interaction among guests is also noticeable, in response to the needs and interests of younger and solo travelers. Curated art in rooms and public areas continues to be a feature of many properties as well, with pieces reflecting the locale or the brand's desired style. Pets are permitted in an increasing number of hotels and resorts, too, with clever amenities and gifts to show they are truly welcome.

Interestingly, while most properties strive to include the fastest Wi-Fi and latest technology for added convenience, a few are promoting a stay as an opportunity for a “digital detox.” Glamping, or luxe camping, continues with several new properties offering fully outfitted tent-style rooms. Overall, luxurious details, personalized experiences, and creative amenities are making hotel stays more interesting and exciting than ever.



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Hammetts Hotel, Newport, Rhode Island

This boutique hotel will have 84 guest rooms with private decks overlooking the water, a fitness center, and gathering space for groups. Part of a major project, the marina will include a waterfront restaurant and retail spaces as well as the hotel.

Opening: June 2020

Price: From \$300 (summer)

The Beatrice, Providence, Rhode Island

Part of a redevelopment project in the heart of downtown Providence, the hotel will be set in the 1887 Exchange Bank building. It will offer 47 contemporary rooms and an open-atrium lobby.

Opening: Spring 2020

Price: TBD

Brenton Hotel, Newport, Rhode Island

This luxury boutique hotel is set in the heart of Newport, along the waterfront. It features 57 sunlit guest rooms and suites with floor-to-ceiling windows and expansive views.

Opening: Spring 2020

Price: From \$400 (summer)

The Wayfinder Hotel, Newport, Rhode Island

Located in the North End, minutes from the downtown waterfront, this hotel houses 197 spacious rooms featuring custom furnishings and contemporary local art. Amenities include an outdoor pool, pet-friendly programming, and a dedicated Wayfinder food truck serving classic New England bites.

Opening: May 2020

Price: From \$250