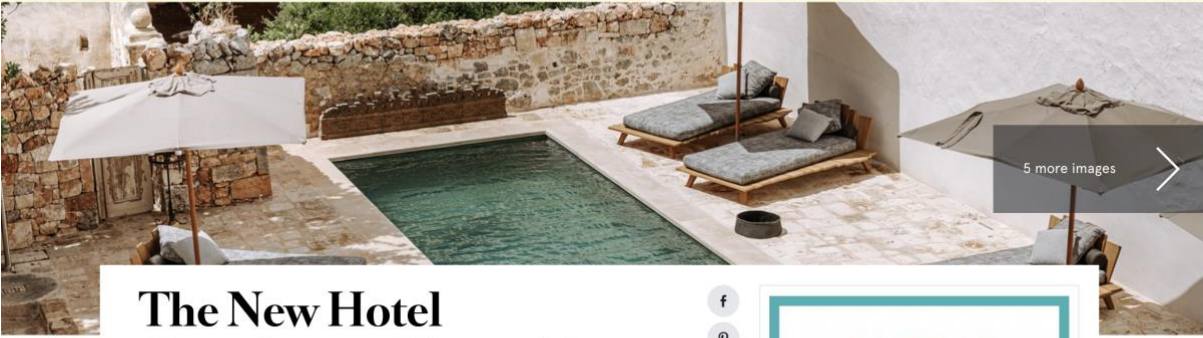


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Looking for a brand new luxury hotel to stay in [when you can travel again](#)? We round up the hottest new luxury hotels you should know about, opening their doors around the world for this first time this year.



Aman Kyoto, Japan

Hotel group Aman quietly opened its third property in Japan just before the start of 2020. The hotel is located outside Kyoto's bustling city centre, in a secret terraced garden ensconced in a 32-hectare pine, maple and cedar-swathed forest. For his final project with Aman, the late Australian architect Kerry Hill created a series of standalone pavilions, their dark, slatted timber exteriors slotting discreetly into the wooded landscape. The 24 guest rooms and pair of two-bedroom villas take their cues from the layout and minimal aesthetics of a traditional ryokan, albeit with dramatic floor-to-ceiling windows that frame the leafy views outside.

If your legs are weary after a day spent exploring the city's 17 [UNESCO World Heritage Sites](#), including the nearby Kinkaku-ji temple, head to the Aman Spa and wallow in the traditional onsen baths, filled with natural water from a local spring, or indulge in treatments that use ingredients such as Kyoto green tea or local sake. Follow this with a bite to eat in the Living Pavilion, where a mix of perfectly executed Western dishes and home-cooked Kyoto obanzai-style cuisine is served against a background of handmade raku tile panels, by local artist Shigeo Yoshimura, and beyond that, a serene garden. *Words by Lauren Ho.*

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Hotel Le Coucou Méribel, France

The sister site to Maisons Pariente hotels Crillon le Brave in Provence and Lou Pinet in Saint Tropez, Hotel Le Coucou Méribel opened for the first time during the 2019/2020 ski season. With 55 suites and two private chalets designed by Pierre Yovanovitch, the rustic-style boutique sits next door to the slopes of Le Rond-Point des Pistes. Combining traditional mountain design with panoramic views over snowy peaks, Le Coucou Méribel should be on your short-list if you're already thinking about which [ski resort](#) to visit for your winter holidays. There's two restaurants on offer, a spa with multiple swimming pools and a sauna, plus the concierge team are on hand to organise a range of tailor-made mountain experiences, from horse-drawn sleigh rides to snowmobile tours.

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