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The 40 hotels around the world that should be on your radar

From buzzy city hotspots to dreamy beaches and windswept deserts, Pamela Goodman presents 40 hotels around the globe in 2020 to fire your imagination, plus news of cruises to float your boat.



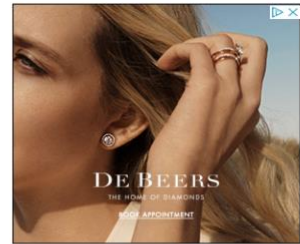
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Why Italy's northern region South Tyrol is the ideal escape this summer

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Rural



Niche French hotel group Maisons Pariente pulled off a first in Méribel for the winter season – a ski-in, ski-out hotel with design at its core. Interior architect Pierre Yovanovitch has fashioned the look and feel of 55-room Le Coucou, playfully tweaking the traditional Alpine aesthetic with a bespoke, contemporary vibe. The design process, including multiple specially crafted pieces of furniture and lighting, took two years to complete. Interiors are quirky, colourful and elegant, supplemented by an eclectic collection of art. Two private chalets are on offer, too.



Big news in France this summer will be the awaited opening of Airelles Château de Versailles, Le Grand Contrôle (pictured below), with 14 rooms featuring interiors in Christophe Tollemer's take on 18th-century style, and access to the glorious French gardens. In the Loire Valley, new wellness and wine retreat Les Sources de Cheverny will occupy a chateau and assorted farmhouses and cabins in 45 hectares of countryside. On a similarly grand theme in Italy, the exquisite Reschio estate on the Tuscan/Umbrian border will unveil Castello di Reschio, a 36-room hotel at the property's heart. In the rural town of Santanyí in south-east Mallorca, Can Ferrereta will occupy a 17th-century mansion with 32 stylish rooms arranged round a central pool and garden. To India where Deeppura Garh, a 200-year-old Rajasthani fort, has been beautifully restored by its Italian/Belgian owners. Rent one of the 10 rooms or take over the entire place. Raas Hotels now runs Chhatrasagar, also in Rajasthan, rebuilding the tents that march along its lakeside dam, adding a dining pavilion, pool and spa to its setting. Meanwhile in southern Sri Lanka, Malabar Hill has opened with 15 villas and a huge infinity pool on a jungly hilltop inland from Weligama. In the US, the famous Resort at Paws Up in Montana will launch The Green O contemporary woodland retreat; and in northern California's Sonoma County, Montage Healdsburg will offer stylish cabins among vineyards and groves of oaks.