

Hotels worth checking out

Once travel restrictions allow, there will be plenty of new hotels to enjoy, from homegrown gems to far-flung escapes – and the welcome will be especially warm. By **Aoife O’Riordain**

Soho Beach House **St Vincent & the Grenadines**

Soho House has a number of projects in the pipeline including new hotels in Tel Aviv, Rome and Paris. The first to start dreaming about is the group’s Caribbean debut, Soho Beach House Canouan, on the silky sands of this idyllic Grenadine island – nicely timed given the launch of Virgin Atlantic’s new service from London to the archipelago in June.

Rates tbc, sohothouse.com

The Harper Norfolk

The north Norfolk village of Langham’s historic, former glass-blowing factory is soon to be one of the UK’s latest coastal getaways. About a mile to the big skies and endless horizons of the North Norfolk coast, The Harper, which is due to open in March, will have 32 airy bedrooms, done in a style that doffs its cap to the building’s industrial heritage. An indoor pool, bar, restaurant and an outdoor barbecue area known as The Shack, complete the picture.

B&B from £175, theharper.co.uk

Milla Montis South Tyrol

Wood and stone are the dominant materials used for the Milla Montis, its outline echoing the surrounding jagged peaks of the Unesco World Heritage-listed Dolomite mountain range in Italy’s South Tyrol. This striking building in Maranza shies

away from twee Alpine clichés. Form and function reign in the rooms, there’s an outdoor pool perfect for soaking in the panoramic views and the restaurant keeps things local.

B&B from €136 (£120), hotel-milla-montis.com

The Dean Cork Ireland

Cork’s hotel scene has needed a shake-up. This has come in the shape of an outpost of Dublin’s boutique The Dean Hotel, in the city centre’s newly regenerated waterfront at Horgan’s Quay on the edge of the charming Victorian Quarter. It overlooks the River Lee, and the brand’s funky style prevails in the 114 rooms, with mini Smeg fridges, record players and Netflix-enabled TVs. Beyond the bedrooms there is the rooftop Sophie’s Restaurant, with its 360-degree views of the city.

Doubles from €150, thedean.ie/cork

Azumi Setoda Japan

You can experience some centuries-old, traditional Japanese ryokan culture at Azumi Setoda, due to open in March on the small island of Ikuchijima in the Seto Inland Sea. It’s the first of a new brand from Aman Resorts founder, Adrian Zecha. The updated ryokan is housed in a traditional-style, 140-year old building with another “yubune” or bath house across the street housing more guestrooms and traditional bathing. **Doubles in the “yubune” start**

from US\$200 (£150), azumi.co

MarBella Elix Greece

Visitors to Greece gravitate towards its enticing islands, but the mainland should not be overlooked. On a stretch of coastline in the north-west near the seaside town of Parga, the new MarBella Elix opens in April, perched on a forested hill looking out over the Ionian Sea towards Corfu. Bedrooms and suites afford wide-angle sea views and the resort is aimed squarely at families with numerous activities including hiking, biking and water sports. The long, sandy beach below is reached by a novel funicular ride down to the Karavostasi coast. **Doubles from £121, half board, marbella.gr**

Bai San Ho Vietnam

Zannier Hotels’ latest lust-inducing launch is the 71 villa Bai San Ho, tucked away on a peninsula at Phu Yen, north of Nha Trang on Vietnam’s south-central coast. Set among paddy fields and swaying palm trees overlooking a coral-reef fringed bay, the resort’s design taps into the local vernacular; traditional building techniques and local materials were used and the tower-like main restaurant is inspired by the communal houses of the surrounding Bahnar villages.

Doubles from £230, zannierhotels.com

Hôtel Saint-Délis France

There are just nine rooms at the Hôtel Saint-Délis set in an atmospheric, 17th-century mansion in the heart of Normandy's picturesque port of Honfleur. The home of artist Henri de Saint-Délis from 1878 to 1949, its rooms are done in a smart and sophisticated style and there's a pretty garden. The owners have several restaurants in and around town to sample. **Doubles from €170, hotel-saint-delis.fr**

Zoku Denmark

Zoku Copenhagen follows the original in Amsterdam and is a

new hybrid concept of apartment-style hotel living. Opening in April, there are 160 cleverly designed lofts with a youthful vibe close to the University of Copenhagen's Southern Campus and the green spaces of Amager Common Nature Park on Amager Island, but just five minutes to the city centre by metro. You can swing on a hammock on the rooftop greenhouse, visit the ground floor supermarket and dine in the Living Kitchen restaurant. **Lofts from Dkr1,100 (£135), livezoku.com.**

Can Ferrereta Mallorca

An art-filled, 17th-century country mansion sets the scene for Can Ferrereta, which opens in April and is the latest hotel from the team behind Palma's Sant Francesc Hotel Singular. Set in the golden stone village of Santanyi in the south-east of the island - a popular spot with artists - and a short distance from the coast, the hotel will have 32 rooms. There is also an outdoor swimming pool and restaurant showcasing local bounty. **Doubles from €217 canferrereta.com**

Hutton Brickyards US

Upstate New York is the bolt hole of choice for weekending city dwellers with a yen to get back to nature. Surrounded by the woodlands, mountains and farms of the Catskills, Hutton Brickyards is set to open in April on the edge of the Hudson Valley's creative capital, Kingston. With views out over the majestic Hudson River, this imaginatively repurposed industrial site will

feature 31 guest cabins as well as a spa, open-air wood-fired kitchens, archery and a croquet lawn. The 750-mile Empire State Trail passes through the property. **Doubles from \$195 (£144), salthotels.com/hutton-brickyards**

Three Mile Beach Cornwall

A visiting food truck highlighting Cornwall's best fare is one of the novelties for guests at Three Mile Beach, a nostalgia-seeped collection of 15 beach huts just outside St Ives. Opening in time for the Easter holidays, there will be two-, three- and four-bedroom, self-catering cottages with hot tubs, saunas and barbecues. **Three-bedroom beach houses start from £160 per night, self-catering, threemilebeach.co.uk.**

Villa Dagmar Sweden

Dagmar Bergsten, a well-travelled, sophisticated ancestor of the hotel's owners, was the inspiration for the new Villa Dagmar, a quiet escape in the heart of Stockholm's

Ostermalmstorg neighbourhood. Set in a 19th-century building that was once home to the doctor and psychiatrist, Axel Munthe, the 70-room hotel, which opens this spring, will have smartly designed rooms and a restaurant tie-up with the duo behind the city's Michelin-starred Aloe restaurant and an organic food store. **B&B from £280, hotelvilladagmar.com.**

Evora Farm Hotel Portugal

The tranquil meadow and olive tree-dotted landscape of the Alentejo region is often likened to Tuscany, although it has a charm of its own. The Evora Farm Hotel is a contemporary-styled rural retreat with a sustainable slant opening here in March with 56 rooms that aims to introduce both adults and children to the outdoor delights of this particular part of the Portuguese countryside. A range of pursuits include nature walks, horse riding, stargazing, gastro experiences and bird watching. As the name suggests, the hotel is only a short drive away from the beautiful, Unesco World Heritage-listed city of Evora. **B&B from €105,**

evorafarmhotel.com.

Bethlen Estates Romania

Later this spring, Bethlen Estates will open its doors in the village of Cris in Transylvania's Carpathian

Mountains. The ancestral seat of the Bethlen dynasty, with one of the country's most important Renaissance castles, will offer a number of restored, high-end guesthouses to rent on the estate. Guests can expect picnics in flower-filled meadows, bike rides, carriage riding and rambles through what has often been described as one of Europe's last great wildernesses. **B&B from €250, bethlenestates.com**

Habitas Bacalar, Mexico

Disruptor hotel brand Habitas has seen dizzying growth with its millennial-friendly focus, innovative design and an on-trend emphasis on connecting with the surroundings and local community. Its third property, Habitas Bacalar, opens this spring by the crystalline waters of the Laguna Bacalar between the Mayan Riviera and the Belize border. With an environmental project in the pipeline for the lagoon, there will be 35 tented rooms with water views. Local and Mayan culture inspires much of what the resort has to offer, including the spa, designed to resemble a Mayan straw village. **Doubles from £225, ourhabitas.com**

Iniala Harbour House Malta

Iniala Harbour House in the Unesco World Heritage-listed city of Valletta will be swinging open its doors in April. It is spread across four historic townhouses on St Barbara Bastion with 23 imaginatively decorated guest rooms and a rooftop restaurant with great views out over Grand Harbour. The pool and spa are set in the building's ancient underground vaults. **Doubles from €185, inialamalta.com**

The Pavilions Anana Thailand

In February, The Pavilions Hotels Anana Krabi will debut amid the emerald green landscape of Krabi's Phang-Nga Bay, surrounded by the