

# It List 2022: Our Editors' Picks of the Best New Hotels in the World



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Despite the tumultuous travel landscape of the last few years, the hotel industry has remained resilient, and the pace of openings and renovations hasn't slowed down. That's why we here at T+L have spent the last year obsessively tracking debuts and major overhauls, consulting our trusted network of travel pros and globe-hopping writers, and crossed the world in search of the most memorable, game-changing hotels of the year for our annual It List.

This year, our guide to the essential openings (and reopenings) of the past year took us to 35 countries in pursuit of the unforgettable. T+L writers and editors have visited ancient former palaces in Sicily, cutting-edge wellness centers in Qatar, a working farm in South Africa, and a Miami hot spot from Pharrell Williams. This isn't merely a list of the most high-end resorts, nor is it a who's-who of major hotel chains, though you'll find both indulgent stays and familiar brands in the mix. Instead, we've aimed to showcase the properties that are at the top of their game and adding something new to the conversation, whether they're century-old stalwarts fresh off a major reno or intimate family-run boutiques that hit the sweet spot between hotel hospitality and vacation-rental hominess.

Ahead, you'll find a stay for every style and mood. There's a classic [Mid-Century Palm Springs getaway](#) that's been updated for a new generation. A series of [ryokan-style cabins](#) in the Canadian wilderness, a [sleek New York City newcomer](#), and an [opulent Parisian stunner](#). We've got far-flung escapes in [Argentina](#) and the [Maldives](#) and sophisticated city hotels in [Madrid](#) and [Hanoi](#). Read on for all 100 properties on the 2022 It List — your next vacation spot awaits.

## Bethlen Estates — Romania



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Modern-day Transylvania could almost be mistaken for the Europe of our great-grandparents, a century or more ago: horse-drawn wagons, shepherds with flocks, ancient wooden churches, smoke rising from village chimneys. South of the city of Sighișoara, a country road leads through meadows thick with wild flowers to the ancient village of Criș, where old Saxon houses are clustered around a rambling castle. Once the fiefdom of the Bethlen family, the estates were confiscated by Romania's Communist government after World War II. But now the family has returned from exile to purchase the abandoned houses and transform them into some of Transylvania's most stylish accommodations. You can rent a room or an entire house. The four-bedroom Caretakers House, for example, has open fireplaces, comfy sofas, bookshelves, blond floorboards, and views of the old castle from the dinner table. There are even walking sticks by the entrance. A splendid restaurant, full of Middle European surprises, caters to guests. *bethlenestates.com; doubles from \$550.* —Stanley Stewart