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THESE 18 NEW AND REVAMPED HOTELS ARE REDEFINING THE ART OF HOSPITALITY FOR TODAY'S TRAVELER.

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The Lobby restaurant at the new NoMad Hotel in downtown Los Angeles keeps many tables open for those without reservations.

Located in the Surf Club's original 1930s clubhouse, Le Sirenuse Champagne Bar features Miami's most extensive selection of sparkling wines.

FOUR SEASONS AT THE Surf Club

Miami, Florida

Elizabeth Taylor partied here.

Frank Sinatra and Ava Gardner honeymooned here. Winston Churchill painted the sea here.

And today, the Four Seasons Hotel at the Surf Club Miami, located on the northern end of Miami Beach, is poised for a new golden era following a three-year renovation. The isolated beach, lined with white umbrellas and lounge chairs, feels worlds away from the throngs at nearby South Beach. And the Surf Club is the kind of place where, if you doze off at sunset, beach attendants will wait until you awaken before putting your umbrella down.

The restored original building, a private members' club built in 1930, retains its historic flavor, with hexagonal, art deco-inspired

lamps hanging in public spaces filled with palm trees. Five classic cabana studios have been converted to overnight accommodations under the eye of French designer Joseph Dirand, who oversaw the installation of Connemara marble floors and custom-built, minimalist white furnishings in the 77 guest rooms. A former ballroom that once hosted lavish New Year's Eve parties has made way for a new icon—Le Sirenuse Miami, the first outpost of the Amalfi Coast restaurant by the same name, which serves Mediterranean-inspired dishes such as octopus and linguini with clams. Another dining legend is soon to follow: A restaurant from French Laundry chef Thomas Keller opens later this year.

From \$600. fourseasons.com/surfside

Sound View, New York

Set on a private beach on Long Island's North Fork, the Sound View's 55 guest rooms, designed by Brooklyn-based Studio Tack, connect to a sunset-facing veranda on the water. Get a taste of the Atlantic at the hotel's seafood-focused Halyard Restaurant. *From \$205. soundviewgreenport.com*

Park Hyatt St. Kitts, St. Kitts

Secluded on the southern shoreline of this Caribbean island, facing Banana Bay, the 126-room Park Hyatt is an off-the-grid escape. The Miraval Life in Balance Spa, an outpost of a renowned Tucson wellness retreat, offers eucalyptus and lava-rock massages. *From \$500. stkitts.park.hyatt.com*

Hotel Amapa Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Puerto Vallarta, on Mexico's Pacific coast, gets a much-needed small, design-driven hotel. Located in the city's Old Town, Amapa has 55 rooms that display Mexican weavings by fiber artist Mariella Motilla and hammocks handmade in the Yucatán peninsula. *From \$200. hotelamapa.com*

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Amanyangyun

Shanghai, China

It was an act of love.

Fifteen years ago, the Chinese entrepreneur Ma Dadong heard about a reservoir project in his hometown, Fuzhou, that would destroy a centuries-old village and a forest of ancient camphor trees. He stepped in and transplanted 10,000 of those trees and had 50 Ming- and Qing-dynasty villas transported brick by brick to a location near Shanghai for safekeeping. Today, those relics of history are the centerpiece of Amanyangyun, a new 25-acre resort on the outskirts of Shanghai.

Australian architecture firm Kerry Hill arranged the antique houses into 26 larger dwellings with courtyards and pools, preserving on each facade stone carvings that depict traditional daily life. Modern comforts include private plunge pools, a spa, and the restaurant Lazhu that specializes in such regional dishes as clay pot lamb. Guests can experience tea ceremonies, calligraphy and brush painting classes, and Chinese opera—ensuring, as Ma Dadong did, that China's past is not washed away by development.

From \$948. aman.com/amanyangyun

Alila Fort Bishangarh, Rajasthan, India

Behind the six-foot walls of the modernized 230-year-old hilltop fort, hand-printed fabrics lend a traditional feel to 59 guest rooms. From \$340. alilahotels.com

The Publishing House, Chicago

One highlight of the 11-room West Loop B&B, named for the building's original 1909 function, is a subterranean wine bar. From \$189. publishinghousebnb.com



HÔTEL de Crillon

Paris, France

The living room in the Hôtel de Crillon's Suite Duc de Crillon, formerly the Crillon family's private chapel, retains some of the original 18th-century woodwork.

On a recent night in Les Ambassadeurs bar at Paris's Hôtel de Crillon, Mike D of the Beastie Boys was behind the turntables spinning old-school rap. Sarah Andelman, the creative director behind the now-shuttered Colette concept store, and DJ Pedro Winter, prince of French electronic music, were dancing to the beat.

You might expect to find this scene in the hip Belleville or Canal Saint-Martin districts, but not in the ritzy eighth arrondissement, steps from the Champs-Élysées. But when Rosewood Hotels closed the 18th-century landmark building four years ago for a stem-to-stern renovation, led by architect Richard Martinet, the goal was to reinvent what a

Parisian grande dame hotel can be to its city.

A sense of history is ever present. It's easy to imagine such former guests as Theodore Roosevelt and Sophia Loren passing through the doors of the columned French neoclassical facade. The 124 rooms and suites have marble bathrooms stocked with soaps from l'Officine Universelle Buly, a French apothecary that dates to 1803. But beneath the lobby, the new pool is flanked by a modern sculpture by the artist Peter Lane. And Chanel creative director Karl Lagerfeld designed a pair of suites that include a walk-in closet hidden behind a button-operated bookshelf and a room dedicated to Lagerfeld's cat, complete with feline portraits and scratch marks on the carpet.

From \$1,355. rosewoodhotels.com

Mombo Camp and Little Mombo, Botswana

Wilderness Safaris' flagship camps have reopened after an overhaul that added central fireplaces to the common areas, and outdoor showers, private plunge pools, and vintage leather sofas to the 12 suites.

From \$1,892. wilderness-safaris.com

Raffles Europejski Warsaw, Poland

From its opening in 1857 until it was badly damaged in World War II, the Hotel Europejski was one of Europe's most glamorous hotels. Raffles has restored the 106 guest rooms to their prewar magnificence, and contemporary Polish artwork hangs on their walls.

From \$290. raffles.com

Lutetia, Paris

The only grand hotel on Paris's Left Bank, the Lutetia, founded in 1910 in the Saint-Germain-des-Prés area, reopens this spring with 184 guest rooms featuring brushed oak floors and Murano glass lighting. Other new additions include a jazz bar and a spa.

From \$1,050. hotellutetia.com

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Accommodations in the NoMad range from superior rooms with king-size beds and Bellino linens, pictured, to the 1,200-square-foot RWB Suite.

THE NoMad Los Angeles

Los Angeles, California

A mid Downtown L.A.'s ongoing renaissance, the biggest head turner this year is the NoMad Los Angeles, an offshoot of the popular New York hotel.

"We think of the NoMad like it's someone's dining room or living room," says Will Guidara, who, with his business partner, chef Daniel Humm, is responsible for the restaurants in both cities' hotels. "We want it to feel almost like you're living in a house—a really nice one."

Located in the former Bank of Italy building, which dates to 1923, the NoMad Los Angeles riffs on its neoclassical bones. Vintage European postcards and original works by local artists hang in the 241 guest rooms. Downstairs, the

public areas, designed by the French architect Jacques Garcia, are opulent studies in velvet, marble, and mahogany wood, complementing the main lobby's original blue-and-gold Italianate ceilings.

But don't let the sumptuous materials fool you: The NoMad's mission, whether you're staying there or just dropping in at one of the two restaurants or the Venetian-style coffee bar, is to make anyone feel welcome—no snooty servers or strict dress codes here.

"You might hear the Rolling Stones while sipping on a rare Chave wine," Guidara says. "We have all the trappings of a really formal restaurant, but we're approaching it with a louder and looser sensibility."

From \$315. thenomadhotel.com/los-angeles

Made Hotel, New York

Located in New York City's Madison Square Park neighborhood, the Made Hotel is both sleek and cozy. Intimate public spaces are outfitted in warm woods and handwoven fabrics, and the 108 guest rooms feature French oak walls and exposed concrete ceilings. *From \$375. madehotels.com*

The Siren Hotel, Detroit

The latest sign that Motor City is cool: the Siren Hotel, a downtown 1926 Renaissance Revival building renovated by Brooklyn-based design studio Ash NYC. Garrett Lipar, a James Beard Award-nominated chef, serves his tasting menu at an eight-seat counter. *From \$139. thesirenhotel.com*

The Murray, Hong Kong

A landmark 1969 government building has become a refuge in the heart of Hong Kong's frenetic Central neighborhood. Designed by Foster and Partners, the 336 muted gray-and-gold guest rooms have picture windows that face nearby skyscrapers and parks. *From \$510. marcopolohotels.com*

LEFT: NICOLE FRANZEN. FOLLOWING PAGE: DEVIKA SENEVIRATNE/WILD COAST TENTED LODGE

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Lodge

Palatupana, Sri Lanka

uring your stay at Wild Coast

D Tented Lodge, on Sri Lanka's southern coast, you can hunt for leopard tracks on the beach.

Or venture into the jungle to see elephants. Or spend a morning at an ancient Buddhist temple before hopping into a boat on the Indian Ocean to look for blue whales. This lodge offers a unique mix of safari vacation, cultural immersion, and beach retreat.

Wild Coast Tented Lodge is the third resort opened by the family that owns Sri Lanka's famous Dilmah tea company. Composed of 28 cocoon-shaped tents, the lodge is located on the fringes of Yala National Park, home to elephants, crocodiles, and more than 200 leopards. Each dwelling has a colonial-era aesthetic, with campaign chairs, four-poster beds, and copper claw-foot bathtubs; some have beach views, and others face natural watering holes that attract sloth bears and peacocks. Naturalists lead guided walks through the surrounding jungle and to the on-site leopard conservation station, which monitors the habits of the elusive cats.

From \$890. resplendentceylon.com

Awasi Iguazú, Argentina

The new lodge's 14 rooms sit along the Iguazú River surrounded by Atlantic rain forest. Private guides are provided for day trips. From \$1,520 for two nights, all-inclusive. awasiguazu.com

Longitude 131, Australia

Recent renovations include custom-designed furniture and outdoor daybeds for the 15 white tents. The Kinara spa offers locally inspired treatments. From \$1,164. longitude131.com.au