

# It List 2021: Our Editors' Picks of the Best New Hotels in the World

Believe it or not, the past 12 months were big for [hotel openings](#). Flinging open their doors for the first time, these new and revamped properties welcomed guests inside with a (masked) hello and a taste of travel's future.

Our guide to the essential openings of the past year took us to 29 countries in pursuit of the unforgettable. Over the course of 2020, T+L writers and editors trekked to a remote Namibian tented camp in a vast nature reserve, surfed the waves at a boho-chic resort in Baja Sur, Mexico, and sipped Sazeracs on the porch of an 1891 former residence in [New Orleans](#). While there are plenty of extravagant stays and familiar brands on the list, we committed to featuring properties that are the best at what they do while displaying a sense of innovation. Brand new builds, century-old architectural masterpieces, and family-run boutiques are all in the mix.

Ahead, you'll find a hotel or resort for every taste and travel goal. There's a 19th-century mansion in Jaipur, India, reborn as an intimate urban escape. A sleek getaway amid lush tropical forest on Malaysia's Desaru coast. A [safari lodge](#) in Botswana's Okavango Delta where African art is as big a draw as the wildlife. And a Massachusetts [wellness retreat](#), set on hundreds of acres of wilderness in the [Berkshires](#), where meditation, beekeeping, and [organic food](#) awaits. Read on for all 73 properties on the 2021 It List – your next adventure is a few clicks away.

## The Newbury — Boston



The Newbury Boston is the latest incarnation of the Neoclassical 1927 building that formerly housed the Ritz-Carlton. Adjacent to the Boston Public Garden, the hotel was given a top-to-toe renovation for a new generation of visitors: a palette of subtle dove gray, black and pearl marble flooring, plush orange couches, and contemporary art (like the striking photographs of Yousuf Karsh) offer a cozy but cool welcome for guests. Forty-two of the 286 guest rooms still have their original wood-burning fireplaces, and it's worth asking for one, particularly during those frigid winters when the perfect evening involves curling up by the fire with room service. It's also worth checking out the 17th-floor conservatory trattoria, Contessa, for some of the best views in the city. And don't miss afternoon tea in the Newbury Salon or drinks in the Street Bar—despite the hotel's modern refresh, you'll still find a distinct feeling of old Boston here. [thenewburyboston.com](http://thenewburyboston.com); doubles from \$600. — Linda Laban