

JETSETTER



2020 Best of the Best Hotel Awards

New decade, new hotels to drool over. If the world's best new hotels have any sway over where you're headed in the coming year, you've got a lot to be excited about. This go-around, Asia dominated the spotlight, where standout openings in Singapore, Bhutan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Japan (host of the forthcoming Summer Olympics) have us earmarking funds for long-haul flights. The U.S. also had a moment, and we're not just talking about our beloved NYC: properties from New Jersey to Utah are enticing jet-setters to stay stateside. And, while London, Paris, and Rome are all duly represented, properties in less-visited destinations like Bolivia's salt flats and the Scottish Highlands make a strong case for exploring outside your travel comfort zone. Wherever the new year takes you, these 21 stays deserve a look.

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BEST FOR WELLNESS

THE WINNER *Shou Sugi Ban House*, New York

THE FINALIST *Four Seasons Hotel Lanai at Koele, a Sensei Resort*, Hawaii

As if you needed another reason to escape to the Hamptons, this **design-forward, Japanese-inspired spa retreat** in Water Mill has wellness nuts buzzing. Landscape designer Lily Kwong was tapped for the three-acre overhaul, which added pebbled pathways, bubbling fountains, manicured gardens, and cherry trees around the standalone cedar studios. Rooms are just as spare and simplistic—all glass and natural wood with gas fireplaces, Kobe-style beds, and freestanding Hinoki wood soaking tubs. The effect is instantly soothing, and paves the way for rejuvenating days ahead: tea ceremonies, hydrotherapy treatments, fitness and yoga classes, meditation sessions, beach walks, and communal feasts in the barn designed by Noma co-founding chef Mads Refslund do equal work to recharge and re-energize you. Whether you stay for a half-day spa ritual or seven-day all-inclusive experience, it's an easy, come-as-you-are space to heal and refocus from city life.