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The 7 Most Rejuvenating Wellness Experiences in the US

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The 2021 Legend Awards.



Wellness faced nearly insurmountable challenges in the last 12 months, with treatments going touchless and distancing guidelines halting spiritual retreats across the country. And yet, some of the best hotels revamped their programming and their wellness spaces during COVID-19-related closures to ultimately improve the spa experience for their guests. Now, as Americans get vaccinated and attempt to recover from pandemic-induced trauma and face re-entry anxiety, travelers are seeking out rejuvenating retreats more than ever before. That's why we've found the best wellness experiences across the country for the 2021 Legend Awards.



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Shou Sugi Ban House

When Shou Sugi Ban House opened in 2019 it was clear that the Hamptons resort would be one to watch. Focused on wellbeing and meditative reflection, the property offers a restful getaway for anyone looking to disconnect. The resort offers hydrotherapy, massage and bodywork, body treatments, as well as wellness rituals that offer a "renewed sense of grounding and connection with nature." What sets Shou Sugi Ban apart from the rest is the team's commitment to offering a vast menu of wellness offerings, including reiki, sound therapy, shamanic healing, and crystal healing—among many others—and all in a tranquil setting just minutes from the beach.