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THE Hotels ISSUE

FROM PARIS TO BALI, SINGAPORE TO SANTORINI

T+L Editors Pick the Best New Hotels in the World
IT LIST 2019

In this issue, T+L’s editors bring you their 14th annual selection of the hottest new and reborn hotels in the world. On page 19, you’ll find a directory of must-see properties for future vacations, like a mountainside lodge in Wyoming, perfect for cozying up après-ski. For even more picks, go to tandl.me/it-list to see our full list of more than 70 hotels, including a colorful escape tucked away in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and a pair of safari-focused resorts in Namibia. Wherever 2019 takes you, these are the hotels you’ll want to know about.

Time to Bloom
Cherry blossom season is one of spring’s best reasons to travel. At tandl.me/cherry-blossom-2019, we map out the best places to see the season’s most popular flower. Find out when Japan and Washington, D.C., hold their annual festivals and get updates on bloom forecasts to help you plan your journey.

Spring into Vacation
Warmer weather is right around the corner, but if you’re still feeling the winter blues, T+L is here to offer some much-needed respite. Fly to Dublin for Saint Patrick’s Day or head to the Phoenix area for spring before a trip to the Grand Canyon. Find all your March travel inspiration at tandl.me/best-places-march.

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HOTELS IN THE WORLD

Every year, T+L editors reach out to our network of hospitality professionals, trusted writers, and hotel addicts in search of the finest new (and newly reimagined) properties around the globe. Then we log tens of thousands of miles checking in to dozens of them, from far-flung islands to mountain lodges (and this year, for our 14th It List, more than one renovated church). Here, 19 of our favorites—find the full collection for 2019 at tandl.me/it-list.

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A guest-room daybed at Ikaros, which overlooks Santorini’s secluded Perivolos Beach.
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RIO DE JANEIRO

Oskar Metsavaht, founder of the Brazilian fashion brand Osklen, teamed up with hotelier Carlos Werneck to open Rio’s latest luxury outpost, Janeiro. Set on the coast in Leblon, the city’s most sophisticated neighborhood, the hotel reflects its creator’s minimalist design sensibility and eco-friendly ethos via textured earth tones, handblown recycled-glass lamps, and sustainable materials. Blond freijo wood furnishings and wicker swing chairs—positioned for the best views of Leblon Beach and the Cagarras Islands—give the property’s 33 sun-drenched rooms and suites a seaside bungalow feel. The restaurant menu favors seasonal ingredients and local seafood, while the bar is a stylish spot to unwind with a caipirinha. Crowning the hotel is a rooftop terrace with a sushi bar, a sun lounge, and an infinity pool facing the ocean. A circular picture window is situated just so at the southwestern end of the pool, framing the coast, the city, and the hills of Dois Irmãos rising up above it all.

janeirohotel.rio; doubles from $285. — Nora Walsh

CONCRETE OASIS
United Places Botanic Gardens
MELBOURNE

Stymied by the city’s lackluster options when trying to book a room for a friend, developer Darren Rubenstein decided to take action. The first-time hotelier spent years refining the vision behind the 12-suite United Places Botanic Gardens, where apartment-style amenities and seamless service deliver a sense of understated luxury. Rubenstein joined forces with designer Sue Carr to create the hotel, a purpose-built four-story structure opposite Melbourne’s Royal Botanic Gardens, in the chichi suburb of South Yarra. The property is full of antipodean touches, from Grant Featherston Scape chairs in the living rooms to limited-edition Sullivan’s Cove whisky in the minibars. The garden-view suites have moss-green overtones and velvet drapes that close at the touch of a button, while the ones overlooking historic South Yarra are finished in a dusty pink. Butlers are on call around the clock—ask one to book a table at Matilda, chef Scott Pickett’s fire-focused eatery downstairs.

unitedplaces.com.au; doubles from $468. — Carrie Hutchinson

Sheldon Chalet, a remote lodge in Alaska’s Denali National Park, one of the 74 properties on our 2019 It List.

Here are 55 more world-class properties on the list. Head to tandl.me/it-list for our full gallery.

AFRICA

Four Seasons Resort Seychelles at Desroches Island; Heanib Valley Camp Kaokoland, Namibia; The Oberoi New Delhi; Rosewood Luang Prabang Laos; Shinta Mani Wild; Kinrara National Park, Cambodia; Waldorf Astoria Bangkok

CARIBBEAN + BAHAMAS

O’LV Fifty Five; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Rosewood Baha Mar Nassau, Bahamas; Skylark Negril Beach Resort, Jamaica

EUROPE

Bank Hotel; Stockholm; Brach Paris, Château; Laforet; Peyrargues Bormes, France; Experimental Chalet Verbier, Switzerland; Fife Arms Braemar, Scotland; Hotel Mamá Málaga, Spain; Heckfield Place Hampshire, England; Hotel St. George Helsinki, Finland; Hotel Vilòn Rome; Katikies Mykonos Greece; Kettner’s Townhouse London; L’Arlatan Arles, France; Le Barn Bonneles, France; Palazzo Bozzi Cerse Lecce, Italy; Ottantotto Firenze, Florence; Raffles Europejski Warsaw; Retreat at Blue Lagoon Iceland; Stamba Hotel; Tbilisi, Georgia; University Arms Cambridge, England; Vista Palazzo Lake Como, Italy

NORTH AMERICA

Bungalows Key Largo, Florida; Carpenter Hotel Austin, Texas; Collective Hill Country Wimberley, Texas; Eaton DC Washington, D.C.; Francis House Napa Valley, California; Freehand New York City; Harbor House Inn Mendocino, California; Hotel Amparo San Miguel de Allende, Mexico; Hotel Clermont Atlanta, Hotel Figueroa Los Angeles; The Hoxton Portland, Oregon; Inn at Kenmore Hall Richmond, Massachusetts; Montage Los Cabos, Mexico; Noelle Nashville; The NoMad Los Angeles; Perry Lane Hotel Savannah, Georgia; Sheldon Chalet Denali National Park, Alaska; Sophy Hyde Park Chicago

AUSTRALIA

Calile Hotel; Brisbane; Paramount House Hotel Sydney