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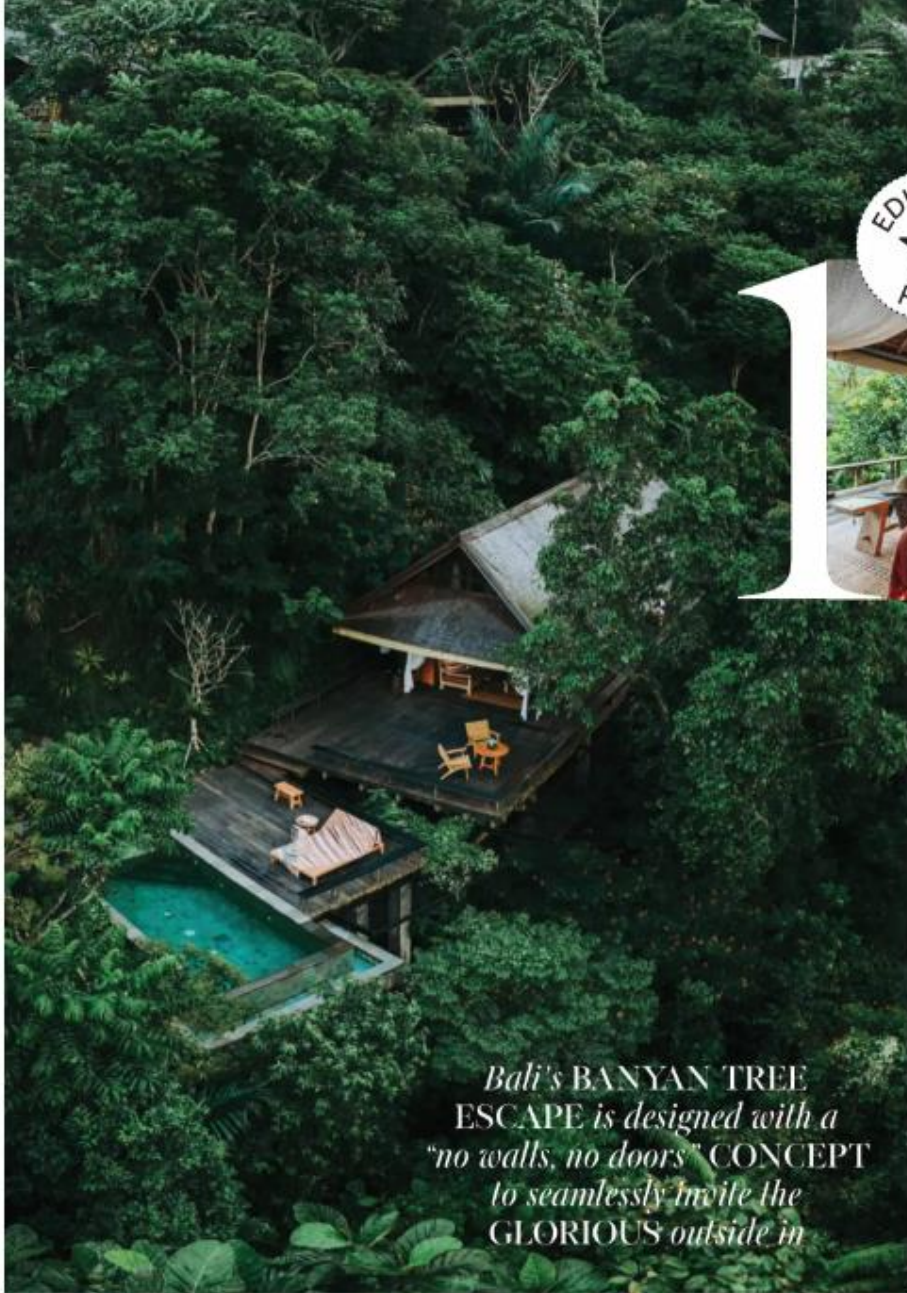
TRAVEL



The **24**
BEST
new hotels in the
WORLD

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Banyan Tree Escape, Bali

In April, deep in the rainforest in the untouched enclave of Buahan, in the uplands of Ubud, Bali, you'll discover Banyan Tree Escape: an intimate collection of 16 *balés* (villas) designed with a "no walls, no doors" concept to seamlessly invite the glorious outside in. Honouring traditional Balinese craftsmanship, each villa comprises its own pool and open deck high above the trees, offering unparalleled views of the island's extraordinary seven peaks. For the adventurous, there is tailor-made hiking and cycling through the jungle, while its locally sourced treatments in the open-air spa make its wellbeing offering hard to beat. From £420 per night. Escape.banyantree.com

2 Hotel La Palma, Capri

Two-hundred years on from when it first opened its doors in 1822, come summer the iconic Hotel La Palma will be back and ready to reclaim its title as the chicest address on Capri, located just around the corner from the famed Piazza Umberto I. Legendary interior designer Francis Sultana has been tasked with the transformation of the hotel's 50 rooms, while two-

Michelin-starred chef Gennaro Esposito has devised the menus for the hotel's restaurant, bar and terrace. Take sundowners on the rooftop at bar Bianca or, better yet, head down to the La Palma Beach Club at twilight for a true taste of la dolce vita. From £630 per night. Oatkercollection.com



3 Cali Mykonos, Mykonos

Cali Mykonos, opening in June, will comprise 40 flawlessly appointed modern luxury villas, each boasting its own pool and views of the Aegean. Nearby Kalafati Beach offers one of the island's more secluded stretches of golden sand. From £795 per night. Calimykonos.com. OLIVIA MARKS



The Homestead, South Africa

At The Homestead, opening in Nambiti, luxury safari is not limited to the Big Five: you can glimpse pangolins, aardvarks and hundreds of species of birds and plants, some native only to its lands. Game drives are shaped by conservation and are bespoke to guests. Learn animal photography, camp in the mountains and end your days telling stories by a campfire under starry skies. Homesteadlodge.com

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Vela Yacht, Indonesia

A six-cabin private-charter luxury yacht that sleeps a select 12, Vela is akin to a hotel on water. Sailing through the Indonesian archipelago, stopping off at secluded islands to hike among Komodo dragons and explore hidden coves on beautiful white beaches, each guest chooses their own adventure, be it ocean thrills (jet-skiing and snorkelling), on land (birdwatching and barbecuing) or on deck (suntise yoga classes and an outdoor gym). Sailvela.com



Lux Tea Horse Road, China

Set along the 1,400-mile Tea Horse Road comes the 10th Lux hotel on the seventh-century trade route, in Ermei, China, widening the breadth of adventures guests can experience. Instead of mere stays, with Lux guests book journeys – culinary, cultural or spiritual – in which knowledgeable local guides teach you fascinating history and traditions, as you move between its varying lodgings. One day could include a trip to a snow mountain, the next, tea with monks at a monastery. Luxresorts.com
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6 The Chatwal, New York

Set in the lush thousand-acre forests of the Catskills in upstate New York, at The Chatwal you are encouraged to rediscover the essential thrill of nature. From snowshoeing on the capped mountains in winter to hiking private trails, the world is at your feet, with secret coves and waterfalls to discover. Thechatwallodge.com



Six Senses, Rome

Known for choosing far-flung exotic locations as the settings for its hotels and renowned spas, Six Senses is expanding its growing collection of urban retreats this autumn with a new property in the centre of ancient Rome, its first in Italy. Housed in an 18th-century palazzo building, the 95-room hotel promises an oasis of calm after a day spent sightseeing and shopping (although you won't need to travel far: the Pantheon and Via Condotti, Frattina and Borgognona are but a stone's throw away). The real gems? The Roman baths and a rooftop terrace with panoramic views – the best place to see the city's monuments. Sixsenses.com



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Gleneagles Townhouse, Edinburgh

This spring, Gleneagles is bringing a piece of the Perthshire hills to the city, when it opens its first ever outpost in the heart of historic Edinburgh. Over the past five years, the 19th-century building, which once housed the Bank of Scotland, has been immaculately restored and turned into the Gleneagles Townhouse, a 33-room hotel complete with members' club, rooftop terrace and a glittering all-day restaurant. Expect all of the classic, old-school luxurious charm that has made the original country estate one of the UK's most iconic and quintessential rural retreats. From £495 per night. Gleneagles.com

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Le Grand Mazarin, Paris

Staying at one of Maisons Pariente's three French properties is like being in a home away from (a very chic) home. But then that has always been the aim of this family-owned business, led by Patrick Pariente and his two daughters, Leslie and Kimberley, whose gorgeous hotels are the epitome of laid-back luxury. This October, they will open their first city-centre hotel in the heart of Paris's Marais district. With a private pool and a spectacular restaurant, consider this your new Parisian bolthole. Maisonspariente.com

The Twenty Two, London

Opening on London's Grosvenor Square in April is The Twenty Two, a Grade II listed Edwardian house transformed into a 31-room hotel and private members' club. With interiors by luxury designer Natalia Miyar and an all-day restaurant (serving modern British dishes with flashes of southern Europe), it is primed to be the buzziest new place to stay in town. From £440 per night. The22.london. OM



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Svart, Norway

First and foremost, Svart aims to inspire. The world's first "energy-positive hotel" seeks to encourage travellers to protect the environment and seeks to reimagine the role of a hotel. Solar energy powers 85 per cent of operations and they hope to go totally off-grid within five years. Perched over a fjord in northern Norway, summer nights never end, while the awe-inspiring Northern Lights glow through winter. There is also a dedicated health concierge to design personal wellness programmes. Svart.no



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Cap Karoso, Indonesia

Sustainability shapes every element of Cap Karoso's idyllic island oasis. Located on Indonesia's best-kept secret, Sumba island, a solar park powers 50 per cent of the energy at the plastic-free hotel. With energy-efficient open-air living spaces, organic gardens top the flat roofs and give each room a perfect view of the sea. Its 47 rooms (and 20 villas for sale) are furnished by eco-minded partners, and all the meat, dairy and vegetables served at its restaurants will originate from its farm. Capkaroso.com

Habitas, Mexico

Habitas encourages a reconnection with nature, while pursuing environmental initiatives to protect the beauty of the special locations it builds on. In its newest, plastic-free Todos Santos location, the 35 rooms are built with sustainable materials. Partnering with a reforestation programme offsets emissions, and there are opportunities to immerse in the wonders of the great outdoors through surfing, hiking, diving, riding or yoga. Ourhabitas.com AM

Malabar Hill, Sri Lanka

The hilltop Malabar Hill, set between mountain and sea, has a focus on nature and has an open-plan design to encourage minimal separation between you and the outdoors, built with sustainable, locally sourced materials. Set just inland from a bay famed for its fishing village, sandy beaches and biodiversity, it has binoculars at hand for nature walks, telescopes to view the stars and an energy-balancing Ayurvedic spa a stone's throw from its infinity pool. Malabarhillsrilanka.com



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Janu, Montenegro

Janu Montenegro's opening may have been pushed to 2023, but interest in the first properties under Aman's wellness-focused sister brand is sky high. Set on the Adriatic coast of Montenegro, each of the rooms has been designed to showcase the tranquil landscape and foster guests' holistic wellbeing: take in the sunset through the curved glass walls of your residence or immerse yourself in carved-stone baths above private gardens. janu.com



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Villa Passalacqua, Italy

It's a wonder that Slim Aarons never photographed Villa Passalacqua, a neoclassical 18th-century villa perched above the shores of Lake Como where Napoleon Bonaparte once holidayed. Now reimagined as a 24-suite hotel, the many romantic amenities include vintage boat rides and couples' spa treatments. From £856 per night. passalacqua.it

Como Le Montrachet, France

Within strolling distance of Burgundy's Grand Cru vineyards, Como's first French property is set across a number of 18th-century buildings in and around the pretty 400-person village of Puligny-Montrachet.

Tear yourself away from the light-filled suites to explore the best of the Côte-d'Or, then return for a signature Como massage at the on-site wellness centre.

comahotels.com



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Stanly Ranch, California

Honeymooners would be forgiven for spending their entire visit to Stanly Ranch in their open-concept rooms, soaking in the vistas of the 700-acre vineyard estate. The activities on offer at the Auberge collection's newest Napa Valley property are too good to skip though. Soar over the Mayacamas mountains in a refurbished Second World War plane or trek along the San Francisco Bay Trail known as 'Lover's Lane'. From £935 per night. Aubergeresorts.com

Sanctuary Tambarare, Kenya

For near-total seclusion, check into Sanctuary Tambarare, opening this summer in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, three hours north of Nairobi. The camp includes just 10 tents, decorated with Masai art, with views that roll away towards Mount Kenya. This is the place to live out *Out of Africa*-style fantasies, with the Big Five lazing near your veranda and experts on hand to take you lion tracking. From £280 per night. Sanctuaryretreats.com. HAYLEY MAITLAND



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Each of ELCOT PARK's 55 rooms has been INDIVIDUALLY designed in a quirky BRITISH style



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The Retreat Elcot Park, Berkshire

The Mitre Hampton Court became the go-to weekend escape for the fashion crowd when it opened in Surrey a couple of years ago and its sister property in Berkshire will no doubt be equally tempting when it opens within a Grade II listed building once owned by Percy Bysshe Shelley's mother. Less than an hour's train journey from London, each of Elcot Park's 55 rooms has been individually designed in a quirky British style. Its 16-acre grounds, meanwhile, will feature everything from a walled garden to croquet lawns, with Claridge's alumnus Ronnie Kimbugwe overseeing the two restaurants. From £180 per night. Elcotpark.com



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The Albion, Wales

Ex-Londoners James Lynch and Sian Tucker have enlightened many city-dwellers about the wild beauty of the Welsh woodlands and coasts since opening their first glamping-style Forest retreat in 2007. Now they have turned their attention to revamping a pair of warehouses on opposite sides of the River Teifi. The building's maritime history will be front and centre, with each room expected to feel a bit like a ship's cabin. Reclaimed beams will be used to make much of the furniture, while handwoven Welsh textiles will up the cosy factor. From £125 per night. Coldatnight.co.uk



22 Raffles at The OWO, London

A wealth of hotels are set to open in the capital this year, though perhaps none will quite measure up to the grandeur of Raffles at The OWO, housed within the former War Office in Whitehall where Winston Churchill once laid down Second World War tactics and Ian Fleming dreamt up the character of James Bond. Under the guidance of Thierry Despont – known for restoring both The Getty Center and the Statue of Liberty – the most intricate details of the Edwardian structure have been given another life. As for the suites? Each one has been built in the former office of a leading British politician (including David Lloyd George and John Profumo). Theowo.london

100 Princes Street, Edinburgh

The same design team behind Galway's Ashford Castle was tasked with reimagining 100 Princes Street, turning to Alexander McQueen's famed Scotland-inspired collections for inspiration. The end result: 30 rooms accented with custom Araminta Campbell tartan and personalised nods to famous Scottish travellers. The hotel will officially reopen its doors this summer in time for the Fringe, but it's also a delightfully cosy retreat if you're heading north in the winter months, with guests able to browse a vast collection of fiery Scottish whiskies, best enjoyed fireside while looking across Princes Street Gardens to Edinburgh Castle. From £330 per night. Redcarnationhotels.com, HM

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