

# New hotels around the world to dream about during the pandemic



The new Tokyo Edition, Toranomom hotel invites guests to be immersed in both traditional and modern Tokyo. PHOTO: NIKOLAS KOENIG

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND - The best hotels are not only sanctuaries for travellers, but also the starting point of their adventure in a new place.

Hotels have been reinvented over the past decade as premier destinations for travellers who want it all: design, art, culture, food and adventure - all experienced within the four walls of an exquisite property.

A nomad at heart, I find travel addictive and irreplaceable. While travel plans remain on pause for now due to the pandemic, we continue to dream about our first flight out. buoyed by good news of the vaccine's mass roll-out and signs that the

PHOTO: THE TUXON HOTEL, TUSON, USA

Americans rekindled their love of road trips during the pandemic, with record numbers visiting national parks like Yosemite on the west coast and the Appalachian Trail in the east.

It is little wonder that boutique hotels are popping up in these outdoorsy places.

The Tuxon in Tucson, Arizona opened last July at the foot of Sentinel Peak and on the bank of the Santa Cruz River, making it ideal for outdoor adventures despite its close proximity to the bustling downtown.

**Info:** [The Tuxon's website](#)

**Nearby:** Tucson, the country's first Unesco City of Gastronomy, is best explored by bike. Be sure to stop at Mercado San Agustin restaurant and climb the rocky mountains nearby.

**Bonus tip:** The hotel hosts live music events and activities such as film festivals, farmers' markets and even gem shows.

#### 5. Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa, Italy



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Could sipping a negroni by the Italian coast in Puglia be one of your fantasies? When travel resumes, book a stay at the new luxury hotel, Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa, which opened in June last year in Puglia.

With only 11 rooms in this restored palace, its whitewashed buildings blend into the hilly towns surrounding the village of Ostuni and make it a great starting point for exploring.

The restaurant helmed by chef Giovanni Cerroni offers traditional dishes from Puglia, such as baccala alla salentina, a salted cod dish, which you can also recreate during a cooking class in the hotel.

**Info:** [Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa's website](#)

**Nearby:** Jump into a car and visit Bari for fresh seafood or Lecce for its baroque architecture. Or sail on the hotel's private 15m yacht and sunbathe on the Adriatic Sea.

**Bonus tip:** Many items in the hotel are for sale, including furnishings and paintings by artists Adrian Boswell and Caio Gracco.

## 6. Tokyo Edition, Toranomom, Japan



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