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New Hotels

Top tips for your next check-in



Ace Hotel Sydney — *Sydney*

US-based boutique group Ace Hotel is opening its first Australian property in Sydney's trendy Surry Hills, just steps away from the city's business district. Built on the site of Tyne House, a brick factory dating to 1916, the new 264-room hotel comes with interiors by Melbourne's Flack Studio, which drew inspiration from the neighbourhood's history and cool contemporary culture, as well as the country's landscape. The hotel celebrates Ace's approach to food, art and design, and with promises of experiential art exhibitions, film screenings, book launches, culinary events and even music festivals, it's sure to be a hotspot for locals and visitors alike.

The Ameswell Hotel — *Silicon Valley*

The Ameswell is a new independent hotel in Silicon Valley's Mountain View. With interiors by BAMO and exteriors by architecture firm WRNS Studio, also responsible for Microsoft's Silicon Valley Campus, the 255-room hotel stands out thanks to its luxurious and well-appointed facilities, including a heated salt water pool, extensive art gallery, private spa rooms, three restaurants and bars (complete with robot servers), and a cultural programme from music to wellness retreats. Housed in a LEED Silver building, The Ameswell brings together innovation, art, wellness, sustainability and nature just steps away from the headquarters of some of the Valley's biggest names.

CIVILIAN NYC — *New York*

In New York's Theater District, CIVILIAN NYC is a new hotel concept that pays tribute to the rich aesthetics and ambience of a classic theatre. Designed by American architect David Rockwell of Rockwell Group, rooms in the 203-key property evoke theatre dressing rooms, with bold colours and textures, and Rockwell has continued this narrative throughout the hotel's private and public spaces. Highlights include the rooftop bar and the Olio Collection, the hotel's art programme that features works by theatre creatives and contemporary Broadway photographers; taken as a whole, the hotel is an immersive experience that sets the scene for exploring the Theater District and beyond.

Guilin Lebei Homestay Hotel — *Guilin*

Nestled among lush forests, Guilin Lebei Homestay Hotel is a one-of-a-kind resort designed by Beijing-based architecture and interior design studio aoe. Scattered throughout the jungle and connected by timber pathways, 13 individual tree houses offer both privacy and easy access to the hotel's common amenities. Each unit features an upper-floor bedroom accessed via a climbing ladder, and a private terrace offering unobstructed views of the forest and nearby river. Designed to bring guests as close to nature as possible, the resort is the perfect escape for families wanting to experience the outdoors without compromising on comfort or quality.



LOST LINDENBERG — *Bali*

Frankfurt collective LINDENBERG has opened an idyllic property in Pekutatan, Bali. Set on a black lava sand beach, the eight-unit hotel was designed by Bali locals Studio Jencquel and architect Alexis Dornier, who merged traditional silhouettes with contemporary design. ‘Our foundations were the remoteness of a plot of land surrounded by temples, and an eternally long, unspoiled lava sand beach,’ said Denise Omurca, managing director at LINDENBERG Hospitality. ‘No honeymoon kitsch, no infinity-pool-Insta-architecture, no yoga dogma, no compromises. Instead, pure nature, shared surfing, the greatest little adventures, immersion in a fascinating culture, a communal dinner table and homegrown pineapples.’

ROKU KYOTO — *Kyoto*

Realised by BLINK Design Group, ROKU KYOTO — Hilton’s first LXR property in Asia Pacific — celebrates the simplicity and elegance of Japanese culture and craft. The new hotel includes 114 rooms and suites, three pavilion-housed dining zones and a spa, each of which taps into classic Japanese aesthetics and traditional Kyoto design. Guestrooms overlook the beautiful mountain scenery, with Garden Rooms offering a petite terrace, while the Spa Access rooms and suites are equipped with a full terrace and a natural onsen, a rarity in Kyoto and the perfect way to unwind after a day spent exploring the ancient capital.

Six Senses Fort Barwara — *Rajasthan*

Set in the picturesque Rajasthan countryside, this 14th-century royal fort has undergone a decade-long conversion project — overseen by Ahmedabad-based firm Panika — to become Six Senses Fort Barwara, a majestic 48-suite property that incorporates two original palaces and two temples within the walled fort. Suites have been designed in a contemporary Rajasthani style that complements the historic backdrop of the fort. The world-class Six Senses Spa makes its home in the original women’s palace and offers Ayurvedic wellness programmes, adding to what is already a singular experience of history and luxury.

The Standard, Hua Hin — *Hua Hin*

The Standard has opened its first outpost in Thailand, a seaside resort in the chic beach town of Hua Hin featuring 178 guestrooms and 21 pool villas. Designed by local architecture firm Onion, the hotel’s style evokes Le Corbusier, with clean lines and modernist touches that are echoed in the interiors by other local creatives Studio Freehand and interior designer Shelley Kwok — though there are plenty of references to local artistry and traditions. While the resort is within walking distance of Hua Hin town, its beach bar, open-air dining spots, beach access and sparkling pools offer all the R&R you’d want from a city escape.