

It List 2021: Our Editors' Picks of the Best New Hotels in the World

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Believe it or not, the past 12 months were big for [hotel openings](#). Flinging open their doors for the first time, these new and revamped properties welcomed guests inside with a (masked) hello and a taste of travel's future.

Our guide to the essential openings of the past year took us to 29 countries in pursuit of the unforgettable. Over the course of 2020, T+L writers and editors trekked to a remote Namibian tented camp in a vast nature reserve, surfed the waves at a boho-chic resort in Baja Sur, Mexico, and sipped Sazeracs on the porch of an 1891 former residence in [New Orleans](#). While there are plenty of extravagant

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Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa — Ostuni, Italy

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In the historic center of the "white city" of Ostuni (named for its ancient, uniformly whitewashed buildings) lies the region's newest oasis of tranquility, Paragon 700. Architect and interior designer Pascale Lauber (she's the co-owner of the hotel, along with Ulrike Bauschke) personally headed the restoration of the 18th-century palazzo, using traditional artisanal techniques and a dash of contemporary style. Eleven individually designed guest rooms have vaulted ceilings, period frescos, original fireplaces, and parquet floors. The property is wrapped around a flourishing garden with an orange grove and a swimming pool, where guests can unwind under the warm Puglian sun. They can also sip a negroni at the cozy bar, the Mixology House; get a massage at the spa; or have dinner beneath the centuries-old stone ceilings of Restaurant 700, which is headed by chef Giovanni Cerroni. paragon700.com; doubles from \$356. —Gian Marco Tosti