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The Best New Hotels in North America and Europe, 2023

From a ranch in Napa Valley to a wellness retreat in Punta Mita, Mexico, here are the places where checking in could change your view of the world.

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You can encounter inspiration in many different forms at a great hotel. It might be as simple as a stunning view. Standing on a balcony at the Maybourne Riviera, on the Côte d'Azur, I took in an expanse of sea and sky unlike that of any other place in the world. There's a reason that corner of the earth attracted painters such as Matisse and Bonnard. It's an image to conjure when the meditation app tells you to think of a calming place. A moment that becomes a little souvenir of the soul.

Experiences like this may be tiny, but they can stick. In the kitchen at the Four Seasons Naviva, in Punta Mita, Mexico, the chef casually taught me how to prepare a salsa using a *molcajete*, a traditional pre-Hispanic mortar and pestle made from lava rock. It was so simple and revelatory and visceral—just charred tomatoes and jalapeños and salt—that I vowed to make it regularly with my salsa-loving children. New York's Nine Orchard, our very first Hotel of the Year, is a place that embraces the analog, so inspiration came to me in the form of the excellent wooden speakers in my room (made by Ojas). They reminded me that good sound matters.



For this second edition of [our Best New Hotels list](#), we traveled throughout North America and Europe to find places offering more than high thread counts and hot tubs. These are the spots that changed us in big and small ways. We hope you get to take some inspiration home from them, too. —
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Even if you're taking part in the boisterousness of the bars and music venues of East Sixth, you'll find just the right amount of refinement to make you feel like a proper adult again when you enter the Thompson—or its younger cousin, the tommie—both housed in the same tower. The Thompson rooms have exposed concrete ceilings, wooden floors, and beds with green velvet headboards. The tommie rooms are cozy studies in maximizing style in a small space. No matter which you choose, you'll want to spend some time at a bungalow by the rooftop pool and the adjacent bar and restaurant, Wax Myrtles. Downstairs, you'll find Diner Bar and the Grey Market, outposts of the restaurants run by Mashama Bailey and her business partner Johno Morisano in Savannah. And if you need a break from the property's hip serenity, you know where to head. **Thompson rooms from \$329; tommie rooms from \$199** —*K.S.*