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When you work at Condé Nast Traveler, the one question that’s always being asked of you—by friends, your therapist, strangers you’ve only just met—isn’t: Where should I go? More often than not it’s: When should I go? As hotel obsessives, we dig in:

A great hotel isn’t simply a place to spend the night. It’s an unobtrusive project that’s on the go: it’s off the lobby, it’s in the wallpaper in your suite. It’s a project that makes you want to decorate your entire home. And if you love a hotel enough, it can become a reason in itself to go. After our twenty-second annual Gold List, we offer you our global short list—the recommendations we give without even thinking about it.
THE BEND DIDN'T RUN THEM

When a landmark hotel undergoes a makeover, you can only hope it emerges richer in itself. Fortunately, these recent renovations didn’t open up a whole new thing.

Aracena, Hixton

THE RENAISSANCE

IF YOU LOVED BARNESLEY HOUSE IN THE COTSWOLDS, TRY SUMMER LODGE COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL IN DORSET

OUR WINTER SURVIVAL GUIDE: GET YOURSELF TO ONE OF THESE BEACHES

Last time we flew to paradise plane from Fiji’s main airport—and a world away from everything else—the Four Seasons Resort Angsana Laguna Phuket, a private island with 52 villas, wowed us. This time, we’re recommending the Maldives. A good bounce before you visit: see another guest, whether you’re snorkeling or a sunset beach hike, riding through coral reefs, or exploring reefs in the resort’s two passenger submarines. Yup, you read that right. submarine.