



THIS YEAR'S TOP 50 HOTELS

Two in New York City, three in London and 10 more in India... plus stays in exotic destinations such as Aruba, Zambia and Newfoundland. CNT picks the world's coolest new hotels and tells you why each one is special

THE AMERICAS

FOGO ISLAND INN, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

LOEWS REGENCY HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, US

THE MARLTON HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, US

THOMPSON CHICAGO, US

HOTEL ZETTA SAN FRANCISCO, US

THE LINE, LOS ANGELES, US

THE REDBURY SOUTH BEACH, MIAMI, US

MUKUL RESORT & SPA, GUACALITO DE LA ISLA, NICARAGUA

ANDAZ PENINSULA PAPAGAYO RESORT, COSTA RICA

AMERICAN TRADE HOTEL, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

THE RITZ-CARLTON, ARUBA, ARUBA

HOTEL B. LIMA, PERU

BUTTERFLY HOUSE, BAHIA, BRAZIL

AWASI PATAGONIA, CHILE

EUROPE

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL LION PALACE ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

THE CHEDI ANDERMATT, SWITZERLAND

W VERBIER, SWITZERLAND

D'ANGLETERRE, COPENHAGEN, NETHERLANDS

ACE HOTEL LONDON SHOREDITCH, UK

ROSEWOOD LONDON, UK

THE LONDON EDITION, UK

PRINCE DE GALLES, PARIS, FRANCE

AMAN CANAL GRANDE VENICE, ITALY

ASIA, AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

MANDARIN ORIENTAL PUDONG, SHANGHAI, CHINA

MIRA MOON, HONG KONG, CHINA

PARK HYATT SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

REGENT BALI, INDONESIA

POINT YAMU BY COMO, PHUKET, THAILAND

AMANO'I, VINH HY BAY, VIETNAM

INIALA BEACH HOUSE, PHUKET, THAILAND

SINGITA CASTLETON, SOUTH AFRICA

VIDA DOWNTOWN DUBAI, UAE

1888 HOTEL, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

OWNER'S COTTAGE AT MATAKAURI, QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND

THE TEMPLE HOTEL, BEIJING, CHINA

NEW IN INDIA

VANA, MALSI ESTATE, UTTARAKHAND

THE LALIT CHANDIGARH, CHANDIGARH

HYATT REGENCY GURGAON, HARYANA

JW MARRIOTT HOTEL NEW DELHI AEROCITY, NEW DELHI

JAWAI LEOPARD CAMP, RAJASTHAN

ABODE, MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA

TRIDENT HYDERABAD, ANDHRA PRADESH

JW MARRIOTT HOTEL BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

THE RITZ-CARLTON, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

DUSIT DEVARANA, NEW DELHI

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INDIA

VANA, MALSI ESTATE, UTTARAKHAND

Why it's on the list: Set amid mango and litchi orchards, and surrounded by a sal forest, the property's beating heart is its wellness retreat, which includes an ayurvedic centre, a Chinese wellness section, a ritual spa, four yoga and meditation pavilions, more than 50 treatment rooms and a state-of-the-art gymnasium. Specialists prescribe treatments to suit each guest. And the two restaurants on site prove you can eat well and be healthy.

Know before you book: Vana has a minimum-three-night-stay policy. (www.vanaretreasures.com) Doubles from ₹50,000

THE LALIT CHANDIGARH, CHANDIGARH

Why it's on the list: At the junction of a reserve forest, a mall and an IT Park, it occupies a sweet spot for a business hotel. Its 179 rooms and public spaces are airy. The pan-Asian restaurant, OKO, works well as a space to do some meal-time networking, whereas the view from the Lalit's Indian restaurant, Baluchi, is perfect for a quiet lunch on your own. Built on level with the roof of the forest reserve, it has the feel of a tree house, making it easy to forget that you're in one of India's fastest-growing cities.

Know before you book: Even-numbered rooms offer forest and mountain views. (www.thelalit.com) Doubles from ₹7,000

HYATT REGENCY GURGAON, HARYANA

Why it's on the list: Its location has made it hugely popular for conferences and events. Nearly half of the 40,000-sq-ft banquet space (the largest in the city) is given to the Regency Ballroom, which can accommodate up to 3,000 guests at a time. Of the 451 rooms (the highest count in the city), 200 offer twin beds, ensuring most of your delegates



can be accommodated at the same price point.

Know before you book: The superb LAVANA restaurant serves authentic Awadhi fare. (<http://gurgaon.regency.hyatt.com>) Doubles from ₹6,445

JW MARRIOTT HOTEL NEW DELHI AEROCITY, NEW DELHI

Why it's on the list: It's right next to Delhi airport, a short drive from Gurgaon and South Delhi, and a great base for the business traveller. You can start with networking cocktails and canapés at K3, which serves Tuscan, Indian and Cantonese, and move to the Japanese restaurant, Akira Back, for dinner. End the evening at Oval Bar, where movable panels create private spaces where you can seal the deal over Cognac and caviar.

Know before you book: Quan Spa offers therapies such as the Instant Eye Repair to reduce puffiness. (www.marriott.com) Doubles from ₹6,750

JAWAI LEOPARD CAMP, RAJASTHAN

Why it's on the list: Set in the Aravali Hills, a three-hour drive from Udaipur, this camp gives you access to an elusive animal—the leopard. Around 50 of them are said to roam the hills around the camp. Spend your days on safari with

knowledgeable guides and return to a contemporary space where leather is combined with local stone and stainless-steel fittings to make a cosy home.

Know before you book: The camp has its own organic garden. (www.sujanluxury.com) Doubles from ₹40,000

ABODE, MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA

Why it's on the list: Housed in a 1910 building, this super-cool 20-room boutique offers an affordable stay in South Mumbai. Its interiors include art deco furniture, vintage switches, graphic custom-made floor tiles and standalone bathtubs. Wi-fi is included in your tariff and breakfast is served until noon to feed late risers. A spa, a shop stocking products sourced from craftspeople across the country and an exercise space complete the package.

Know before you book: The Basic and Simple rooms are tiny. (<http://abodeboutiquehotels.com>) Doubles from ₹3,500

TRIDENT HYDERABAD, ANDHRA PRADESH

Why it's on the list: This 323-room business hotel, part of the commercial township ofHITEC City, is exceptional. Rooms (the smallest of which are 440sq ft) feature floor-to-ceiling windows

with spectacular views of the city on one side and Rock Heights Park on the other. Standard facilities include iPod docks, walk-in wardrobes, standalone bathtubs and electronic window blinds. But it's the stellar service that will have you returning.

Know before you book: The 10th-floor infinity pool is a great spot for a sunbather. (www.tridenthotels.com) Doubles from ₹7,900

JW MARRIOTT HOTEL BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

Why it's on the list: Located between Cubbon Park and UB City, this hotel makes the most of the city's good weather. Four of its five restaurants and bars offer alfresco seating. The 297 rooms (97 with balconies) have either park or UB City views. Spice Terrace, the hotel's poolside restaurant, is a buzzing evening venue, while guests seeking peace and quiet can head to Bar Uno, which serves wines, single malts and classic cocktails.

Know before you book: For the best views, book the Executive or Cubbon suites on floors eight and above. (www.marriott.com) Doubles from ₹10,350

THE RITZ-CARLTON, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA

Why it's on the list: India's first Ritz-Carlton is situated in the city's business and entertainment district and displays more than 1,500 works of art. In the rooms, you'll find Nespresso machines, 400-thread-count Frette linen and bathroom products by Asprey London. Lantern, one of the hotel's seven restaurants and bars, serves dim sum from Hong Kong-style carts. But the soon-to-launch rooftop bar, Bang, promises to, literally, be the hotel's high point.

Know before you book: Reserve a table at The Market with Anupam Banerjee, who was head chef at the Michelin-starred Rasoi by Vineet at Mandarin Oriental, Geneva. (www.ritzcarlton.com) Doubles from ₹14,210

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