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Epic Views

PANORAMIC WINDOWS ONTO THE WORLD

Shades of blue saturate the sea-to-sky views from **Le Barthélemy Hotel**, on St. Barths' Grand Cul-de-Sac beach. At **Amanemu**, private terraces and onsen hot baths overlook forested islets and oyster rafts in Japan's "Bay of Pearls." One of National Geographic's Unique Lodges, **Seal River Heritage Lodge** added a six-tent Tundra Camp for exclusive access to northern Manitoba's Arctic terrain. **Explora Valle Sagrado**, in Peru, looks up—and around—to a ring of serrated Andean peaks. On the urban flip side, majestic Table Mountain fills the floor-to-ceiling windows at **The Silo**, in Cape Town, South Africa.



Revived Royalty

GRAND HOTELS WITH FRESH MAKEOVERS

Timber Cove, a 1963 Frank Lloyd Wright–inspired lodge, features new redwood-decked suites overlooking California's Sonoma coast. **The Beekman** transformed a 19th-century building into Lower Manhattan's destination hotel, thanks partly to the soaring nine-story atrium lobby. The reopened **Hotel Royal Savoy**, in Lausanne, restored its art nouveau exterior and appended a state-of-the-art Swiss spa. The historic **Pulitzer Hotel**, in Amsterdam, added a courtyard sculpture garden, giant swings, and themed suites.

Stay cool (from top) at The Robey's rooftop, in Chicago; Le Barthélemy's pool, in St. Barths; and Timber Cove's Great Room, in California.



Lovers' Corners

HIDEAWAYS FOR ROMANCE

The barrel-vaulted, 16th-century chapel at **Masseria Trapanà**, in southern Italy, provides a cozy setting for making—or renewing—vows. **Sandals Royal Caribbean**, in Jamaica, introduces luxury South Pacific–style over-the-water villas—with outdoor showers and glass floors for viewing marine life—to the region. **Casa Laguna Hotel & Spa**, in California's Laguna Beach, offers colorful, intimate rooms at a 1920s former artist colony dotted with palm trees. On an island located in the Maldives' Noonu Atoll, **Soneva Jani** features over-the-water villas with retractable roofs for stargazing. In Mexico, **Andaz Mayakoba Resort Riviera Maya** fronts white sands ideal for beachcombing, with sleek rooms that look onto tropical gardens, a clear lagoon, or the Caribbean Sea.

Good Neighbors

WHERE TRAVELERS AND LOCALS HANG OUT

The **Tilden Hotel**, in San Francisco's Tenderloin district, brings in local poets and artists for rotating residencies. **Hotel Saint George** shares an address—and a clever vibe—with the indie Marfa Book Company, in Texas. Local acts perform at the music club at the **Ace Hotel New Orleans**, a community magnet in the Warehouse District. **The Williamsburg** loans bikes for exploring Brooklyn, while Chicago's **The Robey** opens doors to the arty Wicker Park neighborhood. **FOUND:RE Phoenix**, which doubles as a gallery for area artists, embodies the Arizona city's downtown revival.

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