

Open door luxury

Upward Curve looks at new hotels opening in 2023 and what will be on offer for those looking to travel to Europe, Asia, North America and the Middle East in luxury

When it comes to luxury travel, finding the right place to stay is an integral part of the process. With these six new luxury hotels opening around the world, the decision may be a little bit easier.

AUBERGE COLLEGIO ALLA QUERCE

Though this resort doesn't have a set opening date yet, travellers can expect that some time in

2023, Collegio alla Querce will strike a perfect balance between the benefits of a bustling city like Florence and the quiet country setting of Tuscany. Sixty-one guest rooms and 20 suites, as well as a 2,250 square foot signature suite will be available, housed in restored 16th Century buildings. A Baroque garden, curated boutique and art gallery are just some of the things available on site.

A spa and fitness centre and outdoor pool will also provide much needed relaxation, while a wine tasting and restaurant on site are also available. Prices have not been set, but with the surroundings of Italy nearby and the decadence of the rooms and suites in this resort, it's a stay that may be well worth it. aubergeresorts.com/collegioallaquerce

AMAN NISEKO

Located in the middle of the Japanese wilderness, Aman Niseko is all about seasonal appreciation. The summer flower fields will capture the heart, and the ski slopes and snowy wonderland in the winter will take the breath away. This hotel is the first development on the mountain of Niseko and is Japan's first destination wellness retreat and boasts 31 private residences across the slopes.

Below: Beautiful cityscape skyline of Firenze (Florence), Italy, with bridges over the river Arno Right: Skiing in Japan offers luxury in a different culture to European and North American snow holidays



When it comes to outdoor hobbies, whether it be skiing and snowboarding in the winter, hiking in the autumn, mountain biking in the spring or river rafting in the summer, this resort is in prime position to provide for those pursuits. Hot-spring bathing pools will be part of the Aman spa experience as well as part of each residence, and the main pavilion will include a living room, two restaurants and a private dining room, a bar, a lounge, a library and many other amenities to be enjoyed by the guests.

The exact opening date of Aman Niseko has not yet been announced, but prices may be similar to other Aman resorts. The focus of the new hotel will be its seamless integration into the surrounding nature scape. aman.com/resorts/aman-niseko

THE PENINSULA ISTANBUL

This new addition to the Peninsula brand is immediately interesting purely due to its exterior architecture: the hotel occupies four buildings all next to each other along the Bosphorus Strait. Each building has its own styling, though the colouring and branding is consistent, but the hotel makes for a striking view while cruising down the strait. The hotel will begin normal operations around May 2023 but have availability for their soft opening.

Accommodations in the hotel are varied depending on guests' needs, with eight different types of rooms available, from the superior room to the grand deluxe Bosphorus room. The fourteen suite options range from an executive suite to the peninsula suite, some with curated

art, gardens or private rooftop quarters. The amenities at the Peninsula Istanbul include a comprehensive wellness program with a spa, fitness room and pool, rooftop dining and bar options, as well as the lobby restaurant and options for those wanting to host meetings or events. Prices will begin at around €1000 a night. peninsula.com

DORCHESTER COLLECTION THE LANA

Located right in the centre of bustling Dubai, the new Dorchester Collection hotel stands out in one of the most well-known skylines around the world. The Lana, opening in September 2023, sits on the Dubai Canal and is a marvel of glass and modern design. The hotel will have 225 rooms and suites, all focusing on

the open and bright atmosphere of the building and the surrounding areas, with amazing views of the Burj Khalifa and the desert.

A patisserie and evening restaurant will grace the 18th floor, while the rooftop will boast a pool with a dizzying view of the Dubai sunsets and a bar. While prices have not yet been hinted at, they will no doubt be similar to other Dorchester Collection hotels. The Lana will no doubt make an intriguing addition to the business sector of Dubai with its luxury and stunning architecture. dorchestercollection.com

RITZ CARLTON PARADISE VALLEY

This new Ritz-Carlton resort opens in fall of 2023, stretching across 20 acres of lush landscape with Camelback Mountain as ➤



the stunning view. While the resort offers a quiet retreat, it's close by to Scottsdale, Arizona, meaning there's lots to do while staying here. Just within the resort there are secret gardens, citrus groves and a giant swimming pool, and each guest room is specially oxygen-enriched.

The resort will feature 215 guest rooms and suites, including the 7,400 square foot Presidential Casita with six bedrooms and a private pool. Some rooms and suites are decked out with outdoor showers and fireplaces, while club guests can enjoy the exclusive lounge on site.

The spa and fitness centre are complemented by the meditation garden, and two bars and all-day dining on the patio are also available. Prices have not yet been set.

ritzcarlton.com

MANDARIN ORIENTAL COSTA NAVARINO

As Mandarin Oriental's first location in Greece, Costa Navarino will be quite the luxurious summer destination when it opens in 2023. Spanning 140 hectares

and boasting 99 guestrooms, this hotel will have five separate dining venues and 2km of beachfront access. The private villas will overlook the bay as they nestle into the hillside and blend in with the landscape.

Costa Navarino also offers many incredible dining experiences, spa and wellness treatments and a world-class golf course, famous around the world and visible from the villas of Costa Navarino. Each of the 48 villas has its own private pool, and the 51 guestrooms have all been designed with tasteful contemporary elegance in mind. Prices have not yet been released for a stay in Costa Navarino, but may be similar to other Mandarin Oriental hotel experiences or other resorts in the Costa Navarino area.

costanavarino.com ■

Above: Arizona's Paradise Valley and its luxury resorts where the new Ritz-Carlton will open in the Fall of 2023
Left: The Mandarin Oriental Costa Navarino will boast views of the coast, from private villas that overlook the bay