

# New breaks

Hotly anticipated luxury hotel openings in 2025 around the world, from coastal paradise to city flyers and rural retreats

There are always new hotels opening and restored masterpieces reopening, but these six offer something quite unique, with stunning spas and opulent experiences from North America and Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia.

## BANGKOK

Aman Nai Lert nests within the seven-acre green oasis of Nai Lert Park in Thailand's capital, Bangkok. Perfectly placed for an immersion into the city, the

Jean-Michel Gathy-designed hotel is home to 52 suites, a 1,500-square-metre Aman Spa & Wellness centre and several luxury dining venues.

Reflecting Thailand's healing lore, as well as the capital's status as a leading global hub for wellness optimisation, Aman Spa & Wellness spans three floors, offering 1,500 square metres of space dedicated to wellbeing. With Medical Wellness by Hertiude Clinic on the eighth floor, and a holistic Aman Spa

on the tenth, all-encompassing wellness programmes unfold across several modalities, tailored to individual needs and enhanced by the hotel's naturally restorative surrounds. From a Royal Thai massage using heated rice compresses to its traditional wood-clad Banyas sauna and venik (oak or birch leaves clustered together) to massage, stimulate and exfoliate the skin. [aman.com/hotels/aman-nai-lert-bangkok](https://aman.com/hotels/aman-nai-lert-bangkok)

## GERMANY

The flagship hotel in the prestigious Oetker Collection, Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa, is set to captivate the hearts of travellers once again as one of Germany's most historic hotel reopens its doors in the heart of the historic spa town of Baden-Baden, following an extensive 18-month renovation project. For more than 150 years, Brenners has been a true icon of European grand hospitality and its relaunch marks a new

era for the iconic hotel, with a harmonious and exciting fusion of past, present, and future, complementing the hotel's luxury spa and medical services.

Originally opened in 1872, the new chapter preserves the hotel's rich heritage and Beaux-Arts architectural style, while bringing in new restaurants, Fritz & Felix restaurant and Restaurant Wintergarten, as well as the renovation of Villa Stéphanie in 2015. Historical elements, such as the traditional staircases, original doors, and distinctive window frames, have been beautifully preserved and for the first time in the hotel's history, the original 19th century hidden brickwork on the east side of the main building has been uncovered, offering a rare glimpse into the architectural roots of the storied landmark. Historic wooden beams from the 19th century were retained and reinforced with steel structures to preserve the original architecture, which has been sourced locally from sustainable forestry in the Black Forest. [oetkercollection.com/hotels/brenners-park-hotel-spa](https://oetkercollection.com/hotels/brenners-park-hotel-spa)

## DUBAI

The iconic Ciel, set to be the world's tallest all-hotel tower when it opens later this year,

rises 82 storeys from Dubai Maria, featuring more than 1,000 rooms and 147 suites. The First Group Hospitality is taking immersive Emirati hospitality to the next level with this masterpiece, featuring ten food and beverage options; three of which will be world-class restaurants. Stunning floor-to-ceiling panoramic glass windows, landscaped terraces and a beautiful Observation Deck standing sky-high on the 81st floor, the guest experience includes a state-of-the-art

gymnasium, guest lounge and luxury spa, and a dedicated Podium and Children's pool. The pièce de résistance is the aquamarine gem, set to be the world's highest infinity pool on the 76th floor. [cieldubai.com](https://cieldubai.com)

## NEW YORK

Miami-based, Argentine-born luxury hotel group Faena is ready to take a bite of the Big Apple with a 120-room at 500 West 18th Street in a building designed by Bjarke Ingels Group. Featuring the lavish Tierra Santa Healing House, dynamic food and beverage venues and vibrant nightlife programming, Faena New York will grace the city with its immersive approach to hospitality and culture. "New York City has historically been the center of innovation, creativity, and pushing boundaries," says Alan Faena, who co-founded Faena with Len Blavatnik in 2000. "Faena will embrace and amplify that spirit, offering

a touch of magic that honors and contributes to the vibrant legacy of New York."

The Faena Design team is handling the look and feel and we can expect plenty of art and events. Juan Gatti, Studio Job, Gonzalo Fuenmayor, Alberto Garruti and Lizarrazo Studios are just a few of the names already confirmed for the project.

Two decades since Faena opened in Buenos Aires and one decade since the launch of Faena Miami Beach, the brand looks set to continue its commitment to pursuing art and cultural immersion in the destinations of its hotels, as well as helping to elevate neighbouring communities. [faena.com/new-york](https://faena.com/new-york) ▶

**Opener:** The infinity pool at the Aman Nai Lert Hotel in Bangkok  
**Above:** A view of Germany's historic Brenners Park Hotel and Spa in Baden-Baden, reopening after a renovation  
**Left:** The Spa inside Brenners Park Wellness Suite







## KYOTO

Four-stories high and home to 92 rooms and suites, Capella Kyoto pays homage to the city's rich heritage through its curation of Japanese artworks and artefacts. Minutes away from the celebrated Miyagawa-chō Kaburenjo, a theatre for geiko and maiko dances, each guest room is furnished with intricate textures in a contemporary manner to embrace the future, while respecting the important legacy of Kyoto's geisha traditions.

The former capital of Japan is home to this Kengo Kuma-designed hotel from the upstart luxury operator Capella, who enjoyed the number 1 spot in the World's 50 Best hotels in 2024 for its Bangkok property.

Highlights include the Auriga Spa, omakase-style dining outlet Carte Blanche and a Capella ballroom. The Japanese

courtyard garden, designed for guests to experience ichigo-ichie "one life, one meeting" is filled with bamboo and Japanese maple. [capellahotels.com](http://capellahotels.com)

## HAMILTON ISLAND, AUSTRALIA

Hamilton Island's new boutique hotel is in the heart of Australia's World Heritage Listed Great Barrier Reef. Situated at the northern end of palm-fringed Catseye Beach, The Sundays

**Above: The streets of Kyoto in cherry blossom season**  
**Right: Argentinian-born luxury hotel group Faena is making its debut in New York at 500 West 18th Street, in a building designed by the Bjarke Ingels Group that promises to deliver its signature blend of art and architecture**

offers 59 rooms with a choice of either a balcony or terrace, overlooking the Coral Sea and the hotel's gardens.

The hotel features private cabanas around a pool exclusively for guests and a waters-edge restaurant and bar offering al fresco dining with views of the aquatic playground that is Catseye Bay.

Set to open in Autumn 2025 (AEST), it is expected to significantly contribute to the Whitsundays' visitor economy, providing employment for over 100 full-time equivalent hospitality workers in the region.

Pete Brulisauer, CEO of Hamilton Island, says, "In developing its ethos, we were inspired by the essence of what makes a Sunday so special – relaxing, treasuring time and fostering connections with loved ones, and embracing nature. It will be a place where you can expect an extraordinary experience for all ages amidst the breathtaking natural beauty of The Whitsundays in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef." [hamiltonisland.com.au/the-sundays](http://hamiltonisland.com.au/the-sundays) ■

