

LUXURY FINDS ALONG THE GLOBAL TOUR

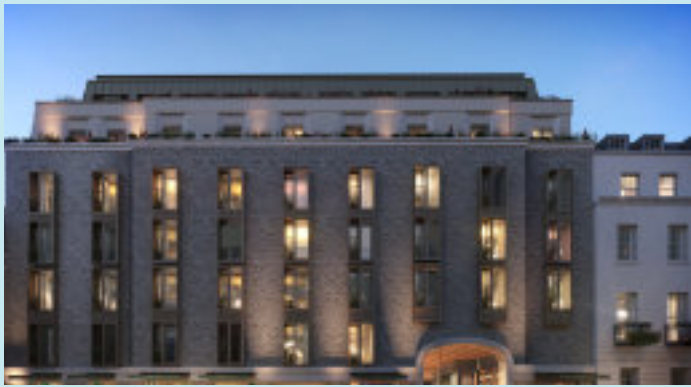


THE LONGINES GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR WILL SOON ARRIVE IN
FIVE OF THE WORLD'S MOST DYNAMIC CITIES. FROM HOT HOTELS TO CULTURAL EVENTS,
HERE'S OUR LOWDOWN ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LONDON, NEW YORK, VIENNA, ROME AND RIYADH.

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L O N D O N
LUXURY HOTELS,
BIG-NAME
RESTAURANTS AND
DAZZLING CULTURAL
HIGHLIGHTS



When it comes to finding a place to stay, the capital city is buzzing with new openings. The big one to watch is The Newman, which is set to open in September in Fitzrovia. The first hotel from new brand, Kinsfolk & Co, it will have 81 rooms and suites, a European brasserie, cocktail bar and a dedicated Nordic-themed wellness floor. Designed by Lind + Almond, the hotel's décor has a contemporary Art Deco aesthetic and is also inspired by the Bohemian heritage of Fitzrovia.

Also opening in September is the long-awaited Chancery Rosewood property. Carved out of the former American Embassy at Grosvenor Square, this refined bolthole is found in a striking Grade II listed building, and showcases architectural restoration by British architect Sir David Chipperfield and interiors by Joseph Dirand. The all-suite property will have eight restaurants and bars, including the first European outpost of New York's Carbone, and a spectacular rooftop Eagle Bar. Wellness at the Asaya Spa will feature a 25m indoor swimming pool, and an exclusive clinic with renowned aesthetic physician Dr Wassim Taktouk.

One to put on the radar for later this year is The Shepherd Mayfair – a boutique property, part of the Elegant Hotel Collection, which is set to open its doors in London's historic Shepherd Market. Buckley Gray Yeoman and Timothy Shepherd have overseen the design, which gives a nod to the rich history of the area. Its culinary offering, including brasserie Fayre and speakeasy bar, Teddy's, will no doubt add interest to Mayfair's buzzy social scene.

Meanwhile, unveiled at the classic Four Seasons Park Lane are its newly renovated suites, boasting a new look inspired by the greenery of Hyde Park. A stay in one of the 18 suites brings a number of perks, such as butler service, use of the Bentley house cars and complimentary tickets to the V&A.

Finally, London's iconic Brown's Hotel has revealed its Nightingale Suite, inspired by the 1939 ballad A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square. Giving a nod to the romance of the song, the suite has been designed with velvet-draped furnishings in muted jewel tones and delicate botanical illustrations. Kick start your stay downstairs in the celebrated Donovan's Bar, which has launched a new cocktail menu, entitled 'Our Way'. It signals a refined return to the very essence of cocktail craft, showcasing simplicity and timeless technique.

London's dining scene just keeps getting better and one to book now is Angela Hartnett's new rooftop restaurant at the Royal Opera House. Boasting panoramic views over Covent Garden, the chef will serve up her signature, sophisticated yet simple Italian cookery in a glorious setting.

Fans of the legendary Chelsea restaurant, Bluebird, should head over to its new sister restaurant Bluebird City at South Place Hotel. It showcases Bluebird's much-loved charm and crowd-pleasing British cuisine in the heart of the City.

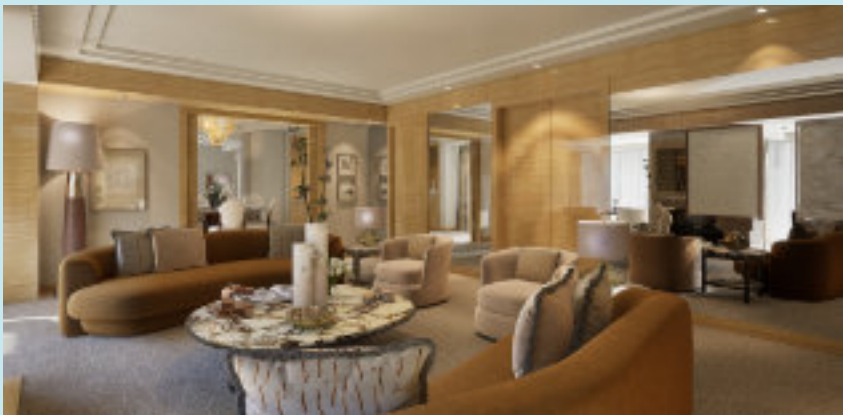
Over in Mayfair, new restaurant Labombe Trivet, at Como Metropolitan London on Old Park Lane, is the new playful venture from Jonny Lake and Isa Bal of the two Michelin-starred Bermondsey restaurant, Trivet. Diners can expect extra-special wines and a grill-based sharing menu.



FROM TOP:
THE NEWMAN.
THE SHEPHERD MAYFAIR.
CHANCERY ROSEWOOD
EAGLE BAR.
BEDROOM AT THE
NEWMAN.



FROM TOP:
NIGHTINGALE SUITE, BROWNS HOTEL.
DONOVAN'S BAR, BROWNS HOTEL.
GARDEN SUITE, FOUR SEASONS.
GALANGAL MOJITO & NEM NUONG.
ANGLER RESTAURANT, SOUTH PLACE.



Lovers of Vietnamese food, on the other hand, should head to the much anticipated opening of Cô Thành in Covent Garden. Founded by Brian Woo and inspired by the legendary Nguyễn Thị Thanh – known around the world as 'The Lunch Lady' – Cô Thành is a celebration of regional Vietnamese cuisine, bringing together signature dishes from its Hong Kong restaurant along with London-only specials.

Autumn is always a joy in theatreland and theatre buffs should book now for a slew of in-demand shows. Pop star, Olly Alexander, stars in a new production of The Importance of Being Earnest at The Noël Coward Theatre (18 September – 10 January 2026). Susan Sarandon is set to make her London stage debut in Mary Page Marlowe, a play by Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, Tracy Letts, at the Old Vic (23 September – 1 November) and superstar Cynthia Arivo is set to return to the West End in a one-woman adaptation of Dracula at the Noël Coward Theatre (from early 2026).

For culture vultures, this season's big blockbuster exhibition will undoubtedly be the V&A's Marie Antoinette Style (20 September – 22 March 2026) which explores the impact of Marie Antoinette on fashion, design and culture. While Cecile Beaton's Fashionable World at the National Portrait Gallery (9 October – 11 January 2026) promises more insight into the career of the multi-talented, fashion designer's life.

NEW YORK
AN ICONIC
REOPENING,
UPSCALE HOTELS
AND DYNAMIC
MUSEUM OFFERINGS

The biggest hotel event in the Big Apple is surely the reopening of the illustrious Waldorf Astoria, possibly the most famous hotel in the world. For nearly a century, Waldorf Astoria New York has been a fixture of New York City society, and it has now reopened following an extensive restoration spearheaded by interior designer Pierre-Yves Rochon and architectural firm Skidmore, Owings and Merrill. Featuring some of Manhattan’s largest rooms and suites (it has gone from having 1,600 rooms to 375 rooms, on the lower 18 stories, with another 372 residences on the upper floors), the property has retained the original Art Deco architecture reimagined with fresh contemporary furnishings and a total overhaul of the interior spaces. Alongside the signature restaurant, Lex Yard by Chef Michael Anthony, another highlight is the new spa spanning over 30,000 square feet with a state-of-the-art fitness centre. It promises to bring back the glamour of its Gilded Age history, with a 2025 twist.

Having opened last year on the Upper East Side, The Surrey, a Corinthia Hotel, has launched its new collection of luxury suites designed by renowned interior designer Martin Brudnizki. The four, sprawling apartment-style suites pay homage to the architectural beauty of Central Park’s famous bridges incorporating details that echo the bridges’ intricate ironwork, stone carvings, and timeless charm.

Also new in the city is Hotel Park Avenue, the latest property from the Lore Group. Found in NoMad, the hotel places art and design at its heart. Custom artwork and furnishings were conceived by creative director Jacu Strauss, mixed with vintage and bespoke pieces, one-of-a-kind artworks, and a curated book selection in partnership with Phaidon.

Fans of Broadway should head to the newly opened Hyatt Regency Times Square, following its multi-million dollar transformation. Inside, it features a dramatic, soaring porte cochere leading to a two-story lobby with a signature restaurant and a glass atrium overlooking the iconic lights of Broadway. With 795 rooms to choose from, musical fans will no doubt be lining up for the MAMMA MIA! themed guestroom, which boasts Greek isle-themed interiors (singing is optional).

Following its success in London’s Mayfair, The Twenty Two has opened a second property in New York City’s Union Square. Housed in the landmark Margaret Louisa Home, the nine floor establishment is a hotel, restaurant and private members club. New for this year is Café Zaffri, offering Levantine cuisine in a plush dining room adorned with velvet seating and Persian rugs.

Watch out for two new openings from French chef Gabriel Kreuther in the Hudson Yards development, slated to open this Autumn. Found in The Spiral, one will offer live-fire cookery, while the other will be a casual eatery for breakfast and lunch.

When it comes to a deep dive into museums, there’s nowhere better than New York and, this season, the city unveils a host of new offerings. Opening in October, is the Jewish Museum’s most significant architectural upgrade in 30 years. It includes reimagined collection galleries, a new learning centre, a dramatic Hanukkah lamp installation and expanded educational spaces.

Also new this autumn is The Studio Museum in Harlem, which will open its



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WALDORF ASTORIA.
HOTEL PARK AVENUE.

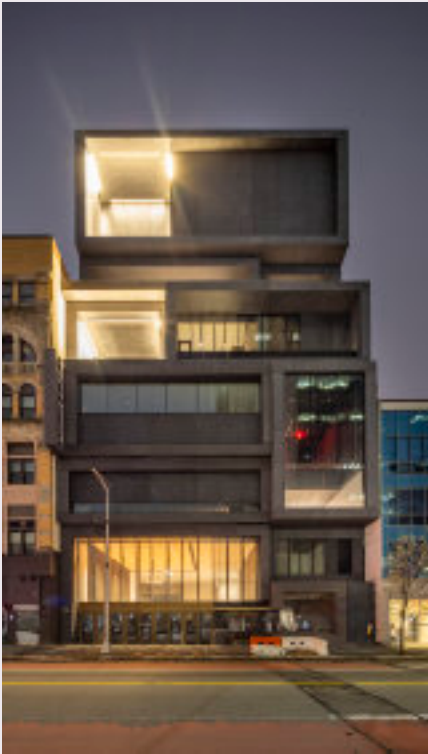


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THE SURREY.
STUDIO MUSEUM.
THE TWENTY TWO.

new purpose-built home featuring extensive exhibition and public spaces designed to serve artists and the Harlem community. To mark the opening, the museum will present a showcase of Tom Lloyd’s artwork, alongside a historical installation from its permanent collection spanning over two centuries of art by artists of African descent.

The New Museum, in Nolita, is also upping the ante with its 60,000-square-foot expansion, the first since opening its doors in 2007. The seven-story addition will double the museum’s exhibition spaces and feature a new public plaza that will be home to art installations, performances and gatherings. The museum will also reopen with an OMA-designed zero-waste restaurant.

Finally watch out for the Breaking the Mold exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum (until 22nd February 2026) which celebrate’s the museum’s 200th anniversary. Featuring Brooklyn-made art, the exhibition highlights the evolution of its collection while exploring fresh narratives that reflect a changing world.



VIENNA
INSPIRATION
THROUGH DESIGN
AND HERITAGE
OPENINGS



As the city's parks turn russet with autumnal hues, Vienna also becomes ablaze with colour from its arts calendar. From Vienna Design Week (26 September – 5 October) to city-wide events to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Vienna's golden son, Waltz King Johann Strauss, there's much to soak up. Other highlights include Vienna Art Week (7–14 November) and the Long Night of Museums (4 October) which sees over 100 museums and galleries in Vienna open their doors for art lovers, from six in the evening until one in the morning.

If you are looking for a place to stay, then head to the new Miiró Palais Rudolf, which opens in November. Located in the Ringstrasse, it will put you in walking distance of Vienna's best sights and opera houses. The property is the first of two new addresses from Miiró this year. The second – opening in winter 2025 – is Miiró Maria Theresia, which will be situated in the centre of old Vienna, in reach of the Museum Quarter.

Meanwhile, Asian hospitality brand Anantara, part of Minor hotels, has arrived in Vienna with its 'takeover' and reimagining of the Palais Hansen. Designed by the celebrated architect Baron Theophil Edvard von Hansen for the 1873 World's Fair, the heritage palace now stands as Anantara Palais Hansen Vienna Hotel – a stunning city resort. Originally built as a hotel, the storied landmark later served as a residential complex and a public administration building, before returning to its hospitality roots in 2011. With over 150 years of history, it remains one of the finest examples of Viennese Neo-Renaissance architecture. From original marble floors and stucco ceilings to ionic columns and heritage-listed staircases, many of the palace's public spaces bear Hansen's signature. Anantara's reimagining blends historical grandeur with contemporary comfort and Asian-inspired hospitality.

Finally, Hotel MOTTO, a luxury art and design hotel in the heart of Vienna, is capturing the artistic heritage of the city with its collaboration with the city's new museum, Heidi Horton Collection. Guests of MOTTO can have an exclusive tour ahead of the opening hours to view the art privately without any crowds. Located in the city's 6th district, Hotel MOTTO combines the Parisian flair of the 1920s with modern Viennese lifestyle and Scandinavian comfort. Designed by the renowned Arkan Zeytinoglu Architects, the hotel's interiors are an eclectic mix of avant garde and punk rock. Fabric covered walls and rugs, furniture, tiles and lamps are reimagined from original vintage furniture, some of which are from the Hotel Ritz in Paris.

FROM TOP:
ANANTARA PALAIS HANSEN VIENNA HOTEL.
ANANTARA PALAIS HANSEN VIENNA BRASSERIE.
HOTEL MOTTO.
MIIRO PALAIS RUDOLF.



ROME
HISTORIC
OPENINGS
FOR AN
HISTORIC
YEAR



2025 is Rome's Jubilee year – also known as The Holy Year, which sees the city celebrate its Catholic Church every 25 years. As a consequence, the city is expecting a major rise in visitors from 7-10 million annual tourists up to a possible 35 million. As well as the reopening of the Trevi Fountain after its recent upgrade, many of the city's piazza's and historic buildings have been spruced up for the occasion. Part of the city-wide renovations include a €12 million redevelopment of the Piazza della Repubblica and the fountains of Piazza Navona.

For those wanting to capture some of Rome's most memorable cultural highlights, it's best to check out Opera di Roma's calendar of performances taking place at some of the city's most spectacular sites, such as the Baths of Caracalla, which dates back to the 3rd century AD, the Baths of Diocletian and the Basilica of Maxentius in the Roman Forum.

The big news for lovers of the golden age of travel is the new Orient Express La Minerva hotel opening. Located at Piazza della Minerva 69, the first Orient Express hotel in the world is found just steps from the Pantheon and within easy walking distance of Rome's cultural treasures. The hotel – a reimagination of a 17th-century palazzo, where illustrious travellers and artists, such as Stendhal and Melville once sought inspiration and refuge – has been inspired by the golden age of travel. Restored by award-winning artist-architect Hugo Toro, rooms feature bespoke bedside trunks, rich wooden detailing reminiscent of the legendary carriages, and luxurious bedding crafted by Rivolta Carmignani, the same linens once gracing Orient Express sleeper cars.

Meanwhile, bringing its vibrant take on hospital to the Eternal City is the new boutique hotel, art'otel Rome Piazza Sallustio. Expanding the definition of hospitality, each of art-otel's properties are brought to life by one carefully-selected signature artist, and Rome's edition is no exception. Conceived by Roman contemporary artist Pietro Ruffo and interior designer Eyal Shoan, of Digital Space, the five-star retreat promises to be a refined celebration of art, gastronomy, and Roman creativity.



CLOCKWISE:
ART'OTEL ROME PIAZZA SALLUSTIO.
ART'OTEL LOBBY.
LA MINERVA.
LA MINERVA LIVING ROOM.
ART'OTEL YEZI BAR.
ART'OTEL GALLERY.

RIYADH CONTEMPORARY HOTELS, AUTHENTIC ENTERTAINMENT AND EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

The capital of Saudi Arabia is having a moment in the spotlight with some big-name openings. First up is the new W Riyadh, set to offer an an urban escape in the vibrant capital. Boasting 210 rooms and suites, seven restaurants and retail spaces, it will introduce the brand's iconic Whatever/ Whenever service to the city. Found in the King Abdullah Financial District (KAFD), the hotel will also offer its pampering Away Spa and boast a sustainable design ethos.

Meanwhile, just a short drive from Riyadh in Diriyah is the new Bob Samhan, a Luxury Collection Hotel. Immersing guests in Najdi culture, the hotel's architecture and experiences celebrate centuries-old traditions. Rich textures, earthy tones, and handcrafted details celebrate the region's cultural roots, while modern amenities and light-filled spaces ensure a luxurious experience. Dining at the hotel honours local flavours with global influences. At Najdi, for instance, you can enjoy local dishes, such as Hamees and aromatic Kabsa, while at Taleed, chef Michael Mina invites guests to enjoy his regional menu with a Mediterranean twist.

Any visitor to the city should head to VIA Riyadh, a unique destination that combines world-class dining, high-end shopping and entertainment. While at Riyadh Boulevard City, the largest entertainment centre in Riyadh, visitors can dive into luxury boutiques and local and international restaurants.

Finally, capturing the country's esteemed equestrian heritage is a number of events that celebrate the region's finest Arabian horsemanship – from the Hail Arabian Horse Show (6-8 November) to the Richard Mille Desert Polo in AlUla (16-17 January 2026). It's a galloping way to enjoy the capital city.



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