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Best of 2016: The 15 Most Important New Luxury Hotels

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From Malibu's redefinition of a wellness resort to a mini boom in Peru's Sacred Valley to the reopening of the iconic Ritz Paris, these new properties join the ranks of the very best hotels in the world.



Health retreats all too often feel clinical or like boot camp. Aja Malibu, which opened in June, reimagines the California wellness retreat with a fresh approach. Located just an hour's drive from LAX, the holistic mountain retreat is set on 23-acres once owned by President Franklin Roosevelt. Designed to feel more like a home than a hotel, the seven rooms and common spaces have been decorated with artifacts collected from the owner's pilgrimages throughout Nepal, Indonesia, and the Australian Outback. Signature seven-night programs are devoted to the seven chakras and include plant-based meals harvested from an onsite biodynamic garden, tea ceremonies, daily meditation, and hikes in the surrounding canyons.