

TRAVEL+
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**THE
IT LIST
2019**

THE BEST NEW

AND
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Every year, T+L editors reach out to our network of hospitality professionals, trusted writers, and hotel addicts in search of the finest new (and newly reimagined) properties around the globe. Then we log tens of thousands of miles checking in to dozens of them, from far-flung islands to mountain lodges (and this year, for our 14th It List, more than one renovated church). Here, 19 of our favorites—find the full collection for 2019 at tandl.me/it-list.

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HOTELS IN THE WORLD



A guest-room daybed at Isteria, which overlooks Santorini's secluded Perivolos Beach.

COURTESY OF DESIGN HOTELS

URBANE ECO-CHIC

Janeiro

RIO DE JANEIRO

Oskar Metsavaht, founder of the Brazilian fashion brand Osklen, teamed up with hotelier Carlos Werneck to open Rio's latest luxury outpost, Janeiro. Set on the coast in Leblon, the city's most sophisticated neighborhood, the hotel reflects its creator's minimalist design sensibility and eco-friendly ethos via textured earth tones, handblown recycled-glass lamps, and sustainable materials. Blond freijo wood furnishings and wicker swing chairs—positioned for the best views of Leblon Beach and the Cagarras Islands—give the property's 53 sun-drenched rooms and suites a seaside bungalow feel. The restaurant menu favors seasonal ingredients and local seafood, while the bar is a stylish spot to unwind with a caipirinha. Crowning the hotel is a rooftop terrace with a sushi bar, a sun lounge, and an infinity pool facing the ocean. A circular picture window is situated just so at the southwestern end of the pool, framing the coast, the city, and the hills of Dois Irmaos rising up above it all. janeirohotel.rio; doubles from \$285. — *Nora Walsh*

CONCRETE OASIS

**United Places
Botanic
Gardens**

MELBOURNE

Stymied by the city's lackluster options when trying to book a room for a friend, developer Darren Rubenstein decided to take action. The first-time hotelier spent years refining the vision behind the 12-suite United Places Botanic Gardens, where apartment-style amenities and seamless service deliver a sense of understated luxury. Rubenstein joined forces with designer Sue Carr to create the hotel, a purpose-built four-story structure opposite Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens, in the chichi suburb of South Yarra. The property is full of antipodean touches, from Grant Featherston Scape chairs in the living rooms to limited-edition Sullivans Cove whisky in the mini-bars. The garden-view suites have moss-green overtones and velvet drapes that close at the touch of a button, while the ones overlooking historic South Yarra are finished in a dusty pink. Butlers are on call around the clock—ask one to book a table at Matilda, chef Scott Pickett's fire-focused eatery downstairs. unitedplaces.com.au; suites from \$466. — *Carrie Hutchinson*



Sheldon Chalet, a remote lodge in Alaska's Denali National Park, one of the 74 properties on our 2019 It List.

Here are 55 more world-class properties on the list. Head to tandl.me/it-list for our full gallery.

AFRICA

Four Seasons Resort Seychelles at Desroches Island; **Hoanib Valley Camp** Kaokoland, Namibia; **One&Only Nyungwe House** Rwanda; **Omaanda Lodge** Windhoek, Namibia; **Zuri Zanzibar** Tanzania

ASIA

Amanyangyun Shanghai; **Anantara Quy Nhon Villas** Vietnam; **The Murray** Hong Kong; **The Oberoi** New Delhi; **Rosewood Luang Prabang** Laos; **Shinta Mani Wild** Kirirom National Park, Cambodia; **Waldorf Astoria Bangkok**

**CARIBBEAN +
BAHAMAS**

O:LV Fifty Five San Juan, Puerto Rico; **Rosewood Baha Mar** Nassau, Bahamas; **Skylark Negril Beach Resort** Jamaica

EUROPE

Bank Hotel Stockholm; **Brach** Paris; **Château Lafaurie Peyraguey** Bommes, France; **Experimental Chalet** Verbier, Switzerland; **Fife Arms** Braemar, Scotland; **Hotel Mamá** Mallorca, Spain; **Heckfield Place** Hampshire, England; **Hotel St. George** Helsinki, Finland; **Hotel Vilòn** Rome; **Katikies Mykonos** Greece; **Kettner's**

Townhouse London; **L'Arlatan** Arles, France; **Le Barn** Bonnelles, France; **Palazzo Bozzi Corso** Lecce, Italy; **Ottantotto Firenze** Florence; **Raffles Europejski** Warsaw; **Retreat at Blue Lagoon** Iceland; **Stamba Hotel** Tbilisi, Georgia; **University Arms** Cambridge, England; **Vista Palazzo** Lake Como, Italy

NORTH AMERICA

Bungalows Key Largo, Florida; **Carpenter Hotel** Austin, Texas; **Collective Hill Country** Wimberley, Texas; **Eaton DC** Washington, D.C.; **Francis House** Napa Valley, California; **Freehand** New York City; **Harbor House Inn** Mendocino, California; **Hotel Amparo** San Miguel de Allende, Mexico; **Hotel Clermont** Atlanta; **Hotel Figueroa** Los Angeles; **The Hoxton** Portland, Oregon; **Inn at Kenmore Hall** Richmond, Massachusetts; **Montage** Los Cabos, Mexico; **Noelle** Nashville; **The NoMad** Los Angeles; **Perry Lane Hotel** Savannah, Georgia; **Sheldon Chalet** Denali National Park, Alaska; **Sophy Hyde Park** Chicago

AUSTRALIA

Calile Hotel Brisbane; **Paramount House Hotel** Sydney