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## Around The World In 18 Ways: Hot New Hotels For 2016

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### Forbes says:

This year's most exciting new hotels are all over the map. Among the many intriguing openings for 2016 are new luxury properties in far-flung locales such as Bhutan and Sri Lanka (go now, because development is happening fast and these places are likely to change forever, soon), hip hotels out to revitalize old-fashioned destinations like Palm Springs, spinoffs from beloved hotels in unlikely settings (Le Sereno in St. Barth is opening a new outpost in Lake Como) and radically reinvigorated classics like the Ritz Paris. Meanwhile, Asian luxury brands, including Six Senses and Aman, are aggressively out to expand their portfolios and raise the hospitality bar. Here's what should be on your radar for 2016.

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#### **Four Seasons Hotel The Surf Club, Miami**

Four Seasons long ago transcended its image as a cookie-cutter brand. But for anyone who remains unconvinced, The Surf Club should set the record straight. Its origins go back to 1930, when Harvey Firestone acquired 9 acres of land for a private club that became a gathering spot for the most glamorous people of the era. Fast-forward to today: Architect Richard Meier came in to update the design of the 77-room hotel and surrounding community of 150 private residences. (*thesurfclub.com*)

#### **V Palm Springs Hotel, California**

Opening just in time for Coachella in April, this 140-room hotel is out to redefine high-end desert lodging. Situated near downtown Palm Springs, the hotel was designed to embrace the city's history as a Hollywood playground but also strategically deploys canny flourishes—like feathers and snake motifs—that pay homage to the native Cahuilla Indians. (*From \$300, vpalmsprings.com*)

#### **Las Alcobas, Napa Valley**

Like its sister boutique hotel of the same name in Mexico City's fashionable Polanco neighborhood, this 68-room resort will be designed by architects Yabu Pushelberg and managed by Starwood's Luxury Collection. The rooms and suites will have terraces and outdoor fireplaces and an enviable location in St. Helena—within walking distance of the Culinary Institute of America and the town's

restaurants, galleries and boutiques. *(From \$675, starwoodhotels.com)*

**The Beekman, New York City**

New York's newest "It" hotel is slated to open this spring in an 1881 landmark building in the Financial District with a stunning nine-story Victorian atrium and pyramidal skylight. The Beekman will be part of the stylish yet comfortable Thompson Hotels portfolio, and along with 287 well-turned-out rooms, it will have destination restaurants from Tom Colicchio and Keith McNally. *(From \$619, thebeekman.com)*

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**The Watergate Hotel, Washington, D.C.**

Following a \$125 million renovation, America's most infamous hotel is on track to become a 21st-century resort. The reborn Watergate will have 336 guest rooms and suites, almost all of which have striking views of the Potomac from their private balconies. Noted designers Ron Arad and Rakel Cohen oversaw the new look, which marries the undulating 1960s architecture with classic elegance and bold midcentury-modern flourishes, and comes complete with sculptural Moroso furnishings to honor the Italian heritage imbued by original architect Luigi Moretti. Presumably, the new Watergate is also bug-free. *(From \$425, thewatergatehotel.com)*