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## The New Hotels You'll Want to Book in 2018

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New construction, renovated properties, all-inclusive resorts, an English manor house, luxury tents, and tiny pod rooms are among our long list of new hotel openings for 2018.

Décor, whether decidedly modern or historic restoration, is receiving much attention, as are spectacular views and rooftop areas. Uninspired hotel restaurants are becoming a thing of the past as hotels work with recognized chefs to create unique dining experiences and inviting cocktail lounges.

Many of the hotels are destinations in themselves, and others will have you planning a trip to experience the property and explore a new country, city, or even just a different part of town. So, read over our list, take out your calendar, and start thinking about your 2018 travel plans.

### Freehand New York

*New York, New York*

The 394-room hotel will be housed in the former George Washington Hotel in Gramercy Park, once home to many storied writers, musicians, and creatives. Its restaurant, Simon & The Whale, and its cocktail lounge, The George Washington Bar, will be led by acclaimed West Village restaurateur Gabriel Stulman. A rooftop restaurant is slated to open in spring.

**Opening:** January 2018

**Price:** TBD