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# It List 2020: Our Editors' Picks of the Best New Hotels in the World

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A great hotel offers more than merely a place to rest your head and stow your stuff between sightseeing excursions. A truly standout property can offer new insight into a beloved place; bring fresh energy to a been-there, done-that neighborhood; even become a destination in its own right. That's why we here at T+L spend months obsessively tracking new openings and major overhauls, consulting our trusted network of travel pros and jetsetting writers, and traversing the globe in search of the most memorable, game-changing hotels of the year for our annual It List.

# NORTH AMERICA

## Juana Bautista — Tlaquepaque, Mexico



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It's hard to believe that Tlaquepaque, an idyllic small town, is just a 20-minute drive from Mexico's second-largest city, Guadalajara. But the recently designated *pueblo magico* is worth a trip in its own right — all the more so since the opening of Juana Bautista, the town's premiere boutique hotel. Follow the pedestrian-only Calle Independencia, shaded by a rainbow canopy of eminently Instagrammable umbrellas, and you'll land at the property, set within a 16th-century mansion. Seven richly colored suites encircle the courtyard; below, centuries-old trees and fountains lend the lively ground-floor restaurant a sense of history. The town's artisan culture comes through in every room, with blown glass lamps and hand-carved wood furniture, but despite the elegance, the hotel retains the intimate feel of a private home — albeit one with a second-floor pool and craft cocktails. Book the bi-level Nube Viajera suite, with a spiral staircase and a private sundeck. *Suites from \$210.* — Carey Jones