

The luxury hotels with the best views in the world

Settle in for sundowners with a view at these hotels with spectacular backdrops

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Standout architecture and impeccable interior design are all very well, but for many luxurious hotels around the world, it's the setting that makes them truly remarkable.

Whether you want to sip champagne in your private pool while staring out at St Lucia's Piton peaks at Jade Mountain, enjoy the pinch-me panoramas that surround Amangiri, carved from the rocks in Utah, or spy famous sights such as the Taj Mahal, the Buddhist temple of Borobudur or Marina Bay Sands from the comfort of your hotel room, we've found the perfect hotel with a view for you.

For urban explorers, iconic city skylines are served straight to your suite in high-rise hotels such as Shangri-La the Shard in London, Wythe in Brooklyn and the Ritz-Carlton in Hong Kong.

Read on to discover our favourite hotels with spectacular backdrops...

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Castelfalfi, Tuscany, Italy



If you like your vistas green and rolling, check in to [Castelfalfi](#) near Pisa and Florence in Tuscany, and take in the verdant countryside from your room in the newly renovated main house. The scenic surroundings (all 2,700 acres of them) hardly look real – you could be staring at a landscape painting instead.

The hotel is set within a historic mediaeval borgo, complete with a castle, a tabaccaia (tobacco warehouse), olive groves and vineyards. More modern additions include a spa residence by Thai wellness clinic Rakxa, a golf course and designer boutiques in the village, which include a Whyci Milano store (otherwise only found in Milan and Portofino).

The new suites eschew more traditional Tuscan decor in favour of a high-gloss, international feel, which is rare in this rural part of Italy.

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