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20 bucket-list-worthy properties to inspire your upcoming travels.

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For most travelers, spring means tulips, cherry blossoms, and a jump-start on beach season. At Travel + Leisure, it means all those things—and peak season for hotel openings. Come April, hoteliers all around the world are flinging open their doors, hoping to capitalize on the busy season ahead. Which means that you, dear jetsetters, get to be among the first guests in gorgeous resorts where the paint has just barely dried. Bragging rights? You bet. This is the stuff that Instagram dreams are made of.

So what's piquing our interest this spring? There's a safari lodge in Nepal's Himalayan Mountains by Taj Hotels where you can see tigers and sloth bears (a real species!) and enjoy sundowners in your minimalist villa, complete with private plunge pool. There's a high-design twist on the bed and breakfast in Napa Valley, where punchy aesthetics and affordable prices are as much of a draw as proximity to the best wineries. And then there's the most ambitious hotel to ever open in Brooklyn, with a food and beverage dream team (hello, Andrew Carmellini!), a 60-foot-long rooftop pool, and views of the Manhattan skyline.

This season's best openings truly span the globe, from Prince Edward Island, Canada to Botswana's Okavango Delta and beyond—but they also span in price point and accessibility. Getting to Katamama, in Bali, might require a full day's worth of flights, for instance—but it's a new standard setter for Indonesian luxury at a reasonable \$350 a night. And the Coachman Hotel, in South Lake Tahoe, offers a wallet- and design-conscious way in to a booming ski destination (which happens to be gorgeous come green season). It's one of many great values on this list.

So, where will you head next?



Katamama, Bali

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Bali, Indonesia

This 58-bungalow property comes courtesy of the Potato Head group—a budding hospitality empire that’s slowly but surely upping the cool factor of Seminyak, Bali’s main resort town. Their existing Potato Head Beach Club plays host to Indonesia’s stylish set, and Katamama is sure to follow in its footsteps: the resort has the island’s first vegan café and juice bar, and the rooms are among Bali’s biggest, with a modern twist on local design vernacular that incorporates Balinese bricks, teak, Javanese tiles, and other handcraft traditions. Expect more from this enterprising hospitality group, as they’re slated to open two more beachfront hotels by 2019, one designed by Rem Koolhaas.

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