

The 2023 Stay List

Our picks for the 15 best new hotels in the world.

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Every day at AFAR, we think deeply about what makes a hotel experience truly extraordinary. The hotels we love don't just wow us with their outstanding locations, design, and service. They're continually looking to reduce their carbon footprint, benefit communities in meaningful ways, and connect guests to biodiverse landscapes. We showcase these values each year on our Stay List, AFAR's compendium of the world's best new hotels. The 15 properties featured here—vetted by our trusted network of editors, writers, and travel advisors—range from an idyllic farm retreat in upstate New York to a palatial, locally run hotel on Italy's Lake Como. With choices like these, which will you book first? —*Jennifer Flowers*



The tree houses at Nayara Bocas del Toro were constructed from reclaimed wood sourced from the Panama Canal. Courtesy of Nayara Resorts

Nayara Bocas del Toro

- **Location:** Frangipani Island, Bocas del Toro, Panama
- **Book now**

Nayara Bocas del Toro makes a stunning impression: **16 overwater bungalows** and two tree houses all hovering above a turquoise-blue sea on a deep-green private island in a Central American location that you might not expect—Panama. But the more impressive story is behind the scenes: The resort is 100 percent rainwater supplied and mostly runs on solar energy. There's even a beach built on stilts to safeguard the flora and fauna, where you can sip rosé from a chaise or descend the steps to float in the warm protected waters. For more active endeavors, guests can kayak to spy starfish among the isle's mangroves, zoom to the bay with a private captain to watch dolphins play at sunset, and swim with bioluminescent plankton at night.—*Billie Cohen*