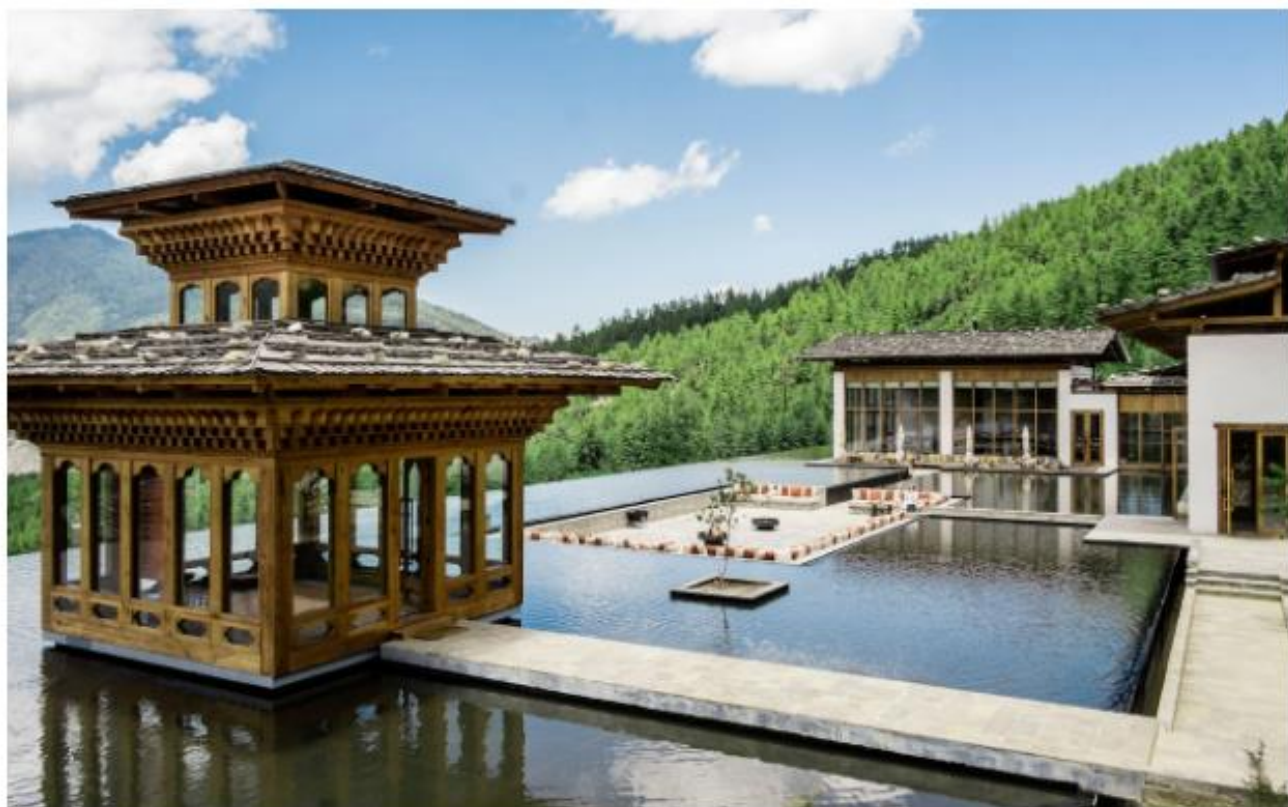


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From royal opulence to huts on the edge of civilisation: the 10 greatest hotels of the decade



The last 10 years have seen some truly remarkable new hotels open their doors, the latest of which is the game-changing Six Senses Bhutan

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What a time it has been for extraordinary new hotels. Since 2010, each year has thrown up a veritable host of remarkable properties, envisioned by a handful of designers who have redefined our ideas of luxury, whether in the centre of Marrakech or the Cambodian rainforest. And, in an ever-shrinking world, pioneering hoteliers have still found frontiers to push beyond, opening up entire regions hitherto inaccessible to all but the most intrepid adventurers – the desert wastes of Namibia, the Ecuadorian cloud forest, the storm-lashed coast of Newfoundland.

Picking out the 10 hotels to have defined a decade felt near impossible at times, and for every property that has a place on the list, dozens more could easily stake a claim. Still, we are confident in our selection, which we feel captures the game-changers and trend-setters whose impact on travel will be felt into the 2020s and beyond...

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Il Sereno, Lake Como

Among the ornate 19th-century palazzos that line the shores of Lake Como, Il Sereno was always going to stand out. Milan-based designer Patricia Urquiola alighted on a clean, almost austere style for the 30-suite hotel, shifting all focus on to the sweeping panorama of placid lake and the encircling sweep of mountains. Small things done well have attracted visitors from around the world, from the relaxed Michelin-starred waterfront restaurant to the exemplary levels of service, epitomised by the small fleet of Riva boats ready to whisk guests away at a moment's notice.

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Il Sereno provides a breath of fresh air from Lake Como's classically styled five-star hotels, with interiors made of wood, stone and plenty of glass, allowing for wonderful vistas

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Runner-up: Hugging the lip of a precipitous canyon in Oman's Hajar Mountains, [Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort](#) took adventure holidays to new heights.