

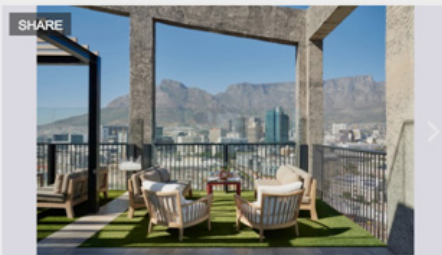
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## The world's best hotels and resorts of 2017

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The Silo, Cape Town Cape Town's historic 1920s grain silo at the V&A Waterfront has undergone a creative transformation. The city's newest luxury hotel, The Silo, its 28 opulent rooms offering spectacular views of mountain and bay, shares the sleek industrial space with the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa (MOCAA). The hotel occupies the silo's grain elevator while the 42 silos house a museum comparable to London's Tate Modern, New York's MoMA and Madrid's Museo Nacional del Prado. Photo: Mark Williams [Read less](#)

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### BEST NEW OVERWATER RESORT

#### Marriott Fiji Momi Bay

Overwater villas? Tick. Adults-only pool overlooking the dreamy Coral Sea? Tick. Languid lagoon, kids' club, family pool, swim-up bar and swish spa? Tick, tick, tick. The new Marriott Fiji Momi Bay is a fabulous new addition to Viti Levu's shores, ticking all the boxes for luxe South Pacific sojourns a short hop from home. See [marriott.com.au](#)

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### BEST ECO-LODGE

#### Feynan Ecolodge, Jordan

Three hours from the capital, Amman, Jordan's first ecolodge is a two-storey earthship that seems to grow out of the rugged landscape and takes its eco-credentials seriously. Architect-designed, off-grid and built in the nation's largest nature reserve, it's minimalist and monastic, solar-powered and staffed by Bedouin (it benefits about 80 local families), making it a truly Jordanian oasis of sustainable serenity. See [ecohotels.me/Feynan](#)

### BEST CITY HOTEL

#### The Whitby Hotel, New York

The Whitby is the second New York property by celebrated hoteliers Tim and Kit Kemp, of Firdale Hotels. Located two blocks from Central Park, it debuted in February with 86 beautifully designed rooms, many of which have private terraces (a rarity in Manhattan). Interiors bear Kit Kemp's trademark flamboyant design style while other amenities include a stylish restaurant, an art-filled orangery and a 130-seat cinema. See [firdalehotels.com](#)

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### BEST SUB-CONTINENTAL HOTEL

#### The Imperial, New Delhi

### BEST ARISTOCRATIC RETREAT

#### Villa La Massa, Florence

Sitting right on the Arno River outside Florence, this 16th-century villa and its flower-filled gardens belonged to the Medicis – though a sumptuous spa and outdoor swimming pool are more recent additions. Stay in the daffodil-yellow main villa, which has an atmospheric, medieval hall surrounded by guest rooms graced with Renaissance-style four-poster beds, and you'll feel as if you're back in the days of the grand tour. See [lhw.com](#)

### BEST OUTBACK HOTEL

#### Prairie Hotel, South Australia

It doesn't get much more quintessentially Aussie than South Australia's Prairie Hotel. This sophisticated outback pub is set in an historic stone building in remote Parachilna (population seven), on the plains just west of the Flinders Ranges. Guest rooms are surprisingly chic, and from the front patio you can catch spectacular sunsets with a glass of their Fargher Lager in hand. An ideal base for day trips into the desert, to discover ancient fossils and fascinating wildlife. See [prairiehotel.com.au](#)

### BEST APARTMENT RENTAL

#### Apartments Actually, Paris

Apartments Actually lets you take on Paris like a local, through their selection of elegantly styled apartments in the chic Marais neighbourhood, as well as sprawling houses in Provence. They'll arrange neighbourhood tours, private yoga and cookery classes, which means all you have to do is book your plane ticket. See [apartmentsactually.com](#)

### BEST PRIVATE ISLAND

#### Dolphin Island, Fiji

You hire a private Fijian island for you and seven friends. Each couple has their own elegant, timber-floored bure. Maybe you paddleboard around the island, maybe you have a massage, maybe you laze under the palms by the infinity pool. Whichever way, when you start to get peckish your personal chef will pull seafood from the ocean and cook it up for you. Sound like a fantasy? Dolphin Island is the real deal. See [dolphinislandfiji.com](#)