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Where to Stay in Italy This Summer

Despite the pandemic's pause on tourism, an impressive crop of new resorts has opened from Piedmont to Sicily.

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For those of us who've spent the last year and a half mostly cooped up, laying eyes on the sun-dappled Tuscan hills is like rediscovering the entire range of the visible spectrum. Thanks to loosened border restrictions that allow entry by travelers from across the European Union, the U.S., and several other countries, it's now possible to visit Italy freely, so long as you're vaccinated or demonstrably Covid-free.

You'll still find the cypress-lined landscapes, but they're now dotted with new hotels that amplify all the qualities of La Dolce Vita that you've been missing during the pandemic. (Yes, that includes the food.) Whether you're itching to get back to Italy as soon as possible or brainstorming a future trip, here are the new spots worth building itineraries around.

Urban Game-Changers

If you want to hit the ground running in a big city, look no further than these fabulous new boltholes.



Galleria Vik in Milan. Source: Galleria Vik

Galleria Vik, Milan

Hoteliers Carrie and Alex Vik don't do anything small scale: Their bold resorts in Uruguay have set them apart as some of the most creative, pie-in-the-sky hoteliers anywhere. That's thanks to some degree because of their exquisite taste in art, which acts as the defining feature of the couple's first Italian outpost. A cast of Rodin's *Thinker* is in the lobby, along with a neomythological mural from Italian painter Alex Folla. No two of the hotel's 89 rooms is the same, with each one doubling as a miniature art gallery. Much of the work was commissioned by the Viks for the space, created in collaboration with local artists, or came from their personal collections. The sheer quantity of pieces makes it feel like you're sleeping in a private museum, albeit one that's a few short blocks from the Pinacoteca de Brera. *Rooms from \$620.*