



7 NOTEWORTHY HOTEL OPENINGS FOR THE REMAINING OF 2016

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Are you looking to travel somewhere new before 2016 comes to a close? From New Zealand to Turks and Caicos, check out 7 noteworthy hotel openings to put on your travel list.



SEPTEMBER

Trump International Hotel, Washington, D.C. | District of Columbia

We can't wait to check out this hotel where Ivanka Trump is launching her own spa. Opening September 12, the hotel is set in the iconic Old Post Office building on Pennsylvania Avenue. Once open, the Old Post Office (OPO) will give the nation's capitol America's first quintessential "grand dame" hotel, taking an American landmark and creating a new chapter for the iconic building as the city's preeminent luxury space. Breathing new life into this previously underutilized building, the hotel is embracing its rich history by restoring original details, including the Bells of Congress, the Post Master General's office, original mail room and The Clock Tower – the second highest point in the city, which will welcome guests to the top (with a full liquor license).

OCTOBER



The Cliff Hotel | Negril, Jamaica

This fall, The Cliff Hotel unveils the final phase of a multi-million dollar renovation with the addition of a new yoga pavilion and fitness center to complete the full enhancement of the storied island resort. All of us in wellness travel cannot wait! Chicly divine, simply luxurious and infused with Jamaican culture, The Cliff is an intimate boutique hotel situated on a five acre peninsula on the legendary Negril Cliffs. The Cliff features 33 rooms across suites, cottages and villas; spectacular sea views; Caribbean Modern designs; warm Jamaican hospitality and a carefree island lifestyle that is an ultimate escape from the outside world. The Cliff also boasts a natural saltwater pool nestled in the cliffs, the serene KiYara Spa, three bars, and Zest at The Cliff helmed by the celebrated Chef Cindy Hutson and partner Delius Shirley.



Scribner's Catskill Lodge | Hunter, New York

Set to open October 2016, Scribner's Catskill Lodge is the new interpretation of a Catskills classic. In its revitalized state, the 38-room bohemian-styled mountain lodge is a year-round refuge for urban explorers and adventurers looking to enjoy the inspiring nature of the Catskills amidst thoughtful design and welcoming service. Originally built in the 1960s, today's Scribner's brings key players of the Hudson Valley cultural renaissance together at one property, and evokes the region's sense of exploration, nostalgia and craftsmanship through design, programming and local culinary offerings. The on-property restaurant presents picturesque 270-degree views of the Catskill Mountains and serves a playful twist on Alpine cuisine and a locavore ingredient focus.

FOUND:RE | Phoenix, Arizona

The 105-room FOUND:RE is a new lifestyle hotel and one-of-a-kind experience with art, culture, fashion & music woven into the entire guest experience. Floating beds anyone? Among highlights: a dynamic art component led by Cultural Curator Michael Oleskow, who will be sourcing contemporary art by local artists to inspire creative guest experiences; an onsite art gallery; an exterior avant-garde art display and MATCH Cuisine & Cocktails, a restaurant offering social plates focused on eclectic, globally-inspired street food. The hotel, designed by Habitat Metro in conjunction with BOND Partners, exudes an industrial, raw design aesthetic with furnishings and touches such as concrete floors, exposed ceiling and floating beds.



NOVEMBER

Helena Bay | Helena Bay, New Zealand

When it debuts in November, Helena Bay will be a luxury boutique coastal lodge that will boast a main house and five villas – idyllic for an intimate, luxurious getaway – set on nearly two miles of pristine coastline in the northeast corner of New Zealand’s North Island. An exclusive, refined retreat, Helena Bay is built to host no more than five couples (or a private group) in luxurious villa suites, each offering a private balcony with views of Helena Bay beach and the native wildlife of the South Pacific Ocean. The main house will include communal areas for guests such as a library, both formal and informal dining areas, outdoor fire pits, a gym, sauna, massage room, and heated swimming pool. In addition to beautiful beach views and abundant amenities, Helena Bay will offer world-class cuisine from celebrated Michelin-starred Don Alfonso of Ristorante Don Alfonso 1890 in Italy. Helena Bay is located 45 minutes from Auckland via helicopter transport or a 2.5-hour drive via Whangarei.

The Betsy-South Beach | Miami, Florida

The Betsy-South Beach is located in the heart of the Art Deco District on Ocean Drive. The Betsy's unique hospitality model champions the power of community through its dedicated PACE (Philanthropy, Arts, Culture, Education) program by weaving those brand pillars into the guest experience. Currently, the 61-key hotel is in the process of a groundbreaking expansion to merge with the historic Carlton Hotel and become a single unified property by November 2016. Upon completion, the new Betsy will boast 128 guestrooms with 25 suites, three distinct food and beverage outlets under the direction of famed Chef Laurent Tourondel, a 3,000 sq. ft. rooftop pool complex, new boardroom, expanded fitness center and rooftop spa, dedicated library, and 10,000 sq. ft. of new event space to scale the celebrated PACE program.

DECEMBER

The Shore Club | Providenciales, Turks & Caicos

We have been patiently waiting for this opening since we saw it first hand a few years ago. On Providenciales' Long Bay Beach in Turks & Caicos, The Shore Club is set to open this December 2016. The \$100 million Shore Club will feature 106 ocean view suites and six luxury villas on a nine-acre property spanning over 820 feet of beachfront on Long Bay. The Shore Club comprises of two luxury low-rise buildings with junior suites, one-, two- and three-bedroom furnished suites, penthouses, as well as six luxury villas cast over nine pristine beachfront acres. The property boasts a 12,000 sq. ft. spa with yoga pavilion, three pools (including one adults only), three dining venues including a Peruvian-Japanese fine dining restaurant and a spacious banquet space for groups and events. It's currently the first and only development on Long Bay Beach, and geared to an active and wellness-inspired traveler.