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# The New Class

**ELEVEN  
HOTELS  
THAT  
KNOW  
HOW TO  
MAKE A  
DEBUT.**

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The Suite Duc de Crillon and its original eighteenth-century woodwork.

**A**round here, we track new hotel openings for sport, and we're calling this year a major win. A whole roster of star hotels opened (or reopened) their doors, introducing us to inspiring interior design, our favorite new meals, and stories about the past – and giving us a few moments of architectural awe. These hotels go beyond providing gateways to explore a destination – they are the destination, places where we can knock back a pale ale with locals, roam the halls of Louis XV's former palace, or float the afternoon away in a cenote. Pack a bag for these showstoppers – and a few more on the horizon.



## The Palatial Crowd-Pleaser

When an eighteenth-century Parisian landmark gets a long-overdue four-year reboot, people take notice. The restoration of **Hôtel de Crillon**, a Rosewood Hotel, originally constructed at the command of King Louis XV, called upon royalty of the twenty-first-century sort: Fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld bedecked the two Grands Appartements with his trademark dramatic flair. (The bathtubs alone, each carved from a single slab of Carrara marble, are worth the splurge.) Each one of the 124 rooms and suites keeps the hotel's posh factor high, though, with antique furniture, Italian linens, and marble bathrooms.

A few other reasons Parisians and travelers are heading to Crillon's place de la Concorde address: to lock in an appointment with Sarah Daniel-Hamizi – the city's first female barber – at the newest outpost of her popular La Barbrière de Paris, to grab a coveted table for chef Christopher Hache's tasting menu at the 28-seat L'Écrin, and to see and be seen in the glam Les Ambassadeurs lounge, a spot sure to lure a fashionable crowd with the promise of Champagne and caviar. *Doubles from \$1,259, including an upgrade at time of booking (if available), breakfast daily, and a \$100 dining or spa credit.*

## The Sweet Caribbean Getaway

On the lookout for the right opportunity to make a foray into the Caribbean, Park Hyatt found its chance on the beguiling island of Saint Kitts, a place still relatively untrammelled compared to its more popular neighbors. Located on secluded, palm-studded Banana Bay, facing the strait that separates the island from Nevis, the 126-room **Park Hyatt St. Kitts** is part of the new Christophe Harbour resort development, home to shops, a marina, and a soon-to-open Tom Fazio-designed golf course.

The resort is modeled after the island's ubiquitous sugar plantations, with whitewashed interiors, colonial-style shutters, and cheerful beachy accents. Some suites have their own decks with private rooftop pools, while all rooms have rainfall showers and soaking tubs. In between sunbathing sessions, book a Watsu therapy session in the nine-room spa, or let the concierge team set up a zip-lining jaunt through the rain forest or a tour of Brimstone Hill Fortress National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. *Doubles from \$450, including a welcome amenity, breakfast daily, and a \$100 resort credit.*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** While Saint Kitts and the Park Hyatt sustained minimal damage from hurricanes Irma and Maria in September, other Caribbean islands were less fortunate. Virtuoso is a member of Tourism Cares, an organization that carries out disaster relief around the world; to support recovery efforts, visit [tourismcares.org/disasterrecovery](http://tourismcares.org/disasterrecovery).

### TIP

"To see Saint Kitts' true laid-back atmosphere, schedule island activities for days when cruise ships aren't docked in the capital of Basseterre. Head to the black-sand beach at Dieppe Bay, then stop by ShipWreck Beach Bar & Grill for fish tacos on your way back to the resort."

— Christina Beckmann,  
Virtuoso travel advisor,  
Columbia, South Carolina



A bright beachfront hideaway at Park Hyatt St. Kitts.