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A photograph of a modern luxury resort at dusk. In the foreground, a swimming pool is illuminated with blue lights. To the right, a waterfall flows over rocks, also lit with warm lights. In the middle ground, several lounge chairs with blue cushions and white umbrellas are arranged on a pool deck. In the background, a large, multi-story resort building with a curved facade and balconies is visible. The building's interior lights are on, and the sky is a deep blue with scattered clouds. Two tall palm trees stand prominently in the scene.

Suite Life

New luxury hotels you'll never want to leave

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PACK YOUR BAGS. Here are 12 of the most sensational new and improved luxury hotels and resorts, promising unforgettable stays in India, Oman, Bermuda, and beyond. Each property wows with outstanding signature elements that range from stunning spas to historic heritage to awe-inspiring architecture.

The Fontenay

HAMBURG, GERMANY

All eyes are on Hamburg with the opening of the Elbphilharmonie concert hall, and the brand-new Fontenay makes a perfect counterpart. Located on the edge of the shimmering Alstersee in the heart of the city, the hotel sports rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows and a rooftop spa with an indoor/outdoor infinity pool. **Wow Factor:** Architect Jan Störmer's sculptural design mimics the fluid lines of the lake, with sweeping arcs that reach a zenith in the 89-foot-high glass atrium. From \$411; thefontenay.de/en

Las Alcobas Napa Valley

ST. HELENA, CALIFORNIA

Owner Samuel Leizorek poured heart and soul into his second hotel, completely restoring a 1905 Victorian-style mansion in Napa Valley to its former glory. Additional buildings house airy accommodations (with interior design by Yabu Pushelberg) and a gourmet restaurant helmed by chef Chris Cosentino. **Wow Factor:** Here, the grape vines are right outside your room. It's one of the only hotels in the region to overlook a vineyard—Beringer Estate, one of Napa Valley's oldest wineries. From \$695; lasalcobasnapa.com

Oberoi Sukhvilas Resort & Spa

NEW CHANDIGARH, INDIA

Oberoi's recently unveiled addition is surrounded by 8,000 acres of protected forest in the foothills of the Himalayas. Rajput and Mughal architecture inspired the design, which includes hand-painted murals and gold leafing throughout the palatial resort. **Wow Factor:** A 12,000-square-foot spa, embellished with glass, fire, and water elements, offers Ayurvedic treatments and Oberoi's signature massage therapies, as well as a Turkish hammam scrub and a Roman tepidarium. From \$344; oberoihotels.com/hotels-in-chandigarh-sukhvilas-resort



The Spring Mountain Suite at Las Alcobas Napa Valley, above, has two terraces with estate and vineyard views. Below: the elegant bathroom of the Royal Mountain Villa at Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort in Oman. Opposite page: Dusk falls on the Loren's pool, perched over Pink Beach, Bermuda.

