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5 new luxe boutique hotels

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Instead of staying in a predictable hotel chain, spice up your next weekend getaway by staying at one of these new luxury boutique hotels that are loaded with amenities.

FOR THE ECO TRAVELER

h2hotel

Nestled in Northern California wine country, this 36 room, LEED-certified hotel is within walking distance of wine tasting rooms, cafes, galleries and shops.

The appeal: Bamboo flooring, water bars with purified sparkling and still water on each floor, all-natural bath products, and organic linens and robes. Complimentary bicycles are available for exploring the town, too.

Rates: From \$215 per night

Getting there: Healdsburg, Calif., is a one-hour drive north from San Francisco. For more info, call 707-922-5251 or visit h2hotel.com/home.

FOR THE DESIGN ENTHUSIAST

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Is OWS only going to get stronger?

Yes

No

Let's see how long the snow stays away.

PHOTO GALLERY



Forty 1 North

This modern-style hotel offers 24 guest rooms and four upscale cottages. The appeal: The resort's custom-built marina can hold yachts of up to 250 feet; Philadelphia-based DAS Architects used materials including semi-precious stones, marble, onyx and indigenous shells and teak in the hotel's contemporary design. Flat-screen TVs, free Wi-Fi, pre-loaded iPods and newspapers delivered daily via an iPad will keep you connected with the rest of the world.

Rates: From \$325 per night

Getting there: Newport is a four-hour drive from New York. For more info, call 401-846-8018 or visit 41north.com.

FOR THE HISTORY BUFF

Hotel Parq Central

True to its name, the grand, 74-room hotel in Albuquerque's trendy EDo neighborhood (East of downtown) offers over a half acre of outdoor space and a light-filled conservatory.

The appeal: The hotel sits on the landmark site of hospital built in 1926, and has retained many of its original features. An antique-laden rooftop Apothecary Lounge features 1920s-themed cocktails, and skyline and mountain views. A gourmet continental breakfast, Wi-Fi, and coffee and tea service are complimentary to guests.

Rates: From \$179 per night (includes parking).

Getting there: Albuquerque is seven hours from NYC by plane. For more info, call 505-242-0040 or visit hotelparqcentral.com.

FOR THE HOMEBODY — WHO CAN'T PART WITH FIDO

City Loft

Southern comfort and style await jaded New Yorkers at this 23-room hotel nestled in the lively historic downtown district on Port Royal Island, one of the Sea Islands on the southeast Atlantic coast.

The appeal: Luxurious amenities include memory foam beds, custom-made pillows, locally handcrafted furniture, soaking tubs, and room service from the adjacent espresso bar, City Java. For guests traveling with four-legged friends, there are pet-friendly rooms, a dog walking service, pet grooming and 24-hour vet services.

Rates: From \$149 per night

Getting there: Beaufort is less than a 1 ½ hr. flight, or about a 12-hour drive from New



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FOR THE HARLEY ENTHUSIAST

The Iron Horse Hotel

Housed in a converted warehouse, the hotel features 100 oversized loft rooms just steps from the Harley Davidson Museum.

The appeal: The boutique hotel features rider-friendly amenities including on-site covered motorcycle parking, in-room hooks made for hanging heavy leathers and a number of on-site options at which groups can eat and imbibe. There's the Smyth, a rustic American eatery; the Yard, an outdoor bar and lounge; and the Library, a communal breakfast room.

Rates: From \$209 a night

Getting there: Milwaukee is a two-hour flight from New York City. For more info, call 888-543-4766 or visit theironhorsehotel.com.



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