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New Hotels (and a Sleeper Train) to Check Out in South America

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Hotel Fasano Punta del Este in La Barra, Uruguay, is adding 10 suites to its existing Isay Weinfeld-designed bungalows. Obra Prima Estúdio de Arquitetura

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As South America's popularity as a tourist destination continues to rise, a number of existing luxury hotels are investing in renovations while new ones are opening across the continent.

Explora

[Explora Valle Sagrado](#) made its debut this month in Peru's Sacred Valley of the Incas. Set on a remote hacienda of terraced cornfields, the sustainable hotel's 50 guest rooms overlook farmland and Andean highlands. The stand-alone spa is housed in a 17th-century colonial home that is ideal for relaxing after one of the property's 27 explorations led by in-house guides. In Chile's Atacama Desert, [Explora Atacama](#) is being refurbished and will reopen with updated guest rooms and public spaces, an expanded terrace overlooking the Licancabur volcano and new excursions. It is scheduled to reopen in January 2017; rates from \$2,298 for all-inclusive three-night stays.

Hotel Magnolia

The architect Cazu Zegers transformed a 1929 mansion in the El Centro neighborhood of Santiago, Chile, into a chic [42-room boutique hotel](#). The landmark building retains its neo-Gothic facade, grand marble staircase and stained glass windows, with original floorboards repurposed as wall paneling in common areas. The designer Carolina Delpiano added a modern feel to the rooms with eucalyptus finishes, geometric rugs and minimalist furniture, while local artists hand-painted headboards and crafted bathroom sinks. The lobby level features a brass-and-marble bar and restaurant serving Chilean cuisine, and the rooftop bar overlooks the Cerro Santa Lucia hilltop park and downtown. Rates from \$220, includes breakfast.

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Atemporal

[Atemporal](#) is a reimagined 1940s luxury townhouse in Lima's residential Miraflores District. Conceived as the home of a well-traveled freelance photographer, the hotel's design aesthetic is a fusion of antique and contemporary furnishings, Peruvian artifacts and classic and modern art. Nine individually designed rooms are spread across two floors, and guests have access to around-the-clock butler-style service, a chauffeured house car, 24-hour room service and a concierge. The hotel's private salon, veranda, garden and reading room offer a quiet space to enjoy a book from the library or a cocktail from the honor bar. Opens Aug. 15; rates from \$200, includes breakfast.

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Atix Hotel

[Atix Hotel](#) is giving Bolivia a dose of high style. Designed by the architect Stuart Narofsky, the eight-story parallelogram-shaped structure fashioned from glass, timber and native Comanche stone is located in Calacoto, an upscale neighborhood in La Paz. The property's 53 guest rooms, seventh-floor spa, and rooftop infinity pool and cocktail bar all overlook a cityscape bound by mountains. Atix features local artwork, artisan-made alpaca textiles and handcrafted furniture. The restaurant, Ona, celebrates Bolivian gastronomy using ingredients like llama meat, native potatoes and pejerrey — a freshwater fish from Lake Titicaca, and its in-house market sells produce from nearby farms. Opens Sept. 15; rates from \$167.

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Emiliano Rio

Designed by the architects Arthur de Mattos Casas and Chad Oppenheim, [Emiliano Rio](#)'s 12-story oceanfront facade and 90 guest rooms typify Brazilian modernism, with furniture in rooms inspired by 1950s glamour. The owners commissioned a 5,500-square-foot [Santapele](#) spa on the 11th floor and offer spalike guest rooms featuring in-room whirlpools, saunas and treatment areas. The rooftop restaurant serves healthy fare alongside an infinity pool overlooking Copacabana Beach, while a sun deck, wet deck and water bench are attended by poolside butlers. Opens September; rates from \$820.

spa, beach club, golf course and luxury boutiques. Hotel Fasano Punta del Este reopens in December; rates from \$420; Fasano Angra dos Reis opens March 2017; rates from \$450.

Belmond Andean Explorer

South America is getting its first luxury sleeper train. The [Belmond Andean Explorer](#) traverses 15,000-foot heights on overnight journeys through the Peruvian Andes. Stopping in Cusco, Lake Titicaca and Arequipa, travelers can explore ancient Inca sites, villages on floating islands and canyons with soaring condors. Thirty-four cabins with private bathrooms are decorated with hand-woven Peruvian fabrics and alpaca wool bedding. The train features two dining cars, an observation car with an open-air deck and a lounge car with a cocktail bar. Launches May 2017; rates from \$462 per person for one-night programs inclusive of all meals, open bar and scheduled excursions.



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