

PRIVATE Clubs

Making Room(s)

From big-name five-star resorts to glamping-style, adventure-minded lodges to art-filled boutique retreats, the brightest **new luxury hotels** to open around the world this year offer something to suit high-flying travelers of every style. We've told you about many of our favorite openings throughout the year on our pages, but here are nine more shouldn't-miss debuts we didn't have the chance to tell you about, and four we briefly mentioned that deserve more ink.

SOUTH AMERICA

Bahia Vik José Ignacio Uruguay

José Ignacio is giving nearby Punta del Este a run for its (easy-flowing) money as the elite beach retreat in Uruguay. Financier Alex Vik and his wife, Carrie, play no small role in this, transforming a once-quiet stretch of sand and inland wilds with their highly personal, art-filled boutique hotels – the colonial-style farmhouse Estancia Vik and the modernist beachfront lair Playa Vik. The Bahia Vik arrives later this fall: a seaside retreat, set on 10 dune-filled acres, its 37 rooms – including beachfront bungalows – individually decorated with barefoot-chic contemporary élan.

Take a dip: Relax with a refreshing swim in Bahia Vik's four decadent swimming pools or the waters of its calm beach, perfect after a day spent kite-boarding, canoeing, or playing tennis or polo.

Details: From \$800; Ruta 10 km 182.5; 011-598-94-60-5212; bahiavik.com