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## Ten Gorgeous Island Hotels to Prioritize in 2025, From the Caribbean to Asia

These resorts, all just opened or coming in the months ahead, prove you never have travel too far to find yourself on island time.

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If the post-holidays chill has you pining for palm trees and island bliss, here's a bit of good news: 2025 has lots of new resorts to deliver on your castaway fantasies, in nearly every corner of the world.

Caribbean hideaways, restored fincas in the Balearics, sumptuous overwater villas in up-and-coming Bahrain, and an Australian island resort close to the Great Barrier Reef: There's an easy escape to be had no matter where you live. What they all have in common is an embrace of culture and nature, helping guests enjoy far more than the local beaches.

Consider this a starter list; 2025 contains numerous highly intriguing openings, like Saudi Arabia's Red Sea Edition and Rosewood Miyakojima in Okinawa, Japan, with too few details yet to be set in stone. A few more we've told you about already—like the W Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic or Salterra, a Luxury Collection resort in Turks and Caicos whose opening date has been long delayed. (The former was supposed to pop in 2024, but now it's coming in April 2025.) Others, like Voaara, opening soon on Madagascar's Sainte Marie island, will work best as part of a larger itinerary.

The 10 spots below, however, will be easily accessible from major cities around the world—and offer so much more than sand and a view. Better yet, there's something for every budget, including one LVMH-owned property with rates under \$300.

## Miraval the Red Sea, Saudi Arabia



A suite at Miraval the Red Sea. Source: Miraval The Red Sea

**Get there from:** Jeddah, a roughly 90-minute flight away. From Doha or Istanbul, it'll take between three or four hours.

The decision of whether to vacation in Saudi Arabia <u>remains a complex one</u>, but if you're interested in giving it a chance, <u>longevity retreat leader</u> Miraval Resorts & Spas is choosing the Red Sea's Shura Island as its first location outside the US. Opening in fall 2025, Miraval the Red Sea will focus on all-inclusive wellness and mindfulness programming, with activities that prioritize self-care and reflection, in line with the brand's resort locations in Arizona, Texas and Massachusetts. The 180-room beachfront resort will include a huge spa with 39 treatment rooms, some with vitality cold plunge pools and a hydrotherapy tub, plus yoga studios with sea views and a smoothie bar.

Saudi Arabia is expected to welcome at least 30 resorts to the broader <u>Red Sea region</u> in the next three years as part of a major push for tourism. Consider it an excuse to get your New Year's resolutions off to a good start, while checking out a burgeoning luxury hotspot. *All-inclusive rates from \$1,200 per night, per person.*