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## The 2023 Stay List

*Our picks for the 15 best new hotels in the world.*

Every day at AFAR, we think deeply about what makes a hotel experience truly extraordinary. The hotels we love don't just wow us with their outstanding locations, design, and service. They're continually looking to reduce their carbon footprint, benefit communities in meaningful ways, and connect guests to biodiverse landscapes. We showcase these values each year on our Stay List, AFAR's compendium of the world's best new hotels. The 15 properties featured here—vetted by our trusted network of editors, writers, and travel advisors—range from an idyllic farm retreat in upstate New York to a palatial, locally run hotel on Italy's Lake Como. With choices like these, which will you book first? —*Jennifer Flowers*



The Hotel Chelsea is back and better than ever. Photo by Joe Thomas (left) and Eric Medsker (right)

# Hotel Chelsea

- **Location:** New York City
- **Book now**

The **Hotel Chelsea** has always been more than a place to sleep. Before it shuttered in 2011, it had played host to some of New York City's most colorful guests and residents for decades—many of them cultural icons. Within these storied walls, Andy Warhol filmed *Chelsea Girls*, Dylan Thomas penned poetry, and Sex Pistols bassist Sid Vicious allegedly stabbed his girlfriend Nancy Spungen. Now, hoteliers Sean MacPherson, Ira Drukier, and Richard Born have launched a new chapter for this 139-year-old institution. In the 155 guest rooms, cheeky details tie past to present: Digital keys hang from red-tassel fobs, automated curtains are speckled with punk-rock holes, and tiger-print chairs pop next to regally fringed sofas. (You also might end up with one of the hotel's decades-long tenants as your neighbor; their apartment doors stand out with bright paint or stickers.) Downstairs, the Lobby Bar is a throwback to the city's Gilded Age, with classic cocktails inspired by other celebrated hotels of the world, such as the Singapore sling and Dukes martini. —*Billie Cohen*