



The Hottest New Hotels of 2013

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There are familiar brands aplenty in this list, which is also peppered with a number of boutique properties and rising stars coming online as well. Here is [Travel Agent's](#) selection of Hot New Hotels that opened between January and December 2013.

Mexico

[Iberostar Playa Mita, Riviera Nayarit](#)

What sets this resort apart from other Iberostars in Mexico is its location. Riviera Nayarit is an hour north of Puerto Vallarta, secluded between the Western Sierra Madre Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. As such, the resort places a huge emphasis on the natural environment and the local, traditional towns that surround it. Why it's hot: In addition to its ocean view rooms and suites, this resort has 18 adults-only Spa Rooms that include spa treatments in their rates. There are a variety of dining options, including an international buffet, as well as four themed restaurants: Gourmet, Japanese, Steak House and Mexican. There is also an exclusive SeaSoul bar with ocean views, as well as seven other bars placed throughout the resort. Geared toward both couples and families, the hotel has a Splash Park aqua park and a separate kids' pool.

[Grand Residences Riviera Cancun](#)

The all-suite Grand Residences Riviera Cancun, an affiliate of Leading Hotels of the World, debuted shortly before Christmas—a gift for clients who value privacy and the personal touch. The all-suite property is nestled in a secluded enclave between Riviera Maya and Cancun. The suites are designed as private residences, with on-property gourmet dining, a spa and salon, and personalized beach and pool service. The property's top-notch Presidential Suite is a four-bedroom penthouse that sleeps up to 13. It comes complete with a private roof garden, ocean views, a pool, Jacuzzi, and a bar and grill.

[Nizuc Resort & Spa, Cancun](#)

Nizuc Resort & Spa is just 10 minutes from Cancun's airport, and delivers service on par with any of the established and respected five-star resorts to the south. Sitting on its own stretch of land away from the hotel zone, Nizuc is a quiet, secluded resort overlooking the ocean on an almost private strip of beach. What we loved was the path that led from the main pool area through wild, rustic foliage, passing private lounging areas on small docks in hidden beach nooks (Hint: You can request a private dinner to be served here), which led us to the adults-only La Punta Grill & Lounge, which has its own infinity pool and sunning area. This area is authentic Mexico, as it served once as a presidential retreat for the country.

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