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## U.S. Hotel Openings & Re-do's

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For travelers vacationing within the U.S. this spring and summer, there's an array of brand-new and renovated hotels for them to enjoy. Help them plan the perfect getaway by staying up-to-date on the latest hotel goings-on around the country.

**La Costa Resort and Spa** in Carlsbad, CA, announced the debut of newly redesigned guestrooms and suites.

Featuring a color palette of blues, greens and terracotta, the new rooms were designed to reflect the beauty of La Costa's outdoor scenery. Some elements have also been added to make guestrooms more comfortable, including outlets adjacent to the beds and desks for cell phones or laptops, reading lights at the beds and two desk chairs (in most rooms) for easier in-room dining. Many rooms also feature marble bathrooms with separate showers and double vanities, as well as private patios.

"The makeover of La Costa's guestrooms and suites not only breathes fresh air into the property, but it truly captures a level of transformation that elevates guests' experiences and memories," says Paul McCormick, the property's v.p. and general manager. For more information, visit [lacosta.com](http://lacosta.com).

Meanwhile, **Travaasa Destinations**, a new collection of experiential destination hotels, will be opening its first property, **Travaasa Austin** (pictured), April 14. The brand's second property, formerly the Hotel Hana-Maui, is slated to open as the **Travaasa Hana** in June. Each property in the Travaasa Destinations collection will be designed to offer distinct amenities and experiences within five core pillars—adventure, culinary, culture, fitness and spa.

Located on 201 acres on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve in Texas Hill County, Travaasa Austin will feature experiences like horseback riding and cowboy storytelling by the firepit, as well as an array of fitness classes, yoga sessions and spa treatments.

At Travaasa Hana, located on 69 acres along Maui's east coast, guests can participate in health and wellness classes, lei making and surfing. Accommodations at this property include 70 spacious rooms and bungalow-style suites with mountain and ocean views.

Rates at Travaasa properties start at \$595 pp per night and include accommodations, all meals and activities. For more information, visit [travaasa.com](http://travaasa.com).

On the East Coast, New York will welcome the **Hotel Williamsburg**, scheduled to open in Brooklyn next month.

The property will incorporate several local Brooklyn purveyors throughout its amenities, including chocolatiers, cheesemakers and designers. The hotel will also feature in-room Crosby record players (with a record rental station in the lobby), a rooftop bar with tri-borough views of Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, an outdoor pool and a restaurant. As of press time, the hotel's website was not yet up and running.

Or, recommend a summer visit to Southern Maine where visitors can check out **The Tides Beach Club**, slated to open May 26.

Part of the **Kennebunkport Resort Collection**, this property will feature 21 guestrooms, many with ocean views. The hotel provides guests with a wide range of services, including complimentary breakfast daily and free bike rentals, as well as transportation to the nearby **Hidden Pond**—the hotel's sister property—to enjoy access to its resort amenities such as the Earth restaurant, spa, wellness center and pools.

The Tides Beach Club also offers access to Goose Rocks Beach with trails that overlook Batson's River. The hotel's *Beach Tenders* are on hand to offer everything from beach chairs and towels, to umbrellas and coolers stocked with refreshing beverages.

Through June 23, The Tides Beach Club is offering a special opening rate of \$199 per night (excludes Memorial Day weekend). For more information, visit [tidesbeachclubmaine.com](http://tidesbeachclubmaine.com).