

## TRAVEL

## 5 Noteworthy Hotels Opening This Summer

## In Transit

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The Mercer Hotel Sevilla is scheduled to open in September. Rendering: Courtesy of Mercer Sevilla

Summer isn't the busiest time for buzzy hotel openings. According to Kristen Korey Pike, who owns the Atlanta travel consultancy [KK Travels Worldwide](#), many splashy properties tend to debut in the fall. That said, there are some noteworthy lodgings that will be open for business as of this summer. Below is a list of five we've gathered from hotel industry experts.

#### [Mercer Hotel Sevilla](#), Seville, Spain

Opening: Early September

From a Barcelona-based hotelier, Pedro Molina, the [Mercer Hotel Sevilla](#) is aiming to offer the most luxe accommodations in Seville, a city with a dearth of upscale hotels. Situated in an early 19th-century building in the heart of town, in the lively Arenal neighborhood and near the Cathedral and Royal Alcazar Palace, the property has just 12 rooms, all with sleek, contemporary furnishings. There's also a rooftop terrace, a pool, a cocktail bar and a light-filled courtyard where guests can enjoy breakfast in the morning and drinks throughout the day. "Seville is challenging when it comes to finding upscale lodgings so this hotel has the potential to really change the game," said Jean Pickard, a travel consultant at [SmartFlyer](#) in Atlanta. Prices from 500 euros.



The Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort is expected to open in late August. Anantara Hotels &amp; Resorts

#### [Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort](#), Al Jabal Al Akhdar, Oman

Opening: Late August

This hotel, according to Ms. Pike, will open up an area of Oman that travelers know little about. "It's in the Green Mountain, which is an absolutely gorgeous part of the Middle East, and because it's in the mountains, it enjoys a cooler climate than the rest of the region," she said.

The 115-room resort, from the Bangkok-based hospitality brand Anantara, is perched more than 6,500 feet above sea level and has three pools including one for children; a cooking school, Spice Spoon, that specializes in Omani and Thai food; a spa with a hammam; and eight different dining options including the Omani restaurant Al Qalaa. Cultural sights such as the ancient city of Nizwa, often called the pearl of Islam, are nearby.

Prices from \$500.

#### [W Goa](#), Goa, India

Opening: Sept. 1

Surrounded by dramatic red cliffs and overlooking the Arabian Sea, the hotel — W's first in India — is spread over 21 acres and situated on the hip Vagator Beach in North Goa. It has 151 rooms, a 12,000-square-foot spa and three food and beverage venues including Spice Traders, a restaurant