

16 New Outdoor-Adventure Hotels We Can't Wait to Visit

From a Denver hotel resembling an aspen grove to national-parks-adjacent stays with mountain-bike rentals and train access into the Grand Canyon, these new places are definitely on our vacation radar

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Don't get me wrong, I love a good campsite. But sometimes after a big day of adventure, I crave the comfort and ease of a great hotel with a friendly staff, farm-to-table meals, gear rentals, and maybe even a sauna and [cold plunge](#). Both in the U.S. and abroad, a plethora of brands are catering to guests who love the outdoors, such as glamping masters Under Canvas and community-centric LOGE camps.

But we all have limited vacation time and need to [pick our getaway stays thoughtfully](#). As someone who's on the road half the year, I can assure you that these are worth traveling for.

The newest outposts that excite me most are popping up in perfect locations, from the doorsteps of [popular national parks](#) to some urban gems bringing nature indoors with innovative biophilic design. Here's my hotel hot list for 2025.

Firefall Ranch at Yosemite

Near Groveland, California



The heated pool at Firefall is surrounded by pines, served by the adjacent tavern, and open year-round. Not pictured: two hot tubs. (Photo: Courtesy Alpenglo Productions)

The Yosemite area has never had more choice for boutique accommodations, and this is another property on Route 120 I'm eager to recommend. The 300-acre [Firefall Ranch](#) opened last summer and is made for the active crowd. You can look forward to a spacious saltwater pool (complete with shave-ice service), forest disc golf, bouldering, and beach volleyball.

Pick up picnic supplies at the on-site general store or dine at the casual tavern or more ambitious restaurant, YOVA, which features dishes like salmon and caviar and boar chops, complimented by an impressive wine list.

For families, roomy accommodations include 55 standalone one- and two-bedroom cottages or three-bedroom villas with private decks and indoor-outdoor gas fireplaces.



Each one-bedroom cottage, seen here, has a king bed, queen sofa bed, heated bathroom floors, and air-conditioning. Not to mention a tranquil setting. (Photo: Courtesy Tracy Barbutes)

Fun fact: this property was a stop on the original stagecoach route to Yosemite in the 1870s.

Price: From \$650