## The Best New Openings in Singapore, From Luxury Hotels to Can't-Miss Tasting Menus

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Like in most Southeast Asian countries, <u>Singapore</u>'s reopening plan has had ups and downs. The Delta and Omicron variants <u>popped travel bubbles</u> before they even opened. Restaurants closed, reopened, then closed again. In October last year, the country pushed its door ajar with a <u>Vaccinated Travel Lane</u>, in which Americans could enter quarantine-free through a handful of pre-approved flights. Finally, at the beginning of this month, the government announced its most relaxed entry requirements yet: fully vaccinated Americans can now arrive without a pre-departure COVID-19 test or quarantine, as long as they fill out an <u>Electronic Health Declaration</u> within three days prior to arrival.

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Even though tourists have essentially been locked out of the country for almost two years, Singapore's hoteliers and restaurateurs <u>didn't sit still</u>: over the past two years, they've



launched and revived heaps of new hotels and restaurants, from Chinatown to Little India. Read on for the new sights to see, hottest tables to book, and new and updated hotels worthy of planning a trip around, to take advantage of Singapore reopening.

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## New and updated Singapore hotels to book

Among Singapore's most exciting hotel arrivals is <u>The Clan Hotel</u>, which debuted last year in a sleek glass tower overlooking the shophouses of Chinatown. Inspired by the rich history of the Chinese immigrants that settled here in the 19th century, stays here start with a Chinese tea ceremony and continue with local touches woven throughout the property: from *zhezhi* (a Chinese origami technique) inspired artworks by Singaporean artist Grace Tan, to chrysanthemum-infused beers brewed exclusively for the hotel. All rooms, swathed in slate gray and licks of beige and bronze, come with dazzling city views and access to a rooftop gym and pool, while the top-floor rooms come with 'Clan Keeper' concierge service that can include personalized tours around local shrines, galleries, and to old-timey artisans; tiffin-box deliveries of local hawker specialties; and turndown services with sleep-inducing essential oils and bath salts.