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## Small Luxury Hotels of the World releases new offerings for 2019

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*La Maison Bleue in Egypt. Image credit: Small Luxury Hotels*

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Small Luxury Hotels of the World is ramping up its offerings with new properties this month, including a first-time entrance into Egypt.

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The hotel group, made up of independent locations throughout the world, will have a presence in Egypt for the first time, with La Maison Bleue and Lazib Inn Resort & Spa coming into the organization. Additionally, nine other properties will also debut as part of Small Luxury Hotels, in a number of regions.

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Two hotels in Egypt will offer Small Luxury Hotels customers two different regions of the country. La Maison Bleue, located in the Red Sea resort town of El Gouna, is made of 11 rooms and is priced at \$230 per night.

Lazib Inn Resort & Spa offers eight rooms and is priced at \$210, with views of Lake Qarun.

The group will also see new offerings in different areas of Italy, with the addition of Castello di Spaltenna in Chianti to the group, Villa La Madonna in Monastero Bormida and Grand Hotel Principe Di Piemonte in Viareggio reopening its two-Michelin-starred restaurant.

Castello di Spaltenna focuses on Tuscany's elegant cuisine in its dining options. Villa La Madonna features a Unesco-protected 16th century wine cellar with tastings as well as growing its own Barbera and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes.

Tabacon Thermal Resort & Spa, a 103-room hotel in La Fortuna De San Carlos, Costa Rica, features an impressive luxury spa with naturally heated volcanic waters. Its relation to the rainforest is evident throughout all parts of the hotel, including forest views and rainwater showers.



*Los Tucanes Restaurante at Tabacon Thermal Resort & Spa. Image credit: Small Luxury Hotels*

The Naxian Collection in Greece is renovating all of its villas with private pools and is working on introducing a farm-to-table experience with its own farm.

Also in Greece, the Elounda Gulf Villas & Suite has renovated all of its villas, which now all include a lounge, dining area with fireplace, open plan kitchen, marble bathrooms, private pool with Jacuzzi, private gym room, sauna and steam bath.

Small Luxury Hotels' 137 Pillars House in Thailand has unveiled its new refurbishment, with a new category of suites, gym equipment and other enhancements throughout its building. In addition, the location will transform its current restaurant into a new dining concept.

The Aguas de Ibiza Grande Luxe in Spain is adding 32 new guest rooms and a rooftop restaurant for the 2019 summer season.

Small Luxury Hotels of the World also recently capitalized on the popularity of food tourism with a new cookbook featuring recipes from its global culinary team.

Culinary trends such as hyperlocal food, fusion meals and Asian hotpot are represented in the new cookbook. With a focus on main courses, this cookbook is the third volume in a series that the hotel group began in 2015, which allows travelers to bring a piece of the SLH experience home with them ([see story](#)).

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