

Hotels we love: Stay in style

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Whether you want to start the year off on a stylish new note or have designs on a perfect romantic weekend, we've got at an enticing array of design-conscious new and newly renovated properties for you to check out and check in to. Read on for sumptuous stays in **Scottsdale, Ariz., New York City, Montréal, Tacoma, Wash., Portland, Ore.** and **San Francisco**

Hotel Murano, Tacoma, Washington

One of the brightest and boldest openings recently, Tacoma's Hotel Murano (1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma; 253-238-8000; www.hotelmuranotacoma.com; from \$189) proves that having a heart of glass is a desirable thing. Offering packages to the nearby Museum of Glass, Hotel Murano is a stunning 319-room property in which more than 40 of the world's glass artists' works are showcased. Artworks star in the hallways and in rooms. The attention to detail doesn't stop there: Rooms feature a pillow menu, a spiritual menu (offering various different types of holy tomes), Aveda products in the bathrooms, iPod docks and loaner iPods. It's the latest gem in the crown of **Portland's** chic, luxe Provenance Hotels and stands to become a Tacoma attraction in its own right.