

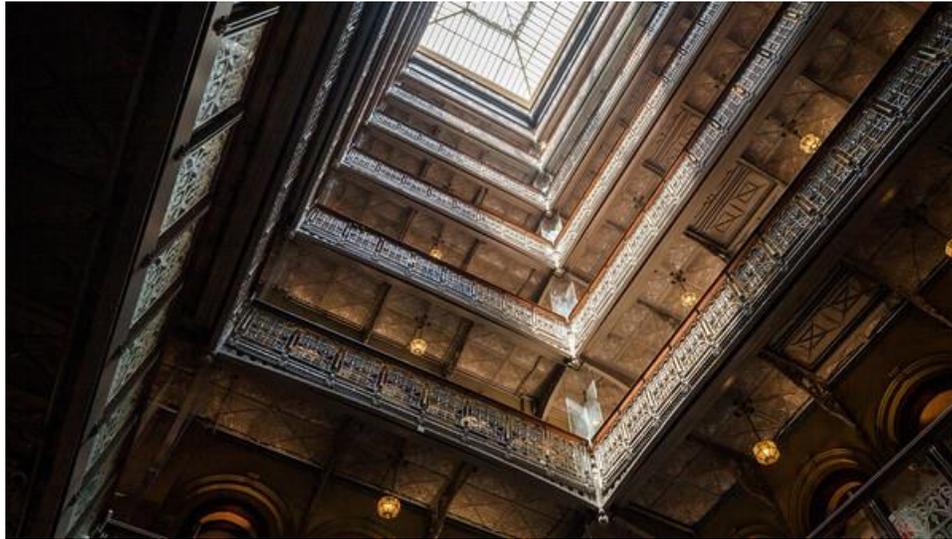
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## Travel updates: New York, Miami and Cannes

The Beekman opening; Onefinestay launches in Florida; a yachting festival on the Côte d'Azur

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### New York



The Beekman Hotel

The Beekman, an eagerly anticipated hotel in a historic Manhattan building, finally opened its doors to guests last week. The hotel occupies the nine-storey red brick building at 5 Beekman Street, a former office building known as Temple Court that was built in 1883 but had been empty since 2001. Designed to resemble the Inns of Court in London (apparently to attract lawyers as tenants), its key feature is a central atrium that rises the full height of the building under a glass roof, surrounded by landings on all sides with elaborate Victorian cast iron railings. Operated by the Thompson Hotels group, it has 287 rooms with interiors designed by Martin Brudnizki, whose previous work includes the Ivy in London and Soho Beach House Miami. The two restaurants, including one overseen by celebrity chef and television presenter Tom Colicchio, are due to open next month (once the hotel has received the final permits). *Doubles from \$369; thebeekman.com*

## **Miami**

Onefinestay, an upmarket home rental service, has announced it is to launch in Miami, with the first houses becoming available before the end of the year. The company began operating in London in 2010, using a model similar to Airbnb but hand-picking properties and providing a team of staff who arrive before each rental to clean the house and equip it with hotel-standard linen, towels and toiletries. Miami will be the sixth city for the company and the first since its acquisition by AccorHotels in April in a deal worth \$240m. The group is now pursuing an ambitious global expansion plan and hopes to be in 40 cities by 2021. *onefinestay.com*

## **Cannes**

Almost 600 boats will gather on the Côte d'Azur early next month for the Cannes Yachting Festival. The event, from September 6 to 11, claims to be Europe's largest boat show, attracting more than 50,000 visitors to see boats ranging from 2m to 47m, which pack into the city's Vieux Port and Port Pierre Canto, at opposite ends of the Croisette; 3km of pontoons are installed to accommodate them. Among the boats will be 87 "world premieres", including the Sarp 46, the first superyacht from new Turkish shipyard Sarp Yacht (yours for €22.5m). *Tickets cost from €15; cannesyachtingfestival.com*

## **London**

British Airways has announced it will launch a new route from Stansted to Chambéry, France, in December. The twice-weekly flights, which are in addition to the existing three times per week service from London City, will be welcomed by skiers — Chambéry is just 40 miles from Méribel and close to many other popular resorts. *ba.com*