

PARSIPPANY, NJ, September 25, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Over 1,000 new hotels opened worldwide just last year. How can anyone possible sift through all of those potentially amazing new hotspots? [Cond](#)

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has an innovative method. They cut down the massive list to 200-plus hotels in 57 countries and sent 36 reports to test the new waters. They knocked it down to 154 places that are all worth visiting, with 62 of these newbies under \$300 a night.

[Jeff Bartel](#)

reviews some of the most remarkable picks.

One of the most extravagant chart toppers - which Jeff Bartel understands is not in everyone's price range - is the St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort in Miami Beach, Florida. The 243-room beach resort oozes of awe-striking glamor, from marble floors in the check-in area to a high-ceilinged lobby. The rooms are gigantic, complete with walk-in closets, mother-of-pearl-inlaid tables and ocean view balconies. For the avid shopper, Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana and more are located right across the street. But who wants to shop when you could be sunbathing in one of the St. Regis' private cabanas, getting a foot rub from the heartwarming staff.

The Surin Hotel in Phuket, Thailand comes in as one of the "under \$300 a night" gems, explains Jeff Bartel. With 87 newly built cottages and 16 suites, guests have partial beach views. The hotel is located in a picturesque cove with a white-sand beach. There's a hexagonal black-tiled pool encompassed by double-sized beds. Service is quick and welcoming. On-beach vendors sell anything from coconut water, to fresh food, to massages. Jeff Bartel notes guests are only a short drive from Surin Beach, which is packed with incredible restaurants.

In Seoul, South Korea, you will find a 434-room riverfront property in the International Finance Center. The Conrad, Seoul hotel is ideally located for business travelers, but can satisfy any traveler. The best rooms are on the executive floor, which allows guests to access the top-floor executive lounge, complete with panoramic views of the city. Jeff Bartel notes the convenience of the Yeouido Park located across the street, with jogging and cycling trails. Travelers can also take advantage of the 82-foot indoor pool, 24-hour gym, seven driving ranges, virtual-screen golf center, and spa with nine treatment rooms.

The Metropol Palace in Belgrade, Serbia is an intriguing 1950s hotel located on one of the city's most stylish streets. The 239-room spectacular is comprised of oak parquet floors, travertine paneling and vintage light fixtures. On the weekends, the normally serious hotel comes to life as the business crowd and leaves and happy-go-lucky Serbia couples take to the scene.

ABOUT

Jeff Bartel is a seasoned travel agent who owns and runs A Global Perspective Travel Agency. He helps travelers book the trip of their dreams for the best possible price. Through his relationships with the world's finest resorts, spas, cruise lines, airlines and more; he is able to secure some of the best possible travel deals.