



Over the past quarter-century, you, our discerning readers, have shown a commitment to seeking out meaningful travel experiences of the highest caliber. For 2020, hundreds of thousands of you voted in our annual survey, sharing thoughts on favorite hotels, islands, tour operators, and more. To celebrate, this special edition features several expanded lists to honor the places and companies you think, quite simply, are the best out there. Here's to you, to the winners—and to the big 2-5!

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**NO. 1 CITY IN
THE WORLD**

Cultural sites in Oaxaca, Mexico, include the Church of Santo Domingo de Guzmán.

Cities

The urban hubs of Mexico continue to charm travelers, while many favorites elsewhere—including Charleston, Florence, and Quebec City—maintain their multiyear reigns. Marrakesh takes top honors in the Africa and the Middle East category.



This year's World's Best Awards survey closed on March 2, just before widespread stay-at-home orders were implemented as a result of COVID-19. The results, therefore, reflect our readers' experiences before the pandemic. We hope that this year's honorees will inspire your trips to come—whenever they may be.

**TOP 25
CITIES
OVERALL**

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| <p>1. Oaxaca
Mexico 93.54</p> <p>A tapestry of colors, tastes, and indigenous traditions propelled this historic city (last year's No. 5) above all others. Readers can't get enough of the diverse crafts and cuisine, including seven different styles of mole.</p> <p>2. San Miguel de Allende
Mexico 92.01</p> <p>3. Hoi An
Vietnam 90.52</p> | <p>4. Chiang Mai
Thailand 89.62</p> <p>5. Florence
89.21 ★</p> <p>6. Kyoto
Japan 88.77</p> <p>7. Udaipur
India 88.49</p> <p>8. Luang Prabang
Laos 88.17</p> <p>9. Ubud
Indonesia 88.16</p> <p>10. Istanbul
88.14</p> <p>11. Mexico City
87.95</p> | <p>12. Bangkok
87.91</p> <p>13. Rome
87.90 ★</p> <p>14. Jaipur
India 87.87</p> <p>15. Tokyo
87.67</p> <p>16. Siem Reap
Cambodia 87.38</p> <p>17. Lisbon
87.34</p> <p>18. Charleston
South Carolina 87.29</p> <p>19. Cuzco
Peru 87.24</p> <p>20. Porto
Portugal 87.15</p> <p>21. Singapore
87.05</p> <p>22. New Orleans
87.03</p> <p>23. Seville
Spain 87.00</p> <p>24. Mérida
Mexico 86.84</p> <p>25. Kraków
Poland 86.80</p> |
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TOP 10
CITIES
UNITED STATES

1.

Charleston
South Carolina
87.29 ★
2.

New Orleans
87.03 ★
3.

Santa Fe
New Mexico
85.73 ★
4.

Savannah
Georgia
85.57 ★
5.

Chicago
83.78 ★
6.

New York City
83.48 ★
7.

San Antonio
Texas 82.20
8.

Honolulu
81.92
9.

Asheville
North Carolina
81.91
10.

Austin
Texas 81.63
- The Lowcountry beauty topped the list of domestic destinations for the eighth year running. Its flourishing culinary scene continues to impress, with diverse options that include Sichuan and Gullah cuisines. Meanwhile, its inviting streets and intimate hotels remain as romantic as ever.

TOP 5
CITIES
CANADA

1.

Quebec City
85.46 ★
2.

Vancouver
82.36
3.

Montreal
81.70
4.

Victoria
British Columbia
81.60
5.

Banff
Alberta 81.16
- The centuries-old French Canadian mainstay is on a five-year winning streak with our readers, who embrace its shopping, old-world vibe, and walkability.

TOP 10
CITIES
EUROPE

1.

Florence
89.21 ★
2.

Istanbul
88.14 ★
3.

Rome
87.90 ★
4.

Lisbon
87.34
5.

Porto
Portugal 87.15
6.

Seville
Spain 87.00
7.

Kraków
Poland 86.80
8.

Barcelona
86.25 ★
9.

Siena
Italy 86.21
10.

Madrid
86.02
- With its famed cultural sites—the Duomo, the Uffizi Gallery—and endlessly craveable food, it's little wonder that the Tuscan paragon has won this category for seven consecutive years.

TOP 5
CITIES
MEXICO

1.

Oaxaca
93.54
2.

San Miguel de Allende
92.01
3.

Mexico City
87.95 ★
4.

Mérida
86.84
5.

Guadalajara
84.14
- Nestled in Mexico's hilly south, this UNESCO World Heritage site epitomizes all the things readers love about the country: rich history, appealing architecture, flavorful cuisine, and warm hospitality.

TOP 10
CITIES
CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

1.

Cuzco
Peru 87.24 ★
2.

Antigua Guatemala
86.08
3.

Mendoza
Argentina 83.04
4.

Buenos Aires
82.46 ★
5.

Cartagena
Colombia 82.45
6.

Bogotá
Colombia 81.38
7.

Rio de Janeiro
81.14
8.

Lima
Peru 80.35
9.

São Paulo
Brazil 80.00
10.

Quito
Ecuador 79.31
- For the third year in a row, the cultural capital of Peru stood out to all manner of travelers. It's still a jumping-off point for hiking adventures in the Sacred Valley, but it's also a compelling destination for gorgeous historic buildings and dynamic nightlife.

TOP 10
CITIES
AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

1.

Marrakesh
Morocco 86.71
2.

Cape Town
86.63 ★
3.

Fez
Morocco 85.90
4.

Beirut
Lebanon 85.14
5.

Jerusalem
84.55 ★
6.

Tel Aviv
83.74
7.

Essaouira
Morocco 80.17
8.

Dubai
79.87
9.

Luxor
Egypt 79.26
10.

Cairo
78.94
- Friendly residents, souks teeming with local crafts, and chic *riads* make this Moroccan city stand out in readers' minds.

TOP 10
CITIES
ASIA

1.

Hoi An
Vietnam 90.52
2.

Chiang Mai
Thailand 89.62
3.

Kyoto
Japan 88.77 ★
4.

Udaipur
India 88.49
5.

Luang Prabang
Laos 88.17
6.

Ubud
Indonesia 88.16
7.

Bangkok
87.91 ★
8.

Jaipur
India 87.87
9.

Tokyo
87.67 ★
10.

Siem Reap
Cambodia 87.38 ★
- Well-preserved streets lined with shop-houses keep travelers returning to this picturesque city. Another plus: superb tailors who create bespoke suits and dresses.

TOP 5
CITIES
AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC

1.

Sydney
85.75 ★
2.

Melbourne
85.37 ★
3.

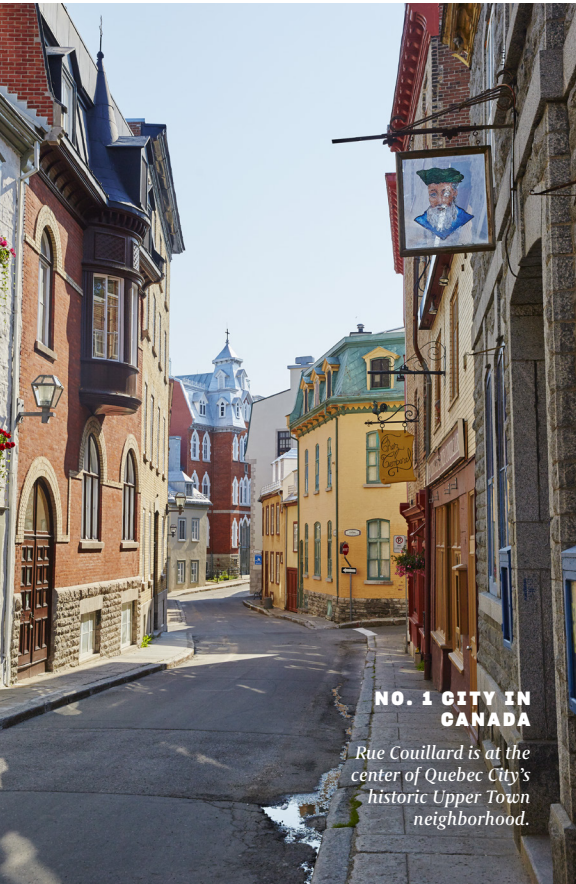
Perth
Australia 82.78
4.

Queenstown
New Zealand 82.04
5.

Wellington
New Zealand 81.87
- The international hub returns as the category favorite on the strength of its iconic harbor and postcard-worthy beaches.

NO. 1 CITY IN AUSTRALIA

Bondi may be Sydney's most famous stretch of sand, but the city and its suburbs are home to more than 100 beaches, including Lady Bay.



NO. 1 CITY IN CANADA
Rue Couillard is at the center of Quebec City's historic Upper Town neighborhood.

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Islands

These far-flung winners promise way more than pristine beaches. Expect world-class wildlife viewing, delectable local foods, and as much (or as little) outdoor activity as your heart desires.

NO. 1 ISLAND IN THE WORLD

Outriggers can be used to island-hop around the Palawan archipelago, in the Philippines.

TOP 25 ISLANDS OVERALL

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| 1. Palawan
Philippines 94.83 | 2. Páros
Greece 90.55 | 8. Langkawi
Malaysia 88.76 | 18. Moorea
French Polynesia 88.05 |
| In addition to its incredible tropical scenery, this archipelago between the South China and Sulu seas captivates with affordable resorts, leisurely snorkeling, and plentiful bird life—including the endangered peacock-pheasant. | 3. Mílos
Greece 90.33 | 9. Sicily
Italy 88.62 | 19. Tasmania
Australia 87.89 |
| | 4. Sri Lanka
90.00 | 10. Galápagos Islands
Ecuador 88.44 | 20. Great Barrier Reef Islands
Australia 87.82 |
| | 5. Koh Lanta
Thailand 89.41 | 11. Azores
Portugal 88.42 | 21. Ischia
Italy 87.76 |
| | 6. Mauritius
89.07 | 12. Maui
Hawaii 88.38 ★ | 22. Mallorca
Spain 87.58 |
| | 7. Anguilla
89.01 | 13. Hvar and the Dalmatian Islands
Croatia 88.35 | 23. Koh Samui
Thailand 87.56 |
| | | 14. Boracay
Philippines 88.22 | 24. Kauai
Hawaii 87.50 |
| | | 15. Crete
Greece 88.20 | 25. Bora-Bora
French Polynesia 87.27 |
| | | 16. Cook Islands
88.15 | |
| | | 17. Bali
Indonesia 88.14 ★ | |

TOP 10 ISLANDS CONTINENTAL U.S.

1. **Golden Isles (Jekyll Island, Little St. Simons Island, Sea Island, St. Simons Island)**
Georgia 86.90

Mellow beaches, marshes, and estuaries characterize this collection of four barrier islands off the coast of Georgia, where naturalist-led excursions and golfing are among the marquee activities.

2. **San Juan Islands**
Washington 85.23
3. **Hilton Head Island**
South Carolina 84.66
4. **Mount Desert Island**
Maine 84.50
5. **Kiawah Island**
South Carolina 83.11
6. **Amelia Island**
Florida 82.45
7. **Mackinac Island**
Michigan 81.50
8. **Florida Keys**
81.41
9. **Captiva Island**
Florida 81.30
10. **Block Island**
Rhode Island 81.05

TOP 5 ISLANDS MEXICO AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

1. **Galápagos Islands**
Ecuador 88.44 ★
- Adventurers eager to see such distinctive species as the giant tortoise and the blue-footed booby have kept these storied islands at the top of this category for the past 18 years.
2. **Isla Mujeres**
Mexico 83.23 ★
3. **Easter Island**
Chile 81.75
4. **Caye Caulker**
Belize 80.11
5. **Ambergris Caye**
Belize 79.91 ★

TOP 3 ISLANDS CANADA

1. **Cape Breton Island**
Nova Scotia 85.93
- Coastal diversions such as hiking the Cabot Trail and year-round beauty—peaking during fall foliage season—have helped this eastern haven secure the top spot for the past three years.
2. **Vancouver Island**
British Columbia 84.97 ★
3. **Prince Edward Island**
83.54

TOP 25 ISLANDS CARIBBEAN, BERMUDA, AND THE BAHAMAS

1. **Anguilla**
89.01
- Low-key luxury resorts and an informal atmosphere make this stunner our readers' favorite spot in the region. Thirty-plus sparkling beaches don't hurt, either.
2. **Abacos Islands**
Bahamas 86.11
3. **Harbour Island**
Bahamas 85.70
4. **Virgin Gorda**
British Virgin Islands 85.10 ★
5. **St. John**
U.S. Virgin Islands 84.86 ★
6. **St. Vincent and the Grenadines**
84.80
7. **Aruba**
84.46
8. **Exumas**
Bahamas 84.24
9. **Jost Van Dyke**
British Virgin Islands 84.17
10. **St. Bart's**
83.90
11. **Vieques**
Puerto Rico 83.85
12. **Eleuthera**
Bahamas 83.82
13. **Turks and Caicos**
83.74
14. **Culebra**
Puerto Rico 83.66
15. **Bermuda**
82.92
16. **Nevis**
82.87
17. **St. Lucia**
82.34
18. **St. Croix**
U.S. Virgin Islands 82.29
19. **Barbados**
81.33
20. **Cayman Islands**
80.89
21. **Antigua**
80.68
22. **Jamaica**
80.56
23. **St. Maarten/ St. Martin**
80.29
23. **Tortola**
British Virgin Islands 80.29
25. **Bonaire**
80.19

NO. 1 ISLAND IN HAWAII

Stunning volcanic vistas draw visitors to Maui's Haleakala National Park, especially at sunrise.

TOP 5 ISLANDS HAWAII

1. **Maui**
88.38 ★
- Nine years, nine wins for the Valley Isle—and that's only partially due to its striking topography. Readers also love the plentiful snorkeling, farm-to-table eats, and Hawaiian culture.
2. **Kauai**
87.50 ★
3. **Big Island**
86.71 ★
4. **Oahu**
86.08
5. **Lanai**
82.78

FROM LEFT: CRISTINA CANDEL; BAILEY REBECCA ROBERTS

NO. 1 ISLAND IN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Snorkelers can spot parrotfish and sea turtles in the Cook Islands.

TOP 10 ISLANDS ASIA

- Palawan**
Philippines 94.83

Turquoise waters, white-sand beaches, and striking limestone formations make this archipelago a magnet for nature-loving travelers.
- Sri Lanka**
90.00
- Koh Lanta**
Thailand 89.41
- Langkawi**
Malaysia 88.76
- Boracay**
Philippines 88.22
- Bali**
Indonesia 88.14 ★
- Koh Samui**
Thailand 87.56
- Phuket**
Thailand 85.72
- Maldives**
85.11
- Lombok**
Indonesia 80.00

TOP 20 ISLANDS EUROPE

- Páros**
Greece 90.55

The Greek Isles are perennially popular, but this Cycladic gem still feels like a secret, according to readers, who loved its unspoiled beaches and low-key tavernas.
- Mílos**
Greece 90.33
- Sicily**
Italy 88.62
- Azores**
Portugal 88.42
- Hvar and the Dalmatian Islands**
Croatia 88.35
- Crete**
Greece 88.20
- Ischia**
Italy 87.76
- Mallorca**
Spain 87.58
- Madeira**
Portugal 86.80
- Rhodes and the Dodecanese**
Greece 86.63
- Santorini**
Greece 86.37 ★
- Orkney Islands**
Scotland 86.09
- Shetland Islands**
Scotland 85.92
- Gozo**
Malta 85.60
- Sardinia**
Italy 84.53
- Canary Islands**
Spain 84.52
- Skye and the Hebrides**
Scotland 84.33
- Corfu and the Ionian Islands**
Greece 84.33
- Capri**
Italy 84.12
- Mykonos**
Greece 82.28

TOP 3 ISLANDS AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

- Mauritius**
89.07

East of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean, this African nation may require multiple flights from the U.S. to reach, but it rewards travelers for their efforts with unparalleled national parks filled with waterfalls and singular wildlife.
- Seychelles**
85.74
- Zanzibar**
Tanzania 84.87

TOP 10 ISLANDS AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC

- Cook Islands**
88.15

Situated south of French Polynesia, the first-time category winner captivated travelers with its Maori heritage and aquamarine waters.
- Moorea**
French Polynesia 88.05 ★
- Tasmania**
Australia 87.89
- Great Barrier Reef Islands**
Australia 87.82
- Bora-Bora**
French Polynesia 87.27
- Fiji Islands**
86.75
- Waiheke Island**
New Zealand 85.83
- Huahine**
French Polynesia 83.23
- Tahiti**
French Polynesia 79.77
- Raiatea**
French Polynesia 79.33

Transportation

Readers love companies that match best-in-class product with a personal touch and investment in innovation. No one does that better than Singapore Airlines—the only honoree to have won its category for all 25 editions of the World's Best Awards.

TOP 5 DOMESTIC AIRLINES

- 1. JetBlue Airways**
78.73 ★
Loyalists swear by this brand for its comfortable seating and friendly flight attendants. They also love its philanthropic initiatives, such as dedicating hundreds of flights to carry hurricane recovery supplies and volunteers.
- 2. Hawaiian Airlines**
78.32 ★
- 3. Alaska Airlines**
78.11
- 4. Southwest Airlines**
77.61 ★
- 5. Delta Air Lines**
74.89

TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES

- 1. Singapore Airlines**
90.84 ★
This beloved carrier aces the flying experience every step of the way. The airline continues to innovate, prioritizing not only luxury and safety but also fliers' wellness through its partnership with Canyon Ranch.
- 2. Qatar Airways**
89.88 ★
- 3. Emirates**
87.43 ★
- 4. Eva Air**
85.67
- 5. All Nippon Airways (ANA)**
84.98
- 6. Air New Zealand**
84.95 ★
- 7. Japan Airlines (JAL)**
84.56
- 8. La Compagnie**
84.39
- 9. Cathay Pacific Airways**
84.30 ★
- 10. Virgin Atlantic Airways**
84.28

TOP 10 DOMESTIC AIRPORTS

- 1. Indianapolis International Airport**
80.51
IND has broken Portland's six-year winning streak with its seamless security experience, sparkling terminals, and streamlined design.
- 2. Portland International Airport**
Oregon 80.38
- 3. Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport**
78.41
- 4. Tampa International Airport**
Florida 77.82
- 5. T. F. Green Airport**
Rhode Island 77.30
- 6. Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport**
Georgia 76.88
- 7. Detroit Metropolitan Airport**
76.12
- 8. Dallas Love Field**
75.30
- 9. Palm Beach International Airport**
Florida 75.09
- 10. Austin-Bergstrom International Airport**
Texas 74.88

TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

- 1. Singapore Changi Airport**
93.49
Since the 2019 debut of Jewel—an impressive entertainment complex, complete with a 130-foot-tall indoor waterfall—this hub has given travelers ample reason to extend their stopovers or to arrive extra early for their flights.
- 2. Hamad International Airport**
Doha, Qatar 90.89
- 3. Dubai International Airport**
85.45
- 4. Hong Kong International Airport**
84.25
- 5. Incheon International Airport**
Seoul 83.44
- 6. Haneda (Tokyo International) Airport**
81.38
- 7. Zurich Airport**
Switzerland 80.44
- 8. Abu Dhabi International Airport**
80.08
- 9. Copenhagen Airport**
79.94
- 10. Amsterdam Airport Schiphol**
79.06

NO. 1 INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE

Fliers who book Singapore Airlines' business class can relax in hand-stitched leather seats.





Cruise Lines

NO. 1 MEGA-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINE

Readers were enamored with the Disney Dream and its three sister ships.

Travelers who love being on the water found themselves spoiled for choice, with ships of all sizes offering electric nightlife, immersive excursions, luxuriously appointed staterooms, and culinary delights that rival some of the best food on land.

TOP 10 MEGA-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES	TOP 10 LARGE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES	TOP 5 MIDSIZE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES	TOP 10 SMALL-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES	TOP 10 RIVER CRUISE LINES
<div><div>1. Disney Cruise Line</div><div>85.83 ★</div><div>Readers felt the magic in every corner of even the biggest ships in this fleet, which will add a new port (Cephalonia) to its longer Greece itineraries in 2021.</div></div> <div><div>2. Cunard</div><div>85.26 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>3. Holland America Line</div><div>85.23 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>4. Celebrity Cruises</div><div>83.08 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>5. Princess Cruises</div><div>81.84 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>6. Royal Caribbean International</div><div>77.84 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>7. Norwegian Cruise Line</div><div>76.70</div><div></div></div> <div><div>8. Carnival Cruise Line</div><div>75.40</div><div></div></div> <div><div>9. MSC Cruises</div><div>73.94</div><div></div></div> <div><div>10. Costa Cruises</div><div>73.59</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>1. Viking</div><div>94.61</div><div>This line has topped its category for five straight years. The key to its success? Personalized service that makes each passenger feel like a VIP and excursions led by knowledgeable local guides.</div></div> <div><div>2. Crystal Cruises</div><div>93.90 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>3. Seabourn</div><div>92.53 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>4. Regent Seven Seas Cruises</div><div>90.07 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>5. Silversea Cruises</div><div>88.64 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>6. Cunard</div><div>87.55 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>7. Azamara</div><div>85.99 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>8. Oceania Cruises</div><div>85.46 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>9. Hurtigruten</div><div>85.17</div><div></div></div> <div><div>10. Costa Cruises</div><div>81.40</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>1. Seabourn</div><div>91.95 ★</div><div>Stunning suites and elevated meals give every voyage on this luxury line a unique quality that's reinforced by its ultra-attentive crew.</div></div> <div><div>2. Ponant</div><div>90.98</div><div></div></div> <div><div>3. Paul Gauguin Cruises</div><div>90.65</div><div></div></div> <div><div>4. Windstar Cruises</div><div>89.73</div><div></div></div> <div><div>5. Silversea Cruises</div><div>88.34 ★</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>1. Quasar Expeditions</div><div>99.17</div><div>The staff members aboard this Galapagos-bound line's two ships—one for 16 passengers, the other for 32—coordinate activities like kayaking, while naturalists tee up unforgettable wildlife viewings.</div></div> <div><div>2. Crystal Cruises</div><div>97.50 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>3. Australis</div><div>92.72</div><div></div></div> <div><div>4. SeaDream Yacht Club</div><div>92.42</div><div></div></div> <div><div>5. UnCruise Adventures</div><div>91.39</div><div></div></div> <div><div>6. Silversea Cruises</div><div>90.16 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>7. Ponant</div><div>89.47</div><div></div></div> <div><div>8. Lindblad Expeditions</div><div>89.37</div><div></div></div> <div><div>9. Windstar Cruises</div><div>89.22</div><div></div></div> <div><div>10. Celebrity Cruises</div><div>86.05 ★</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>1. Crystal River Cruises</div><div>97.14</div><div>This line's refined culinary program earns raves, as do its butler service and personalized shore experiences. Spacious state-rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows ensure guests greet each day with stellar views.</div></div> <div><div>2. U by Uniworld</div><div>95.91</div><div></div></div> <div><div>3. Uniworld Boutique River Cruises</div><div>95.51 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>4. Tauck</div><div>95.21 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>5. Aqua Expeditions</div><div>94.29</div><div></div></div> <div><div>6. Viking</div><div>94.04 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>7. Belmond</div><div>91.07</div><div></div></div> <div><div>8. Delfin Amazon Cruises</div><div>90.67</div><div></div></div> <div><div>9. Vantage Deluxe World Travel</div><div>89.87</div><div></div></div> <div><div>10. AmaWaterways</div><div>88.86</div><div></div></div>

COURTESY OF DISNEY CRUISE LINE

PEDEN & HUNK/TRUNK ARCHIVE

Destination Spas

Wellness has never been more top-of-mind. This year's winners provide integrated, often personalized programs that also embody a deep sense of place and culture.

TOP 15 DOMESTIC SPAS

<div><div>1. Pearl Laguna</div><div>Laguna Beach, California 96.95</div><div>Founded by a pair of married yogis, this 12-room oasis offers two types of classes—high-energy in the morning, restorative in the evening—plus daily therapeutic massages and coastal hikes.</div></div>	<div><div>2. Ojo Santa Fe (formerly Sunrise Springs Spa Resort)</div><div>New Mexico 93.77</div><div></div></div> <div><div>3. Civana Wellness Resort & Spa</div><div>Carefree, Arizona 93.67</div><div></div></div> <div><div>4. Mii Amo</div><div>Sedona, Arizona 93.65 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>5. Westglow Resort & Spa</div><div>Blowing Rock, North Carolina 93.10</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>6. The Ranch</div><div>Malibu, California 92.67</div><div></div></div> <div><div>7. Cal-a-Vie</div><div>Vista, California 92.42</div><div></div></div> <div><div>8. Lodge at Woodloch</div><div>Hawley, Pennsylvania 92.14 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>9. Miraval Arizona</div><div>Tucson, Arizona 92.00</div><div></div></div> <div><div>10. Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs Resort & Spa</div><div>Ojo Caliente, New Mexico 91.40</div><div></div></div>	<div><div>11. Lake Austin Spa Resort</div><div>Austin, Texas 90.20 ★</div><div></div></div> <div><div>12. Golden Door</div><div>San Marcos, California 87.75</div><div></div></div> <div><div>13. Miraval Austin</div><div>Texas 87.40</div><div></div></div> <div><div>14. Ten Thousand Waves</div><div>Santa Fe, New Mexico 87.32</div><div></div></div> <div><div>15. Canyon Ranch</div><div>Tucson, Arizona 86.67</div><div></div></div>
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TOP 5 INTERNATIONAL SPAS

<div><div>1. Rancho La Puerta</div><div>Tecate, Mexico 96.12 ★</div><div>Whether travelers want to move their bodies or quiet their minds, this storied Baja California retreat delivers outstanding programming that includes aerial yoga, sound healing, and author lectures. But what brings readers back is the sense of community fostered during meals and activities like group hikes.</div></div>	<div><div>2. Chablé Yucatán</div><div>Chocholá, Mexico 95.29</div><div></div></div> <div><div>3. Sha Wellness Clinic</div><div>El Abir, Spain 94.29</div><div></div></div> <div><div>4. BodyHoliday</div><div>St. Lucia 93.60</div><div></div></div> <div><div>5. Chablé Maroma</div><div>Punta Maroma, Mexico 92.45</div><div></div></div>
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NO. 1 DOMESTIC SPA

At the Pearl Laguna, in southern California, guests can complement tai chi with alfresco massages.

Tour Operators and Safari Outfitters

Whether you want the perfect wildlife adventure or an architecture-focused itinerary along the Silk Road, this year's best operators combine breadth of knowledge with depth of experience to create the ideal custom trip.

NO. 1 SAFARI OUTFITTER

Kilimanjaro giraffes are a common sight on Rothschild Safaris journeys through Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve.

TOP 10 TOUR OPERATORS

- 1. Ker & Downey**
99.10
Operating since 1946, before "experiential travel" ever entered the industry lexicon, this adventure-focused company has excelled in orchestrating immersive itineraries across all seven continents.
- 2. Greaves India**
98.96
- 3. Terra Incognita Ecotours**
98.92

- 4. Jacada Travel**
98.30
- 5. Artisans of Leisure**
98.26
- 6. DuVine Cycling & Adventure Co.**
98.02
- 7. Boundless Journeys**
97.92

- 8. Classic Journeys**
97.86
- 9. Quasar Expeditions**
97.54
- 10. Black Tomato**
97.44

TOP 10 SAFARI OUTFITTERS

- 1. Rothschild Safaris**
99.26
Long-standing relationships—especially in South Africa, where owner Leora Rothschild was raised—plus a commitment to personal vetting of camps and guides, make this company a standout.
- 2. Roar Africa**
99.26
- 3. Deeper Africa**
98.88
- 4. Alluring Africa**
98.66
- 5. Micato Safaris**
98.44 ★
- 6. Africa Adventure Consultants**
98.40
- 7. Extraordinary Journeys**
98.23
- 8. Go2Africa**
98.05
- 9. African Travel Inc.**
96.89
- 10. Wilderness Safaris**
96.30



Best Hotels in the World

While our readers stay in hotels all over the globe, our Top 100 list confirms they still save the most love for properties closest to home. This year, the United States claims 13 spots, followed by South Africa with seven, and India and Mexico tied at six apiece.

TOP 100 HOTELS OVERALL

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| 1. Capella Ubud
Bali, Indonesia 99.85

Architect and designer Bill Bensley created this intimate refuge, where nightly entertainment ranges from screenings of black-and-white movies to campfire tales spun by a local storyteller. | 2. Hotel Amparo
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico 99.23 | 6. Secret Bay
Dominica 98.60 | 9. Singita Kruger National Park
South Africa 98.25 | 13. Shangri-La Hotel, at the Shard
London 98.06 |
| 3. Fogo Island Inn
Newfoundland 99.02 | 7. Raffles
Istanbul 98.40 | 7. Canaves Oia Epitome
Santorini, Greece 98.40 | 11. Finca Cortesin Hotel Golf & Spa
Málaga, Spain 98.11 | 14. Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch
Saratoga, Wyoming 98.00 |
| 4. The Ritz-Carlton
Bali, Indonesia 98.85 | 7. Canaves Oia Epitome
Santorini, Greece 98.40 | 9. Awasi Patagonia
Torres del Paine National Park, Chile 98.25 | 12. Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa
Sacred Valley, Peru 98.07 | 15. Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti
Serengeti National Park, Tanzania 97.82 |
| 5. Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi
98.79 | | | | |

NO. 1 HOTEL IN THE WORLD

Twenty-two tents at Capella Ubud, Bali, appear suspended amid the lush, forested setting.

COURTESY OF CAPELLA UBUD, BALI

LEILA ASHTARI



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| 16. Tensing Pen
Negril, Jamaica 97.78 | 24. Oberoi Rajvilas
Jaipur, India 97.33 ★ | 32. Leela Palace
New Delhi 96.85 | 40. Necker Island
British Virgin Islands 96.62 | 48. C Lazy U Ranch
Granby, Colorado 96.28 |
| 17. Manoir Hovey
North Hatley, Quebec 97.65 | 25. Burj Al Arab Jumeirah
Dubai 97.20 | 33. Jamaica Inn
Ocho Rios, Jamaica 96.83 | 40. St. Regis
Florence 96.62 | 49. Lion Sands Game Reserve
Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa 96.24 |
| 18. Deer Path Inn
Lake Forest, Illinois 97.64 | 26. Royal Mansour
Marrakesh, Morocco 97.19 | 34. The Peninsula
Shanghai 96.80 | 42. La Residence
Franschhoek, South Africa 96.60 | 49. The Mark
New York City 96.24 |
| 19. Leela Palace
Udaipur, India 97.64 | 27. Hotel Café Royal
London 97.07 | 35. The Mulia
Bali, Indonesia 96.73 | 43. Rambagh Palace
Jaipur, India 96.50 | 49. Sol y Luna
Sacred Valley, Peru 96.24 |
| 20. Katikies Santorini
Greece 97.62 | 28. The Oberoi
Mumbai 97.05 | 36. Badrutt's Palace Hotel
St. Moritz, Switzerland 96.71 | 44. Nayara Gardens
Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 96.46 | 52. Casa Chameleon at Las Catalinas
Guanacaste, Costa Rica 96.21 |
| 21. Oyster Box
Umhlanga Rocks, South Africa 97.60 | 29. Ritz Paris
97.01 | 37. The Sukhothai
Bangkok 96.71 | 45. Oberoi Amarvilas
Agra, India 96.45 ★ | 53. The Georges
Lexington, Virginia 96.19 |
| 22. Anantara Chiang Mai Resort & Spa
Thailand 97.57 | 30. Explora Valle Sagrado
Sacred Valley, Peru 96.95 | 38. Cala de Mar Resort & Spa
Ixtapa, Mexico 96.69 | 46. Hoshinoya
Tokyo 96.42 | 54. Kamalame Cay
Bahamas 96.15 |
| 23. Belmond Jimbaran Puri
Bali, Indonesia 97.50 | 31. Hotel Caesar Augustus
Capri, Italy 96.87 | 39. Rabbit Hill Inn
Lower Waterford, Vermont 96.69 | 47. Lodge at Blue Sky, Auberge Resorts Collection
Park City, Utah 96.40 | 55. Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria
Sorrento, Italy 96.08 |
| | | | | 56. Rosewood Mayakoba
Playa del Carmen, Mexico 96.05 |
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Mallorca, Spain 96.00 |
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Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda 96.00 |
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Playa Santa Teresa, Costa Rica 96.00 |
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St. Bart's 96.00 |
| | | | | 57. Mandarin Oriental
Hong Kong 96.00 ★ |

NO. 1 CITY HOTEL IN MEXICO

The guest lounge at Hotel Amparo, the No. 2 hotel in the world, channels San Miguel de Allende's artistic heritage with its colorful Otomi print fabrics.

57. **Reverie Saigon**
Ho Chi Minh City,
Vietnam 96.00

57. **Santa Monica
Proper Hotel**
California 96.00

57. **The Silo**
Cape Town 96.00

57. **Singita Sabi Sand**
Sabi Sand
Game Reserve,
South Africa 96.00

66. **Six Senses
Douro Valley**
Lamego, Portugal
95.87

67. **Sonnenalp Hotel**
Vail, Colorado 96.00

68. **Turtle Island Resort**
Fiji 95.81

69. **Middle House**
Shanghai 95.80
70. **Grand Hotel
Tremezzo**
Lake Como, Italy
95.76

71. **COMO The Treasury**
Perth, Australia
95.73

72. **Waldorf Astoria
Los Cabos Pedregal**
Cabo San Lucas,
Mexico 95.72

73. **St. Regis**
Mexico City 95.69

74. **andBeyond Ngala
Safari Lodge**
Kruger National Park
Area, South Africa
95.67

75. **Tierra Patagonia
Adventure & Spa
Hotel**
Torres del Paine,
Chile 95.64

76. **Canaves Oia
Boutique Hotel**
Santorini, Greece
95.62
77. **La Peer Hotel**
West Hollywood,
California 95.62

78. **Katikies Mykonos**
Greece 95.58

79. **Kasbah Tamadot**
Atlas Mountains,
Morocco 95.57

80. **Wickaninnish Inn**
Tofino, British
Columbia 95.56 ★

81. **Il San Pietro
di Positano**
Italy 95.50

82. **Rosewood**
Beijing 95.47

83. **Cap Rocat**
Mallorca, Spain 95.43

83. **Explora Rapa Nui**
Easter Island, Chile
95.43

83. **Gibb's Farm**
Karatu, Tanzania
95.43
83. **Rockhouse Hotel &
Spa**
Negril, Jamaica
95.43

83. **Temple House**
Chengdu, China
95.43

88. **Frangipani Beach
Resort**
Anguilla 95.41

89. **Cavas Wine Lodge**
Mendoza, Argentina
95.40

90. **Hotel Santa
Caterina**
Amalfi, Italy 95.38

91. **Sunset Key
Cottages**
Key West, Florida
95.35

92. **Vik Chile**
Millahue, Chile 95.33

93. **Twin Farms**
Barnard, Vermont
95.31
94. **Pueblo Bonito
Emerald Bay
Resort & Spa**
Mazatlán, Mexico
95.30

95. **Nihi Sumba**
Sumba Island,
Indonesia 95.29

95. **Viceroy Los Cabos**
San José del Cabo,
Mexico 95.29

97. **Mandarin Oriental**
Munich 95.25

98. **North Block Hotel**
Yountville, California
95.24

99. **Inkaterra Hacienda
Urubamba**
Sacred Valley, Peru
95.16

99. **Milestone Hotel &
Residences**
London 95.16



**NO. 1 HOTEL IN
VENICE**
*The private terrace of
Gritti Palace's Redentore
Terrazza Suite wows with
panoramic views of the
Grand Canal.*

COURTESY OF MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL. OPPOSITE: SIVAN ASKAYO



TOP 25
HOTEL BRANDS

1. **The Leela Palaces,
Hotels & Resorts**
96.82

Faultless ser-
vice, sumptuously
appointed rooms,
and prime locations
put this collection
of nine properties
across India above
all other brands.
2. **Capella Hotels &
Resorts**
96.36

3. **Oberoi Hotels &
Resorts**
95.16

4. **Red Carnation Hotel
Collection**
94.29

5. **One&Only Resorts**
94.22

6. **Aman**
93.74
7. **Six Senses Hotels
Resorts Spas**
93.66

8. **Taj Hotels Palaces
Resorts Safaris**
93.45

9. **Anantara Hotels,
Resorts & Spas**
93.01

10. **Rocco Forte Hotels**
92.83

11. **Belmond**
92.69

12. **Inkaterra Hotels**
92.24

13. **The Peninsula
Hotels**
92.22
14. **Sofitel Legend**
92.17

15. **Mandarin Oriental**
91.95

16. **Rosewood Hotels &
Resorts**
91.43

17. **Auberge Resorts
Collection**
91.23

18. **The Luxury
Collection**
90.69

19. **Four Seasons
Hotels & Resorts**
90.57

20. **Montage Hotels &
Resorts**
90.47
21. **Waldorf Astoria
Hotels & Resorts**
89.95

22. **St. Regis**
89.88

23. **Hyatt Ziva**
89.79

24. **Langham Hotels
& Resorts**
89.77

25. **Shangri-La
Hotels & Resorts**
89.63

NO. 1 HOTEL BRAND

*Leela Palaces, Hotels & Resorts
is known for over-the-top
features, like the manicured
private garden of the Maharaja
Suite at Leela Palace Udaipur,
which was voted the No. 1
resort hotel in India.*



U.S. Hotels

Boutique hotels prevailed in many corners of the U.S.—including major hubs like Los Angeles and New York City—proving that readers prize smaller properties with destination-driven character.

TOP 15

CONTINENTAL U.S.

CITY HOTELS

- The Mark**
New York City 96.24
Urban hotels often distinguish themselves by harnessing the personality and excitement of their hometown, and no property accomplishes that better than this dashing Manhattan hideaway.
- The Georges**
Lexington, Virginia 96.19
- Santa Monica Proper Hotel**
California 96.00
- La Peer Hotel**
West Hollywood, California 95.62
- Row Hotel at Assembly Row**
Somerville, Massachusetts 95.00
- Post Oak Hotel at Uptown**
Houston 94.77
- The Surrey**
New York City 94.76
- Wentworth Mansion**
Charleston, South Carolina 94.76
- Kimpton Hotel Born**
Denver 94.58

- Bristol Hotel**
Bristol, Virginia 94.48
- Inn of the Five Graces**
Santa Fe, New Mexico 94.29
- John Rutledge House Inn**
Charleston, South Carolina 94.26
- The Art, a Hotel**
Denver 94.11
- The Lowell**
New York City 93.95
- Hotel Emma**
San Antonio, Texas 93.92

TOP 15

CONTINENTAL U.S.

RESORT HOTELS

- Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch**
Saratoga, Wyoming 98.00
Putting a genteel spin on the American cattle ranch, this 30,000-acre farmstead recently added an elaborate culinary complex that includes multiple restaurants, a distillery, and a creamery.
- Deer Path Inn**
Lake Forest, Illinois 97.64

NO. 1 CITY HOTEL IN THE CONTINENTAL U.S.

Guests at the Mark, also the top property in New York City, can take a spin in a chauffeured pedicab.

- Rabbit Hill Inn**
Lower Waterford, Vermont 96.69
- Lodge at Blue Sky, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Park City, Utah 96.40
- C Lazy U Ranch**
Granby, Colorado 96.28
- Sonnenalp Hotel**
Vail, Colorado 96.00
- Sunset Key Cottages**
Key West, Florida 95.35
- Twin Farms**
Barnard, Vermont 95.31
- North Block Hotel**
Yountville, California 95.24
- Chanler at Cliff Walk**
Newport, Rhode Island 95.15
- Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa**
San Diego 95.12
- Wequassett Resort & Golf Club**
Harwich, Massachusetts 94.97
- San Ysidro Ranch**
Santa Barbara, California 94.87
- The Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Newport, Rhode Island 94.86
- Lago Mar Beach Resort & Club**
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 94.73



NO. 1 HOTEL IN CHICAGO
The Peninsula's alfresco bar, Shanghai Terrace, has stunning skyline views.

TOP 10
WASHINGTON, D.C.
HOTELS

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| 1. The Hay-Adams
91.62

Italian Renaissance–inspired design throughout the historic building—a three-minute walk from the White House—sets the scene for power breakfasts. Guests also appreciate that the opulence never feels overwrought. | 5. The Ritz-Carlton
87.37

6. Ritz-Carlton Georgetown
87.27

7. Four Seasons Hotel
86.86

8. Sofitel Washington D.C. Lafayette Square
86.49

9. Park Hyatt Washington
86.21 |
| 2. The Jefferson
90.67

3. Willard InterContinental
89.00

4. Line DC
88.73 | 10. W
85.10 |

TOP 15
NEW YORK CITY
HOTELS

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| 1. The Mark
96.24

This tony Upper East Side property puts the Metropolitan Museum of Art and other prestigious institutions at travelers’ fingertips. | 8. The Langham
90.96

9. The Chatwal, a Luxury Collection Hotel
90.83

10. Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown
90.62 |
| 2. The Surrey
94.76

3. The Lowell
93.95

4. WestHouse
92.44

5. High Line Hotel
91.82

6. Crosby Street Hotel
91.70

7. The Carlyle
91.14 | 11. The Ludlow
90.25

12. The Beekman
90.11

13. The Peninsula
89.43

14. The Pierre – a Taj Hotel
89.20

15. Arlo NoMad
89.01 |

TOP 10
CHICAGO
HOTELS

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| 1. The Peninsula
93.91 ★

A prime location near the city’s Magnificent Mile and seamless in-room technology bolstered this 339-room tower’s high marks. | 6. Hotel Zachary at Gallagher Way
90.53

7. Waldorf Astoria
90.10

8. Thompson
90.00

9. Claridge House
89.41

10. Four Seasons Hotel
89.11 |
| 2. The Langham
93.21

3. The Talbott, a Joie de Vivre Hotel
93.19

4. Viceroy
92.80

5. Acme Hotel Company
92.69 | |

TOP 15
GREATER LOS ANGELES
HOTELS

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| 1. Santa Monica Proper Hotel
96.00

This relative new-comer won over readers with its effortlessly cool atmosphere and stylish modern décor. Another plus: sunset views of the Pacific from the rooftop pool deck. | 2. La Peer Hotel
West Hollywood 95.62

3. Viceroy L’Ermitage
Beverly Hills 93.90

4. Waldorf Astoria
Beverly Hills 92.40

5. The Garland
Los Angeles 92.24

6. London West Hollywood at Beverly Hills
92.14

7. Hotel Bel-Air
Los Angeles 91.86

8. Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills
91.36

9. Hotel Casa del Mar
Santa Monica 91.20

10. Shutters on the Beach
Santa Monica 90.00

11. Hotel Figueroa
Los Angeles 89.57

12. Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows
Santa Monica 87.41

13. NoMad
Los Angeles 86.67

14. InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown
86.43

15. Beverly Hills Hotel
86.00 |
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COURTESY OF THE PENINSULA CHICAGO. OPPOSITE: COURTESY OF WENTWORTH MANSION

TOP 10
CHARLESTON
HOTELS

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| 1. Wentworth Mansion
94.76

Charm abounds in the Holy City’s hotels, but stately elements like hand-carved marble fireplaces, Tiffany stained-glass panels, and a carriage house turned restaurant gave this 21-room boutique option the edge. | 2. John Rutledge House Inn
94.26

3. The Vendue
92.78

4. Planters Inn
92.34

5. Spectator Hotel
91.12

6. Zero George Street
90.74 | 7. Andrew Pinckney Inn
90.27

8. Hotel Bennett
90.26

9. Belmond Charleston Place
89.39

10. The Restoration
88.73 |
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TOP 10
LAS VEGAS
HOTELS

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| 1. Wynn
87.80

More is more when it comes to Vegas, and this mammoth complex has all the flashy trappings readers expect: luxury boutiques, high-octane nightlife, and world-class dining, including a new restaurant from contemporary-Mexican dynamos Daniela Soto-Innes and Enrique Olvera. | 2. Waldorf Astoria
87.50

3. Four Seasons Hotel
87.17

4. Venetian Resort
86.97

5. Encore
86.79

6. Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas
86.57

7. Bellagio Resort & Casino
84.67

8. Aria Resort & Casino
83.50

9. Vdara Hotel & Spa
82.39

10. The Cromwell
81.60 |
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TOP 15
GREATER MIAMI BEACH
RESORT HOTELS

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| 1. Kimpton Angler’s Hotel South Beach
Miami Beach 94.20

Decorated with bold patterns and textures throughout its 132 guest rooms and common spaces, this recently remodeled hotel is a perfect fit for the Art Deco neighborhood. | 2. Soho Beach House
Miami Beach 93.91

3. The Betsy–South Beach
Miami Beach 92.98

4. Four Seasons Hotel at the Surf Club
Miami Beach 91.46

5. Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami
89.88

6. Acqualina Resort & Residences on the Beach
Sunny Isles Beach 89.83

7. Miami Beach Edition
89.60

8. St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort
89.47

9. The Setai
Miami Beach 89.00

10. Kimpton Surfcomber Hotel
Miami Beach 88.91

11. JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa
Aventura 88.20

12. Palms Hotel & Spa
Miami Beach 88.00

13. Faena Hotel
Miami Beach 87.92

14. Loews Miami Beach Hotel
86.73

15. 1 Hotel South Beach
Miami Beach 86.02 |
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NO. 1 HOTEL IN CHARLESTON
Crystal and marble fixtures enhance Wentworth Mansion’s Grand Mansion Suite, which is popular for couples’ getaways.

TOP 15
CALIFORNIA
RESORT HOTELS

1.

North Block Hotel
Yountville 95.24
- This 20-room resort in the heart of Napa Valley couldn't be more convenient for oenophiles eager to visit the region's best wineries. It's also steps from the French Laundry and other world-class restaurants in downtown Yountville.

2.

Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa
San Diego 95.12
3.

San Ysidro Ranch
Santa Barbara 94.87
4.

Kimpton the Rowan Palm Springs
94.13
5.

Kimpton Shorebreak Resort
Huntington Beach 94.00

TOP 15
NORTHEAST
RESORT HOTELS

1.

Rabbit Hill Inn
Lower Waterford, Vermont 96.69

Maintaining its top spot for a second year, the cozy 19-room tavern drew raves for its gracious hospitality and 15-acre grounds, which become even more idyllic in the fall and winter seasons.
2.

Twin Farms
Barnard, Vermont 95.31
3.

Chanler at Cliff Walk
Newport, Rhode Island 95.15
4.

Wequassett Resort & Golf Club
Harwich, Massachusetts 94.97

5.

The Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection
Newport, Rhode Island 94.86
6.

Hidden Pond
Kennebunkport, Maine 94.46
7.

The Wauwinet
Nantucket, Massachusetts 92.70
8.

Lake Placid Lodge
Lake Placid, New York 91.73
9.

Woodstock Inn & Resort
Woodstock, Vermont 91.47
10.

Taconic, a Kimpton Hotel
Manchester, Vermont 90.96

11.

White Barn Inn, Auberge Resorts Collection
Kennebunk, Maine 90.63
12.

Mohonk Mountain House
New Paltz, New York 90.19
13.

Sagamore Resort
Bolton Landing, New York 89.96
14.

Nantucket Hotel & Resort
Massachusetts 89.80
15.

Castle Hill Inn
Newport, Rhode Island 89.73

1.

Deer Path Inn
Lake Forest, Illinois 97.64

Tenets of British innkeeping form the backbone of this grand manor house, which has been in operation since the 1920s and still serves traditional afternoon tea daily.
2.

Grand Hotel
Mackinac Island, Michigan 92.90
3.

Hotel Iroquois
Mackinac Island, Michigan 89.17
4.

American Club at Destination Kohler
Kohler, Wisconsin 88.60
5.

Big Cedar Lodge
Ridgedale, Missouri 87.44
6.

Grand View Lodge
Nisswa, Minnesota 86.46
7.

Osthoff Resort
Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin 83.50
8.

Sundara Inn & Spa
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 82.71
9.

Mission Point Resort
Mackinac Island, Michigan 82.36
10.

Grand Geneva Resort & Spa
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 81.00



NO. 1 RESORT HOTEL IN CALIFORNIA

North Block Hotel's rooms are arranged around an intimate central courtyard.

TOP 10
MIDWEST
RESORT HOTELS

TOP 15
FLORIDA
RESORT HOTELS

1.

Sunset Key Cottages
Key West 95.35

This collection of 40 bungalows—steps away from powdery beaches and deep-blue waters—sits on its own island just off Key West.
2.

Lago Mar Beach Resort & Club
Fort Lauderdale 94.73
3.

Collector Luxury Inn & Gardens
St. Augustine 94.61
4.

Gasparilla Inn & Club
Boca Grande 94.01
5.

The Ritz-Carlton
Naples 93.43
6.

Edgewater Beach Hotel
Naples 92.91
7.

Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort
92.44
8.

The Henderson, a Salamander Resort
Destin 92.42
9.

The Breakers
Palm Beach 92.20
10.

Sandpearl Resort
Clearwater Beach 91.79
11.

Perry Hotel
Key West 91.36
12.

Resort at Longboat Key Club
91.29
13.

Pearl Hotel
Rosemary Beach 91.16
14.

Opal Sands Resort
Clearwater Beach 90.91
15.

Kimpton Vero Beach Hotel & Spa
90.71

TOP 15
WEST
RESORT HOTELS

1.

Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch
Saratoga, Wyoming 98.00

The quintessential American ranch vacation gets elevated at this resort in the North Platte River Valley, where rock climbing, fly-fishing, and saloon games like billiards are just a few ways to pass the time.
2.

Lodge at Blue Sky, Auberge Resorts Collection
Park City, Utah 96.40
3.

C Lazy U Ranch
Granby, Colorado 96.28
4.

Sonnenalp Hotel
Vail, Colorado 96.00
5.

Ranch at Rock Creek
Phillipsburg, Montana 94.50
5.

Tu Tu' Tun Lodge
Gold Beach, Oregon 94.50
7.

Resort at Paws Up
Greenough, Montana 94.37
8.

Little Nell
Aspen, Colorado 94.00
9.

Triple Creek Ranch
Darby, Montana 93.79 ★
10.

Under Canvas Moab
Utah 93.50

NO. 1 RESORT HOTEL IN THE SOUTH

Manicured gardens surround the Fearrington House Inn, in North Carolina.



TOP 15
SOUTH
RESORT HOTELS

1.

Fearrington House Inn
Pittsboro, North Carolina 94.55

As with any Relais & Châteaux property, this 32-room escape pays particular attention to its food and wine. Guests loved the daily complimentary breakfast and afternoon tea, plus handmade chocolates and port at turndown.
2.

Montage Palmetto Bluff
Bluffton, South Carolina 93.68
3.

Old Edwards Inn & Spa
Highlands, North Carolina 93.33
4.

The Cloister at Sea Island
Georgia 93.12
5.

Blackberry Farm
Walland, Tennessee 92.78
6.

Lodge at Sea Island
St. Simons Island, Georgia 91.58
7.

Greystone Inn
Lake Toxaway, North Carolina 91.03
8.

Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort
South Carolina 90.79
9.

The Swag
Waynesville, North Carolina 90.59
10.

The Willcox
Aiken, South Carolina 89.81
11.

Inn & Club at Harbour Town
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 89.68
12.

Dollywood's DreamMore Resort & Spa
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee 88.70
13.

Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee
Greensboro, Georgia 88.59
14.

Jekyll Island Club Resort
Georgia 88.00
15.

Williamsburg Inn
Williamsburg, Virginia 87.92

11.

Hotel Jerome, Auberge Resorts Collection
Aspen, Colorado 93.12
12.

Duntun Hot Springs
Dolores, Colorado 92.75
13.

Stephanie Inn
Cannon Beach, Oregon 92.24
14.

Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa
Paradise Valley, Arizona 91.87
15.

Sundance Mountain Resort
Sundance, Utah 91.83

TOP 20
HAWAII
RESORT HOTELS

1.

Halepuna Waikiki by Halekulani
Oahu 94.32

This recent addition to the Waikiki hotel scene delights guests with its ocean views and tropical garden, but its secret weapon is an on-site bakery that produces impeccable viennoiserie.
2.

Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection
Big Island 94.07
3.

Hotel Wailea
Maui 93.98
4.

Four Seasons Resort Lanai
91.55 ★
5.

Halekulani
Oahu 91.42 ★
6.

Fairmont Kea Lani
Maui 91.26
7.

Montage Kapalua Bay
Maui 90.71
8.

Four Seasons Resort Hualalai
Big Island 90.47 ★
9.

Kahala Hotel & Resort
Oahu 90.37
9.

Ko'a Kea Hotel & Resort at Poipu Beach
Kauai 90.37
11.

'Alohilani Resort Waikiki Beach
Honolulu 90.36
12.

Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina
90.32
13.

Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort
89.78
14.

Fairmont Orchid, Hawaii
Big Island 88.98
15.

Mauna Kea Beach Hotel
Big Island 88.77
16.

Westin Hapuna Beach Resort
Big Island 88.00
17.

Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa
87.96
18.

Travaasa Hana
Maui 87.60
19.

Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea
87.38 ★
20.

Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua
Maui 87.21

Canada Hotels

NO. 1 RESORT HOTEL IN CANADA

Sustainable tourism is a core tenet of Fogo Island Inn, whose profits are continually reinvested into the local community.

Resort-goers praised gems with stunning backdrops (rugged coastal Newfoundland, the evergreens of Banff), while city enthusiasts rewarded hotels in action-packed neighborhoods.

TOP 10 CANADA RESORT HOTELS

- 1. Fogo Island Inn**
Newfoundland 99.02
For four years running, this remote, Modernist masterpiece has ruled its category by bringing palpable warmth to a far-flung locale.
- 2. Manoir Hovey**
North Hatley, Quebec 97.65
- 3. Wickaninnish Inn**
Tofino, British Columbia 95.56 ★
- 4. Fairmont Chateau Whistler**
British Columbia 91.75
- 5. Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**
Alberta 90.00
- 6. Fairmont Banff Springs**
Alberta 89.19
- 7. Four Seasons Resort & Residences**
Whistler, British Columbia 88.45
- 8. Lodge at Cabot Cape Breton**
Inverness, Nova Scotia 87.23

TOP 10 CANADA CITY HOTELS

- 1. Loden Hotel**
Vancouver 95.00
This indie property is prized for its location in the picturesque Coal Harbour neighborhood and its fleet of complimentary cruiser bikes.
- 2. Rosewood Hotel Georgia**
Vancouver 92.43
- 3. The Ritz-Carlton**
Montreal 92.00
- 4. Hôtel Nelligan**
Montreal 91.73
- 5. Auberge Saint-Antoine**
Quebec City 91.38
- 6. The Drake**
Toronto 90.67
- 7. Wedgewood Hotel & Spa**
Vancouver 89.75
- 8. The Ritz-Carlton**
Toronto 89.21
- 9. Fairmont Le Château Frontenac**
Quebec City 89.18
- 10. Fairmont Royal York**
Toronto 89.00
- 10. Fairmont Waterfront**
Vancouver 89.00

Caribbean, Bermuda, and the Bahamas Hotels

This year's list contains several standout romantic hideaways, but there are also plenty of family-friendly stays and all-villa options where groups will feel right at home.

TOP 25

CARIBBEAN, BERMUDA, AND THE BAHAMAS RESORT HOTELS

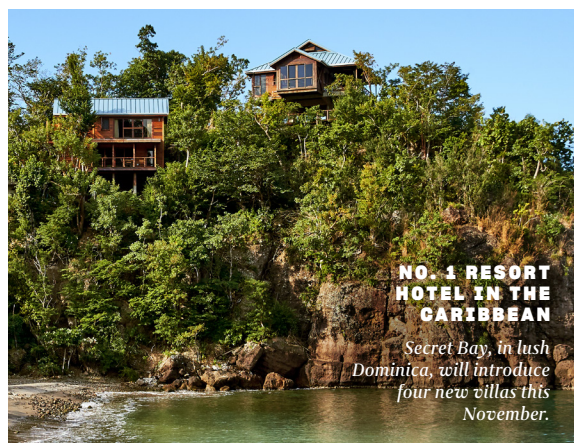
1. **Secret Bay**
Dominica 98.60

Dominica's rugged beauty is front and center at this six-villa property, where the hillside setting and personal attendants add to the sense of seclusion.
2. **Tensing Pen**
Negril, Jamaica 97.78
3. **Jamaica Inn**
Ocho Rios, Jamaica 96.83
4. **Necker Island**
British Virgin Islands 96.62
5. **Kamalame Cay**
Bahamas 96.15
6. **Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa**
St. Bart's 96.00
7. **Rockhouse Hotel & Spa**
Negril, Jamaica 95.43
8. **Frangipani Beach Resort**
Anguilla 95.41
9. **Jade Mountain**
St. Lucia 95.10 ★

10. **Hermitage Bay**
Antigua 95.07
11. **Point Grace**
Turks and Caicos 94.37
12. **Cap Maison**
St. Lucia 93.76
13. **Cheval Blanc St-Barth Isle de France**
St. Bart's 93.69
14. **Eden Rock**
St. Bart's 93.50
15. **Jumby Bay Island**
Antigua 93.43
16. **Le Sereno**
St. Bart's 93.27

17. **Couples Tower Isle**
Ocho Rios, Jamaica 93.08
18. **Wymara Resort & Villas**
Turks and Caicos 92.73
19. **Belmond Cap Juluca**
Anguilla 92.48
20. **St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort**
Río Grande, Puerto Rico 92.34
21. **Anse Chastanet Resort**
St. Lucia 92.22

22. **Kimpton Seafire Resort & Spa**
Grand Cayman 91.85
22. **Seven Stars Resort & Spa**
Turks and Caicos 91.85
24. **Dorado Beach, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve**
Puerto Rico 91.81
25. **West Bay Club**
Turks and Caicos 91.48



Mexico and Central and South America Hotels

Smaller hotels hit big in this region, where the winners are all about cultural traditions, local design motifs, and gracious hospitality.

TOP 5

MEXICO CITY HOTELS

1. **Hotel Amparo**
San Miguel de Allende 99.23

A shining example of San Miguel's artistic spirit, this former mayoral residence consists of five suites, each of which feels like a friend's flawlessly designed apartment. Impeccable service, exceptional coffee, and finely tuned cocktails take the experience to the next level.
2. **St. Regis**
Mexico City 95.69
3. **Hotel Matilda**
San Miguel de Allende 93.89
4. **Rosewood**
San Miguel de Allende 92.07
5. **Four Seasons Hotel**
Mexico City 89.85



TOP 25

**MEXICO
RESORT HOTELS****1. Cala de Mar
Resort & Spa**
Ixtapa 96.69

Resorts on the Gulf of Mexico often get the lion's share of attention, but this 59-suite paradise on the Pacific won the top spot this year, thanks to a spa with exceptional service and serene ocean views.

2. Rosewood Mayakoba
Playa del Carmen 96.05**3. Waldorf Astoria
Los Cabos Pedregal**
Cabo San Lucas 95.72**4. Pueblo Bonito
Emerald Bay
Resort & Spa**
Mazatlán 95.30**5. Viceroy Los Cabos**
San José del Cabo 95.29**6. W Punta de Mita**
Punta Mita 94.93**7. Esperanza, Auberge
Resorts Collection**
Cabo San Lucas 94.84**8. Vidanta Nuevo
Vallarta**
94.35**9. Vidanta Los Cabos**
San José del Cabo 94.03**10. Montage Los Cabos**
Cabo San Lucas 93.76**11. The Ritz-Carlton**
Cancún 93.76**12. Chileno Bay Resort,
Auberge Resorts
Collection**
Cabo San Lucas 93.74**13. Las Ventanas
al Paraíso, a
Rosewood Resort**
San José del Cabo 93.50**14. Nizuc Resort & Spa**
Cancún 93.26**15. One&Only Palmilla**
San José del Cabo 93.07**16. Grand Velas Riviera
Maya**
Playa del Carmen 92.90**17. Vidanta Riviera
Maya**
Playa del Carmen 92.62**18. JW Marriott
Los Cabos Beach
Resort & Spa**
San José del Cabo 92.55**19. Hacienda
Encantada Resort &
Residences**
Cabo San Lucas 92.52**20. Hotel Xcaret Mexico**
Playa del Carmen 92.35**21. Mahekal Beach
Resort**
Playa del Carmen 92.34**22. Grand Solmar
Land's End
Resort & Spa**
Cabo San Lucas 92.30**23. Marquis Los Cabos**
San José del Cabo 92.19**24. Valentin Imperial
Maya**
Playa del Carmen 92.00**25. St. Regis Punta Mita
Resort**
91.47**TOP 10
CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA
CITY HOTELS****1. Casa Gangotena**
Quito, Ecuador 94.56

The team at this mansion in Old Town Quito goes above and beyond by bringing Ecuadorian traditions to life, introducing guests to local makers in its San Roque neighborhood.

**2. JW Marriott
El Convento**
Cuzco, Peru 94.11**3. Palacio del Inka, a
Luxury Collection
Hotel**
Cuzco, Peru 93.57**4. Belmond Hotel
Monasterio**
Cuzco, Peru 93.33 ★**5. Sofitel Legend
Santa Clara**
Cartagena, Colombia 92.58**6. Hotel B**
Lima, Peru 92.47**7. Hotel Casa
San Agustín**
Cartagena, Colombia 90.96**8. Faena Hotel**
Buenos Aires 90.89**9. Belmond Palacio
Nazarenas**
Cuzco, Peru 90.73**10. Four Seasons Hotel**
Bogotá, Colombia 90.40**TOP 10
SOUTH AMERICA
RESORT HOTELS****1. Awasi Patagonia**
Torres del Paine,
Chile 98.25

There's no bad view at this sleek lodge, located on a reserve adjacent to Torres del Paine National Park. Private guides ably tailor excursions to travelers' preferences.

**2. Tambo del Inka, a
Luxury Collection
Resort & Spa**
Sacred Valley, Peru 98.07**3. Explora Valle
Sagrado**
Sacred Valley, Peru 96.95**4. Sol y Luna**
Sacred Valley, Peru 96.24**5. Tierra Patagonia
Adventure & Spa
Hotel**
Torres del Paine,
Chile 95.64**6. Explora Rapa Nui**
Easter Island, Chile 95.43**7. Cavas Wine Lodge**
Mendoza, Argentina 95.40**8. Vik Chile**
Millahue, Chile 95.33**9. Inkaterra Hacienda
Urubamba**
Sacred Valley, Peru 95.16**10. Vines Resort & Spa**
Mendoza, Argentina 94.78**TOP 10
CENTRAL
AMERICA
RESORT HOTELS****1. Nayara Gardens**
Arenal Volcano
National Park,
Costa Rica 96.46

Conservation-minded guests staying in the 50 brightly decorated casitas can participate in informative rain-forest walks and rafting and canyoning excursions.

**2. Casa Chameleon
at Las Catalinas**
Guanacaste,
Costa Rica 96.21**3. Florblanca Resort**
Playa Santa Teresa,
Costa Rica 96.00**4. Nayara Springs**
Arenal Volcano
National Park,
Costa Rica 94.67**5. Matachica Resort**
Ambergris Caye,
Belize 93.00**6. Rancho Santana**
Tola, Nicaragua 92.91**7. Hacienda
AltaGracia, Auberge
Resorts Collection**
Pérez Zeledón,
Costa Rica 92.38**8. Blancaneaux Lodge**
Cayo District, Belize 92.33**9. Turtle Inn**
Placencia, Belize 89.62**10. Andaz Costa Rica
Resort at Peninsula
Papagayo**
Guanacaste,
Costa Rica 88.71



Europe Hotels

Readers were impressed by a handful of relative newcomers throughout the Continent—though they still recognized properties known for their rich history, iconic architecture, and traditional service.

TOP 10 EUROPE CITY HOTELS

- Raffles**
Istanbul 98.40
Elegant Byzantine flourishes and Turkish artwork imbue this glistening 185-room tower with an unrivaled sense of place.
- Shangri-La Hotel, at the Shard**
London 98.06
- Hotel Café Royal**
London 97.07
- Ritz Paris**
97.01
- St. Regis**
Florence 96.62
- Mandarin Oriental**
Munich 95.25
- Milestone Hotel & Residences**
London 95.16
- Park Hyatt**
Milan 95.11
- J.K. Place Roma**
Rome 95.09
- The Stafford**
London 95.03

NO. 1 RESORT HOTEL IN EUROPE

Airy rooms at Canaves Oia Epitome look out onto the Aegean Sea.

TOP 10 EUROPE RESORT HOTELS

- Canaves Oia Epitome**
Santorini, Greece 98.40
Spellbinding sunsets and intuitive service put this family-run jewel at the top.
- Finca Cortesin Hotel Golf & Spa**
Málaga, Spain 98.11
- Katikies Santorini**
Greece 97.62
- Hotel Caesar Augustus**
Capri, Italy 96.87
- Badrutts Palace Hotel**
St. Moritz, Switzerland 96.71
- Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria**
Sorrento, Italy 96.08
- Belmond La Residencia**
Mallorca, Spain 96.00
- Six Senses Douro Valley**
Lamego, Portugal 95.87
- Grand Hotel Tremezzo**
Lake Como, Italy 95.76
- Canaves Oia Boutique Hotel**
Santorini, Greece 95.62

TOP 5 FLORENCE HOTELS

- St. Regis**
96.62
On the right bank of the Arno, this landmark building has antique chandeliers, carefully restored frescoes from the 1500s, and a medieval cave that's now the property's extensive wine cellar.
- Four Seasons Hotel Firenze**
94.56
- Brunelleschi Hotel**
93.58
- Belmond Villa San Michele**
92.76
- J.K. Place Firenze**
92.30

TOP 5 VENICE HOTELS

- Gritti Palace, a Luxury Collection Hotel**
93.79
Guests revel in the details—replica Rubelli silk wall coverings, Murano-glass chandeliers—adorning this renowned palazzo, which overlooks the Grand Canal.
- Aman**
92.15
- Belmond Hotel Cipriani**
91.60
- Hotel Danieli, a Luxury Collection Hotel**
90.51
- Ca' Sagredo**
89.87



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**NO. 1 HOTEL
IN PARIS**
The Windsor Suite at the Ritz Paris blends sumptuous French style with colors and prints favored by the British royal family.

TOP 10 LONDON HOTELS	TOP 5 U.K. AND IRELAND RESORT HOTELS	TOP 10 PARIS HOTELS	TOP 5 FRANCE RESORT HOTELS
<div>1. Shangri-La Hotel, at the Shard 98.06</div> <div>Travelers will find London Bridge, Borough Market, and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre all a short walk away from this property, housed in one of the most talked-about additions to the city's iconic skyline.</div>	<div>1. Ashford Castle County Mayo, Ireland 94.52</div> <div>No resort in the region typifies aristocratic style quite like this 13th-century estate—once the home of the Guinness family—where service is both warm and urbane.</div>	<div>1. Ritz Paris 97.01</div> <div>Awash in tranquil shades of cream, pink, and blue, this grande dame looks sharper than ever after its recent \$450 million renovation.</div>	<div>1. Château de la Chèvre d'Or Èze 93.76</div> <div>The glamour and character of the Côte d'Azur is on full display at this 40-room maison, which incorporates original medieval walls into guest quarters. Many rooms also have magnificent ocean views.</div>
<div>2. Hotel Café Royal 97.07</div> <div>3. Milestone Hotel & Residences 95.16</div> <div>4. The Stafford 95.03</div> <div>5. The Connaught 95.00</div> <div>6. Ritz London 94.24</div> <div>7. The Lanesborough 94.18</div> <div>8. Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square 94.12</div> <div>9. Ham Yard Hotel 93.74</div> <div>10. Rosewood 93.69</div>	<div>2. Ballyfin County Laois, Ireland 94.48</div> <div>3. Gleneagles Hotel Auchterarder, Scotland 93.14</div> <div>4. Powerscourt Hotel Resort & Spa County Wicklow, Ireland 92.53</div> <div>5. K Club County Kildare, Ireland 91.20</div> <div>5. Sheen Falls Lodge County Kerry, Ireland 91.20</div>	<div>2. Le Bristol 94.53</div> <div>3. Mandarin Oriental 93.69</div> <div>4. Esprit Saint Germain 93.11</div> <div>5. Prince de Galles, a Luxury Collection Hotel 93.09</div> <div>6. Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme 92.90</div> <div>7. Hôtel Plaza Athénée 92.73</div> <div>8. Four Seasons Hotel George V 92.71</div> <div>9. Relais Christine 92.24</div> <div>10. Hotel Lutetia 91.81</div>	<div>2. Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, a Four Seasons Hotel St.-Jean-Cap-Ferrat 93.45</div> <div>3. Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc Cap d'Antibes 93.43</div> <div>4. Château Eza Èze 91.50</div> <div>5. Hôtel Barrière Le Majestic Cannes 90.44</div>

<div>1. Canaves Oia Epitome Santorini 98.40</div> <div>The two brothers behind this family-run (and family-friendly) sanctuary put an earthy twist on traditional crisp-white Cycladic style, incorporating natural materials into its 24 villas.</div>	<div>2. Katikies Santorini 97.62</div> <div>3. Canaves Oia Boutique Hotel Santorini 95.62</div> <div>4. Katikies Mykonos 95.58</div> <div>5. Grace Hotel, Auberge Resorts Collection Santorini 94.83</div> <div>6. Andronis Luxury Suites Santorini 94.67</div> <div>7. Andronis Boutique Hotel Santorini 94.60</div> <div>8. Bill & Coo Hotels Mykonos 93.63</div> <div>9. Mystique, a Luxury Collection Hotel Santorini 92.73</div> <div>10. Blue Palace, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa Crete 92.64</div>
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COURTESY OF RITZ PARIS. OPPOSITE: MASSIMO LISTRI/COURTESY OF J.K. PLACE ROMA



TOP 5 SPAIN AND PORTUGAL RESORT HOTELS
<div>1. Finca Cortesin Hotel Golf & Spa Málaga, Spain 98.11</div> <div>Located on Andalusia's magnificent Costa del Sol, this 67-room retreat makes guests feel like family from the moment they set foot on the palatial grounds.</div>
<div>2. Belmond La Residencia Mallorca, Spain 96.00</div> <div>3. Six Senses Douro Valley Lamego, Portugal 95.87</div> <div>4. Cap Rocat Mallorca, Spain 95.43</div> <div>5. Penha Longa Resort Sintra, Portugal 94.75</div>

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**NO. 1 HOTEL
IN ROME**
Classical chic in the lobby atrium at J.K. Place Roma.

TOP 5 ROME HOTELS	TOP 10 ITALY RESORT HOTELS	TOP 5 BARCELONA HOTELS
<div>1. J.K. Place Roma 95.09</div> <div>White marble sculptures pop against the jewel-toned walls and mahogany trimmings of this chic, four-time winner.</div>	<div>1. Hotel Caesar Augustus Capri 96.87</div> <div>The sapphire waters of the Gulf of Naples stretch as far as the eye can see from this intimate hotel's perch on the northern coast of Capri.</div>	<div>1. Mandarin Oriental 94.82</div> <div>Even in a city packed with exceptional dining options, this hotel along the Passeig de Gràcia spoils guests with two restaurants from famed chef Carme Ruscalleda.</div>
<div>2. Hotel Hassler Roma 92.67</div> <div>3. Hotel de Russie, a Rocco Forte Hotel 91.95</div> <div>4. Hotel Eden, Dorchester Collection 89.88</div> <div>5. St. Regis 89.44</div>	<div>2. Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria Sorrento 96.08</div> <div>3. Grand Hotel Tremezzo Lake Como 95.76</div>	<div>2. Majestic Hotel & Spa 89.26</div> <div>3. Hotel Arts 88.31</div> <div>4. W 87.71</div> <div>5. Hotel 1898 87.33</div>
	<div>4. Il San Pietro di Positano 95.50</div> <div>5. Hotel Santa Caterina Amalfi 95.38</div> <div>6. Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea Sicily 94.69</div> <div>7. Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni Bellagio 94.11</div> <div>8. Le Sirenuse Positano 94.08</div> <div>9. Borgo Egnazia Savellettri di Fasano 93.80</div> <div>10. Belmond Castello di Casole Casole d'Elsa 93.71</div>	



Asia Hotels

Although names such as Mandarin Oriental and Peninsula still prevail, brands like Capella are gaining recognition (and rankings) as they slowly but surely expand to sought-after destinations.

NO. 1 HOTEL IN TOKYO

Spacious rooms at the 17-story Hoshinoya hide windows behind shoji screens to create a serene environment.

TOP 10 ASIA RESORT HOTELS

1. **Capella Ubud**
Bali, Indonesia 99.85

Raised above the forested slopes of the Keliki Valley, 22 dramatic, one-bedroom tents outfitted with antiques and local textiles immerse guests in designer Bill Bensley's version of a glam jungle camp.
2. **The Ritz-Carlton**
Bali, Indonesia 98.85
3. **Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi**
98.79
4. **Leela Palace**
Udaipur, India 97.64
5. **Anantara Chiang Mai Resort & Spa**
Thailand 97.57
6. **Belmond Jimbaran Puri**
Bali, Indonesia 97.50
7. **Oberoi Rajvilas**
Jaipur, India 97.33 ★
8. **The Mulia**
Bali, Indonesia 96.73
9. **Rambagh Palace**
Jaipur, India 96.50
10. **Oberoi Amarvilas**
Agra, India 96.45 ★

TOP 10 ASIA CITY HOTELS

1. **The Oberoi**
Mumbai 97.05

Overlooking Marine Drive and Back Bay, this elegant hotel gives guests a sense of tranquility that's reinforced by its minimalist aesthetic.
2. **Leela Palace**
New Delhi 96.85
3. **The Peninsula**
Shanghai 96.80
4. **The Sukhothai**
Bangkok 96.71
5. **Hoshinoya**
Tokyo 96.42

6. **Mandarin Oriental**
Hong Kong 96.00 ★
6. **Reverie Saigon**
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam 96.00
8. **Middle House**
Shanghai 95.80
9. **Rosewood**
Beijing 95.47
10. **Temple House**
Chengdu, China 95.43

TOP 5 HONG KONG HOTELS

1. **Mandarin Oriental**
96.00 ★

One of the city's original luxury hotels, this 1963 brand flagship in Central has proven its staying power, with its afternoon tea as in-demand as ever.
2. **The Peninsula**
95.00 ★
3. **Conrad**
91.29
4. **Four Seasons Hotel**
88.44
5. **JW Marriott Hotel**
86.93

COURTESY OF HOSHINO RESORTS

TOP 10 TOKYO HOTELS

1. **Hoshinoya**
96.42

A ryokan-like environment within a skyscraper might seem counter-intuitive, but this sparkling example demonstrates how traditional elements (tatami mats, low-slung furniture) can work in a modern, urban setting.
2. **Mandarin Oriental**
95.09
3. **Park Hyatt**
93.44
4. **The Ritz-Carlton**
92.80
5. **Palace Hotel**
90.95
6. **Aman**
90.06
7. **The Peninsula**
90.00
8. **Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills**
88.75
9. **Grand Hyatt**
87.00
10. **Imperial Hotel**
85.57

TOP 3 SHANGHAI HOTELS

1. **The Peninsula**
96.80

The Art Deco-inspired hotel has earned travelers' admiration for its enviable location near the Bund and for its thoughtful curation of citywide cultural activities, such as an introduction to contemporary Chinese art.
2. **Middle House**
95.80
3. **Fairmont Peace Hotel**
89.00

TOP 5 SINGAPORE HOTELS

1. **Raffles**
94.18

After a meticulous renovation, this emblem of Singaporean history returned to the scene last October with 12 additional suites and a new restaurant from Anne-Sophie Pic, as well as all the stately elements that made it an icon in the first place.
2. **Capella**
92.84
3. **Shangri-La Hotel**
92.24
4. **Fullerton Hotel**
92.19
5. **Fairmont**
91.65

TOP 3 BEIJING HOTELS

1. **Rosewood**
95.47

Amenities like landscaped terraces and balconies give this Chaoyang District hide-away a residential ambience.
2. **Conrad**
94.43
3. **The Peninsula**
90.67

TOP 5 BANGKOK HOTELS

1. **The Sukhothai**
96.71

Guests say its tranquil lotus ponds, manicured gardens, and spacious rooms provide a sanctum amid the fast-paced Thai capital.
2. **Lebua at State Tower**
94.53
3. **Mandarin Oriental**
94.48 ★
4. **The Peninsula**
92.00
5. **Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort**
90.00

TOP 5 INDONESIA RESORT HOTELS

1. **Capella Ubud**
Bali 99.85

Staffers at this serene refuge impart an incredible wealth of knowledge about Ubud's legendary cultural scene. Among the customs introduced to guests: Balinese dance, Keliki painting, and traditional medicine.
2. **The Ritz-Carlton**
Bali 98.85
3. **Belmond Jimbaran Puri**
Bali 97.50
4. **The Mulia**
Bali 96.73
5. **Nihi Sumba**
Sumba Island 95.29

TOP 5 INDIA RESORT HOTELS

1. **Leela Palace**
Udaipur 97.64

Enchanting vistas of Lake Pichola complement the majestic Rajasthani aesthetic of this illustrious resort. One of its most eye-catching corners: the opulent Library Bar.
2. **Oberoi Rajvilas**
Jaipur 97.33 ★
3. **Rambagh Palace**
Jaipur 96.50
4. **Oberoi Amarvilas**
Agra 96.45 ★
5. **Oberoi Udaivilas**
Udaipur 94.80

1. **Anantara Chiang Mai Resort & Spa**
Thailand 97.57

With this escape's roster of classes (Muay Thai, cooking, massage) and endless diversions within the city (market tours, temple visits), guests have ample ways to soak up northern Thai culture.
2. **Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort**
Chiang Rai, Thailand 95.09
3. **137 Pillars House**
Chiang Mai, Thailand 94.82
4. **JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa**
Thailand 94.09
5. **Amansara**
Siem Reap, Cambodia 93.00
6. **Four Seasons Resort**
Chiang Mai, Thailand 92.80 ★
7. **Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort**
Siem Reap, Cambodia 92.16
8. **Anantara Angkor**
Siem Reap, Cambodia 92.12
9. **Amantaka**
Luang Prabang, Laos 91.70
10. **Four Seasons Resort the Nam Hai**
Hoi An, Vietnam 91.43

NO. 1 RESORT HOTEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

The pool at Anantara Chiang Mai is flanked by a lotus pond.

TOP 10 SOUTHEAST ASIA RESORT HOTELS



Africa and the Middle East Hotels

NO. 1 CITY HOTEL IN NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, in Dubai, soars to 1,053 feet.

TOP 10 AFRICA SAFARI LODGES

- Singita Kruger National Park**
South Africa 98.25
Singita's Lebombo and Sweni lodges are beloved for their richly appointed suites, attentive service, and devotion to sustainability.

- Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti**
Serengeti National Park, Tanzania 97.82

- Lion Sands Game Reserve**
Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa 96.24

- Bisate Lodge**
Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda 96.00

- Singita Sabi Sand**
Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa 96.00

- andBeyond Ngala Safari Lodge**
Kruger National Park Area, South Africa 95.67

- Gibb's Farm**
Karatu, Tanzania 95.43

- Governors' Camp**
Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya 94.67

- andBeyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge**
Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania 93.50

- Angama Mara**
Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya 93.33

From audacious skyscrapers to intimate safari lodges, readers' favorite properties highlight the region's broad range of accommodations.

TOP 5 NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST CITY HOTELS

- Burj Al Arab Jumeirah**
Dubai 97.20
Travelers staying at this hotel—a standout tower in a city known for its modern skyline—revel in perks like private butlers and 18-karat-gold-plated iPads.
- Royal Mansour**
Marrakesh, Morocco 97.19
- Waldorf Astoria**
Jerusalem 94.50
- La Mamounia**
Marrakesh, Morocco 94.18
- Nile Ritz-Carlton**
Cairo 93.87

TOP 5 NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST RESORT HOTELS

- Kasbah Tamadot**
Atlas Mountains, Morocco 95.57
Out in the High Atlas Mountains, Richard Branson's resort combines lavish, relaxing spaces with avenues for cultural enrichment, including Moroccan cooking lessons and visits to nearby villages.
- The Chedi**
Muscat, Oman 92.80
- Beresheet**
Mitzpe Ramon, Israel 91.84
- Al Bustan Palace, a Ritz-Carlton Hotel**
Muscat, Oman 91.80
- Al Maha, a Luxury Collection Desert Resort & Spa**
Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve, United Arab Emirates 91.50

TOP 5 AFRICA CITY HOTELS

- The Silo**
Cape Town 96.00
Sustainable design has only become more popular since this Royal Portfolio property—a former grain silo—became one of the continent's best examples of adaptive reuse in 2017.
- Saxon Hotel, Villas & Spa**
Johannesburg, South Africa 94.88 ★
- Giraffe Manor**
Nairobi, Kenya 94.40
- Cape Grace**
Cape Town 93.42 ★
- One&Only**
Cape Town 92.28

TOP 5 AFRICA RESORT HOTELS

- Oyster Box**
Umhlanga Rocks, South Africa 97.60
Less than 20 minutes from Durban, this 86-room hotel overlooking the Indian Ocean prides itself on style (handcrafted tiles, antiques) and substance (displaying work by local artists, rewarding guests for helping clean up nearby beaches).
- La Residence**
Franschhoek, South Africa 96.60
- Tongabezi Lodge**
Livingstone, Zambia 94.32
- Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge**
Arusha, Tanzania 90.67
- Victoria Falls Safari Lodge**
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe 90.57



Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific Hotels

TOP 5

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND CITY HOTELS

1. **COMO The Treasury** Perth, Australia 95.73

Part of Perth's ongoing renaissance, this collection of reinvented 19th-century government buildings brilliantly weaves together the old (Victorian architecture, decorative moldings) with the new (bespoke contemporary furniture, a glassed-in rooftop restaurant).

2. **The Langham**
Sydney 90.77
3. **Park Hyatt**
Sydney 90.48 ★
4. **The Langham**
Melbourne 87.71
5. **Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel at Circular Quay**
87.58

TOP 5

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND RESORT HOTELS

1. **Farm at Cape Kidnappers**
Hawke's Bay,
New Zealand 94.67
Golfers flock to this 6,000-acre ranch for its award-winning course. But even if you don't play, there's still plenty to do, including wine tasting and heli-fishing.

2. **Lizard Island Resort**
Great Barrier Reef,
Australia 94.59
3. **Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley**
Blue Mountains,
Australia 92.44
4. **Huka Lodge**
Taupo, New Zealand
92.20
5. **Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa**
New Zealand 79.05

TOP 5

SOUTH PACIFIC RESORT HOTELS

1. **Turtle Island Resort**
Fiji 95.81
Fourteen airy beachfront villas punctuate swaths of rain forest on this 500-acre private island, where guests can enjoy lounging on 12 beaches, diving, and horseback riding.
2. **Conrad Bora Bora Nui**
French Polynesia
95.06
3. **Four Seasons Resort Bora-Bora**, French Polynesia 94.88
4. **Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa**
87.53
5. **InterContinental Tahiti Resort**
76.22

NO. 1 CITY HOTEL IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

At COMO The Treasury, the osteria occupies part of a former post office.



The Methodology

A closer look at how the World's Best Awards survey and results come together.

A SURVEY developed by the editors of *Travel + Leisure*, in association with research firm M&RR, was made available at tlworldsbest.com from November 4, 2019, to March 2, 2020. Readers were invited to participate through *Travel + Leisure* magazine, T+L tablet editions, newsletters, social media, and travelandleisure.com. M&RR maintained, monitored, and kept the survey website secure, and also collected and tabulated the responses. To protect the integrity of the data, after the survey closed, *Travel + Leisure* and M&RR screened the responses to identify fraudulent votes, which were eliminated from the final tallies.

Respondents were asked to rate airlines, airports, car-rental agencies, cities, cruise ships, destination spas, hotels, hotel brands, islands, tour operators, and safari outfitters on a number of characteristics (shown at right). For each characteristic, respondents could choose a rating of excellent, above average, average, below average, or poor. The final scores are averages of these responses. Scores shown have been rounded to the nearest hundredth of a point; in the event of a true tie, winners share the same ranking. In most categories, respondents could also rate optional characteristics; these ratings are not included in the overall scores.

Hotels were categorized as City or Resort based on their locations and amenities. For resort hotels, the U.S. was divided into seven

regions: California, Florida, Hawaii, the Midwest (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin), the Northeast (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, D.C.), the South (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia), and the West (Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming).

For the cruise category, respondents were asked to rate individual ships; the results were combined to generate scores for cruise lines in different categories. The categories are: mega-ship ocean cruise lines (capacity of 2,200 passengers or more), large-ship ocean cruise lines (600 to 2,199 passengers), midsize-ship ocean cruise lines (250 to 599 passengers), small-ship ocean cruise lines (249 or fewer passengers), and river cruise lines. Some cruise lines may appear in multiple categories depending on the makeup of their fleet.

A minimum number of responses was necessary for a candidate to be eligible for inclusion in the World's Best Awards rankings. Some companies were eligible to be rated in multiple categories; they were scored independently for each category.

CHARACTERISTICS

Airlines

Cabin comfort, in-flight service, customer service, value.

Airports

Access, check-in/security, restaurants/bars, shopping, design.

Car-rental agencies

Vehicle selection, vehicle availability, car-rental location, service, value.

Cities

Sights/landmarks, culture, food, friendliness, shopping, value.

Cruise ships

Cabins/facilities, food, service, itineraries/destinations, excursions/activities, value.

Destination spas

Accommodations/facilities, treatments, service, food, value.

Hotels

Rooms/facilities, location, service, food, value.

Hotel brands

Locations, rooms/facilities, food, service, value.

Islands

Natural attractions/beaches, activities/sights, restaurants/food, people/friendliness, value.

Tour operators and safari outfitters

Staff/guides, itineraries/destinations, activities, accommodations, food, value.

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