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# Cities

The more things change, the more they stay the same. This year, readers got behind familiar favorites such as Charleston, South Carolina; Quebec City; and Cape Town, which all took top honors. Europe, too, proved as popular as ever, earning nine spots in the overall Top 25, but Asia came in right behind with eight. And a new No. 1 emerged in Central and South America—delighting readers with its historic byways.

This year's World's Best Awards survey was open for voting January 11 through May 10, 2021, as destinations around the world were lifting COVID-19 restrictions. Survey rules have always allowed readers to reflect on travel experiences over a three-year period. We hope that this year's honorees will inspire you as you get back out into the world.

#### TOP 25 **CITIES OVERALL**

1. San Miguel de Allende Mexico 93.54

After two years at No. 2, this center of art and culture reclaims its place as readers' global favorite thanks to its divine shopping, heritage architecture, and bohemian atmosphere

- 2. Udaipur India 91.63
- 3. Istanbul 91.32
- 4. Ubud
- Kyoto Japan 90.94 ★
- 6. Florence 7. Mexico City
- 8. Oaxaca Mexico 90.22
- 9. Chiang Mai
- 10. Bangkok 11. Taipei
- 12. Kraków Poland 89.39
- 13. Luang Prabang

- 14. Rome
- 15. San Sebastián 16. Bodrum
- Turkey 88.82 17. Jaipur
- 18. Charleston South Carolina 88.61
- 19. Tokyo
- 20. Cape Town
- 21. Trieste Italy 88.54
- 22. Ljubljana Slovenia 88.47
- 23. Seoul
- 24. Antigua Guatemala
- 25. Porto Portugal 87.79

#### TOP 10 CITIES UNITED STATES

round activities. including carriage rides

and history tours.

- 2. Santa Fe
- 3. Savannah Georgia 86.40 4. New Orleans
- 86.21 \* **New York City**
- 6. San Antonio
- 7. Chicago
- Rend
- Oregon 83.41 9. Williamsburg
- Virginia 83.40 10. Honolulu 83.40

1. Antigua Guatemala

This unesco World

Heritage site is one of

Latin America's oldest planned cities. Its grid of

cobblestoned streets

while a host of culturally

remain from the 17th and

dates back to 1543,

significant buildings

Peru 86.17 ★

#### TOP 10 CITIES

CENTRAL AND 1. San Miguel de Allende SOUTH AMERICA

> Great walkability, a superlative art scene, and captivating boutique hotels gave this beautiful city the edge over others

Mexico City 90.23 \*

3. Rio de Janeiro

4. Buenos Aires

84.40 \*

Colombia 84.03

Argentina 83.33

Colombia 83.05

Ecuador 82.82

Uruguay 81.24

Brazil 81.19

9. Montevideo

10. São Paulo

CITIES MEXICO

5. Cartagena

6. Mendoza

7. Bogotá

8. Ouito

- **Oaxaca** 90.22
- Mérida
- Zihuatanejo

1. Charleston South Carolina 88.61 ★ For nine years running, this Lowcountry gem has impressed readers with the friendliness of its locals, world-class 2. Cuzco restaurants, and year

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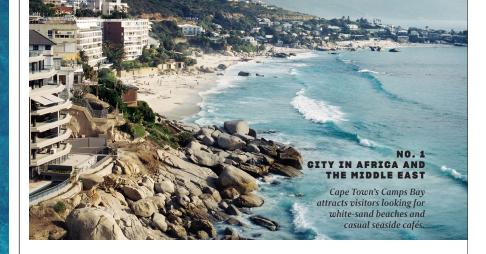


#### savor the BAHAMAS

Let your culinary adventures begin with celebrity chef cuisine and authentic Bahamian flavors designed for every palate.







#### TOP 5 CITIES CANADA

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**Ouebec City** 86.71 \*

> Readers continued to be enamored of this French Canadian destination, awarding it a sixth consecutive win. The key factors? Ease of navigation, amiable residents, and classic hotels.

- Vancouver 83.62
- Halifax Nova Scotia 83.26
- Montreal 82.85
- Banff Alberta 82.59

#### TOP 10 CITIES **EUROPE**

Istanbul 91.32 \*

> A new airport makes it easier than ever to visit this dynamic port cityalready compelling for its magnificent historic sites and vibrant, affordable restaurants.

- Florence 90.48 \*
- Kraków Poland 89.39
- Rome 88.88
- San Sebastián Spain 88.87
- Bodrum Turkey 88.82
- Trieste Italy 88.54

- Ljubljana Slovenia 88.47
- Porto Portugal 87.79
- 10. Seville Spain 87.73

#### TOP 10 CITIES AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Cape Town

After being unseated last year, South Africa's oldest city is back on top for an impressive 19th time, owing its continued appeal to a refreshing mix of nature, culture, and culinary excellence.

- Marrakesh Morocco 87.73
- Jerusalem 3. 86.01 \*
- Fez Morocco 85.00
- Dubai 84.81
- Tel Aviv 84.76
- Abu Dhabi 84.51
- Petra Jordan 84.38
- Muscat Oman 84.27
- 10. Essaouira Morocco 83.33

#### TOP 10 CITIES ASIA

Udaipur India 91.63

> Its maiestic lakeside setting and palatial hotels continue to

enchant travelers, who find this Rajasthani enclave especially captivating during festivals like Diwali.

- Uhud Indonesia 91.25
- Kyoto Japan 90.94 ★
- **Chiang Mai** Thailand 90.06
- Bangkok 89.81 \*
- Taipei 89.62
- **Luang Prabang** Laos 89.29
- Jaipur India 88.68
- Tokyo 88.59 \*
- 10. Seoul 88.00

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

Sydney

Iconic for good reason, this coastal metropolis encompasses all the qualities of a quintessential trip Down Under: pristine beaches, epic meals, and superlative hospitality.

- Queenstown New Zealand 84.76
- Melbourne 83.71 \*
- Hobart Australia 82.02
- **Brisbane** Australia 81.77

# Islands

This year's standouts are as far-flung as ever, and suggest a renewed appreciation for places that offer unparalleled natural beauty and, in many places, fewer crowds.

# TOP 25 ISLANDS OVERALL

1. Mílos Greece 95.50

> Plenty of stunning isles around the globe entice with the trifecta of sun, sand, and sea. But a legacy of art and ancient history gave this Aegean destination added appeal for voters.

- 2. Folegandros Greece 95.47
- 3. St. Vincent and the Grenadines 91.69
- 4. Madeira Portugal 91.56
- i. Andaman Islands India 91.24
- **6. Sicily** Italy 90.49
- 7. Koh Samui Thailand 90.34
- 8. Bali Indonesia 90.32 ★
- 9. Island of Hawaii 90.06
- 10. Galápagos Islands Ecuador 90.00 ▶



#### ISLANDS OVERALL, continued

- 11. Kauai Hawaii 89.88
- 12. Maui Hawaii 89.76 ★
- 13. Santorini Greece 89.61
- 14. Maldives 89.55
- 15. Hvar and the **Dalmatian Islands** Croatia 89.10
- 16. Sardinia Italy 88.75
- 17. Harbour Island Bahamas 88.74
- 18. Aruba 88.72
- 19. Palawan Philippines 88.63
- 20. St. Lucia 88.41

- 21. Mallorca Spain 88.39
- 22. Anguilla 88.25
- 23. Eleuthera Bahamas 88,20
- 24. Sevchelles 88.00
- 24. Sri Lanka 88.00
- TOP 10 **ISLANDS** CONTINENTAL U.S.
- 1. Hilton Head Island South Carolina 87.77
- A beloved spot for families, this barrier island offers crowdpleasing activities that include tennis, boating, and biking.

- 2. Kiawah Island South Carolina 86.27
- 3. Amelia Island Florida 85.35
- 4. San Juan Islands Washington 85.26
- 5. Longboat Key Florida 85.24
- 6. Nantucket Massachusetts 85.07
- 7. Golden Isles (Jekyll Island, Little St. Simons Island, Sea Island, St. Simons Island) Georgia 84.78
- Mount Desert Island Maine 84.73
- 9. Mackinac Island Michigan 84.71
- 10. Florida Keys 84.42

#### **ISLANDS** HAWAII

1. Island of Hawaii 90.06 \*

> The largest of the Hawaiian islands scores big on natural attractions, including the spectacular Volcanoes National Park, Several of its world-class resorts. including Mauna Lani. have also undergone serious makeovers.

- 2. Kauai 89.88
- 89.76 \*
- 4. Oahu 86.66
- 5. Lanai 84.55

#### TOP 5

#### **ISLANDS** MEXICO AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

1. Galápagos Islands Foundor 90.00 \*

> Readers still consider a trip to see these wildliferich isles the most epic safari on water. Perhaps that's why the destination's winning streak has remained unbroken for 19 years.

- Caye Caulker Belize 86.13
- 3. Ambergris Caye Belize 85.30 ★
- 4. Easter Island Chile 84.00
- 5. Roatán Honduras 80.27

TOP 3

#### **ISLANDS** CANADA

1. Cape Breton Island Nova Scotia 85.41 Whether a traveler's

preferred form of driving happens on a road or a golf course, this fourtime winner appeals to those seeking an easygoing getaway.

#### 2. Vancouver Island British Columbia 84.77 ★

3. Prince Edward Island 83.63

#### TOP 25

#### **ISLANDS** CARIBBEAN, BERMUDA, AND THE BAHAMAS

1. St. Vincent and the Grenadines 91.69

> Those who value privacy above all else appreciate this 32-island chainlet, which includes Mustique-a longtime destination for both honeymooners and the British royals.

2. Harbour Island Bahamas 88.74

3. Aruba

4. St. Lucia

5. Anguilla

6. Eleuthera Bahamas 88.20

7. Turks and Caicos

Virgin Gorda British Virgin Islands 86.24 \*

9. St. Bart's

10. Abacos Islands Bahamas 85.96

11. Bermuda 85.66

12. Exumas Bahamas 85.37

13. St. John **II.S. Virgin Tslands** 84.79 \*

14 Jamaica 84.76

15. Jost Van Dyke British Virgin Islands 84.53

16. Barbados 84.48

17. Cayman Islands

18. Nevis 84.30

19. Antigua 83.86



#### NO. 1 ISLAND IN CANADA

Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island is a hub for kayaking and other outdoor pursuits.

20. Bonaire 83.51

21. St. Maarten/St. Martin 83.00

22. Cuba 82.14

23. St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands 82.02

24. St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands 81.30

25. Culebra Puerto Rico 81.28

TOP 20 **ISLANDS EUROPE** 

1. Mílos

Greece 95.50 What sets this diminutive isle apart from others in the Cyclades is that it remains less trafficked, giving even popular beaches like Sarakiniko an off-the-beaten-path intimacy.

2. Folegandros Greece 95.47 3. Madeira Portugal 91.56

> Sicily Italy 90.49

5. Santorini Greece 89.61 ★ 6. Hvar and the

Dalmatian Islands Croatia 89.10 Sardinia

Italy 88.75 Mallorca

Spain 88.39

10. Páros

11. Ibiza

Italy 86.60

Greece 85.74 15. Corfu and the Ionian

Islands Greece 85.29

17. Rhodes and the

18. Corsica

83.38

MIDDLE EAST 9. Skye and the Hebrides Scotland 87.81

Greece 87.64

Spain 87.00 12. Capri

13. Mykonos Greece 86.23

14. Crete

16. Azores Portugal 85.23 Dodecanese Greece 85.00

France 84.07 19. Canary Islands Spain 83.50

20. Malta

TOP 3 **ISLANDS** AFRICA AND THE

1. Seychelles 88.00

> The journey to reach this Fast African nation is handsomely rewarded. Its lagoons teem with marine life, including 900 fish species, such as lyretail groupers, pompanos, and bluefin

Zanzibar 2. Tanzania 83.60 Mauritius

66.74

3.

TOP 5 **ISLANDS** 

1. Andaman Islands India 91.24

Comprising 300 islands in the Bay of Bengal, this unspoiled Indian archipelago courts divers and snorkelers eager to glimpse sharks and rays.

Koh Samui Thailand 90.34

4. Maldives

3. Bali Indonesia 90.32 ★

89.55 Palawan Philippines 88.63

TOP 10 **ISLANDS** 

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC

1. Fiji Islands 87.17

> **Exceptionally friendly** people, stellar marine parks, and unforgettable five-star resorts helped this palm-laden paradise secure a first-place

2. Kangaroo Island Australia 85.66

> 3. Moorea French Polynesia 85.48 ★

> > Islands

Australia 85.00 5. Bora-Bora

4. Great Barrier Reef

French Polynesia 84.48 6. Waiheke Island New Zealand 82.18

7. Huahine French Polynesia 78.21

8. Tasmania Australia 78.20

9. Tahiti French Polynesia 73.39

10. Cook Islands 70.18

SCORES SHOWN HAVE BEEN ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST HUNDREDTH OF A POINT;
IN THE EVENT OF A TRUE TIE, WINNERS SHARE THE SAME RANKING.

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Some of Hawaii Island's oldest black-sand beaches are found on the Kohala Coast.

NO. 1 ISLAND IN HAWAII

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TOP 20

#### U.S. NATIONAL **PARKS**

Yellowstone Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana 91.15

> Covering nearly 3,500 square miles, the inaugural winner is a spectacular example of . American wilderness. Readers raved about its flora and fauna, as well as natural wonders like Old Faithful.

- **Grand Teton** Wyoming 89.76
- Katmai Alaska 89.60
- **Rocky Mountain** Colorado 89.25
- **Yosemite** California 88.61
- Glacier Montana 87.41
- Denali Alaska 87.13
- **Great Smoky Mountains** North Carolina and Tennessee 86.55

- Kenai Fjords Alaska 86.37
- 10. Zion Utah 85.87
- **Grand Canyon** Arizona 85.26
- 12. Olympic Washington 85.11
- 13. Wrangell-St. Elias Alaska 84.75
- 14. Mount Rainier Washington 83.65
- 15. Glacier Bay Alaska 83.02
- 16. Sequoia California 82.73
- 17. Acadia Maine 82.49
- 18. Shenandoah Virginia 82.30
- 19. Redwood California 81.93
- 20. Voyageurs Minnesota 81.71

# U.S. National Parks

More than ever, the incredible wide-open spaces in our own backyard have served as a source of inspiration. Our editors decided to add this brand-new category to honor the magnificent expanses that are resonating with readers—the places that have helped us all recharge.

U.S. NATIONAL PARK

Tens of thousands of elk call Yellowstone National Park home.



# Transportation

During the past 18 months of uncertainty, readers appreciated companies that excelled in customer service and adapted to the times, giving them much-needed flexibility and reassurance.

TOP 5

#### **DOMESTIC AIRLINES**

**JetBlue Airways** 81.38 \*

> In its third year at the top, the carrier continues to engender strong loyalty for its onboard service, but also for donating flights to pandemic first responders.

- **Hawaiian Airlines** 81.25 \*
- 3. Alaska Airlines 80.40
- **Southwest Airlines** 80.00 ★
- **Delta Air Lines**

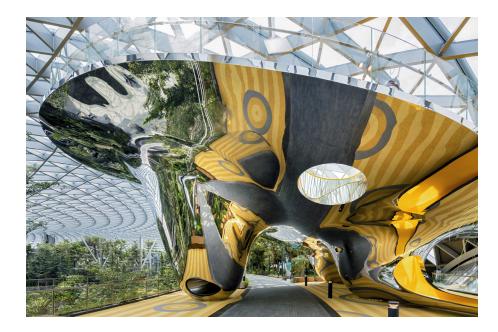
TOP 10

#### **INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES**

Singapore Airlines

Impeccable service has resulted in 26 straight wins for this industry leader, which recently launched a digital platform that lets travelers book curated cultural experiences with KrisFlyer points.

- **Qatar Airways** 91.35 \*
- Eva Air 89.82
- **Emirates** 89.64 \*
- La Compagnie
- 89.32 **Turkish Airlines**
- Japan Airlines (JAL)
- **Virgin Atlantic**
- Korean Air 85.39
- 10. Air New Zealand 84 85 \*



#### TOP 10

#### **DOMESTIC AIRPORTS**

**Portland International** Airport Oregon 81.35

> PDX has recaptured the top spot-its seventh win in eight years. Fliers credit its devotion to showcasing local businesses, plus its connection to downtown via light rail.

- Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport Georgia 81.02
- Rhode Island T. F. **Green International Airport**
- Jackson-Medgar Wiley **Evers International Airport** Mississippi 80.16
- Indianapolis **International Airport** 79.60
- **Tampa International** Airport Florida 79.49

- Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport 79.24
  - **Palm Beach International Airport** Florida 78.54
- **Dallas Love Field** 78.30
- 10. Detroit Metropolitan Airport 78.14

#### **INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS**

Singapore Changi **Airport** 93.45

> Aviation buffs and casual travelers alike can't help raving about this efficient hub, which boasts such wow-worthy amenities as a 130-foot-tall indoor waterfall and a 24-hour multiplex.

**Istanbul Airport** 91.17

#### INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Discovery Slides inside the Jewel complex at Singapore Changi Airport double as public art.

3. Incheon International Airport

South Korea 89.15 **Dubai International** 

**Airport** 89.04 **Hamad International** 

Airport

85.79

- Doha, Qatar 87.43 Haneda (Tokyo International) Airport
- 87.14 **Hong Kong International Airport**
- Narita International Airport Japan 83.22
- **Zurich Airport** Switzerland 82.19
- Osaka International Airport Japan 82.07

TOP 5

#### **CAR-RENTAL COMPANIES**

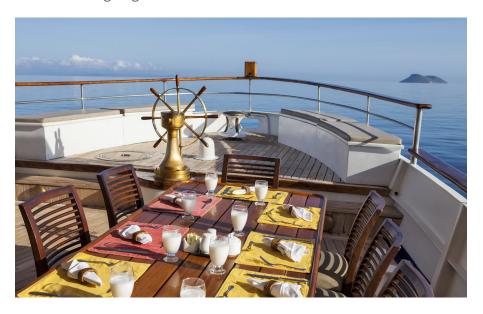
**Enterprise Rent-A-Car** 78.13 ★

> Consistent availability of quality vehicles and great value were two factors that helped this company outrank its competition. Voters also touted the employees' professionalism and willingness to go above and beyond.

- **National Car Rental** 76.81 \*
- Hertz 76.49
- Alamo 73.05
- Sixt 5. 72.95

# Cruise Lines

Though many operators were forced to put trips on hold over the past year, readers had plenty of fond memories to consider when rating their favorite ships. Now the anticipation of new routes and vessels is giving them fresh reason to sail.



#### NO. 1 SMALL-SHIP CRUISE LINE

Guests on Quasar Expeditions' yacht Grace can take in views of the Galápagos from the aft dining deck.

TOP 10

#### MEGA-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

**Disney Cruise Line** 89.35 \*

> An ability to delight guests of all ages with flawless service and dazzling entertainment accounted for this line's continued success.

- Cunard
- **Holland America Line** 3. 86.69 \*
- **Celebrity Cruises** 85.14 \*
- 5. Princess Cruises 83.15
- **Royal Caribbean** International 82.88 \*
- 7. **Costa Cruises** 82.77

- Norwegian Cruise Line
- **Carnival Cruise Line** 80.17
- 10. MSC Cruises 79.49

TOP 10

#### LARGE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

Seabourn 94.74 \*

> Readers praised the luxury operator's food and well-appointed cabins. On the horizon: a new fleet of expedition ships, the first of which will launch next year.

- **Viking Cruises** 93.67
- **Regent Seven Seas** Cruises 92.08 \*

- **Crystal Cruises** 91.10 \*
- Silversea 89.27 \*
- Oceania Cruises 88.74 \*
- Cunard 85.87 🖈
- Azamara 85.41 ★
- **Holland America Line** 83.48 \*
- 10. Costa Cruises 83.18

TOP 5

#### MIDSIZE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINES

**Windstar Cruises** 93.17

> The line earned plaudits for excursions into small ports like castle-rich Monemvasia in Greece.

**Regent Seven Seas** Cruises 92.68 \*

- **Paul Gauguin Cruises** 92.32
- Seabourn 91.59 \*
- Silversea 90.80 \*

TOP 10

#### **SMALL-SHIP** OCEAN CRUISE LINES

**Quasar Expeditions** 

Amiable crew members foster a sense of camaraderie during Quasar's signature Galápagos voyages, which relaunched last December and have helped bring back tourism in the islands.

- **Ponant** 93.42
- **Crystal Cruises** 93.33 \*
- **Lindblad Expeditions** 92.97

- **Windstar Cruises**
- Silversea 92.15 \*
- SeaDream Yacht Club 87.28
- Australis 83.72
- **Celebrity Cruises** 83.69 \*
- Alaskan Dream Cruises 83.57

TOP 10

### RIVER CRUISE LINES

Uniworld Boutique **River Cruises** 96.79 \*

> An encyclopedic roster of itineraries, coupled with refined service, gives this luxury brand broad appeal.

- Tauck 96.30 \*
- **Viking Cruises** 93.65 ★
- **Aqua Expeditions**
- American Oueen Steamboat Company
- Belmond
- **Avaion Waterways** 91.29
- **Scenic Cruises** 91.08
- **AmaWaterways** 90.64
- 10. Crystal Cruises 88.23

# Destination Spas

This year's honorees prove that the right setting can inspire a profound shift in perspective and encourage us to prioritize our health.

#### TOP 15 DOMESTIC SPAS

1. Shou Sugi Ban House Water Mill, New York 95.13

With its intimate size (just 13 rooms) and personalized rituals, this Hamptons retreat excels at promoting a sense of calm. An organic culinary program designed by Noma cofounder Mads Refslund adds a compelling reason to visit.

- 2. Cal-a-Vie Vista, California 94.29
- 3. The Ranch Malibu, California 93.33
- 4. Civana Wellness
  Resort & Spa
  Carefree, Arizona 93.21
- Lake Austin Spa Resort
   Austin, Texas 92.51 ★
- 6. Hilton Head Health Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 92.00

- 7. Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs Resort & Spa Ojo Caliente, New Mexico 91.46
- 8. Lodge at Woodloch Hawley, Pennsylvania 91.23 \*
- 9. Sensei Lanai, a Four Seasons Resort Hawaii 91.11
- 10. Miraval Arizona Tucson, Arizona 91.06
- 11. Carillon Miami Wellness Resort Miami Beach 90.98
- 12. Miraval Austin Texas 89.64
- 13. Ojo Santa Fe
- 14. Westglow Resort
  Spa
  Blowing Rock, North
- 15. Canyon Ranch in Tucson Arizona 87.39

## TOP 5 INTERNATIONAL SPAS

Rancho La Puerta
 Tecate, Mexico 95.17 ★

This Baja California sanctuary exceeds expectations on every level, from its holistic workshops to morning hikes in the Mount Kuchumaa foothills. It has garnered such a devoted following that, last year, the property put 108 year-round residences up for sale.

- 2. Sha Wellness Clinic El Abir, Spain 94.93
- 3. BodyHoliday St. Lucia 94.35
- 4. Tabacón Thermal
  Resort & Spa
  Arenal Volcano National
  Park, Costa Rica 92.46
- 5. Chablé Maroma Punta Maroma, Mexico 91.06

#### NO. 1 DOMESTIC SPA

A saltwater pool is used for aquatic massage therapy at Shou Sugi Ban House, in the Hamptons.

# Tour Operators and Safari Outfitters

Travelers are seeking out trips that highlight a specific passion, whether that's wildlife viewing or heart-pumping adventure. These well-connected specialists can organize it all.

#### NO. 1 Safari Outfitter

Micato Safaris takes travelers on private excursions into Kenya's Great Rift Valley.

#### TOP 10

#### **TOUR OPERATORS**

1. Quasar Expeditions 99.58

> As interest in Patagonia has grown, this operator's expeditions have set it apart. Clients particularly appreciate trip leaders' insights into conservation efforts.

- 2. Mountain Lodges of Peru 98.93
- 3. VBT Bicycling Vacations 98.70
- 4. Classic Journeys 98.60
- 5. TCS World Travel 97.55
- 6. Black Tomato 97.25
- 7. Inside Japan Tours 96.84
- 8. Tauck 96.72
- 9. Wilderness Travel 95.71
- 10. Trek Travel 95.71

#### TOP 10 SAFARI

## OUTFITTERS 1. Micato Safaris

1. Micato Safaris 98.88 ★

> Notching its 10th category win, this eastern and southern Africa outfitter was lauded for its staff's ability to weather everchanging restrictions without missing a beat.

- 2. Extraordinary Journeys 98.21
- 3. Dazzle Africa
- 4. Thomson Safaris 97.73
- 5. Travel Beyond 96.82
- 6. Volcanoes Safaris 95.78
- 7. Alluring Africa 93.26
- 8. Rothschild Safaris 92.81
- 9. Wilderness Safaris 92.80
- 10. andBeyond 90.20



7. One&Only Resorts

Tai Hotels Palaces

Resorts Safaris

Auberge Resorts

10. Raffles Hotels and

11. The Peninsula Hotels

12. Aparium Hotel Group

13. Rocco Forte Hotels

Collection

95.31

95.20

95.16

Resorts

95.03

94.92

94.72

94.50

94 45

94.29

94.09

93.85

18. Shangri-La

93.65

93.20

20. COMO Hotels &

Resorts

93.14

92.92

92.84

23. Swire Hotels

25. Four Seasons

92.30

**Hotels & Resorts** 

22. Belmond

21. Aman

19. Ranvan Tree

14. Viceroy Hotels

& Resorts

& Resorts

16. Montage Hotels

and Resorts

17. Mandarin Oriental

**Hotels & Resorts** 

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15. Rosewood Hotels



TOP 100 HOTELS OVERALL

1. Mahali Mzuri Masai Mara, Kenya 99.73

> Sumptuous rooms and unimpeachable service characterize Sir Richard Branson's resorts and this 12-tent safari camp is no exception.

- 2. Nayara Tented Camp Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 99.58
- Opposite House Beijing 99.47
- Capella Bangkok 99.38

- 5. Capella Ubud Bali, Indonesia 99.34
- 6. Grace Hotel, Auberge **Resorts Collection**
- Kamalame Cay Bahamas 99.14
- Oherni Ildaivilas Udaipur, India 99.12
- Temple House Chengdu, China 98.94
- 10. The Oberoi New Delhi 98.90
- 11. Hotel Paracas, a **Luxury Collection** Resort Paracas, Peru 98.77
- 12. Tai Holiday Village Resort & Spa Goa. India 98.76

- 13. Savute Elephant
- Santorini, Greece 99.18
- 14. Oberoi Vanyavilas Wildlife Resort Ranthambhore, India
- 98 72
- 15. Mandarin Oriental Milan 98 67
  - 16. La Réserve Paris -Hôtel & Spa 98.60
  - 17. Nobu Ryokan Malibu, California 98,59

Lodge, a Belmond

Chobe National Park.

Botswana 98.75

Safari

- 17. Soneva Fushi Baa Atoll, Maldives 98.59
- 19. Shangri-La the Shard London 98.57

- 20. Alila Manggis Bali, Indonesia 98.50
- 20. andBeyond Phinda Vlei Lodge Phinda Private Game Reserve, South Africa
- 98.50 20. Il Sereno Lago di Como Torno, Italy 98.50
- 23. Manoir Hovey North Hatley, Quebec
- 24. Canaves Oia Epitome Santorini, Greece 98.44
- 25. Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet 98.40
- 25. The Peninsula Manila 98.40

- 27. Hotel Il Pellicano Porto Ercole, Italy 98.32
- 28. Hotel Fasano Boa Porto Feliz, Brazil 98.25
- 29. Halekulani Okinawa, Japan 98.21
- 30 Lake House on Canandaigua Canandaigua, New York 98.14
- 31. Hyatt Regency Amritsar, India 98.14
- 32. Leela Palace Udaipur, India 98.13
- 33. Navara Gardens Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 98.13 \*

34. Pickering House Inn Wolfeboro, New Hampshire 98.11

35. Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa San Diego 98.03

- 36. Nihi Sumba Sumba, Indonesia 98 00
- 36. The Oberoi Mumhai 98 00
- 36. Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa San Pedro de Atacama. Chile 98.00
- 39. Viceroy Riviera Maya Playa del Carmen, Mexico 97.92
- 40. St. Regis Istanbul 97.89
- 41. Katikies Mykonos Greece 97.87
- 41. The Lanesborough London 97.87 41. Mandarin Oriental
- Bangkok 97.87 ★ 41. The Roundtree
- 97.87 45. Mashpi Lodge

Amagansett, New York

- Mashpi, Ecuador 97.76 46. Angama Mara Masai Mara, Kenya
- 47. Raffles Istanbul 97.72

97.73

- 48. Grand Hotel Excelsion Vittoria Sorrento, Italy 97.71
- 49. Sumag Machu Picchu Hotel Peru 97.68
- 50. Las Ventanas al Paraíso, a Rosewood Resort San José del Cabo, Mexico 97.68
- 51. Oberoi Rajvilas Jaipur, India 97.66 ★
- 51. Viceroy Chicago 97.66
- 53. Gibb's Farm Karatu, Tanzania 97.63
- 54. Singita Grumeti Serengeti National Park, Tanzania 97.60
- 55. Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok at Chao Phraya River
- 56. The Goring London 97.57

57. Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch Saratoga, Wyoming

- 57. Tai Palace New Delhi 97.56
  - 59. St. Regis Florence 97.52

97.56

- 60. Mandarin Oriental Paris 97.50
- 60. Matetsi Victoria Falls Matetsi Private Game Reserve 7imbahwe 97.50
- 62. Round Hill Hotel & Villas Montego Bay, Jamaica 97.49
- 63. Khwai River Lodge, a Belmond Safari Moremi Game Reserve Botswana 97.47
- 64 Soneva Jani Noonu Atoll, Maldives 97.45
- 65. Oberoi Amarvilas Agra, India 97,44 \*
- 66. Inn of the Five Graces Santa Fe. New Mexico Reserve 97 41
- 66. Zadun, a Ritz-Carlton South Africa 96.87 Reserve San José del Cabo.
- Mexico 97.41 68. Bushcamp Company's Mfuwe Lodge South Luangwa National
- 68. InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa
- French Polynesia 97.33 70. Banyan Tree Cabo Marqués Acapulco, Mexico 97.30
- 71. andBeyond Ngala Safari Lodge Kruger National Park Area, South Africa 97,26

Park, Zambia 97.33

- 71. Sasaab Samburu, Kenya 97,26
- 73. The Sukhothai Bangkok 97.25
- 74. Oberoi Grand Kolkata, India 97.20
- 75. Hôtel Plaza Athénée Paris 97.18
- 76. Mahekal Beach Resort Playa del Carmen, Mexico 97.12
- 77. Fullerton Hotel Singapore 97.11

- 78. Jade Mountain St. Lucia 97.10 \*
- 79. Casa Chameleon Mal País, Costa Rica 97.05
- 80. Hôtel Crillon Le Brave Crillon-le-Brave, France 97.00
- 80. Le Bristol Paris 97.00
- 80. Mandapa, a Ritz-**Carlton Reserve** Bali, Indonesia 97.00
- 80. Six Senses Laamu Olhuveli Island, Maldives 97.00
- 80. Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi 97.00 80. Wickaninnish Inn
- Tofino, British Columbia 97.00 \* 86. Penha Longa Resort
  - 87. St. Regis Bora Bora Resort French Polynesia 96.89

Sintra, Portugal 96,94

- 88. Lion Sands Game Sahi Sand Game Reserve
- 88. Rambagh Palace Jaipur, India 96.87
- 90. Oyster Box Umhlanga Rocks, South Africa 96.85
- 91. The Stafford London 96.75
- 92. Tambo del Inka, a **Luxury Collection** Resort & Spa Sacred Valley, Peru 96 74
- 93. Cap Maison St. Lucia 96.73
- 93. Tensing Pen Negril, Jamaica 96.73

- 95. Hôtel Le Toiny St. Bart's 96.71
- 96. Rosewood Mayakoba Playa del Carmen, Mexico 96.70
- 97. Canaves Oia Boutique Hotel Santorini, Greece 96.69
- 98. Montage Los Cahos Caho San Lucas, Mexico 96 68
- 99. Badrutt's Palace Hotel St. Moritz, Switzerland

Málaga, Spain 96.63

- 96.67 100. Finca Cortesín Hotel Golf & Spa
- TOP 25
  - 1. The Leela Palaces. **Hotels and Resorts**

98.40

**HOTEL BRANDS** 

- Eleven lavish properties located in some of India's most iconic destinations-from urban New Delhi to beachside Goa-ensure travelers can maximize their time in this dynamic country.
- 2. Capella Hotels & Resorts 97.82
- **Red Carnation Hotel** Collection
- 4. Oetker Collection
- 5. Oberoi Hotels & Resorts 96.46

96.35

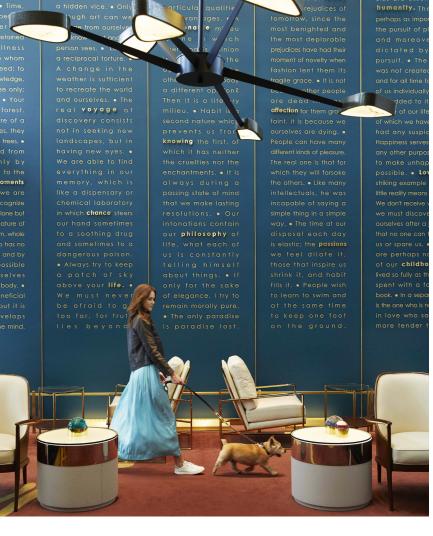
92.71 6. Six Senses Hotels 24. Park Hvatt **Resorts Spas** 92.44

NO. 1 HOTEL BRAND Thousands of pieces of thikri mirror ture restaurant of Leela Palace r, which opened this past Februar

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#### CITY HOTEL IN THE U.S.

A poem by Marcel Proust decorates a 30-foot-tall wall in the lobby of the Viceroy Chicago.

# U.S. Hotels

From coast to coast, the domestic properties that scored highest this year have been giving travelers exactly what they've craved most: privacy, access to unique experiences, and more than a little pampering

#### CONTINENTAL U.S. CITY HOTELS

- 1. Viceroy Chicago 97.66
  - Location is everything when choosing the ideal urban escape, and this sleek high-rise on the tony Gold Coast puts guests near some of the Windy City's most important sights.
- 2. Inn of the Five Graces Santa Fe, New Mexico 97.41

- 3. The Lowell New York City 96.24
- 4. The Georges Lexington, Virginia
- 5. The Peninsula Beverly Hills 95.52
- The Langham Chicago 95.39
- Hotel Emma San Antonio, Texas 95.27
- Windsor Court Hotel New Orleans 95.14
- Crossroads Hotel Kansas City, Missouri 95.03
- 10. Hotel Bel-Air Los Angeles 95.03

- 11. Oceana Santa Monica, California 94.73
  - 12. John Rutledge House Inn Charleston. South Carolina 94.56
- 13. Alida Hotel Savannah, Georgia 94.52
- 14. Viceroy Santa Monica, California 94.32
- 15. The Chatwal, a Luxury **Collection Hotel** New York City 94.12

- CONTINENTAL
- U.S. RESORT HOTELS
- 1. Nobu Ryokan

a traditional Japanese

inn, this serene 17-room

hideaway delivers

exclusive perks at

local partners such as

Canandaigua, New York

New Hampshire 98.11

Rancho Valencia

San Diego 98.03

Resort & Spa

Cure Spa and Malibu

Racquet Club.

Canandaigua

2. Lake House on

Wolfeboro,

98.14

- Malibu, California 98.59 A sleek interpretation of
  - Stateline, Nevada 96,22
  - Big Sur. California 96.18
  - 96.00
- 11. Twin Farms Pickering House Inn
  - 14. Rockaway Hotel The Rockaways,
  - Auberge Resorts Collection Park City, Utah 95.85

5. The Roundtree Amagansett, New York 97.87

6. Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch Saratoga, Wyoming 97 56

- 7. Deer Path Inn Lake Forest, Illinois 96.50
- 8. The Setai Miami Beach 96.41
- Lodge at Edgewood
- 10. Post Ranch Inn
- 11. The Point Saranac Lake, New York
- 11. Sunset Key Cottages Kev West, Florida 96.00
- Barnard, Vermont 96.00
- New York 95.98
- 15. Lodge at Blue Sky,

**NEW YORK CITY HOTELS** 

1. The Lowell 96.24

> While its prime Upper East Side address is certainly a draw, this stylish three-time winner distinguishes itself through top-tier service and a refined-yet-homey atmosphere.

- 2. The Chatwal, a Luxury **Collection Hotel**
- 3. The Beekman a Thompson Hotel
- 4. The Carlyle, a Rosewood Hotel
- 5. Baccarat Hotel
- 6. Plaza Hotel
- 7. Ritz-Carlton New York, **Central Park**
- 8. The Mark
- 9. Andaz 5th Avenue 91.41
- 10. Roxy Hotel 91.20
- 11. Lotte New York Palace 91.17
- 12. The Peninsula 90.57
- 13. TWA Hotel 90.26
- 14. Park Hyatt 90.24
- 15. The Langham 90.00

TOP 10 WASHINGTON, D.C. HOTELS

1. The Hay-Adams 92.50

> Long considered a power player among District hotels, this legendary property across the street from Lafayette Square courts VIP guests with its discreet service and elegant décor.

2. The Jefferson 92.30

- 3. Ritz-Carlton Georgetown 92.00
- 4. Hamilton Hotel 90.89
- 5. Willard InterContinental 90.75
- 6. St. Regis
- 7. The Fairmont 90.07 8. Four Seasons Hotel
- 9. InterContinental Washington D.C. -The Wharf
- 10. Kimpton Hotel Monaco 86.22

#### TOP 10 **CHICAGO** HOTELS

1. Vicerov

Set within a modern pleated-glass tower, the 180-room property has interior details that channel an Art Deco sensibility.

- 2. The Langham 95.39
- Virgin Hotel 94.00
- 4. The Peninsula
- 5. Park Hyatt
- 6. Thompson 92.48 7. Hotel Zachary 92 00
- **Hyatt Centric** Chicago Magnificent Mile
- 90.88 9. The Drake 90.27
- 10. Sofitel Chicago **Magnificent Mile** 90.15

#### TOP 15 **GREATER LOS ANGELES**

1. The Peninsula Reverly Hills 95.52

> Readers gave this polished property glowing reviews for its second-to-none concierge team, which now offers a 24-hour texting service.

2. Hotel Bel-Air Los Angeles 95.03

3. Oceana

4. Viceroy

94.00

93.08

5. Waldorf Astoria

**Beverly Hills** 

Santa Monica 94.73

- 15. Culver Hotel
  - Culver City 88.38

15. Beverly Hilton

Beverly Hills 88.38

**CHARLESTON** HOTELS

6. London West Hollywood at **Beverly Hills** 94.56

7. Beverly Hills Hotel 92.89

- 7. Kimpton La Peer Hotel West Hollywood 92.89
- 9. Viceroy L'Ermitage Beverly Hills 92.87 10. Hotel Casa del Mar
- Santa Monica 91.00 11. Shutters on the Beach Santa Monica 90.67
- 12. Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at **Beverly Hills**
- 13. W Los Angeles -**West Beverly Hills**
- 14. W Hollywood Los Angeles 88.84

TOD 15

1. John Rutledge House Inn

> Designated a national historic landmark in 1973-it was originally the home of a Constitution signatory-this urbane B&B delights with amenities like afternoon tea and hors d'oeuvres.

- Hotel Bennett 2. 94.04
- The Restoration 94.00
- 4. Wentworth Mansion
- 5. Spectator Hotel 6. Market Pavilion Hotel
- 7. The Vendue
- 90.42 8. Emeline
- 90.35 9. HarbourView Inn
- 90.25 10. Charleston Place, a Relmond Hotel
- 90.20 11. Zero George 90.00
- 12. Grand Bohemian Hotel 89.69
- 13. Planters Inn
- 14. The Dewberry
- 15. French Quarter Inn 88.24

at the John Rutledge House Inn frames views

NO. 1 HOTEL IN CHARLESTON A wrought-iron veranda of Broad Street.

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# TOP 10 LAS VEGAS HOTELS

1. Wynn 91.40

Maximalism reigns at this splashy five-star complex, where guests split their time between the spacious outdoor pool, high-end boutiques, and megawattentertainment theater.

- 2. Waldorf Astoria 89.60
- 3. Four Seasons Hotel 89.21
- 4. Venetian Resort 89.06
- 5. Encore 88.84
- 6. Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas 88.06
- 7. Vdara Hotel & Spa 86.54
- 8. Bellagio Resort & Casino 86 35
- 9. Aria Resort & Casino 86.07
- 10. Signature at MGM Grand 82.83

TOP 15

#### GREATER MIAMI BEACH

RESORT HOTELS

1. The Setai Miami Beach 96.41

An expansive dining deck and beachside seating at its signature restaurant encourage lingering at this serene South Beach oasis.

- 2. Faena Hotel
  Miami Reach 94.04
- 3. Acqualina Resort & Residences Sunny Isles Beach 93.00
- 4. Four Seasons Hotel at the Surf Club Surfside 92.65
- 5. Nobu Hotel Miami Beach 92.25

- 6. The Betsy South Beach Miami Beach 92.00
- 7. Kimpton Angler's Hotel South Beach Miami Beach 91.53
- 7. Soho Beach House Miami Beach 91.53
- 9. W South Beach Miami Beach 90.67
- 10. Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami 90.35
- 11. Ritz-Carlton Bal Harbour, Miami 89.89
- 12. Kimpton Surfcomber Hotel Miami Beach 89.57
- 13. 1 Hotel South Beach Miami Beach 89.05
- 14. St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort 88.97
- 15. Palms Hotel & Spa Miami Beach 88.93

TOP 15
FLORIDA
RESORT HOTELS

1. Sunset Key Cottages
Key West 96.00

The 40 bungalows at this repeat winner, located on a private island, afford guests direct access to the beach.

- 2. Alfond Inn Winter Park 95.40
- 3. Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort 95.37
- 4. Gasparilla Inn & Club Boca Grande 95.19
- 5. Opal Sands Resort
  Clearwater Beach 93.16
- 6. Oceans Edge Key West Resort & Marina Stock Island 92.97
- 7. Little Palm Island Resort & Spa Little Torch Key 92.96
- 3. LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort Naples 92.95
- 9. Pelican Grand Beach Resort Fort Lauderdale 92.83

 Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort Kiawah Island 93.89

**SOUTH CAROLINA** 

RESORT HOTELS

Set on a barrier island known for its top-tier golf courses, this 255-room escape draws repeat

NO. 1 RESORT

Auberge Resorts

10. Ocean Key

92.10

**Key Club** 

Resort & Spa

Key West 92.29

**Grande Lakes** 

12. Resort at Longboat

13. The Henderson, a

Destin 91.92

14. Isla Bella Beach

Marathon 91.83

Resort & Spa,

Key Largo 91.60

**Autograph Collection** 

Resort

15. Playa Largo

TOP 10

Longboat Key 92.00

Salamander Resort

11. Ritz-Carlton Orlando.

Collection, in Austin.

HOTEL IN TEXAS

Lutie's, a restaurant a

Commodore Perry Estate,

visits from families who love the myriad activities, including archery and fishing charters.

2. Montage Palmetto
Bluff
Bluffton 92.19

3. Beach Club at Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina Mount Pleasant 91.56

4. The Willcox Aiken 90.91

5. Inn & Club at Harbour Town Hilton Head Island 89.82

- 6. Disney's Hilton Head Island Resort 88.79
- 7. Marriott Hilton Head Resort & Spa
- 8. Wild Dunes Resort Isle of Palms 84.88
- 9. Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa 84.26
- 10. Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort 84.19

TOP 15
SOUTH
RESORT HOTELS

1. Inn at Willow Grove Orange, Virginia 95.84

Old-growth trees and a stately 18th-century mansion set the stage for Southern hospitality at its finest. Butlers can arrange gourmet picnics on the manicured grounds or tastings at local wineries.

- 2. Half-Mile Farm Highlands, North Carolina 94.64
- 3. The Swag Waynesville, North Carolina 94.53
- I. Lodge on Little St. Simons Island Georgia 94.00
- Old Edwards Inn & Spa Highlands, North Carolina 93.61
- . Primland Resort, Auberge Resorts Collection Meadows of Dan, Virginia 92.80

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- 7. Blackberry Mountain Walland, Tennessee 92.25
- 8. The Cloister at Sea Island Sea Island, Georgia 91.16
- 9. Blackberry Farm Walland, Tennessee 90.62
- 10. Salamander Resort & Spa Middleburg, Virginia
- 11. Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee Greensboro, Georgia 90.45
- 12. Dollywood's
  DreamMore Resort &
  Spa
  Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
  90.19
- **13. Williamsburg Inn**Williamsburg, Virginia
  89.60
- 14. Greystone Inn Lake Toxaway, North Carolina 89.22
- **15. Fearrington House Inn**Pittsboro, North Carolina
  88.89

TOP 10
TEXAS
RESORT HOTELS

L. Commodore Perry Estate, Auberge Resorts Collection Austin 91.66

> Thoughtful touches like furnishings and artworks from the Round Top Antiques Fair invigorate the renovated 1920s

Italianate mansion at the center of Auberge's first urban resort.

- 2. Four Seasons
  Resort & Club Dallas
  at Las Colinas
  Irving 91.52
- 3. Woodlands Resort The Woodlands 91.00
- 4. Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa Houston 90.29
- 5. La Cantera Resort & Spa San Antonio 88.70
- 6. Gage Hotel Marathon 88.09
- 7. JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa 87 27
- 8. Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa Cedar Creek 86.10
- 9. Horseshoe Bay Resort Horseshoe Bay 85.83
- 10. Hyatt Regency
  Hill Country
  Resort & Spa
  San Antonio 85.03

TOP 15

CALIFORNIA
RESORT HOTELS

. Nobu Ryokan Malibu 98.59

Though it's right on the Pacific Coast Highway, with easy access to some of SoCal's best beaches, this exclusive retreat feels like a world unto itself.

- 2. Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa San Diego 98.03
- 3. Post Ranch Inn Big Sur 96.18
- 4. The Surfrider Malibu 95.50
- 5. Ranch at Laguna Beach
  - Laguna Beach 95.36
- 6. Brewery Gulch Inn Mendocino 94.97
- 7. Holiday House Palm Springs 94.78
- 8. Solage, Auberge Resorts Collection Calistoga 94.53
- 9. San Ysidro Ranch Santa Barbara 94.50
- 10. Meadowood Napa Valley St. Helena 94.33
- Inn at Spanish Bay
   Pebble Beach 94.14
- 12. Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Golf Club & Spa Carlsbad 93.86
- 13. Farmhouse Inn Forestville 93.81
- 14. Sparrows Lodge Palm Springs 93.78
- 15. Kimpton Shorebreak Resort Huntington Beach 93.56

TOP 10
MID-ATLANTIC
RESORT HOTELS

 Reeds at Shelter Haven Stone Harbor,

Stone Harbor, New Jersey 88.43 Complimentary beach service, bayside activities (paddleboarding, kayaking), and a luxe spa make for a winning combination on the Jersey Shore.

- 2. Congress Hall
  Cape May, New Jersey
  88.27
- 3. Inn at Perry Cabin St. Michaels, Maryland 87.84
- 4. Nemacolin Farmington, Pennsylvania 86.93
- 5. Bungalow Hotel
  Long Branch, New Jersey
  86.78
- 6. Omni Bedford Springs Resort Bedford, Pennsylvania 85.71
- 7. The Asbury Asbury Park, New Jersey 85.56
- 8. Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa & Marina Cambridge, Maryland 85.05
- 9. Hotel Hershey Hershey, Pennsylvania 84.20
- 10. Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City, New Jersey 83.06

TOP 10

NEW ENGLAND

RESORT HOTELS

1. Pickering House Inn Wolfeboro, New Hampshire 98.11

> Husband-and-wife duo Peter and Patty Cooke lovingly restored this B&B to give each of the 10 rooms its own personality. Travelers adore the daily gourmet breakfast and proximity to Lake Winnipesaukee.

- 2. Twin Farms
  Barnard, Vermont 96.00
- 3. The Wauwinet
  Nantucket,
  Massachusetts 95.71
- 4. Rabbit Hill Inn Lower Waterford, Vermont 95.10

- 5. White Barn Inn, Auberge Resorts Collection Kennebunk, Maine 93.53
- 6. Brenton Hotel Newport, Rhode Island 93.26
- 7. Inn by the Sea Cape Elizabeth, Maine 92.98
- 8. The Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection Newport, Rhode Island 92.91
- 9. Wequassett Resort & Golf Club Harwich, Massachusetts 92.59
- **10. Weekapaug Inn**Westerly, Rhode Island
  92.53

TOP 10

#### NEW YORK STATE RESORT HOTELS

1. Lake House on Canandaigua Canandaigua 98.14

> Canoeing, sailing, and sampling local beers are just a few of the ways guests spend their days at this design-focused newcomer in the Finger Lakes region.

- 2. The Roundtree Amagansett 97.87
- 3. The Point Saranac Lake 96.00
- 4. Rockaway Hotel The Rockaways 95.98
- 5. Inns of Aurora
  Aurora 95.12
- 6. Mohonk Mountain House New Paltz 92.50
- 7. Mirror Lake Inn Resort & Spa Lake Placid 92.15
- 8. Lake Placid Lodge
- Gurney's Star Island Resort & Marina Montauk 89.38
- O. Sagamore Resort
  Bolton Landing 88.15





#### TOP 10 **MIDWEST** RESORT HOTELS

Deer Path Inn Lake Forest, Illinois 96.50

> A blend of refined English innkeeping and congenial Midwestern hospitality has kept this manor home in the top spot for three years.

- **Hotel Iroquois** Mackinac Island, Michigan 94.49
- **Inn at Bay Harbor** Bay Harbor, Michigan
- Madden's on Gull Lake Brainerd, Minnesota 90.13
- **Grand Hotel** Mackinac Island, Michigan 89.94
- **Mission Point** Mackinac Island, Michigan 89.70
- American Club at **Destination Kohler** Kohler, Wisconsin 89.29
- Big Cedar Lodge Ridgedale, Missouri 88.48

- Osthoff Resort Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin 88.33
- 10. Sundara Inn & Spa Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 86.21

#### TOP 5 ARIZONA RESORT HOTELS

**Castle Hot Springs** Morristown 95.00

> Mineral pools may be the focus at this resort hidden on 1,100 remote acres of Sonoran Desert, but the experience is rounded out by activities including archery, farm tours, and climbs on a via ferrata course.

- **Mountain Shadows** Resort Scottsdale Paradise Valley 93.75
- Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa Paradise Valley 93.67
- Hermosa Inn Paradise Valley 91.83

**Omni Scottsdale** Resort & Spa at Montelucia 91.31

#### TOP 10 **COLORADO** RESORT HOTELS

**Viceroy Snowmass** Snowmass Village 95.57

> Access to less-crowded slopes and family suites attract a sophisticated, multigenerational crowd to this ski-in, ski-out sanctuary near Aspen.

- C Lazy U Ranch Grand County 94.64
- Madeline Hotel & Residences, Auberge **Resorts Collection** Telluride 93.55
- Hotel Jerome, Auberge **Resorts Collection** Aspen 93.49
- Sonnenalp Hotel Vail 93.35
- The Sebastian Vail 93.18
- Ritz-Carlton, **Bachelor Gulch** Avon 92.58

- Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort & Spa Beaver Creek 91.81
- **Gateway Canyons** Resort & Spa Gateway 91.15
- 10. Little Nell Aspen 90.71

#### TOP 5 UTAH RESORT HOTELS

Lodge at Blue Sky, **Auberge Resorts** Collection Park City 95.85

> With excursions like fly-fishing in summer and wildlife tracking in winter, guests can immerse themselves in the mountain setting, regardless of the season.

- Amangiri Canyon Point 94.91
- Stein Eriksen Lodge **Deer Valley** Park City 93.33
- St. Regis Deer Valley Park City 92.30
- **Montage Deer Valley** Park City 90.10

#### **TOP 15** WEST RESORT HOTELS

Lodge & Spa at **Brush Creek Ranch** Saratoga, Wyoming 97.56

> This working cattle ranch-where guests can avail themselves of more than a dozen activities across 30,000 acresraises the standard for authentic Western vacations. The unmatched culinary facilities include a creamery, a bakery, and a distillery.

- 2. Lodge at Edgewood Tahoe Stateline, Nevada 96.22
- **Triple Creek Ranch**
- Darby, Montana 95.43 \*
- Salish Lodge & Spa Snoqualmie, Washington
- Resort at Paws Up Greenough, Montana 92.67
- Four Seasons Resort & Residences Jackson Hole Teton Village, Wyoming 91.65
- Brasada Ranch Bend, Oregon 91.59
- **Shore Lodge** McCall, Idaho 91.28
- **Lone Mountain Ranch** Big Sky, Montana 91.20
- 10. Amangani Jackson, Wyoming 90.76
- 11. Lodge at Jackson Hole Jackson, Wyoming 90.50
- 12. Coeur d'Alene Resort Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 88.52
- 13. Stephanie Inn Cannon Beach, Oregon 88.40
- 14. Salishan Coastal Lodge Gleneden Beach, Oregon 88.36
- 15. Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico 88.00

# TOP 20 HAWAII RESORT HOTELS

- 1. Halekulani Oahu 94.99 ★
  - This Oahu gem—already beloved for its stellar food and views of Waikiki Beach—has a new spring in its step after a renovation.
- 2. Prince Waikiki
  Oahu 94.60
- 3. Montage Kapalua Bay Maui 94.34
- 4. Hotel Wailea Maui 94.21
- 5. Timbers Kaua'i

- 6. Four Seasons Resort Lanai 93.22
- 7. Four Seasons Resort Hualalai Island of Hawaii 93.19
- 8. Mauna Kea
  Beach Hotel,
  Autograph Collection
  Island of Hawaii 92.67
- 9. The Laylow, Autograph Collection Oahu 92.64
- 10. Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection Island of Hawaii 92.56
- 11. Fairmont Orchid, Hawaii Island of Hawaii 92.50
- 12. Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua Maui 92.49

- 13. Westin Hapuna Beach Resort Island of Hawaii 92.44
- 14. Koʻa Kea Hotel & Resort at Poipu Beach Kauai 92.00
- 15. Kaimana Beach Hotel Oahu 91.83
- 16. Fairmont Kea Lani Maui 91.70
- 17. Four Seasons Oahu at Ko Olina 91.37
- 18. Four Seasons Resort
  Maui at Wailea
  90.96

- 19. Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa 90.78
- 20. Kahala Hotel & Resort Oahu 90.29

TOP 5
PUERTO RICO
RESORT HOTELS

St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort Rio Grande 92.80

Green spaces comprise more than 65 percent of the resort grounds, which also encompass two miles of pristine sand and a pair of private bird sanctuaries. But if that doesn't satisfy nature lovers, there's also El Yunque rain forest

- 2. Dorado Beach, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve Dorado 91.33
- 3. Condado Vanderbilt Hotel San Juan 91.09
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- 4. Condado Ocean Club San Juan 87.86
- 5. Fairmont El San Juan Hotel

Isla Verde 87.29

just 20 minutes away. RESORT HOTEL IN HAWAII Oahu's Halekulani faces the turquoise waters of Waikiki Bay. 106 TRAVEL+LEISURE | OC FOR THE PAST 10 YEAR

# Canada Hotels

Historic properties prevailed in both resort and city categories, as readers reminisced about sophisticated stays up north.

#### TOP 10 CANADA RESORT HOTELS

- 1. Manoir Hovey North Hatley, Quebec 98.48
  - This manor home's pristine English gardens, backed by 30 acres of woodland, invite relaxation and romance.
- Wickaninnish Inn Tofino, British Columbia
- 3. Fogo Island Inn Newfoundland 96.60
- 4. Four Seasons **Resort & Residences** Whistler, British Columbia 95.55
- 5. Post Hotel & Spa Lake Louise, Alberta 94.33

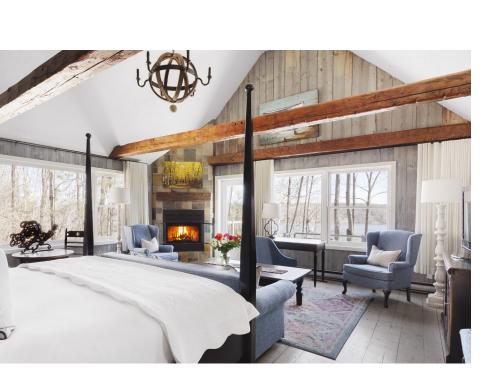
- 6. Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise Alberta 92.83
- 7. Fairmont Le Château Montebello Quebec 90.77
- 8. Fairmont Chateau Whistler **British Columbia** 90.29 \*
- 9. Fairmont Banff Springs Banff, Alberta 89.91
- 10. Fairmont Tremblant Mont Tremblant, Quebec 87.57

#### TOP 10 CANADA CITY HOTELS

- 1. The Ritz-Carlton Montreal 94.00
  - From its enviable Golden Square Mile location to

grande dame remains one of the poshest

- 2. Loden Hotel
- 3. Auberge Saint-Antoine
- 4. Fairmont Waterfront Vancouver 93.00
- 6. Rosewood Hotel Georgia
- 7. Fairmont Pacific Rim
- 8. Auberge du Vieux-Port
- 9. The Ritz-Carlton Toronto 90.81
- 10. Fairmont Palliser





- Vancouver 93.87
- Quebec City 93.33 ★
- 5. Hôtel Nelligan
- Montreal 92.00
- Vancouver 91.76
- Vancouver 91.28
- Montreal 91.26
- Calgary, Alberta 90.40



Guests at Kamalame Cay can hear gently lapping waves during treatments at the resort's overwater spa

#### RESORT HOTEL IN CANADA

The rustic Treetops Birches Suite at Manoir Hovey, in Ouebec, overlooks Lake Massawippi.

1. Kamalame Cay Bahamas 99.14

TOP 25

**CARIBBEAN** 

RESORT HOTELS

Located on a private islet off the coast of Andros, this Bahamian haven requires a seaplane or ferry transfer, which readers say helps foster a sense of seclusion.

2. Round Hill **Hotel & Villas** Montego Bay, Jamaica

Cap Maison

4. Tensing Pen Negril, Jamaica 96.73

St. Bart's 96.71

7. Frangipani Beach Resort Anguilla 96.40

3. Jade Mountain St. Lucia 97.10 \$

St. Lucia 96.73

Hôtel Le Toiny

Jamaica Inn Ocho Rios, Jamaica

9. Point Grace Turks and Caicos 96.25

10. Secret Bay

Dominica 96.18 11. Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa St. Bart's 95.75

12. Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort Aruba 95.75

13. Le Sereno St. Bart's 95.67 14. Palm Heights Cayman Islands 95.60 15. Anse Chastanet

Resort St. Lucia 94.81

Caribbean, Bermuda, and the Bahamas Hotels

Exclusivity and pristine natural surroundings were

the most prized qualities of these island escapes.

16. Eden Rock St. Bart's 94.71

17. Half Moon Montego Bay, Jamaica 94.43

18. Jumby Bay Island Antigua 94.29

19. Seven Stars Resort & Spa Turks and Caicos 93.64 20. Sugar Beach, a Viceroy Resort St. Lucia 93.53

21. Eden Roc at Cap Cana

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic 93.47 22. Cap Juluca, a Belmond Hotel

Anguilla 93.46 23. Curtain Bluff Resort Antigua 93.27

24. Grace Bay Club Turks and Caicos 93.22

> 25. Zemi Beach House Anguilla 93.04

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MEXICO

and beach.

RESORT HOTEL IN

Viceroy Riviera Maya's

Coral Restaurant & Bar

flanks the pool, sundeck,

# Mexico and Central and South America Hotels

Readers continue to be drawn to the ancient cultural heritage of these regions, but the hotels they've chosen as their favorites display distinctly modern sensibilities.

#### TOP 25 MEXICO RESORT HOTELS

Viceroy Riviera Maya Playa del Carmen 97.92

> This 41-villa seaside haven encourages guests to unwind with clever flourishes like hand-crocheted hammocks and activities like margarita-mixology

Las Ventanas al Paraíso, a Rosewood Resort San José del Cabo 97.68

Zadun, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve

San José del Cabo 97.41 Banyan Tree Cabo Marqués

Acapulco 97.30

Mahekal Beach Resort Playa del Carmen 97.12

Rosewood Mayakoba Playa del Carmen 96.70

**Montage Los Cabos** Cabo San Lucas 96.68

**Grand Velas Riviera** Nayarit Nuevo Vallarta 96.24

**Waldorf Astoria** Los Cabos Pedregal Cabo San Lucas 95.84

10. Cala de Mar Resort & Spa Ixtapa 95.79

- 11. Las Brisas Ixtapa Zihuatanejo 95.78
- 12. Garza Blanca Resort & Spa Los Cabos Cabo San Lucas 95.67
- 13. Vidanta Nuevo Vallarta 95.60
- 14. Vidanta Riviera Maya Playa del Carmen 95.46
- 15. Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection Cabo San Lucas 95.21
- 16. One&Only Palmilla San José del Cabo 95.15
- 17. Grand Velas Los Cabos Cabo San Lucas 94.86 ▶





- 18. Chileno Bay Resort, Auberge Resorts Collection Cabo San Lucas 94.78
- 19. The Cape, a Thompson Hotel Cabo San Lucas 94.72
- 20. Vidanta Los Cabos San José del Cabo 94.56
- 21. The Ritz-Carlton Cancún 93.64
- 22. W Punta de Mita Punta Mita 93.60
- 23. Banyan Tree Mavakoba Playa del Carmen 93.55
- 24. Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita 93.54
- 25. Le Blanc Spa Resort Cancún 93.28

TOP 5 **MEXICO** CITY HOTELS

St. Regis 1. Mexico City 96.53

> Ideally situated on the tree-lined Paseo de la Reforma, with the restaurants of the Roma Norte neighborhood close by, this 31-story tower wins after three straight second-place finishes. Guests applauded its stylish rooms and conscientious butler service.

- Casa de Sierra Nevada, a Belmond Hotel San Miguel de Allende 96.14
- Rosewood San Miguel de Allende 96.08
- **JW Marriott Hotel** Mexico City 92.89
- **Four Seasons Hotel** Mexico City 92.05

**SOUTH AMERICA** RESORT HOTELS

Hotel Paracas, a **Luxury Collection** Resort

Paracas, Peru 98.77

Subdued architecture and a pared-down color palette put the emphasis on this resort's settingthe eponymous peninsula's sapphire waters on one side and the colorful beginnings of the Atacama Desert on the other.

- **Hotel Fasano** Boa Vista Porto Feliz, Brazil 98.25
- Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa San Pedro de Atacama, Chile 98.00
- Mashpi Lodge Mashpi, Ecuador 97.76

Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa Sacred Valley,

Sumaq Machu

Picchu Hotel

Peru 97.68

Peru 96.74

- **Finch Bay Galapagos** Hotel Ecuador 95.80
- Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa Torres del Paine National Park, Chile 95.79
- Vines Resort & Spa Mendoza, Argentina 95.69
- 10. Explora Patagonia Torres del Paine National Park, Chile 95.68

CENTRAL **AMERICA** RESORT HOTELS

TOP 10

**Nayara Tented Camp** Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 99.58 In-house naturalists

introduce guests to sloths and other native creatures at the Nayara brand's latest opening, a 21-room, safari-style refuge.

- Nayara Gardens Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 98.13 \*
- Casa Chameleon at **Mal Pais** Puntarenas, Costa Rica 97.05
- Nayara Springs Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 96.56
- Gaïa Riverlodge Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve, Belize 96.25
- Matachica Resort & Spa Ambergris Caye, Belize 95.76
- Casa Palopó Atitlán, Costa Rica 95.03
- Blancaneaux Lodge Cayo District, Belize 94.15
- Copal Tree Lodge, a Muy'Ono Resort Toledo, Belize 93.82
- 10. JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort & Spa Costa Rica 93.73

TOP 10

#### **CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA** CITY HOTELS

**Hotel Fasano** São Paulo, Brazil 96.33

> This flagship of the family-run Brazilian brand stuns with its illuminated brick-andwood façade and sleek haute-Italian restaurant.

- Palacio Nazarenas, a Belmond Hotel Cuzco, Peru 95.83
- **Sofitel Legend** Santa Clara Cartagena, Colombia 95.46
- Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel Cuzco, Peru 95.36
- Casa Gangotena Quito, Ecuador 94.56
- Casa San Agustín Cartagena, Colombia 94.14
- W Bogotá Colombia 94.00
- W Panama Panama City 93.69
- **JW Marriott** El Convento Cuzco, Peru 93.05
- 10. JW Marriott Hotel Rio de Janeiro 93.00

NO. 1 CITY HOTEL IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Restaurante Fasano, at Hotel Fasano São Paulo.



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# Europe Hotels

On the Continent, there's no greater advantage than location. Urban winners were architectural standouts near sights like the Champs-Élysées, while the resorts that dazzled all claim postcard-worthy surroundings.

#### TOP 10 **EUROPE** CITY HOTELS

1. Mandarin Oriental Milan 98.67

> Interiors by Antonio Citterio and Patricia Viel fuse the design vibe of Italy's style capital with the Hong Kong-based brand's understated elegance.

- 2. La Réserve Paris -Hôtel & Spa 98.60
- 3. Shangri-La the Shard
- London 98.57 4. Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet
- 98.40 5. St. Regis Istanbul 97.89
- 6. The Lanesborough
- London 97.87 7. Raffles
- Istanbul 97.72 8. The Goring
- London 97.57
- 9. St. Regis Florence 97.52
- 10. Mandarin Oriental Paris 97.50

TOP 10 **EUROPE** RESORT HOTELS

1. Grace Hotel, Auberge **Resorts Collection** Santorini, Greece 99.18 Sunsets over the Aegean

hecome even more memorable when viewed from the vantage point of this 20-room property in Imerovigli.

3. Canaves Oia Epitome

Hotel Il Pellicano Porto Ercole, Italy 98.32

Katikies Mykonos Greece 97.87

**Grand Hotel Excelsion** Vittoria Sorrento, Italy 97.71

7. Hôtel Crillon Le Brave Crillon-le-Brave, France 97.00

- Penha Longa Resort Sintra, Portugal 96.94
- Canaves Oia **Routique Hotel** Santorini, Greece 96.69
- 10. Badrutt's Palace Hotel
- St. Moritz, Switzerland 96 67

2. Il Sereno Lago di Como Torno, Italy 98.50 LONDON

Santorini, Greece 98.44

1. Shangri-La the Shard 98.57

HOTELS

Occupying the city's tallest skyscraper is one way to rise above the competition-as is an enviable location near the Tate and Borough Market. But attentive service made the biggest impression on guests.

- 2. The Lanesborough
- 3. The Goring 97 57
- 4. The Stafford 96.75
- 5. Milestone Hotel
- 6. The Dorchester
- 7. Kimpton Fitzroy
- 8. Flemings Mayfair

9. Four Seasons Hotel London at Park Lane 93 66

10. Beaumont Hotel 93.49

TOP 5

U.K. AND IRELAND RESORT HOTELS

1. Ballyfin County Laois, Ireland

> Though it occupies a restored Regency-era mansion, this propertyset on an idyllic 614-acre estate-feels anything but stuffy thanks to the warm service.

Chewton Glen New Milton, England 96.00

Adare Manor County Limerick, Ireland

4. Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, a Belmond Hotel Oxfordshire, England 95.45

5. Inverlochy Castle Hotel Torlundy, Scotland 95.16

TOP 10 **PARIS** HOTFLS

1. La Réserve Paris -Hôtel & Spa

> When seeking unabashed opulence and intuitive

pampering, discerning readers turn to this belle in the Eighth Arrondissement

- 2. Mandarin Oriental 97.50
- 3. Hôtel Plaza Athénée
- 4. Le Bristol
- 5. Ritz
- 6. The Peninsula 95 50
- 7. Le Meurice 94.33
- 8. Four Seasons Hotel George V 94 07
- 9. Hôtel de Crillon. a Rosewood Hotel 94.06
- 10. Saint James 94.00

TOP 5 FRANCE RESORT HOTELS

1. Hôtel Crillon Le Brave Crillon-le-Brave 97.00

> Anyone who has fantasized about running away to a Provençal village will love this property, which is centered around eight refurbished

2. Waldorf Astoria Versailles - Trianon Palace Versailles 95.25





3. Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, a Four Seasons Hotel St.-Jean-Cap-Ferrat

4. Hôtel Barrière Le Majestic Cannes 92.00

5. Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc Cap d'Antibes 91.75

TOP 5 **FLORENCE** HOTELS

1. St. Regis 97.52

> Bold textiles, crystal chandeliers, and reproductions of Renaissance-era art nod to the city's long cultural and artistic legacy.

- 2. Villa San Michele, a Belmond Hotel 96.52
- 3. Brunelleschi Hotel 96.32 4. Four Seasons Hotel

Firenze

92.14 5. Westin Excelsion

TOP 5 **VENICE** 

1. JW Marriott Venice Resort & Spa 94.30

> Cloistered on a private island, this 266-room sanctum indulges guests with cooking classes, a dreamy spa, and lagoon excursions.

2. Cipriani, a Belmond Hotel 92.84

3. Gritti Palace, a Luxury **Collection Hotel** 92.52 4. Aman

Baglioni Hotel Luna

TOP 5 ROME HOTELS

92.48

1. Hotel de Russie, a Rocco Forte Hotel 94.00

> Generously sized rooms and a fashionable terrace restaurant made

this readers' top pick in the Fternal City

Rome Cavalieri, a **Waldorf Astoria Hotel** 93.91

3. St. Regis Rome Hotel

Hotel Eden

5. Hotel Hassler 90.80

TOP 10 **ITALY** RESORT HOTELS

> Il Sereno Lago di Como Torno 98.50

> > The strikingly modern design of this resort marks a stark departure from its more ornate Lake Como peers-but that's precisely why readers found it so refreshing.

2. Hotel Il Pellicano Porto Ercole 98.32

3. Grand Hotel Excelsion

Vittoria Sorrento 97.71

Lago di Como Lake Como 96.24 5. Caruso, a Belmond

Positano

4. Mandarin Oriental.

Hotel Ravello 95.98 6. Il San Pietro di

Positano 95.87 7. Grand Hotel Tremezzo Lake Como 95.61

8. Castello di Casole. a Belmond Hotel Casole d'Elsa 95.58

9. Splendido Mare a Belmond Hotel Portofino 95.35

10. Grand Hotel Miramare Santa Margherita Ligure

TOP 10 GREECE RESORT HOTELS

> 1. Grace Hotel, Auberge **Resorts Collection** Santorini 99.18

> > Minimalist spins on classic Cycladic chic keen this 20-room resort feeling modern and ensure that nothing detracts from its romantic cliff-side setting.

2. Canaves Oia Epitome

Santorini 98.44 3. Katikies Mykonos

4. Canaves Oia Boutique

Hotel Santorini 96.69 5. Katikies Santorini

95.52 6. Andronis Arcadia

Santorini 94.86

7. Andronis Luxury Suites Santorini 94.77

8. Andronis Boutique Hotel Santorini 94.61

9. Amanzoe

10. Blue Palace Elounda, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa Crete 93.56

Porto Heli 93.88

TOP 5

**BARCELONA** HOTELS

1. Cotton House Hotel, **Autograph Collection** 

> The former guild hall has been creatively transformed into a hotel that honors the past through such wellconserved elements as intricate parquet floors and a grand marble staircase.

2. Mandarin Oriental 93.90

Majestic Hotel & Spa 93.00

**Hotel Arts** 92.00 5. 91.92

TOP 5 SPAIN AND **PORTUGAL** RESORT HOTELS

Penha Longa Resort Sintra, Portugal 96.94

Gastronomes are spoiled for choice with seven restaurants-two with Michelin stars-located on site.

Finca Cortesín Hotel Golf & Spa Málaga, Spain 96.63

La Residencia, a Belmond Hotel Mallorca Spain 95.00

4. Reid's Palace, a **Belmond Hotel** Madeira, Portugal 94.67

> Six Senses Douro Lamego, Portugal 94.67

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# Asia Hotels

The class of 2021 proves just how much travelers prioritize properties with a deep sense of place and a trove of activities that embrace the local culture.



#### NO. 1 RESORT HOTEL IN ASIA

Rooms at Capella Ubud, Bali, incorporate handmade batik and ikat textiles along with Indonesian and Dutch curios.

## TOP 10 ASIA RESORT HOTELS

- Capella Ubud
   Bali, Indonesia 99.34
   Surrounded by the Keliki
   Valley, Bill Bensley's
   22-tent jewel feels as
   transportive as ever.
- 2. Oberoi Udaivilas Udaipur, India 99.12
- 3. Taj Holiday Village Resort & Spa Goa, India 98.76
- 4. Oberoi Vanyavilas Wildlife Resort Ranthambhore, India 98.72

- 5. Soneva Fushi Baa Atoll, Maldives 98.59
- **6. Alila Manggis**Bali, Indonesia 98.50
- 7. Halekulani Okinawa, Japan 98.21
- 8. Leela Palace Udaipur, India 98.13
- 9. Nihi Sumba Sumba, Indonesia 98.00
- Oberoi Rajvilas Jaipur, India 97.66 ★

# TOP 10 ASIA CITY HOTELS

- 1. Opposite House Beijing 99.47
  - Renowned Japanese architect Kengo Kuma outdid himself with this glass skyscraper in Beijing's famed Shichahai neighborhood.
- 2. Capella Bangkok 99.38
- 3. Temple House Chengdu, China 98.94

- 4. The Oberoi New Delhi 98.90
- 5. The Peninsula Manila 98.40
- 6. Hyatt Regency Amritsar, India 98.14
- 7. The Oberoi Mumbai 98.00
- 8. Mandarin Oriental Bangkok 97.87 ★
- D. Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok at Chao Phraya River 97.59
- 10. Taj Palace New Delhi 97.56

# TOP 5 CHINA CITY HOTELS

1. Opposite House Beijing 99.47

Fine art has become this hotel's calling card. Contemporary exhibitions rotate frequently, but one origami-inspired piece created by the architect stands on permanent display in the lobby.

- 2. Temple House Chengdu 98.94
- 3. The Peninsula Hong Kong 95.11 ★
- 4. Upper House Hong Kong 93.60
- 5. Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong 93.00

# TOP 10 TOKYO CITY HOTELS

1. Park Hyatt 96.00

> Travelers staying in this hotel, which occupies the highest 14 floors of a 52-story Shinjuku skyscraper, are treated to dramatic city views.

- 2. Aman 95.03
- 3. The Ritz-Carlton
- 4. Palace Hotel 93.50
- 5. Conrad 92.59
- 6. Mandarin Oriental 91.62
- 7. Grand Hyatt 91.04
- 8. Imperial Hotel 89.56
- 9. Hilton 88.00
- 10. ANA InterContinental 87.14

#### TOP 5 INDONESIA RESORT HOTELS

Capella Ubud Bali 99.34

> Balinese culture is showcased in all facets of this property-from Keliki-style painting and other workshops to menus built around locally farmed ingredients and spices.

- **Alila Manggis** Bali 98.50
- Nihi Sumba Sumba 98.00
- Mandana, a **Ritz-Carlton Reserve** Bali 97.00
- Alila Villas Uluwatu Bali 96.15

#### SOUTHEAST ASIA RESORT HOTELS

1. Six Senses Con Dao, Vietnam 96.21

> Sustainability initiatives are a core part of every one of this luxury brand's properties. Here, that mission involves supporting sea-turtle conservation—an activity in which guests can participate.

- Pimalai Resort & Spa Koh Lanta, Thailand 94.75
- Amanpuri Phuket, Thailand 94.36
- **Raffles Grand Hotel** d'Angkor Siem Reap, Cambodia 94.00
- **Four Seasons Resort** Chiang Mai, Thailand 93.95 \*
- **Four Seasons Resort** the Nam Hai Hoi An, Vietnam 93.78
- Cape Fahn Hotel Koh Samui, Thailand 93.57

- **Amansara** Siem Reap, Cambodia
- Anantara Chiang Mai Resort Thailand 93.07
- 10. Banyan Tree Samui Koh Samui, Thailand 89.60

#### TOP 5 INDIA RESORT HOTELS

Oberoi Udaivilas Udaipur 99.12

> Experiences at this Rajasthan mainstay illuminate such artistic traditions as miniature painting, glass inlays, and mehndi body art.

- Taj Holiday Village Resort & Spa Goa 98.76
- Oberoi Vanyavilas Wildlife Resort Ranthambhore 98.72
- Leela Palace Udaipur 98.13
- Oberoi Rajvilas Jaipur 97.66 ★

#### TOP 5 SINGAPORE **CITY HOTELS**

1. Fullerton Hotel 97.11

> This grande dame occupies a Neoclassical government building from 1928 that was designated a national monument six years ago.

- Ritz-Carlton, Millenia 96.17
- Capella 3. 94.88
- Raffles 93.60
- **Mandarin Oriental** 92.43

#### TOP 5 BANGKOK **CITY HOTELS**

1. Capella

This newcomer made quite the entrance when it opened last year, as the brand's first foray into Thailand. Each of the 101 villas and suites has either a private balcony or a veranda overlooking the Chao Phraya River.

- 2. Mandarin Oriental 97.87 \*
- 3. Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok at Chao Phraya River 97.59
- 4. The Sukhothai 97.25
- 5. The Peninsula 95.79





# Africa and the Middle East Hotels

Whether visiting a conservation area or one of the region's dynamic cities, readers gravitated toward luxe, design-minded accommodations.

TOP 5

#### **NORTH AFRICA** AND THE **MIDDLE EAST**

CITY HOTELS

Burj Al Arab Jumeirah Dubai 96.20

> This instantly recognizable ultra-luxury property thrills with its infinity-edge pool, goldand-marble interiors, and Rolls-Royce chauffeur service.

- **Royal Mansour** Marrakesh, Morocco
- La Mamounia Marrakesh, Morocco 94.31
- **Marriott Mena House** Cairo 92.58
- Four Seasons Hotel Amman, Jordan 90.93

TOP 5

#### **NORTH AFRICA** AND THE **MIDDLE EAST** RESORT HOTELS

**Kasbah Tamadot** Atlas Mountains. Morocco 96.00

> The former French governor's mansion turned lavish mountain refuge offers a tranquil counterpoint to the electrifying souks of nearby Marrakesh.

- Al Maha, a Luxury **Collection Desert** Resort & Spa Dubai 93.60
- Kempinski Hotel **Ishtar Dead Sea** Swaimeh, Jordan 92.57
- **Four Seasons Hotel** Casablanca, Morocco 87.76
- Atlantis, the Palm Dubai 86.73

TOP 5 AFRICA CITY HOTELS

Cape Grace Cape Town 95.88 ★

> Guests at this 120-room gem can soak up the vibrant energy of the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and the views of Table Mountain rising in the distance.

- The Silo Cape Town 95.25
- **Ellerman House** Cape Town 94.35
- Saxon Hotel. Villas & Spa Johannesburg, South Africa 93.88 ★
- One&Only Cape Town 93.45

тор з AFRICA RESORT HOTELS

Matetsi Victoria Falls Matetsi Private Game

Reserve, Zimbabwe 97.50

Warmth of service, location in the eponymous wildlife sanctuary, and excursions like sunset cruises distinguish this lodge on the Zambezi River.

- Oyster Box Umhlanga Rocks, South Africa 96.85
- **Royal Livingstone** Victoria Falls Zambia **Hotel by Anantara** Livingstone, Zambia 91.20

TOP 10 **AFRICA** SAFARI LODGES

Mahali Mzuri Masai Mara, Kenya 99.73

> Wildebeests, lions, elephants, and cheetahs are just a few of the animals guests can expect to see on game drives from this spectacular property in the Virgin Limited Edition collection.

- **Savute Elephant** Lodge, a Belmond Safari Chobe National Park, Botswana 98.75
- andBeyond Phinda Vlei Lodge Phinda Private Game Reserve, South Africa 98.50
- Angama Mara Masai Mara, Kenya 97.73
- Gibb's Farm Karatu, Tanzania 97.63
- Singita Grumeti Serengeti National Park, Tanzania 97.60
- Khwai River Lodge, a Belmond Safari Moremi Game Reserve, Botswana 97.47
- **Bushcamp Company's** Mfuwe Lodge South Luangwa National Park, Zambia 97.33
- andBeyond Ngala Safari Lodge Kruger National Park Area, South Africa 97.26
- Sasaah Samburu, Kenya 97.26

# Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific Hotels

Spectacular surroundings and relaxed-yet-attentive service are hallmarks of the properties that achieved this category's highest ratings.

#### **AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND** CITY HOTELS

1. The Langham Melbourne 92.00

> A dignified aesthetic (marble bathrooms. velvet club chairs) characterizes this property on the south bank of the Yarra River.

- **Park Hyatt** Melbourne 91.53
- Park Hyatt Sydney 91.03 ★
- Shangri-La Hotel Sydney 90.76
- **Grand Hyatt** Melbourne 88.40

**AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND** RESORT HOTELS

Matakauri Lodge Queenstown, New Zealand 95.47

> Guests of this South Island hotel find themselves in the midst of natural wonders, such as Lake Wakatipu. It's also a jumping-off point for exploring the Otago wine region and Franz Josef Glacier.

- Hilton Oueenstown Resort & Spa Queenstown, New Zealand 83.00
- **Sheraton Grand Mirage** Resort Port Douglas, Australia 81.41

**SOUTH PACIFIC** RESORT HOTELS

InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa French Polynesia 97.33

> Eighty-four overwater villas epitomize the type of barefoot luxury that travelers covet. The resort-protected coral nursery also introduces guests to the region's rich biodiversity.

- St. Regis Bora Bora Resort
- French Polynesia 96.89
- The Brando Tetiaroa, French Polynesia 95.29
- Conrad Bora Bora Nui French Polynesia 95.29
- **Four Seasons Resort** Bora-Bora, French Polynesia 93.69 ★

NO. 1 RESORT HOTEL IN THE SOUTH **PACIFIC** 

Overwater villas at InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa look out onto . Mount Otemanu.



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# 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 January 11 through May 10, 2021. 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, safari outfitters, and U.S. national parks on a number of characteristics. 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 16 states and regions: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Greater Miami Beach, Hawaii, New York, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Texas,



#### 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.

#### **U.S. National Parks**

Natural attractions. activities, lodging, wildlife, accessibility, cleanliness.

Utah, the Mid-Atlantic (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania), the West (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming), the Midwest (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin), New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont), and the South (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia).

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), largeship 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.

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