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THE WORLD'S TOP **100** RESORTS

ANGUILLA | BOTSWANA | MALDIVES | MONTANA | PATAGONIA & MORE



GRAND ENTRANCE
The 887-hp Porsche 918 Spyder at Southern California's Grand Del Mar resort

PORSCHE'S POWER SURGE

BEHIND THE WHEEL OF THE PLANET'S
MOST ELECTRIFYING HYBRID

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EARTH'S MOST EXCLUSIVE RETREATS

The *Robb Report* 100, originally known as *Robb Report Luxury Resorts*, initially debuted as a stand-alone publication in the summer of 2006. Our inaugural list of the world's most exclusive retreats was the result of countless hours spent analyzing and debating the detailed reports we gleaned from editors, writers, readers, travel consultants, and other experts on their far-reaching adventures around the globe. Eight years later, our list—much like the state of travel itself—continues to evolve as we reevaluate our old favorites, investigate new contenders, and whittle the selections down to a perfectly rounded 100. This year's edition represents our most diverse collection of properties to date, from elite island retreats in Mozambique, Mauritius, and Montenegro to groundbreaking new resorts in Zambia, Nicaragua, and the Ecuadoran cloud forest. Whether close to home or in Earth's most remote corners, adventurous or utterly relaxing, the *Robb Report* 100 is sure to include the consummate escape for every *Robb Report* traveler. >

FROM LEFT: ALILA VILLAS ULUWATU (ALBERT LIM KOON SENG); KAURI CLIFFS; MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH (JACKIE CARADONIO);
SEGERA RETREAT (JACKIE CARADONIO); VERDURA (ADRIAN HOUSTON); TIERRA PATAGONIA (JACKIE CARADONIO)



All pricing information is listed in U.S. dollars per room, per night, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise noted.

**The Ritz-Carlton,
Bachelor Gulch
BEAVER CREEK**

A recent renovation brings a sophisticated new style to this grand Rocky Mountain resort's public spaces and 180 rooms. After a day of skiing, enjoy craft cocktails and cigars at the indoor/outdoor lounge and seasonal cuisine at Colorado's only Wolfgang Puck-helmed restaurant. (\$340-\$1,800) www.ritzcarlton.com

**FLORIDA
The Ritz-Carlton,
Naples
NAPLES**

Long a favorite for family vacations, couples' retreats, and high-society functions, this South Florida resort is better than ever after a 2013 renovation that saw the redesign of all 450 rooms. Footpaths lead from adult and family pool areas to a spectacular white-sand beach. (\$400-\$5,900) www.ritzcarlton.com

**GEORGIA
The Cloister at Sea
Island
SEA ISLAND**

Originally designed in 1928 by the Palm Beach architect Addison Mizner, this 175-room Spanish Revival resort offers seven restaurants and a 65,000-square-

foot spa, as well as access to Sea Island's three championship golf courses and five miles of private beach. (\$395-\$3,005) www.seaisland.com

**HAWAII
Four Seasons
Resort Hualalai at
Historic Ka'upulehu
BIG ISLAND**

An expansive and secluded resort with a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course, seven pools, an open-air spa, and 243 bungalow-style rooms that blend with the surrounding sand and volcanic rock. One of the world's top tropical escapes for families. (\$545-\$15,045) www.fourseasons.com

**Four Seasons
Resort Maui at
Wailea
MAUI**

This 380-room resort is favored by Hollywood A-listers for its setting on an unmatched strip of the famed Wailea Beach, its Wolfgang Puck restaurant, and its large spa with outdoor *hale* treatment rooms. Reserve a private cabana at the adults-only Serenity Pool. (\$530-\$16,500) www.fourseasons.com

**St. Regis Princeville
Resort
KAUAI**
Set on Kauai's fabled

North Shore, this 251-room beach-and-golf resort completed an extensive renovation in 2009. Rooms and public areas look out over Hanalei Bay, where guests can try stand-up paddleboarding and surfing. (\$1,200-\$7,550) www.stregis.com

**MONTANA
The Ranch at Rock
Creek**

PHILIPSBURG
The United States' premier dude ranch accommodates as many as 95 guests in luxury tents, private homes, and the nine-room Granite Lodge. By day, guests go horseback riding and fly-fishing on 6,000-plus private acres; at night, they unwind in the Silver Dollar Saloon. (From \$850 per person, all inclusive) www.theranchatrockcreek.com

**SOUTH
CAROLINA
The Inn at Palmetto
Bluff, a Montage
Resort**

BLUFFTON
A 20,000-acre former plantation on the banks of the May River with just 50 cottages and 30 private residences. A \$100 million expansion led by Montage will almost quadruple its size; visit now, while the resort is still accessible to only a relative few.

(\$395-\$2,500) www.palmettobluff.com

**UTAH
Amangiri
CANYON POINT**
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**Montage Deer Valley
PARK CITY**

A refined mountain lodge set on the slopes of Deer Valley Resort, with ski-in/ski-out access to three high-speed chairlifts. The 154 rooms and 66 suites afford Wasatch and Uinta mountain views and are accompanied by four restaurants, a bowling alley, and Utah's largest spa. (\$250-\$10,000) www.montagedeervalley.com

**VERMONT
Twin Farms
BARNARD**
(See page 106)

**WYOMING
Amangani**

JACKSON
Amanresorts' first U.S. property is situated atop East Gros Ventre Butte and features 40 suites with rustic decor and panoramic views of the Grand Tetons. Guests can ski at Jackson Hole during winter months and fly-fish and bird-watch in the Snake River Valley in summer. (\$875-\$8,000) www.amanresorts.com