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2013 Readers' Choice Awards

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Luxury creates discriminating critics. This year's Readers' Choice survey scores range from a lofty 99.2 for South Africa's La Residence and New Zealand's Lodge at Kauri Cliffs to a lowly 14.7 for Transavia airline. Luxury also seduces. Nearly 80,000 of you—far more than ever before—took part in the survey, casting 1.3 million votes. No destination was too remote: Both Tibet and Rwanda debut with hotels. None was too small: Four of your favorite cities have fewer than 10,000 citizens. And no hotel was too new: Seven that opened last year are here, from Montreal to Beijing. As always, you praise quality where it thrives, and find it where it emerges. And so we begin with the best of the best, the Top 100...



ALL THE AWARD-WINNING HOTELS IN THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS MANY OF THE TOP-RATED CITIES AND ISLANDS, ARE FEATURED IN DETAIL AT CONDENASTTRAVELER.COM/READERS-CHOICE-AWARDS. AND BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD OUR DIGITAL EDITION, WHICH THIS MONTH FEATURES A BONUS LOOK AT THE 237 READERS' CHOICE WINNERS THAT HAVE ALSO APPEARED ON OUR ANNUAL HOT LIST OF NEW HOTELS.

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**BEST
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TOP 100

The 100 highest-scoring winners around the globe and across all categories include Spain's oldest parador (No. 25) and an Arkansas hotel that opened in April (No. 75).



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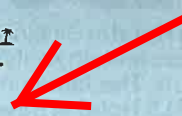
- Hotel
- Resort
- Cruise line

- 1 **La Residence**, Franschhoek, South Africa 99.2
- 1 **Lodge at Kauri Cliffs**, Matauri Bay, N.Z. 99.2
- 3 **Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve**, South Africa 98.9
- 3 **Singita Sabi Sand**, South Africa 98.9
- 5 **Grand Hotel Timeo**, Sicily 98.7
- 6 **Perivolos**, Santorini 98.5
- 7 **Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace** Budapest 98.1
- 7 **One&Only The Palm**, Dubai 98.1
- 9 **Ritz-Carlton Shanghai Pudong** 98.0
- 10 **Peninsula House**, Samaná, Dominican Republic 97.8
- 11 **21C Museum Hotel**, Cincinnati 97.7
- 11 **Inn at Palmetto Bluff**, Bluffton, S.C. 97.7
- 11 **Lion Sands**, Sabi Sand, South Africa 97.7
- 14 **Waldorf Astoria Chicago** 97.6
- 15 **Rosewood Mayakoba**, Yucatán 97.5
- 15 **St. Regis Lhasa** 97.5
- 15 **Villa San Michele**, Florence 97.5
- 18 **Amankila**, Bali 97.4
- 18 **The Chedi**, Chiang Mai 97.4
- 20 **Jumby Bay (Rosewood)**, Antigua 97.3
- 20 **Lodge at Doonbeg**, Co. Clare 97.3
- 22 **Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora** 97.2
- 22 **One&Only Palmilla**, San José del Cabo 97.2
- 22 **Phinda Private Game Reserve**, South Africa 97.2
- 25 **Le Meurice**, Paris 97.1
- 25 **Parador Santiago de Compostela**, Spain 97.1
- 25 **Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve**, South Africa 97.1
- 28 **Hôtel Plaza Athénée**, Paris 97.0
- 28 **XV Beacon**, Boston 97.0
- 30 **Ciragan Palace Kempinski**, Istanbul 96.9
- 31 **The Lodge**, Sea Island, Ga. 96.8
- 31 **Qualia**, Great Barrier Reef 96.8
- 33 **Auberge du Soleil**, Napa Valley 96.7
- 33 **Four Seasons Hotel Firenze** 96.7
- 35 **Gleneagles Hotel**, Auchterarder, Scotland 96.6
- 35 **Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge**, Rwanda 96.6



35 Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra 96.6 ●
38 Le Bristol Paris 96.5 ●
38 Rosewood San Miguel de Allende 96.5 ●
38 Singita Grumeti, Tanzania 96.5 🏡
41 Blue Palace Resort (Luxury Coll.), Crete 96.4 🏡
41 Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan 96.4 🏡
41 St. Regis Florence 96.4 ●
41 Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena 96.4 ●
41 Twin Farms, Barnard, Vt. 96.4 ●
46 21C Museum Hotel, Louisville 96.3 ●
46 Blantyre, Lenox, Mass. 96.3 ●
46 Las Alcobas, Mexico City 96.3 ●
46 Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur 96.3 ●
50 La Résidence d'Angkor, Siem Reap 96.2 ●
51 Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas 96.1 🏡
52 Banyan Tree Mayakoba, Yucatán 96.0 🏡
52 Conrad Maldives Rangali Island 96.0 🏡
52 Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris 96.0 ●
52 Las Casitas del Colca, Peru 96.0 ●
52 Rambagh Palace (Taj), Jaipur 96.0 ●
52 Singita Kruger, South Africa 96.0 🏡
52 Wickaninnish Inn, Vancouver Island 96.0 🏡
59 The Connaught, London 95.9 ●
59 Hotel Villa Magna, Madrid 95.8 ●
60 Le Sirenuse, Positano 95.8 ●
60 Mandarin Oriental, Prague 95.8 ●
63 Capella Pedregal, Cabo San Lucas 95.7 🏡
63 The Cloister, Sea Island, Ga. 95.7 🏡
63 Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus 95.7 ●
63 Jade Mountain, St. Lucia 95.7 🏡
63 Langdon Hall Country House, Ontario 95.7 ●
63 Maroma Resort & Spa, Yucatán 95.7 🏡
63 Nayara Hotel, Spa & Gardens, Costa Rica 95.7 🏡
70 Castello di Casole, Tuscany 95.6 ●
70 El Dorado Maroma, Yucatán 95.6 🏡
70 Gibb's Farm, Tanzania 95.6 ●

70 Las Ventanas al Paraíso (Rosewood), San José del Cabo 95.6 🏡
70 PuLi Hotel and Spa, Shanghai 95.6 ●
75 21C Museum Hotel, Bentonville, Ark. 95.5 ●
75 CordeValle, San Martin, Calif. 95.5 🏡
75 Fearrington House Inn, Pittsboro, N.C. 95.5 ●
75 Park Hyatt Dubai 95.5 ●
75 The Peninsula, Bangkok 95.5 ●
75 Sanctuary Hotel at Kiawah Island, S.C. 95.5 🏡
75 Wentworth Mansion, Charleston, S.C. 95.5 ●
82 41, London 95.4 ●
82 Four Seasons Resort Hualalai at Historic Ka'upulehu, Big Island 95.4 🏡
82 Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai 95.4 ●
85 Capella Ixtapa 95.3 🏡
85 Four Seasons Resort Lana'i, the Lodge at Koele 95.3 🏡
85 Hotel Splendido & Splendido Mare, Portofino 95.3 ●
85 Palazzo Avino, Ravello 95.3 ●
85 Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, Siem Reap 95.3 ●
85 Soho Hotel, London 95.3 ●
91 Camp Okavango, Botswana 95.2 🏡
91 Four Seasons Istanbul at Sultanahmet 95.2 ●
91 Grand Circle Cruise Line 95.2 ●
91 The Willcox, Aiken, S.C. 95.2 ●
95 Inn at Perry Cabin, St. Michaels, Md. 95.1 ●
95 The Peninsula, Chicago 95.1 ●
95 Rosalie Bay Resort, Dominica 95.1 🏡
95 Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel, Interlaken 95.1 ●
99 Four Seasons Hotel Doha 95.0 ●
99 Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo 95.0 🏡
99 John Rutledge House Inn, Charleston, S.C. 95.0 ●
99 Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp, Tanzania 95.0 🏡
99 Mokara Hotel & Spa, San Antonio 95.0 ●
99 Old Edwards Inn and Spa, Highlands, N.C. 95.0 ●
99 Primland Resort, Blue Ridge Mountains, Va. 95.0 🏡



NO. 1 Scoring 99.2 out of 100, South Africa's La Residence and New Zealand's Lodge at Kauri Cliffs tie for this year's best. With 11 suites, La Residence (pictured) is a near-private enclave in the Cape Winelands.

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UNITED STATES

The **21C Museum Hotel** in Cincinnati debuts as the top U.S. hotel, just above its sisters in Kentucky and Arkansas. Other stylish urban debuts: **The James** in Chicago, New York's **NoMad**, and the **SLS Hotel at Beverly Hills**. Among resorts, readers may have caught alpine fever: 19 of the West's Top 40 claim scores in the 90s, led by the **St. Regis Aspen**.



Hotels

NEW ENGLAND

TOP 15

- 1 **Twin Farms**, Barnard, Vt. 96.4
- 2 **Blantyre**, Lenox, Mass. 96.3
- 3 **The Wauwinet**, Nantucket 93.7
- 4 **Chanler at Cliff Walk**, Newport 92.9
- 6 **Wentworth by the Sea**, New Castle, N.H. 92.3
- 6 **Chebeague Island Inn**, Me. 91.9
- 7 **White Elephant Hotel**, Nantucket 91.7
- 8 **Pitcher Inn**, Warren, Vt. 91.6
- 9 **White Barn Inn**, Kennebunkport 91.4
- 10 **Mayflower Inn**, Washington, Conn. 91.2
- 11 **Captain Lord Mansion**, Kennebunkport 88.3
- 12 **Grand Harbor Inn**, Camden, Me. 88.0
- 13 **Castle Hill Inn & Resort**, Newport 86.5
- 14 **Beach Plum Inn**, Martha's Vineyard 85.7
- 14 **Homestead Inn**, Greenwich 85.7

BOSTON

TOP 10

- 1 **XV Beacon** 97.0
- 2 **Mandarin Oriental** 94.7
- 3 **Four Seasons Hotel** 91.4
- 4 **Liberty Hotel** (Luxury Collection) 90.5
- 5 **Hotel Commonwealth** 87.8
- 6 **Ritz-Carlton, Boston Common** 87.0
- 7 **Fairmont Battery Wharf** 86.7
- 7 **Millennium Bostonian Hotel** 86.7
- 9 **Nine Zero Hotel** 85.8
- 10 **InterContinental** 84.9

MID-ATLANTIC

TOP 10

- 1 **Inn at Perry Cabin**, St. Michaels, Md. 95.1
- 2 **Virginia Hotel**, Cape May, N.J. 93.0
- 3 **Rittenhouse Hotel**, Philadelphia 92.5
- 4 **Hotel Monaco Philadelphia** 88.1
- 6 **Four Seasons Hotel Baltimore** 87.8
- 6 **Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia** 86.6
- 7 **Congress Hall**, Cape May, N.J. 85.8
- 8 **Hotel Palomar Philadelphia** 84.5
- 9 **Water Club at Borgata**, Atlantic City 84.4
- 10 **Fairmont Pittsburgh** 83.4

NEW YORK CITY

TOP 25

- 1 **The Peninsula** 93.7
- 2 **Mandarin Oriental** 93.4
- 3 **Four Seasons Hotel** 93.0
- 4 **The Plaza** 91.7
- 5 **Ritz-Carlton Central Park** 91.4
- 6 **Crosby Street Hotel** 91.3
- 7 **The Kimberly** 90.9
- 8 **St. Regis** 90.5
- 9 **Trump SoHo** 90.4

- 10 **Andaz 5th Avenue** 90.3
- 11 **Trump International Hotel & Tower** 90.2
- 12 **NoMad Hotel** 90.0
- 13 **Hôtel Plaza Athénée** 89.9
- 14 **The Mark** 89.1
- 15 **Sherry-Netherland** 88.9
- 16 **The Mercer** 88.7
- 17 **The Pierre** 88.1
- 18 **Langham Place** (formerly The Setai) 88.0
- 19 **The Chatwal** 87.8
- 20 **New York Palace** 87.6
- 21 **The Carlyle** (Rosewood) 86.8
- 22 **Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park** 86.6
- 23 **The Surrey** 85.8
- 24 **The Lowell** 85.5
- 25 **The London NYC** 84.4

WASHINGTON, D.C.

TOP 10

- 1 **Hay-Adams** 91.9
- 2 **Four Seasons Hotel** 91.7
- 3 **Willard InterContinental** 88.8
- 4 **The Jefferson** 87.3
- 5 **Park Hyatt** 86.0
- 6 **Mandarin Oriental** 83.7
- 7 **Ritz-Carlton** 83.4
- 8 **Ritz-Carlton Georgetown** 83.0
- 9 **Sofitel Lafayette Square** 82.7
- 10 **Hotel Madera** 81.9

THE SOUTH

TOP 30

- 1 **21C Museum Hotel**, Louisville 96.3
- 2 **21C Museum Hotel**, Bentonville, Ark. 95.5
- 2 **Fearrington House Inn**, Pittsboro, N.C. 95.5
- 4 **The Willcox**, Aiken, S.C. 95.2
- 5 **Old Edwards Inn and Spa**, Highlands, N.C. 95.0
- 6 **Blackberry Farm**, Great Smoky Mountains, Tenn. 93.1
- 7 **Inn on Biltmore Estate**, Asheville 92.7
- 8 **Inn at Little Washington**, Va. 91.6
- 8 **Umstead Hotel & Spa**, Raleigh 91.6
- 10 **Swag Mountaintop Inn**, Great Smoky Mountains, N.C. 91.5
- 11 **St. Regis Atlanta** 91.0
- 12 **Ritz-Carlton**, Charlotte 90.0
- 13 **Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront** 89.6
- 14 **Foley House Inn**, Savannah 89.5
- 15 **Greyfield Inn**, Cumberland Island 89.3

TOP 10 ISLANDS

- 1 **Maui** 93.9
- 2 **Kauai** 92.1
- 3 **Klawah Island**, S.C. 89.4
- 4 **Sea Island**, Ga. 88.6
- 5 **Oahu** 88.0
- 6 **Big Island** 87.6
- 7 **Lanai** 85.0
- 8 **Nantucket** 84.9
- 9 **Hilton Head** 84.4
- 10 **Amelia Island**, Fla. 83.8

- 16 **Little St. Simons Island**, Ga. 88.7
- 17 **Lorien Hotel & Spa**, Alexandria 88.6
- 18 **Hermitage Hotel**, Nashville 88.5
- 19 **InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta** 87.9
- 20 **Tides Inn**, Irvington, Va. 87.4
- 21 **Alluvian Hotel**, Greenwood, Miss. 87.3
- 22 **Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta** 87.1
- 22 **Morrison House**, Alexandria 87.1
- 24 **Madison Hotel**, Memphis 86.6
- 25 **Capital Hotel**, Little Rock 86.4
- 26 **Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead**, Atlanta 86.3
- 27 **Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner**, McLean 85.9
- 28 **Ballstone Inn**, Savannah 85.4
- 29 **Ritz-Carlton**, Atlanta 85.1
- 30 **Washington Duke Inn**, Durham 85.0

CHARLESTON, S.C.

TOP 10

- 1 **Wentworth Mansion** 95.5
- 2 **John Rutledge House Inn** 95.0
- 3 **French Quarter Inn** 94.8
- 4 **Planters Inn** 94.6
- 5 **HarbourView Inn** 94.0
- 6 **Restoration on King** 91.2
- 7 **Market Pavilion Hotel** 91.1
- 8 **Charleston Place** 90.7
- 9 **Elliott House Inn** 88.9
- 10 **Mills House Wyndham Grand Hotel** 83.7

NEW ORLEANS

TOP 10

- 1 **Roosevelt New Orleans** 87.2
- 2 **Omni Royal Orleans** 86.9
- 2 **The Saint** 86.9
- 4 **Windsor Court Hotel** 86.8
- 5 **Ritz-Carlton** 86.4
- 6 **Hotel Monteleone** 84.6
- 7 **Bienville House** 84.2
- 8 **Soniat House** 82.1
- 9 **Loews New Orleans Hotel** 81.7
- 10 **Royal Sonesta Hotel** 81.0

FLORIDA

TOP 20

- 1 **Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club**, Palm Beach 94.3
- 2 **The Setai**, Miami Beach 93.5
- 3 **Pillars Hotel**, Fort Lauderdale 93.3
- 4 **Mandarin Oriental**, Miami 92.5
- 5 **King & Grove Tides South Beach** 92.3
- 6 **Marquesa Hotel**, Key West 90.6

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The **Grand Harbor Inn** is the smallest of this year's New England hotels, with just 10 rooms. All but two of this Top 15 have fewer than 40 rooms.

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One of the oldest hotels on our United States lists, Cape May's **Congress Hall** was Benjamin Harrison's official summer White House.

United States

Hotels (Continued)

- 7 Epic, Miami 88.8
- 7 Waldorf Astoria Orlando 88.8
- 9 Gardens Hotel, Key West 88.3
- 10 Moorings Village, Islamorada 87.4
- 11 Four Seasons Hotel Miami 86.3
- 12 Ritz-Carlton, Miami Beach 85.9
- 13 Viceroy Miami 85.3
- 14 Il Lugano, Fort Lauderdale 85.2
- 15 Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine 84.8
- 16 Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove 84.1
- 17 Seagate Hotel & Spa, Delray Beach 84.0
- 18 Grand Bohemian, Orlando 83.3
- 19 Island City House Hotel, Key West 83.3
- 19 Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel 83.3

TEXAS

TOP 15

- 1 Mokara Hotel & Spa, San Antonio 95.0
- 2 Hotel Sorella, Houston 94.1
- 3 Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek, Dallas 93.7
- 4 Ritz-Carlton, Dallas 93.0
- 5 Hotel Valencia Riverwalk, San Antonio 92.8
- 6 Rosewood Crescent Hotel, Dallas 90.9
- 7 Hotel Granduca, Houston 90.3
- 8 Hotel Saint Cecilia, Austin 89.2
- 9 Four Seasons Hotel Austin 88.4
- 10 Hotel Havana, San Antonio 87.9
- 11 St. Regis Houston 87.7
- 12 Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa, Houston 87.6
- 13 The Driskill, Austin 86.1
- 14 The Joule, Dallas 85.1
- 15 Hotel Ella (formerly Mansion at Judges' Hill), Austin 85.0

THE WEST

TOP 10

- 1 Beaumont Hotel & Spa, Ouray, Colo. 91.3
- 2 Oxford Hotel, Denver 91.1
- 3 Hotel Teatro, Denver 90.2
- 4 St Julien Hotel & Spa, Boulder 89.1
- 5 Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City 87.6
- 6 Four Seasons Hotel Denver 87.5
- 7 Brown Palace Hotel and Spa, Denver 87.0
- 8 Ritz-Carlton, Denver 85.0
- 9 Hotel Monaco Denver 84.3
- 10 Hotel Monaco Salt Lake City 82.9

MIDWEST

TOP 10

- 1 21C Museum Hotel, Cincinnati 97.7
- 2 Graves 601 Hotel Wyndham Grand, Minneapolis 87.3
- 3 Iron Horse Hotel, Milwaukee 86.5
- 4 Carriage House at the American Club, Kohler, Wis. 86.4
- 4 The Raphael, Kansas City 86.4
- 6 Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids 84.9
- 7 Four Seasons Hotel St. Louis 84.7
- 8 West Baden Springs Hotel, French Lick, Ind. 84.5
- 9 Ritz-Carlton, Cleveland 84.1
- 10 JW Marriott Grand Rapids 83.9

CHICAGO

TOP 15

- 1 Waldorf Astoria 97.6
- 2 The Peninsula 95.1
- 3 Trump International Hotel & Tower 94.8
- 4 Park Hyatt 93.6
- 5 Ritz-Carlton 92.4

- 6 Four Seasons Hotel 90.9
- 7 Conrad Chicago 89.8
- 8 Sofitel Chicago Water Tower 86.5
- 8 theWit Hotel 86.5
- 10 Hotel Palomar 85.6
- 11 Renaissance Blackstone Chicago 85.3
- 12 Talbott Hotel 85.1
- 13 The Drake 83.7
- 14 The James 82.8
- 15 Swissôtel Chicago 82.6

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

TOP 20

- 1 Allison Inn & Spa, Willamette Valley, Ore. 92.3
- 2 Tu Tu' Tun Lodge, Gold Beach, Ore. 91.9
- 3 Hotel 1000, Seattle 91.2
- 4 Inn at the Market, Seattle 90.2
- 5 Four Seasons Hotel Seattle 90.1
- 6 Stephanie Inn, Cannon Beach, Ore. 89.1
- 7 Heathman Hotel, Kirkland, Wash. 88.7
- 8 Heathman Hotel, Portland 88.5
- 9 The Nines (Luxury Collection), Portland 88.3
- 9 Salish Lodge & Spa, Snoqualmie, Wash. 88.3
- 11 Hotel Bellevue, Wash. 87.6
- 12 Grand Hyatt Seattle 87.5
- 13 Fairmont Olympic Hotel, Seattle 86.7
- 14 Davenport Hotel & Tower, Spokane 86.4
- 15 Hotel Lusso, Spokane 86.1
- 16 Pan Pacific Hotel Seattle 84.7
- 17 Hotel Monaco Seattle 84.4
- 18 Columbia Gorge Hotel, Hood River 84.2
- 18 Hotel Modera, Portland 84.2
- 20 Alexis Hotel, Seattle 83.9

NO. 6, NEW YORK CITY HOTELS The patterned fabrics at the Crosby Street Hotel were selected by owner and interior designer Kit Kemp.

United States

Hotels (Continued)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

TOP 25

- 1 Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley 96.7
- 2 Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur 94.8
- 3 Château du Sureau, Oakhurst 94.1
- 4 Hotel Les Mars, Sonoma 94.0
- 5 Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley 93.0
- 6 Bardessono, Napa Valley 92.8
- 7 Carneros Inn, Napa Valley 92.4
- 8 Ventana Inn & Spa, Big Sur 91.1
- 9 Cavallo Point, Sausalito 90.9
- 10 Hotel Valencia Santana Row, San Jose 90.5
- 11 Hotel Healdsburg 89.2
- 12 Rosewood Sand Hill, Menlo Park 89.0
- 13 Hotel Cheval, Paso Robles 88.8
- 14 Healdsburg Inn on the Plaza 88.6
- 15 Milliken Creek Inn, Napa Valley 88.5
- 16 Hotel Yountville, Napa Valley 87.1
- 17 Gosby House Inn, Pacific Grove 86.7
- 18 Andaz Napa 86.6
- 19 Inn Above Tide, Sausalito 86.6
- 20 Vintners Inn, Santa Rosa 86.2
- 21 Gaige House, Sonoma 85.6
- 22 L'Auberge Carmel 84.7
- 23 Hyatt Carmel Highlands 84.6
- 24 InterContinental The Clement Monterey 84.6
- 25 MacArthur Place, Sonoma 83.9

SAN FRANCISCO

TOP 10

- 1 St. Regis 92.0
- 2 Ritz-Carlton 88.9
- 3 Mandarin Oriental 88.7
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel 88.2
- 5 InterContinental Mark Hopkins 87.0
- 6 Orchard Hotel 86.0
- 7 Fairmont San Francisco 85.7
- 8 Hotel Vitale 85.2
- 9 Argonaut Hotel 83.9
- 10 Orchard Garden Hotel 83.2

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

TOP 25

- 1 The Peninsula, Beverly Hills 94.4
- 2 Beverly Hills Hotel and Bungalows 93.7
- 3 Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles 92.2
- 4 San Ysidro Ranch, Santa Barbara 91.6
- 5 Four Seasons Los Angeles at Beverly Hills 90.7
- 6 Montage Beverly Hills 90.6
- 7 L'Ermitage Beverly Hills 90.3
- 8 Beverly Wilshire (Four Seasons), Beverly Hills 89.2
- 9 Hyatt The Pike, Long Beach 89.0
- 10 Surf & Sand Resort, Laguna Beach 88.7
- 11 Shutters on the Beach, Santa Monica 88.3
- 12 Canary Hotel, Santa Barbara 87.3
- 13 Langham Huntington, Pasadena 87.2
- 14 Blue Lantern Inn, Dana Point 86.2
- 15 La Valencia Hotel, La Jolla 85.6
- 16 Inn on Mt. Ada, Catalina Island 85.2
- 17 Shore Hotel, Santa Monica 84.9
- 18 Omni San Diego 84.8

- 19 Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, Santa Monica 84.3
- 20 SLS Hotel at Beverly Hills 84.2
- 21 Hotel Casa del Mar, Santa Monica 84.0
- 22 London West Hollywood 83.8
- 23 Sunset Marquis Hotel & Villas, Los Angeles 83.8
- 24 Tower23 Hotel, San Diego 83.4
- 25 Mission Inn Hotel & Spa, Riverside 83.2

SOUTHWEST

TOP 10

- 1 Inn of the Five Graces, Santa Fe 93.7
- 2 Rosewood Inn of the Anasazi, Santa Fe 93.3
- 3 L'Auberge de Sedona 91.0
- 4 Andaluz, Albuquerque 88.1
- 5 Inn and Spa at Loretto, Santa Fe 86.8
- 6 Four Seasons Resort Rancho Encantado Santa Fe 85.7
- 7 La Posada, Winslow, Ariz. 83.8
- 8 Inn on the Alameda, Santa Fe 83.3
- 9 Casa Sedona 82.1
- 10 El Portal Sedona 81.3

HAWAII

TOP 5

- 1 Trump International Hotel Waikiki Beach Walk 93.1
- 2 Halekulani, Honolulu 91.6
- 3 Royal Hawaiian (Luxury Collection), Honolulu 89.0
- 4 Moana Surfrider, Honolulu 82.9
- 5 Kiahuna Plantation & The Beach Bungalows, Kauai 82.7

LAS VEGAS

TOP 10

- 1 Wynn and Encore Wynn 92.2
- 2 The Palazzo 90.5
- 3 Bellagio 90.4
- 4 Mandarin Oriental 90.2
- 5 Four Seasons Hotel 89.7
- 6 The Venetian 88.3
- 7 Aria 87.7
- 8 The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas 86.8
- 9 JW Marriott Las Vegas 83.2
- 10 Caesars Palace 79.8

NO. 2, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOTELS Designer Adam Tihany is overseeing the Beverly Hills Hotel's current renovation.



Resorts

NORTHEAST

TOP 20

- 1 Mirror Lake Inn Resort and Spa, Lake Placid, N.Y. 93.8
- 2 Inn by the Sea, Cape Elizabeth, Me. 93.5
- 3 Lake Placid Lodge, N.Y. 93.3
- 4 Stowe Mountain Lodge, Vt. 92.8
- 5 Ocean House, Watch Hill, R.I. 91.9
- 6 Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, N.Y. 91.3
- 7 Omni Bedford Springs Resort, Pa. 91.2
- 8 Woodstock Inn & Resort, Vt. 90.1
- 9 Hidden Pond, Kennebunkport 89.4
- 10 Chatham Bars Inn, Cape Cod 89.3
- 11 Whiteface Lodge, Lake Placid, N.Y. 88.4
- 12 Wequassett Resort and Golf Club, Harwich, Mass. 88.2
- 13 The Sagamore, Lake George 86.8
- 14 Falling Rock at Nemaquin Woodlands Resort, Farmington, Pa. 86.6
- 15 Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, Vt. 86.3
- 16 Omni Mount Washington Resort, N.H. 85.9
- 17 Hotel Hershey, Pa. 85.0
- 18 Samoset Resort, Rockport, Me. 84.8
- 19 Stowe Mountain Resort & Spa, Stowe, Vt. 83.8
- 20 Inn at Thorn Hill & Spa, Jackson, N.H. 83.0

THE WEST

TOP 40

- 1 St. Regis Aspen Resort 94.8
- 2 Westin Riverfront at Beaver Creek Mountain 94.7
- 3 Fairmont Heritage Place, Franz Klammer Lodge, Telluride 94.5
- 4 Lumière Telluride 94.2
- 5 Amangani, Jackson Hole 93.7
- 6 Four Seasons Jackson Hole 93.7
- 7 St. Regis Deer Valley 93.5
- 8 Waldorf Astoria Park City 93.5
- 9 The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs 93.1
- 10 Four Seasons Resort Vail 93.1
- 11 Viceroy Snowmass 93.0
- 12 Dunton Hot Springs, Dolores, Colo. 92.4
- 13 The Sebastian, Vail 92.3
- 14 Montage Deer Valley, Park City 91.7
- 15 Sonnenalp Resort of Vail 91.5
- 16 Little Nell, Aspen 91.2
- 17 The Arrabelle at Vail Square 91.1
- 18 Hotel Terra, Jackson Hole 91.0
- 19 Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa 90.0
- 20 Inn at Lost Creek, Telluride 89.9
- 21 Jenny Lake Lodge, Grand Teton National Park 89.9
- 22 New Sheridan Hotel, Telluride 89.0
- 23 Hotel Telluride 88.9
- 24 Alta's Rustler Lodge, Alta, Utah 88.7
- 25 Camel's Garden Hotel, Telluride 88.6
- 26 Hotel Madeline, Telluride 87.8
- 27 Stein Eriksen Lodge, Park City 87.8
- 28 Hotel Park City 87.5
- 29 Pines Lodge Beaver Creek Resort 87.3
- 30 Teton Mountain Lodge & Spa, Jackson Hole 87.3
- 31 Triple Creek Ranch, Darby, Mont. 87.1
- 32 Sundance Mountain Resort, Utah 86.9
- 33 Tivoli Lodge, Vail 86.9

NO.

16

Yountville, with 3,000 residents, is the smallest town in the world that is home to more than one Readers' Choice hotel: the Hotel Yountville and Bardessono (No. 6).

NO.

3

Following a head-to-toe renovation, the Hotel Bel-Air saw its score jump by almost five points, but The Peninsula holds on to Southern California's top spot for the sixth year in a row.

United States

Resorts (Continued)

- 34 The Peaks, Telluride 86.0
- 35 Beaver Creek Lodge 85.6
- 36 Vail Cascade Resort & Spa 85.4
- 37 Hotel Jerome, Aspen 85.0
- 38 Mountain Lodge, Telluride 84.2
- 39 Cliff House at Pikes Peak, Colo. 83.9
- 40 Lodges at Deer Valley, Park City 83.8

MIDWEST

TOP 5

- 1 American Club, Kohler, Wis. 92.3
- 2 Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale, Mo. 91.6
- 3 Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island 87.6
- 4 Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, Wis. 85.0
- 5 Grand View Lodge, Nisswa, Minn. 84.5

FLORIDA

TOP 40

- 1 Little Palm Island Resort & Spa 93.8
- 2 Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge, Orlando 92.6
- 3 WaterColor Inn & Resort, Santa Rosa Beach 92.4
- 4 Ritz-Carlton, Naples 92.2
- 5 Ocean Key Resort & Spa, Key West 91.5
- 6 The Breakers, Palm Beach 91.4
- 7 Sandpearl Resort, Clearwater Beach 91.3
- 8 Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island 91.0
- 9 Ritz-Carlton, Orlando 89.6
- 10 Four Seasons Resort Palm Beach 89.5
- 11 Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples 89.4
- 12 Resort at Longboat Key Club 89.0
- 13 Sunset Key Guest Cottages, Key West 89.0

- 14 Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa 88.8
- 15 Elizabeth Pointe Lodge, Amelia Island 88.5
- 16 LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort, Naples 88.1
- 17 Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge, Lake Buena Vista 87.9
- 18 Disney's Wilderness Lodge, Lake Buena Vista 87.9
- 19 Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale 87.7
- 20 St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort 87.7
- 21 Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, Lake Buena Vista 87.4
- 22 Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort & Golf Club 87.1
- 23 Villas of Grand Cypress Golf Resort, Orlando 86.7
- 24 Disney's Beach Club Resort, Lake Buena Vista 86.5
- 25 Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne 86.2
- 26 Gasparilla Inn & Club, Boca Grande 86.1
- 27 Marco Beach Ocean Resort 86.0
- 28 Hammock Beach Resort, Palm Coast 85.1
- 29 Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota 85.1
- 30 Ponte Vedra Lodge & Club 85.0
- 31 Disney's Boardwalk Inn, Lake Buena Vista 84.9
- 32 Loews Portofino Bay Hotel Universal, Orlando 84.8
- 33 Disney's Yacht Club Resort, Lake Buena Vista 84.6
- 34 Disney's Vero Beach Resort 84.4
- 35 One Ocean Resort & Spa, Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville 84.2



NO. 4, HAWAII RESORTS The lobby at the Four Seasons Lana'i at Manele Bay.

- 36 Boca Beach Club, Boca Raton 84.0
- 37 Aqualina Resort & Spa, Miami Beach 83.9
- 38 Disney's Polynesian Resort, Lake Buena Vista 83.8
- 39 Boca Raton Resort & Club 83.6
- 40 Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables 83.4
- 40 Loews Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Orlando 83.4

HAWAII

TOP 20

- 1 Four Seasons Hualalai at Historic Ka'upulehu, Big Island 95.4
- 2 Four Seasons Lana'i, the Lodge at Koele 95.3
- 3 Four Seasons Maui at Wailea 94.8
- 4 Four Seasons Lana'i at Manele Bay 94.7
- 5 St. Regis Princeville, Kauai 91.6
- 6 Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa 91.1
- 7 Fairmont Orchid, Big Island 90.5
- 8 Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui 90.4
- 9 Koa Kea Hotel & Resort, Kauai 90.4
- 10 Honua Kai Resort & Spa, Maui 90.2
- 11 Wailea Beach Villas, Maui 90.0
- 12 Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Big Island 88.8
- 13 Ritz-Carlton Kapalua, Maui 88.0
- 14 Kahala Hotel & Resort, Honolulu 88.0
- 15 Aulani Disney Resort, Oahu 87.4
- 16 Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Big Island 87.2
- 17 Grand Wailea, Maui 86.7
- 18 Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa 86.5
- 19 Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, Big Island 85.5
- 20 JW Marriott Ihilani Ko Olina Resort & Spa, Oahu 84.8

THE SOUTH

TOP 20

- 1 Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C. 97.7
- 2 The Lodge, Sea Island, Ga. 96.8
- 3 The Cloister, Sea Island, Ga. 95.7

- 4 The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, S.C. 95.5
- 5 Primland Resort, Blue Ridge Mountains, Va. 95.0
- 6 Colonial Houses, Williamsburg 94.6
- 7 Keswick Hall at Monticello, Va. 93.1
- 8 Williamsburg Inn 92.2
- 9 Williamsburg Lodge 91.4
- 10 The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. 91.1
- 11 Inn at Harbour Town, Hilton Head 88.5
- 12 The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va. 88.2
- 13 Jekyll Island Club Hotel, Ga. 88.0
- 14 Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation, Ga. 86.8
- 15 Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa, Point Clear, Ala. 85.9
- 16 Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, S.C. 85.7
- 17 Pinehurst Resort, N.C. 85.3
- 18 Barnsley Gardens Resort, Adairsville, Ga. 84.5
- 19 Sanderling Resort & Spa, Duck, N.C. 84.5
- 20 Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina 84.0

SOUTHWEST

TOP 25

- 1 Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort and Spa, Ariz. 94.2
- 2 Amangiri, Canyon Point, Utah 93.3
- 3 Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North 91.7
- 4 Rancho de los Caballeros, Wickenburg, Ariz. 91.7
- 5 Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain, Tucson 91.3
- 6 Enchantment Resort, Sedona 90.9
- 7 Royal Palms Resort and Spa, Phoenix 89.5
- 8 Montelucia Resort & Spa, Scottsdale 89.2
- 9 Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa, Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M. 87.9
- 10 The Phoenician (Luxury Collection), Scottsdale 87.5

United States

Resorts (Continued)

- 11 El Monte Sagrado, Taos 87.2
- 12 Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch 86.9
- 13 Hermosa Inn, Paradise Valley, Ariz. 86.8
- 14 Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas 86.6
- 15 The Boulders, Scottsdale 85.8
- 16 Westin Kierland Villas, Scottsdale 85.5
- 17 JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort & Spa 84.7
- 18 Fairmont Scottsdale Princess 84.6
- 19 La Posada de Santa Fe Resort & Spa 84.3
- 20 JW Marriott Starr Pass, Tucson 84.1
- 21 Westin La Cantera Hill Country Resort, San Antonio 83.9
- 22 Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa, Austin 83.6
- 22 Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale 83.6
- 24 JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa 83.5
- 24 Loews Ventana Canyon, Tucson 83.5

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

TOP 20

- 1 Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Beach 94.7
- 2 Montage Laguna Beach 94.0
- 3 Terranea Resort, Rancho Palos Verdes 93.6
- 4 Four Seasons the Biltmore Santa Barbara 92.1
- 5 Rancho Valencia Resort, Rancho Santa Fe 91.2
- 6 Ojai Valley Inn & Spa 90.8
- 7 Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel 90.1
- 8 Rancho Bernardo, San Diego 89.6
- 9 St. Regis Monarch Beach, Dana Point 88.1
- 10 Lodge at Torrey Pines, La Jolla 87.7
- 11 L'Auberge Del Mar 86.6
- 12 Grand Del Mar 86.4
- 12 Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa 86.4
- 14 Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Carlsbad 85.6
- 15 Omni La Costa Resort and Spa, Carlsbad 85.0

- 16 Bacara Resort & Spa, Santa Barbara 84.9
- 17 Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa, Anaheim 84.3
- 18 Hotel del Coronado, San Diego 84.1
- 19 Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa, Rancho Mirage 83.6
- 20 Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa, San Diego 82.8

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

TOP 15

- 1 CordeValle (Rosewood), San Martin 95.5
- 2 Casa Palmero, Pebble Beach 94.2
- 3 Solage Calistoga, Napa Valley 94.0
- 4 Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach 93.4
- 5 Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe 93.1
- 6 Lodge at Pebble Beach 93.0
- 7 Meadowood, Napa Valley 92.1
- 8 Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay 91.8
- 9 Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley 90.7
- 9 Vintage Inn, Napa Valley 90.7
- 11 Villagio Inn and Spa, Napa Valley 90.1
- 12 Westin Monache Resort, Mammoth Lakes 89.4
- 13 PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn, Lake Tahoe 85.1
- 14 Ahwahnee Hotel, Yosemite National Park 84.4
- 15 Mission Ranch, Carmel 84.3

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

TOP 10

- 1 Alderbrook Resort & Spa, Union, Wash. 90.5
- 2 Willows Lodge, Woodinville, Wash. 89.2
- 3 Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, Wash. 85.4
- 4 Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum, Wash. 84.3
- 5 Tulalip Resort Casino, Wash. 83.5
- 6 Woodmark Hotel, Yacht Club & Spa, Kirkland, Wash. 83.5
- 7 Alyeska Resort, Girdwood, Alaska 82.8
- 8 Sunriver Resort, Ore. 82.5
- 9 Inn at Langley, Whidbey Island, Wash. 82.4
- 10 Timberline Lodge, Ore. 82.3



NO. 2, MIDSIZE-SHIP LINES
The *Regent Seven Seas Mariner* will return to Sorrento in April 2014.

CRUISE LINES

In a spectacular showing, cruises reach all-time-high scores this year: 11 of the Top 25 lines rate above 90.

TOP 25

RIVER CRUISES

- 1 Grand Circle Cruise Line 95.2
- 2 Tauck 93.3
- 3 Viking River Cruises 92.7
- 4 Uniworld Boutique River Cruises 91.9
- 5 Vantage 89.9
- 6 AmaWaterways 84.1

SMALL-SHIP LINES

(Fewer than 600 passengers)

- 1 Seabourn 92.6
- 2 Windstar 92.0
- 3 SeaDream Yacht Club 91.6
- 4 Silversea 90.9
- 5 Lindblad Expeditions 85.2
- 6 Star Clippers 81.9

MIDSIZE-SHIP LINES

(600–2,500 passengers)

- 1 Crystal Cruises 94.4
- 2 Regent Seven Seas Cruises 91.5
- 3 Oceania Cruises 89.5
- 4 Azamara Club Cruises 86.0
- 5 Holland America 85.3
- 6 Cunard 83.5
- 7 Princess 83.1
- 8 Celebrity Cruise Line 80.7
- 9 Royal Caribbean 76.7

LARGE-SHIP LINES

(More than 2,500 passengers)

- 1 Disney 90.3
- 2 Celebrity 86.6
- 3 Royal Caribbean 81.6
- 4 Princess 81.1

NO.
5

Rancho Valencia follows up its appearance on the 2013 Hot List with the highest score of any resort in San Diego County.

THE GOLIATH FACTOR

Everybody asked last year: How could Charleston be rated the No. 1 city in the world? Little Charleston, population 125,000? Tops in the world? This year, no doubt, they'll ask again, because the No. 1 city is only a smidge larger: San Miguel de Allende, Mexico's colonial gem.

What about Paris? New York? Sydney? How could they lose? The answer is, they don't. They rank high. Cities earn high ratings by having many strengths and few, if any, weaknesses in the judged criteria (see "Methodology,"

page 165). For example, if we took only the scores for "Restaurants," San Sebastián, Spain—a gourmet's dream—would be No. 1. If we looked only at "Culture and Sites," we'd have a tie: Berlin and Kyoto. And if we left out "Friendliness" as a factor, Paris's score would rise by almost five points, and New York's by almost four.

Of the 65 top-rated cities, only 16 have more than a million people. These urban Goliaths are outnumbered by dozens of Davids, some of which are little more than charming, picturesque hamlets. Asia's No. 3 city, Ubud, has just 9,800 citizens, and that is more than the combined populations of award winners Carmel-by-the-Sea, Gustavia (on St. Barts), and Bermuda's capital, Hamilton.

So how did Charleston and San Miguel de Allende catapult to the top? Because great cities combine exceptional qualities, they do not have to be big to score big.

CANADA

With higher scores than ever, Canada's hotels no longer fit on one list: **Langdon Hall** is again No. 1, sharing the honor with the **Wedgewood Hotel**. Among resorts, all but one of the Top 15 are in Western Canada: Ontario's **JW Marriott**, at No. 6.



TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 Quebec City 82.7
- 2 Vancouver 82.2
- 3 Victoria 81.2
- 4 Montreal 78.6
- 5 Toronto 75.3

TOP 5 ISLANDS

- 1 Vancouver Island 85.5
- 2 Prince Edward Island 83.8
- 3 Gulf Islands 83.3
- 4 Newfoundland 79.7
- 5 Cape Breton 77.3

Hotels

WESTERN CANADA

TOP 20

- 1 Wedgewood Hotel & Spa, Vancouver 94.6
- 2 Rosewood Hotel Georgia, Vancouver 93.2
- 3 Hastings House, Salt Spring Island 93.0
- 4 Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel, Vancouver 91.5
- 5 Hôtel Le Germain, Calgary 91.4
- 6 Fairmont Vancouver Airport 91.0
- 7 Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, Vancouver 90.7
- 8 Sooke Harbour House, Vancouver Island 90.0
- 9 Pan Pacific, Vancouver 89.7
- 10 Loden Hotel, Vancouver 89.4
- 10 Magnolia Hotel & Spa, Victoria 89.4
- 12 Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria 85.9
- 13 L'Hermitage Hotel, Vancouver 85.7
- 14 Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver 85.2
- 15 Fairmont Empress Hotel, Victoria 84.8
- 16 Opus Hotel, Vancouver 84.6
- 17 Sutton Place Hotel, Vancouver 84.3
- 18 Inn at Laurel Point, Victoria 84.2
- 18 Shangri-La Hotel, Vancouver 84.2
- 20 Burrowing Owl, Okanagan Valley 83.3

EASTERN CANADA

TOP 20

- 1 Langdon Hall Country House Hotel & Spa, Cambridge, Ont. 95.7
- 2 Hazelton Hotel, Toronto 94.9
- 3 Ritz-Carlton, Montreal 92.7
- 4 Oban Inn Spa Restaurant, Niagara-on-the-Lake 92.2
- 5 Auberge Saint-Antoine, Quebec City 92.1
- 5 Le Saint Sulpice, Montreal 92.1
- 7 Trump International Hotel & Tower Toronto 91.8
- 8 Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, Quebec City 91.4

- 9 Ste. Anne's Spa, Grafton 89.5
- 10 Hotel Nelligan, Montreal 89.1
- 11 Ritz-Carlton, Toronto 88.7
- 12 Le Place d'Armes Hôtel & Suites, Montreal 88.2
- 13 Shaw Club, Niagara-on-the-Lake 88.1
- 14 Four Seasons Hotel Toronto 87.4
- 15 Hôtel Le Germain, Montreal 86.7
- 16 Hotel Le St-James, Montreal 86.2
- 17 Hôtel Le Germain, Toronto 86.0
- 18 Hôtel 71, Quebec City 85.7
- 19 Auberge du Vieux-Port, Montreal 85.0
- 20 Hôtel Le Germain-Dominion, Quebec City 83.7



Resorts

TOP 15

- 1 Wickaninnish Inn, Tofino, B.C. 96.0
- 2 Four Seasons Resort Whistler 93.4
- 3 Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise 93.2
- 4 Moraine Lake Lodge, Banff 92.8
- 5 Fairmont Chateau Whistler 91.5
- 6 JW Marriott the Rosseau Muskoka Resort & Spa, Minett, Ont. 90.4
- 7 Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet, B.C. 90.1
- 8 Brentwood Bay Resort & Spa, Victoria 89.6
- 9 Fairmont Banff Springs 88.7
- 10 Post Hotel & Spa, Lake Louise 87.3
- 11 Pan Pacific Whistler Mountainside 85.3
- 12 Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre 85.0
- 13 Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler 84.2
- 14 Poets Cove Resort & Spa, Pender Island, B.C. 83.5
- 15 Pacific Shores Resort & Spa, Parksville, B.C. 83.3

NO. 8, EASTERN CANADA HOTELS
Quebec's Fairmont Le Château Frontenac has views of the St. Lawrence River.

TOP 30

AIRLINES

Virgin America emerges with the top score and two sister airlines showing strong. Small carriers are on the rise, led by Canada's **Porter Airlines** and **OpenSkies**, though it has only one route (New York City to Paris).

FOREIGN AIRLINES

- 1 Singapore Airlines 72.4
- 2 Emirates 69.8
- 3 Virgin Atlantic 69.2
- 4 Etihad Airways 67.8
- 5 Air New Zealand 65.6
- 6 Cathay Pacific 65.0
- 7 Qatar Airways 64.6
- 8 Korean Air 64.3
- 9 Thai 64.1
- 10 Swiss 63.8

U.S.-BASED AIRLINES

- 1 Virgin America 75.7
- 2 JetBlue 66.4
- 3 Hawaiian Airlines 58.6
- 4 Southwest 53.2
- 5 Alaska Airlines 53.0
- 6 Frontier Airlines 47.4
- 7 Delta Air Lines 41.7
- 8 Silver Airways 39.3
- 9 United Airlines 39.1
- 10 American Airlines 38.3

SMALL AIRLINES

- 1 Porter Airlines 71.3
- 2 OpenSkies 68.4
- 3 Virgin Australia 62.7
- 4 Azul Brazilian 62.3
- 5 WestJet 60.7
- 6 BA Cityflyer 59.9
- 7 KLM Cityhopper 57.3
- 8 Niki 52.5
- 9 Sun Country 51.2
- 10 Cape Air 48.9

EUROPE

Greece and Turkey earn their first Top 10 list of hotels this year, with a boost from six properties in Istanbul. But the headliner is London, with 29 of Britain's Top 35 hotels.

Hotels

UNITED KINGDOM

TOP 35

- 1 The Connaught, London 95.9
- 2 41, London 95.4
- 3 Soho Hotel, London 95.3
- 4 Chesterfield Mayfair, London 92.7
- 5 Le Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons, Oxford 92.5
- 6 The Goring, London 92.4
- 7 The Lanesborough, London 91.8
- 8 The Savoy, London 91.2
- 9 Stafford London 89.7
- 10 The Berkeley, London 89.2
- 11 The Scotsman, Edinburgh 89.1
- 12 Bath Priory Hotel & Spa, Bath 88.7
- 13 The Balmoral, Edinburgh 88.6
- 14 Rubens at the Palace, London 88.2
- 15 Four Seasons Hotel London at Park Lane 88.0
- 16 Corinthia Hotel London 87.9
- 17 Dukes Hotel, London 87.6
- 18 Claridge's, London 87.4
- 19 The Athenaeum, London 87.2
- 20 St. James's Hotel and Club, London 86.8
- 21 Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London 86.4
- 22 45 Park Lane, London 86.1
- 23 The Dorchester, London 86.0
- 24 St Martins Lane, London 86.0
- 25 George Hotel, Edinburgh 85.8
- 26 Sofitel London St James 85.5
- 27 Blakes Hotel London 85.2
- 28 Brown's Hotel, London 85.0
- 29 The Ritz London 84.8
- 30 The Arch, London 84.7
- 31 The Langham, London 84.1
- 32 K&K Hotel George, London 83.6
- 33 Royal Crescent Hotel, Bath 83.6
- 34 The May Fair, London 83.3
- 35 St. Pancras Renaissance London Hotel 83.2

NO. 1

Nearing the two-century mark (in 2015), The Connaught rises to No. 1 for the first time—an impressive feat in London, which has the most top-rated hotels of any city in the world.

NO. 23

Opened in 1931, The Dorchester became the flagship property of the Dorchester Collection in 1996. The nine hotels in the collection include 45 Park Lane, at No. 22.

NO. 3, FRANCE & MONACO HOTELS
Le Bristol Paris's sixth-floor pool has views of Sacré-Coeur and Montmartre.



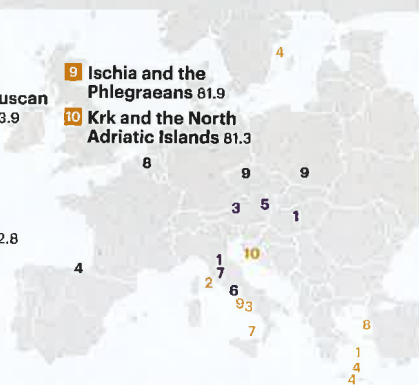
TOP 10 CITIES

- 1 Budapest 83.8
- 1 Florence 83.8
- 3 Salzburg 83.3
- 4 San Sebastián 83.2
- 5 Vienna 83.1
- 6 Rome 83.0
- 7 Siena 82.9
- 8 Bruges 82.3
- 9 Kraków 81.3
- 9 Prague 81.3

TOP 10 ISLANDS

- 1 Santorini 88.6
- 2 Elba and the Tuscan Archipelago 83.9
- 3 Capri 83.7
- 4 Crete 82.8
- 4 Mykonos 82.8
- 4 Stockholm Archipelago 82.8
- 7 Lipari and the Aeolians 82.6
- 8 Bozcaada and Gökçeada 82.4

- 9 Ischia and the Phlegraeans 81.9
- 10 Krk and the North Adriatic Islands 81.3



IRELAND

TOP 10

- 1 Ballynahinch Castle, Connemara 93.7
- 2 The Merrion, Dublin 92.4
- 3 Lough Eske Castle, Donegal 91.5
- 4 Hayfield Manor Hotel, Cork 87.5
- 4 The Shelbourne, Dublin 87.5
- 6 Westbury Hotel, Dublin 87.1
- 7 Fitzwilliam Hotel, Dublin 84.6
- 8 The G, Galway 83.7
- 9 Four Seasons Hotel Dublin 82.0
- 10 Conrad Dublin 81.8

FRANCE & MONACO

TOP 30

- 1 Le Meurice, Paris 97.1
- 2 Hôtel Plaza Athénée, Paris (temporarily closed) 97.0
- 3 Le Bristol Paris 96.5
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris 96.0
- 5 Shangri-La Hotel, Paris 94.1
- 6 Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme 93.0
- 7 Hôtel du Palais, Biarritz 92.9
- 8 Hôtel le Cep, Beaune 92.3
- 9 Domaine les Crayères, Reims 91.9
- 10 Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Cap d'Antibes 91.5
- 10 Mandarin Oriental, Paris 91.5
- 12 La Villa Gallici, Aix-en-Provence 91.4
- 13 Hotel Byblos, St-Tropez 91.0
- 14 Château de la Chèvre d'Or, Èze 90.7
- 15 Hôtel de Paris, Monte Carlo 90.5
- 16 Château Eza, Èze 90.0
- 17 Grand Hotel de Bordeaux & Spa 89.5
- 18 Le Pavillon de la Reine, Paris 89.1
- 19 Hôtel Raphael, Paris 88.6
- 19 La Mirande, Avignon 88.6
- 21 Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe Hotel 88.5
- 22 Hyatt Paris Madeleine 88.4
- 23 Hôtel d'Aubusson, Paris 87.3
- 24 Hôtel de l'Abbaye, Paris 87.2
- 25 Le Royal Monceau, Paris 86.1
- 26 Sofitel Marseille Vieux Port 85.7
- 27 Fairmont Monte Carlo 85.1
- 28 Hyatt Regency Nice Palais de la Méditerranée, 84.9
- 29 Hôtel Lancaster, Paris 84.6
- 30 Hôtel de la Cité, Carcassonne 84.3

LOW COUNTRIES

TOP 5

- 1 De L'Europe, Amsterdam 94.2
- 2 Grand Hotel Amrâth, Amsterdam 88.9
- 3 Sofitel Legend Grand Amsterdam 88.8
- 4 Hotel Pulitzer (Luxury Collection), Amsterdam 88.4
- 5 InterContinental Amstel Amsterdam 84.2

NORTHERN EUROPE

TOP 20

- 1 Ritz-Carlton, Berlin 93.9
- 2 Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin 93.4
- 3 Regent Berlin 92.4
- 4 Mandarin Oriental, Munich 92.0
- 5 Park Hyatt Hamburg 90.7
- 6 Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten Kempinski Munich 88.8
- 7 Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa, Baden-Baden 88.3
- 8 Grand Hyatt Berlin 87.6
- 9 Hilton Dresden 87.4
- 10 Villa Kennedy, Frankfurt 87.2
- 11 Berlin Marriott Hotel 86.6
- 11 Cologne Marriott Hotel 86.6
- 13 Grand Hôtel, Stockholm 86.5
- 14 Swissôtel Berlin 86.4
- 15 Hotel Concorde Berlin 85.6
- 16 Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski, Dresden 84.3
- 17 Kempinski Hotel Bristol Berlin 83.9
- 18 Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Bergen 83.8
- 19 Radisson Blu Hotel, Kraków 83.4
- 20 Hotel Bristol (Luxury Collection), Warsaw 83.3

SPAIN & PORTUGAL

TOP 15

- 1 Parador Santiago de Compostela 97.1
- 2 Hotel Villa Magna, Madrid 95.8
- 3 Hotel Alfonso XIII (Luxury Collection), Seville 94.3
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon 93.7
- 5 Hotel Arts, Barcelona 92.2
- 6 Hotel 1898, Barcelona 92.0
- 7 ME Madrid 90.9
- 8 Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona 90.2
- 9 Olisippo Lapa Palace, Lisbon 89.1
- 10 Majestic Hotel & Spa, Barcelona 88.2
- 11 Hotel Casa Fuster, Barcelona 87.8
- 12 Gran Meliá Fénix, Madrid 86.4
- 13 Westin Palace, Madrid 86.0
- 14 AC Santo Mauro, Madrid 84.0
- 15 Sofitel Lisbon Liberdade 83.7

ITALY

TOP 50

- 1 Grand Hotel Timeo, Taormina 98.7
- 2 Villa San Michele, Fiesole 97.5
- 3 Four Seasons Hotel Firenze 96.7
- 4 St. Regis Florence 96.4
- 5 Le Sirenuse, Positano 95.8
- 6 Castello di Casole, Casole d'Elsa 95.6
- 7 Hotel Splendido & Splendido Mare, Portofino 95.3
- 7 Palazzo Avino, Ravello 95.3
- 9 Castello Banfi il Borgo, Montalcino 94.8
- 10 Il San Pietro di Positano 94.5



NO. 8, U.K. HOTELS
Bubbly is de rigueur
in the gilt booths at
The Savoy's
Beaufort Bar. The
deep champagne
list goes all the way
up to jeroboams
and methuselahs.

Europe

Hotels (Continued)

- 11 Hotel Caruso, Ravello 94.2
- 12 Londra Palace, Venice 93.7
- 13 J.K. Place Florence 93.6
- 14 Hotel Santa Caterina, Amalfi 93.2
- 15 Park Hyatt Milan 92.9
- 16 Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria, Sorrento 92.0
- 17 Capri Hotel Caesar Augustus 91.7
- 18 Hassler Roma 91.6
- 19 Hotel de Russie, Rome 91.2
- 20 Ca' Sagredo Hotel, Venice 91.0
- 21 San Domenico Palace Hotel, Taormina 90.8
- 22 Hotel Lungarno, Florence 90.5
- 23 Four Seasons Hotel Milano 90.4
- 24 Hotel Cipriani, Venice 89.8
- 25 Boscolo Palace Roma 88.8
- 26 Bauer Il Palazzo, Venice 88.7
- 27 Capri Palace Hotel & Spa 88.6
- 28 Westin Excelsior, Florence 87.8
- 29 Hotel Palazzo Murat, Positano 87.5
- 30 Sofitel Rome Villa Borghese 87.5
- 31 Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni, Lake Como 87.4
- 32 Grand Hotel Convento di Amalfi 86.7
- 33 Bernini Palace Hotel, Florence 86.6
- 33 Grand Hotel Vesuvio, Naples 86.6
- 35 St. Regis Rome 86.3
- 36 Bulgari Hotel Milan 85.9
- 36 Grand Hotel Tremezzo, Lake Como 85.9
- 38 Grand Hotel Quisisana, Capri 85.5
- 39 Hotel Buca di Bacco, Positano 85.4
- 40 Hotel Majestic, Rome 85.1
- 40 Il Falconiere, Cortona 85.1
- 42 Villa La Massa, Florence 85.0
- 43 Rome Cavalieri 84.8
- 44 Luna Hotel Baglioni, Venice 84.6
- 44 Westin Excelsior, Rome 84.6
- 46 Hotel Eden, Rome 84.5
- 47 Plaza Hotel Lucchesi, Florence 84.1
- 48 Hotel Principe di Savoia, Milan 84.0
- 49 Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice 83.7
- 50 Aldrovandi Villa Borghese, Rome 83.6

CENTRAL EUROPE

TOP 35

- 1 Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace Budapest 93.1
- 2 Mandarin Oriental, Prague 95.8
- 3 Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel & Spa, Interlaken 95.1
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Prague 94.4
- 5 Hotel Goldener Hirsch (Luxury Collection), Salzburg 94.3
- 6 Esplanade Zagreb Hotel 93.4
- 7 Beau-Rivage Palace, Lausanne 92.9
- 8 Les Trois Rois, Basel 92.7
- 9 Hotel Sacher, Vienna 91.0
- 10 Corinthia Hotel Budapest 90.8
- 11 Hilton Budapest 89.0
- 11 Hotel Sacher Salzburg 89.0
- 13 Kempinski Hotel Corvinus, Budapest 88.9
- 14 Best Western Premier Astoria, Zagreb 87.0
- 14 Sofitel Budapest Chain Bridge 87.0
- 16 Le Méridien Budapest 86.9

- 17 Bristol Hotel Opatija 86.8
- 17 Park Hyatt Zurich 86.8
- 19 Baur au Lac, Zurich 86.5
- 20 Renaissance Lucerne Hotel 86.0
- 21 Palace Luzern, Lucerne 85.9
- 22 Aria Hotel, Prague 85.7
- 22 Hotel Imperial (Luxury Coll.), Vienna 85.7
- 24 InterContinental Wien, Vienna 85.5
- 25 Hotel Bellevue, Dubrovnik 85.2
- 26 Best Western Premier Kaiserhof Wien 84.7
- 26 Hilton Prague Old Town 84.7
- 28 Hotel Dubrovnik Palace 84.4
- 29 Hotel Bristol (Luxury Collection), Vienna 84.3
- 30 Hôtel Bristol, Salzburg 83.8
- 30 Mandarin Oriental, Geneva 83.8
- 32 Vienna Marriott Hotel 83.5
- 33 Budapest Marriott Hotel 83.1
- 34 Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues, Geneva 82.6
- 35 InterContinental Budapest 82.3

EAST EUROPE

TOP 5

- 1 Hotel Kämp (Luxury Collection), Helsinki 89.9
- 2 Swissôtel Tallinn 86.1
- 3 Athenee Palace Hilton Bucharest 85.3
- 4 Ritz-Carlton, Moscow 82.1
- 5 Grand Hotel Europe, St. Petersburg 79.2

NO. 4, ITALY HOTELS

The St. Regis Florence occupies a Brunelleschi-designed palazzo on the Arno.

GREECE & TURKEY

TOP 10

- 1 Perivolos, Santorini 98.5
- 2 Ciragan Palace Kempinski, Istanbul 96.9
- 3 Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus 95.7
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet 95.2
- 5 Park Hyatt Istanbul Maçka Palas 92.9
- 6 Hotel Grande Bretagne (Luxury Collection), Athens 91.3
- 7 Mystique (Luxury Coll.), Santorini 90.0
- 8 Ankara HiltonSA Hotel 85.8
- 9 Swissôtel The Bosphorus, Istanbul 84.9
- 10 Ritz-Carlton, Istanbul 84.7

European Resorts

TOP 20

- 1 Lodge at Doonbeg, Co. Clare 97.3
- 2 Gleneagles Hotel, Auchterarder 96.6
- 3 Blue Palace Resort (Luxury Collection), Crete 96.4
- 4 Dromoland Castle Hotel, Co. Clare 94.6
- 5 Mykonos Grand Hotel & Resort 94.1
- 6 Four Seasons Hotel Hampshire 93.4
- 7 Sheen Falls Lodge, Co. Kerry 93.2
- 8 Adare Manor, Co. Limerick 93.1
- 9 Ashford Castle Hotel, Co. Mayo 92.8
- 10 Chewton Glen, Hampshire 92.3
- 11 Villa d'Este, Lake Como 92.1
- 12 Dolder Grand, Zurich 92.0
- 12 Turnberry Resort (Luxury Collection), Ayrshire 92.0
- 14 Mount Juliet Estate, Co. Kilkenny 91.6
- 15 Old Course Hotel, St. Andrews 89.3
- 16 Arion Resort, Astir Palace, Athens 83.8
- 17 Killarney Royal Hotel, Co. Kerry 82.2
- 18 Galway Bay Hotel 81.1
- 19 Hotel Excelsior, Venice Lido 81.0
- 20 Westin Athens Astir Palace Beach Resort 80.0

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Of the four award winners in Positano, only the Hotel Buca di Bacco is on the beach, built on the site of a Roman villa.



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MEXICO

It's all about the mix in Mexico, from the capital's 35-room **Las Alcobas** (the No. 2 hotel) to sprawling resorts. The Yucatán's **Rosewood Mayakoba** is tops, with a score of 97.5.

TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 San Miguel de Allende 84.6
- 2 San Cristóbal de las Casas 76.2
- 3 Guanajuato 74.2
- 4 Morelia 73.6
- 5 Mérida 71.6
- 5 Puebla 71.6

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Resorts

BAJA

TOP 10

- 1 **One&Only Palmilla**, San José del Cabo 97.2
- 2 **Esperanza**, Cabo San Lucas 96.1
- 3 **Capella Pedregal**, Cabo San Lucas 95.7
- 4 **Las Ventanas al Paraíso** (Rosewood), San José del Cabo 95.6
- 5 **Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach Resort & Spa**, Cabo San Lucas 91.5
- 6 **Grand Solmar Land's End Resort & Spa**, Cabo San Lucas 91.0
- 7 **Pueblo Bonito Pacifica Resort & Spa**, Cabo San Lucas 87.1
- 8 **Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort** 86.7
- 9 **Zoëtry Casa del Mar Los Cabos** 86.3
- 10 **Pueblo Bonito Rosé Resort & Spa**, Cabo San Lucas 83.6

PACIFIC RIVIERA

TOP 10

- 1 **Capella Ixtapa** 95.3
- 2 **Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita** 92.5
- 3 **Banyan Tree Cabo Marqués**, Acapulco 92.1
- 4 **Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit** 90.4
- 5 **St. Regis Punta Mita Resort** 90.3
- 6 **Las Brisas Ixtapa** 88.5
- 7 **Pueblo Bonito Mazatlán** 87.0
- 8 **Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay Resort & Spa**, Mazatlán 86.1
- 9 **CasaMagna Marriott Puerto Vallarta Resort & Spa** 85.2
- 10 **Las Brisas Acapulco** 84.5

CANCÚN & YUCATÁN

TOP 30

- 1 **Rosewood Mayakoba** 97.5
- 2 **Banyan Tree Mayakoba** 96.0
- 3 **Maroma Resort & Spa** 95.7
- 4 **El Dorado Maroma** 95.6
- 5 **Le Blanc Spa Resort**, Cancún 93.0
- 6 **Villa Rolandi Thalasso Spa, Gourmet & Beach Club**, Isla Mujeres 92.8
- 7 **Ritz-Carlton**, Cancún 92.5
- 8 **Royal Playa del Carmen** 91.9
- 9 **Secrets Maroma Beach Riviera Cancun** 91.8
- 10 **Fairmont Mayakoba** 90.0
- 10 **Grand Velas Riviera Maya** 90.0
- 12 **Isla Mujeres Palace** 89.5
- 13 **Excellence Playa Mujeres** 89.0
- 14 **Excellence Riviera Cancún** 88.9



NO. 3, CANCÚN & YUCATÁN RESORTS
A beachfront palapa at Maroma Resort.

Hotels

TOP 15

- 1 **Rosewood San Miguel de Allende** 96.5
- 2 **Las Alcobas**, Mexico City 96.3
- 3 **Viceroy Riviera Maya** 93.7
- 4 **Las Mañanitas**, Cuernavaca 93.2
- 5 **La Casa Que Canta**, Zihuatanejo 90.7
- 6 **Hotel Matilda**, San Miguel de Allende 89.3
- 7 **Beloved Hotel**, Playa Mujeres 88.5
- 8 **Casa Velas**, Puerto Vallarta 87.8
- 9 **Casa de Sierra Nevada**, San Miguel de Allende 87.6
- 10 **Four Seasons Hotel Mexico, D.F.** 87.5
- 11 **Viceroy Zihuatanejo** 87.0
- 12 **Hilton Mexico City Reforma** 85.7
- 13 **St. Regis Mexico City** 85.6
- 14 **JW Marriott Hotel Mexico City** 84.9
- 15 **W Mexico City** 82.5

- 15 **Zoëtry Paraíso de la Bonita** Riviera Maya 88.8
- 16 **Secrets Capri Riviera Cancún** 87.5
- 17 **El Dorado Seaside Suites & Casitas Royale**, Riviera Maya 86.8
- 18 **Iberostar Grand Hotel Paraíso Riviera Maya** 86.4
- 19 **Blue Diamond Riviera Maya** 86.2
- 20 **Royal Hideaway Playacar** 85.6
- 21 **Live Aqua Cancún** 85.4
- 21 **Paradisus Playa del Carmen—La Perla** 85.4
- 23 **Santos Playacar Beach Resort** 85.0
- 24 **Azul Sensatori Hotel**, Cancún 84.8
- 25 **Secrets Silversands Riviera Cancun** 84.7
- 26 **Valentin Imperial Maya** 83.6
- 27 **Sun Palace**, Cancún 83.5
- 28 **Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort**, Cancún 83.4
- 29 **ME Cancún** 83.3
- 30 **JW Marriott Cancun Resort & Spa** 83.2

METHODOLOGY

The *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice Survey, begun in 1988, is available through a secure Web site at condenasttraveler.com/vote. This year's tabulations of 79,268 responses were done by Equation Research. **Organization:** The questionnaire contains lists of candidates in various categories (Cities, Hotels, etc.). Candidates must receive a required minimum number of responses to be eligible for a Readers' Choice Award. **Evaluation:** Individual candidates are judged on a set of criteria relevant to their category, based on a standard five-point scale: excellent, very good, good, fair, and poor. The percentage of excellent and very good ratings determines the final score published here. For example, in Baja, the One&Only Palmilla's score of 97.2 represents the average of excellent and very good ratings it received from all respondents for all criteria relevant to resorts: Activities, Food/Dining, Location, Overall Design, Rooms, and Service.

CARIBBEAN/ATLANTIC

A tiny haven in the Dominican Republic, the six-room **Peninsula House** is the Caribbean's No. 1 hotel, and St. Lucia's **Jade Mountain** is the top resort. **Bermuda** soars in the Atlantic: The No. 1 island has the top city and, for the fifth year in a row, **The Reefs** is the top Atlantic resort.



TOP 10 ISLANDS

- 1 Bermuda 87.1
- 2 St. John, USVI 85.8
- 3 Nevis 85.0
- 4 British Virgin Islands 84.2
- 5 St. Lucia 83.4
- 6 St. Barts 83.1
- 7 Anguilla 82.9
- 8 Vieques, Puerto Rico 80.2
- 9 Antigua 79.9
- 10 Turks and Caicos 79.4

TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 Hamilton, Bermuda 75.0
- 2 Willemstad, Curaçao 67.9
- 3 Gustavia, St. Barts 67.7
- 4 Oranjestad, Aruba 66.8
- 5 St. John's, Antigua 66.0

Resorts

CARIBBEAN

TOP 25

- 1 Jade Mountain, St. Lucia 95.7
- 2 Rosalie Bay Resort, Dominica 95.1
- 3 Nisbet Plantation Beach Club, Nevis 94.9
- 4 Palm Island Resort, The Grenadines 94.6
- 5 Anse Chastanet, St. Lucia 93.3
- 6 Curtain Bluff, Antigua 92.4
- 7 Four Seasons Resort Nevis 92.1
- 8 Viceroy Anguilla 91.5
- 9 Caneel Bay, St. John 91.2
- 10 St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort, Puerto Rico 90.9
- 11 Petit St. Vincent Resort 90.8
- 12 Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman 90.2
- 13 Scrub Island Resort, BVI 89.1
- 14 Peter Island Resort, BVI 89.0
- 15 Cap Juluca, Anguilla 88.9
- 16 Galley Bay Resort & Spa, Antigua 88.8
- 17 Biras Creek Resort, Virgin Gorda 88.0
- 17 Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts, Aruba 88.0
- 19 Half Moon, Rose Hall, Jamaica 86.8
- 20 Sandals Whitehouse European Village & Spa, Jamaica 86.2
- 20 Tortuga Bay Hotel at Puntacana Resort & Club, Dominican Republic 86.2
- 22 CuisinArt Golf Resort & Spa, Anguilla 86.1
- 23 La Samanna, St. Martin 85.7
- 24 Casa de Campo, Dominican Republic 85.5
- 25 Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas 85.0

ATLANTIC

TOP 15

- 1 The Reefs, Bermuda 94.7
- 2 Pompano Beach Club, Bermuda 93.8
- 3 Amanyara, Turks and Caicos 91.6
- 4 Regent Palms Turks & Caicos 90.1
- 5 Seven Stars Resort, Turks and Caicos 87.8
- 6 Rosewood Tucker's Point, Bermuda 87.6
- 7 Sands at Grace Bay, Turks and Caicos 85.9
- 8 Cambridge Beaches, Bermuda 85.5
- 8 The Cove Atlantis, Bahamas 85.5
- 10 Beaches Turks & Caicos Resort Villages & Spa 85.3
- 11 Beach House Turks and Caicos 85.2
- 12 Alexandra Resort, Turks and Caicos 84.9
- 13 Point Grace, Turks and Caicos 84.1
- 14 Fairmont Southampton, Bermuda 82.6
- 15 Reef Atlantis, Bahamas 82.0

Hotels

CARIBBEAN

TOP 15

- 1 Peninsula House, Samaná, D.R. 97.8
- 2 Jumby Bay (Rosewood), Antigua 97.3
- 3 Jamaica Inn, Ocho Rios 94.0
- 4 Eden Rock-St. Barts 92.8
- 5 The Caves, Negril 92.6
- 6 Hôtel Saint-Barth Isle de France 92.4
- 7 Hôtel Le Toiny, St. Barts 91.7
- 8 Ladera, St. Lucia 91.0
- 9 Rosewood Little Dix Bay, Virgin Gorda 90.9
- 10 Sugar Beach, St. Lucia 90.3
- 11 Cap Maison, St. Lucia 88.6
- 12 Hôtel Carl Gustaf, St. Barts 86.6

ATLANTIC

TOP 6

- 1 Rock House, Bahamas 91.4
- 2 One&Only Ocean Club, Bahamas 91.1
- 3 Graycliff Hotel, Bahamas 90.9
- 4 Parrot Cay, Turks and Caicos 89.0
- 5 Gansevoort Turks & Caicos 87.9
- 6 Pink Sands, Bahamas 84.5

NO. 5, CARIBBEAN HOTELS Perched on cliffs near Negril, The Caves has 12 cottages and a villa.



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AUSTRALIA & PACIFIC ISLANDS

Bora Bora claims half of the top resorts, but New Zealand's **Lodge at Kauri Cliffs** holds No. 1. **Sydney** shows strong as favorite city.

TOP 10 ISLANDS

- 1 Bora Bora 89.3
- 2 Moorea 88.5
- 3 Great Barrier Reef Islands 87.8
- 4 Tasmania 86.0
- 5 Whitsunday Islands 85.7
- 6 Huahine 82.5
- 7 Raiatea 81.6
- 8 Galápagos Islands 81.5
- 9 Rangiroa and the Tuamotus 81.5
- 10 Palau 81.3

TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 Sydney 81.2
- 2 Melbourne 80.8
- 3 Queenstown 78.5
- 4 Auckland 78.0
- 5 Wellington 77.2

Resorts

TOP 15

- 1 Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, New Zealand 99.2
- 2 Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora 97.2
- 3 Qualia, Great Barrier Reef 96.8
- 4 InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa 94.2
- 5 Huka Lodge, Taupo, New Zealand 93.3
- 6 Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort & Spa 92.9
- 7 InterContinental Le Moana Bora Bora 92.3
- 8 Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort and Spa 91.7

- 9 Huahine Te Tiare Beach Resort 90.7
- 10 St. Regis Bora Bora Resort 90.1
- 11 Hilton Bora Bora Nui Resort & Spa 89.6
- 12 Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort and Spa, Queensland 89.1
- 13 Le Taha'a Island Resort, French Polynesia 88.7
- 14 Le Méridien Bora Bora 87.7
- 15 Moorea Pearl Resort & Spa 87.5

Hotels

TOP 10

- 1 Park Hyatt Sydney 90.5
- 2 Sofitel Queenstown Hotel and Spa 86.3
- 3 Four Seasons Hotel Sydney 85.8
- 4 Hotel DeBrett, Auckland 85.6
- 5 Westin Sydney 84.9
- 6 InterContinental Sydney 84.8
- 7 The Langham, Melbourne 84.7
- 8 Grand Hyatt Melbourne 84.3
- 9 Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney 82.2
- 9 Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel at Circular Quay 82.2

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

For the tenth straight year, **Buenos Aires** is No. 1, but **Cartagena** debuts at No. 3 and its **Sofitel Legend** is best in South America. Kudos to Costa Rica, which has nine of the Top 15 resorts.

TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 Buenos Aires 74.2
- 2 Cuzco 73.1
- 3 Cartagena 70.7
- 4 Paraty, Brazil 70.6
- 5 Antigua Guatemala 70.3

Hotels

CENTRAL AMERICA

TOP 5

- 1 Finca Rosa Blanca Coffee Plantation & Inn, Santa Bárbara, Costa Rica 93.3
- 2 Casa Santo Domingo, Antigua Guatemala 88.3
- 3 Trump Ocean Club International Hotel & Tower Panama, Panama City 87.7
- 4 Gaia Hotel and Reserve, Manuel Antonio National Park, Costa Rica 86.4
- 5 Hotel Grano de Oro, San José 82.8

SOUTH AMERICA

TOP 25

- 1 Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena 96.4
- 2 Las Casitas del Colca, Peru 96.0
- 3 Fasano Hotel, São Paulo 94.8
- 4 Park Hyatt Palacio Duhau, Buenos Aires 94.4
- 5 Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires 94.3
- 6 Copacabana Palace, Rio de Janeiro 93.5
- 7 Alvear Palace Hotel, Buenos Aires 92.8
- 8 Fasano Hotel, Rio de Janeiro 91.9
- 9 Hotel Monasterio, Cuzco 91.1
- 10 JW Marriott Hotel Bogotá 90.3
- 11 Sofitel Buenos Aires 90.1
- 12 Hotel Paracas (Luxury Coll.), Peru 89.2
- 13 Country Club Hotel, Lima 87.8
- 14 Aranwa Sacred Valley, Peru 87.3
- 15 Loi Suites Recoleta, Buenos Aires 86.8

- 16 Inkaterma Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel 86.7
- 17 Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel 85.5
- 18 Park Tower, Buenos Aires 85.4
- 19 JW Marriott Hotel Lima 85.2
- 20 Grand Hyatt Santiago 85.0
- 21 Swissôtel Lima 84.7
- 22 Hotel das Cataratas, Iguazu, Brazil 84.3
- 23 Ritz-Carlton, Santiago 84.2
- 24 Casa Andina Valle Sagrado, Peru 84.1
- 25 Palacio del Inka (Luxury Coll.), Cuzco 83.7

Resorts

TOP 15

- 1 Nayara Hotel, Spa & Gardens, Costa Rica 95.7
- 2 Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo 95.0
- 3 Lapa Rios Ecological, Costa Rica 92.6
- 4 Tambo del Inka Resort & Spa (Luxury Collection), Peru 92.3
- 5 Four Seasons Carmelo, Uruguay 90.0
- 6 Hamanasi Adventure & Dive Resort, Hopkins Village, Belize 89.8
- 7 Hotel Punta Islita, Costa Rica 89.7
- 8 Park Hyatt Mendoza Hotel, Casino & Spa, Argentina 89.2
- 9 Liao Liao Resort, San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina 88.8
- 10 Arenas del Mar, Manuel Antonio National Park, Costa Rica 85.8
- 11 Los Suenos Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort, Puntarenas, Costa Rica 85.7
- 12 Arenal Springs Resort, Costa Rica 85.0
- 13 Tabacón Grand Spa Thermal Resort, Arenal, Costa Rica 84.8
- 14 Turtle Inn at Placencia, Belize 83.5
- 15 Westin Golf Resort & Spa, Playa Conchal, Costa Rica 82.8

NO. 3, SOUTH AMERICA HOTELS
São Paulo's Fasano Hotel is in the Jardim Paulista neighborhood.



ASIA

Welcome, Lhasa! Tibet arrives with a splash—**St. Regis**, with its gold-plated pool, elbows its way to No. 2 in China. No. 1, the **Ritz-Carlton Shanghai**, is one of eight Ritz-Carltons among Asia's best, including Tokyo's topper.

TOP 10 CITIES

- 1 Kyoto 81.6
- 2 Hoi An 79.9
- 3 Ubud 79.6
- 4 Luang Prabang 79.1
- 4 Singapore 79.1
- 6 Chiang Mai 78.8
- 7 Hong Kong 78.0
- 8 Tokyo 77.7
- 9 Bangkok 77.4
- 10 Siem Reap 76.6

TOP 5 ISLANDS

- 1 Bali 83.1
- 2 Koh Samui 82.8
- 3 Cebu and the Visayas 80.4
- 4 Phuket 78.9
- 5 Lombok 77.8



Hotels

CHINA & TAIWAN

TOP 40

- 1 Ritz-Carlton Shanghai, Pudong 98.0
- 2 St. Regis Lhasa 97.5
- 3 PuLi Hotel and Spa, Shanghai 95.6
- 4 Pudong Shangri-La, Shanghai 94.9
- 5 Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund 94.6
- 6 Fairmont Peace Hotel, Shanghai 94.5
- 7 Kowloon Shangri-La, Hong Kong 94.1
- 8 The Peninsula, Hong Kong 93.6
- 9 Four Seasons Hangzhou West Lake 93.2
- 10 Regent Beijing 93.1
- 11 Westin Bund Center, Shanghai 92.8
- 12 Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong 92.7
- 13 Four Seasons Hotel Beijing 92.4
- 14 Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong 92.2
- 15 The Peninsula, Shanghai 92.1
- 16 Portman Ritz-Carlton, Shanghai 91.7
- 17 Sofitel Wanda Beijing 91.6
- 18 Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong 91.5
- 19 Ritz-Carlton, Beijing 91.4
- 19 Westin Beijing Financial Street 91.4
- 21 W Hong Kong 91.1
- 22 Ritz-Carlton Beijing, Financial Street 90.3
- 23 Crowne Plaza Xi'an 89.4
- 23 Le Méridien Taipei 89.4
- 25 Aman at Summer Palace, Beijing 88.3
- 25 Hilton Xi'an 88.3

- 27 Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel 88.2
- 28 Four Seasons Hotel Pudong, Shanghai 87.8
- 29 Park Hyatt Shanghai 87.5
- 30 JW Marriott Chongqing 87.2
- 31 Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong 87.1
- 32 Fairmont Beijing 85.9
- 33 Four Seasons Hotel Shanghai 85.4
- 34 JW Marriott Shanghai at Tomorrow Square 85.3
- 34 Langham Place Mongkok, Hong Kong 85.3
- 36 Conrad Hong Kong 84.9
- 37 Park Hyatt Beijing 84.7
- 37 Upper House, Hong Kong 84.7
- 39 InterContinental Beijing Beichen 84.4
- 39 JW Marriott Hotel Beijing 84.4

INDIA

TOP 15

- 1 Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur 96.3
- 2 Rambagh Palace (Taj), Jaipur 96.0
- 3 Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai 95.4
- 4 Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra 93.6
- 5 Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur 93.1
- 6 Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur 92.4
- 7 Leela Palace New Delhi 91.2
- 8 The Oberoi, Mumbai 90.3

- 9 JW Marriott Mumbai 88.4
- 10 Leela Kempinski Gurgaon 86.4
- 11 ITC Mughal (Luxury Collection), Agra 85.6
- 12 Taj Palace Hotel, Delhi 85.2
- 13 Umaid Bhawan Palace (Taj), Jodhpur 84.3
- 14 Jai Mahal Palace (Taj), Jaipur 84.2
- 14 Taj Mahal Hotel, Delhi 84.2

JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA

TOP 10

- 1 Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo 94.8
- 2 The Peninsula, Tokyo 94.0
- 3 Conrad Tokyo 92.5
- 4 Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo 92.3
- 5 Grand Hyatt Tokyo 91.4
- 6 Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Marunouchi 90.0
- 7 Park Hyatt Seoul 89.0
- 8 Park Hotel Tokyo 88.9
- 9 Westin Tokyo 84.8
- 10 Ritz-Carlton, Seoul 84.4

SOUTHEAST ASIA

TOP 25

- 1 Amankila, Bali 97.4
- 2 Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra 96.6
- 3 La Résidence d'Angkor, Siem Reap 96.2
- 4 Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, Siem Reap 95.3
- 5 Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi 94.7
- 6 Raffles Hotel, Singapore 93.9
- 7 Amandari, Bali 92.9
- 8 Fullerton Bay Hotel, Singapore 92.2
- 9 Edsa Shangri-La, Manila 92.1
- 10 Fullerton Hotel, Singapore 91.3
- 11 Governor's Residence, Rangoon 90.8
- 12 Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore 90.7
- 13 Park Hyatt Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City 89.7
- 14 St. Regis Singapore 89.5
- 15 Amansara, Siem Reap 88.6
- 15 InterContinental Singapore 88.6
- 17 Mandarin Oriental, Singapore 87.4
- 18 Sofitel Plaza Hanoi 87.1
- 19 Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Phnom Penh 86.9
- 20 Conrad Centennial Singapore 86.3
- 21 Sofitel Saigon Plaza, Ho Chi Minh City 86.2
- 22 Grand Hyatt Jakarta 86.0
- 23 Fairmont Singapore 85.6
- 24 Marina Mandarin Singapore 85.4
- 25 Makati Shangri-La, Manila 85.0



NO. 2, CHINA HOTELS
The Sera Monastery, in Lhasa, inspired the St. Regis's design.

Asia

Hotels (Continued)

THAILAND

TOP 10

- 1 The Peninsula, Bangkok 95.5
- 2 Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok 94.4
- 3 St. Regis Bangkok 94.4
- 4 Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok 90.0
- 5 JW Marriott Hotel Bangkok 89.1
- 6 Grand Sukhumvit Hotel, Bangkok 88.0
- 7 Lebua at State Tower, Bangkok 87.7
- 8 Shangri-La Hotel, Chiang Mai 87.1
- 9 Le Méridien Chiang Mai 86.2
- 10 Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok 85.1

Asian Resorts

TOP 20

- 1 The Chedi, Chiang Mai 97.4
- 2 Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan 96.4
- 3 Conrad Maldives Rangali Island 96.0
- 4 Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai 94.7
- 5 Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra, Siem Reap 93.9
- 6 Oberoi Vanyavilas, Ranthambhore 93.1
- 7 Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai 92.7
- 8 Shangri-La's Boracay Resort & Spa 92.5
- 9 St. Regis Bali Resort 91.5
- 10 Nam Hai, Hoi An 90.3
- 11 Dhara Dhevi Chiang Mai 89.9
- 12 Gokarna Forest Resort, Kathmandu 89.2
- 13 Shangri-La's Mactan Resort and Spa 89.1
- 14 Victoria Angkor Resort, Siem Reap 88.6
- 15 Four Seasons Resort Koh Samui 88.1
- 16 Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp, Chiang Rai 88.0
- 17 JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa 87.5
- 18 Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay 86.9
- 19 Banyan Tree Phuket 86.3
- 20 Inle Princess Resort, Inle Lake 86.0

NO. 4, INDIA HOTELS Within sight of the Taj Mahal, the elegant Oberoi Amarvilas fuses Mogul and Moorish elements, inside and out.

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AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

The lion's share of awards go to South African safari camps, but this year's No. 1 resort, **Bushmans Kloof**, is a spa cum lodge in the Western Cape. **One&Only The Palm** debuts at No. 1 in the Middle East.

TOP 10 CITIES

AFRICA

- 1 Cape Town 82.3
- 2 Fez 68.6
- 2 Marrakech 68.6
- 1 Essaouira 67.2
- 1 Luxor 65.7

MIDDLE EAST

- 1 Beirut 81.0
- 2 Jerusalem 78.1
- 2 Tel Aviv 75.6
- 4 Dubai 72.5
- 5 Haifa 71.8

TOP 5 ISLANDS

AFRICA/INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS

- 1 Maldives 89.6
- 2 Seychelles 84.5
- 3 Mauritius 81.8
- 4 Zanzibar 77.1
- 5 Réunion 63.8

Resorts & Safari Camps

AFRICA

TOP 25

- 1 Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve, South Africa 98.9
- 1 Singita Sabi Sand, South Africa 98.9
- 3 Lion Sands, South Africa 97.7
- 4 Phinda Private Game Reserve, South Africa 97.2
- 5 Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve, South Africa 97.1
- 6 Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge, Rwanda 96.6
- 7 Singita Grumeti, Tanzania 96.5
- 8 Singita Kruger, South Africa 96.0
- 9 Camp Okavango, Botswana 95.2
- 10 Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp, Tanzania 95.0
- 11 Mombo and Little Mombo Camps, Botswana 94.9
- 12 MalaMala Game Reserve, S. Africa 94.4
- 13 Londolozi Private Game Reserve and Camps, South Africa 94.2
- 14 Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge, Kenya 92.6
- 15 Sarova Mara Game Camp, Kenya 92.4
- 16 Governors' Camp, Kenya 90.8
- 17 Fairmont Mara Safari Club, Kenya 89.9
- 18 Mara Serena Safari Lodge, Kenya 89.8
- 19 Chobe Game Lodge, Botswana 88.8
- 20 Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Zimbabwe 88.4
- 21 Serengeti Sopa Lodge, Tanzania 87.5
- 22 Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge, Tanzania 87.2
- 23 Masai Mara Sopa Lodge, Kenya 86.6
- 24 Fairmont Mt. Kenya Safari Club 85.0
- 25 Lake Manyara Tree Lodge, Tanzania 84.3

MIDDLE EAST

TOP 10

- 1 One&Only The Palm, Dubai 98.1
- 2 Burj Al Arab, Dubai 94.2
- 2 Qasr al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara, Abu Dhabi 94.2
- 4 Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi 92.3
- 5 One&Only Royal Mirage, Dubai 91.6
- 6 Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea, Jordan 90.5
- 7 Kempinski Ishtar Dead Sea, Jordan 87.4
- 8 Ritz-Carlton, Dubai 81.4
- 9 Hilton Dubai Jumeirah Resort 79.3
- 10 Mövenpick Resort & Residences Aqaba, Jordan 77.4

Hotels

AFRICA

TOP 15

- 1 La Residence, Franschhoek, S. Africa 99.2
- 2 Gibb's Farm, Ngorongoro, Tanzania 95.6
- 3 La Mamounia, Marrakech 94.3
- 4 Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa, Cape Town 94.2
- 5 Saxon, Johannesburg 93.6
- 6 Oyster Box, Umhlanga, S. Africa 93.3
- 7 One&Only Cape Town 93.1
- 8 Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at the First Residence 92.3
- 9 Le Quartier Français, Franschhoek, South Africa 92.1
- 10 Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town 91.6
- 11 Cape Grace, Cape Town 90.6
- 12 Taj Cape Town 89.3
- 13 Victoria & Alfred Hotel, Cape Town 88.1
- 14 Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza 86.0
- 15 Victoria Falls Hotel, Zimbabwe 83.9

MIDDLE EAST

TOP 10

- 1 Park Hyatt Dubai 95.5
- 2 Four Seasons Hotel Doha 95.0
- 3 Four Seasons Hotel Amman 92.7
- 4 David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem 92.5
- 5 Grosvenor House (Luxury Collection), Dubai 89.5
- 6 Grand Hyatt Dubai 88.2
- 7 Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Dubai 85.0
- 8 King David, Jerusalem 83.6
- 9 Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem 83.3
- 10 Jumeirah Beach Hotel, Dubai 82.8

NO. 2, MIDDLE EAST RESORTS A view of the sand dunes of the Liwa Desert at the Qasr al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara in Abu Dhabi.