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46,476 readers
elect 1,306
properties and
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It's your world, and it keeps surprising us. Who but *Condé Nast Traveler* readers would have heard of, let alone traveled to, Bozcaada or Knysna? They're winners this year, and that is only part of what makes these Readers' Choice Awards so exceptional. Not just the numbers—although a record 46,476 readers participated. Not just the effect—always raising the bar, with 370 hotels, resorts, and cruise lines, incredibly, rating above 90. But also the vigorous curiosity to go where so few follow. Ever the pathfinders, you even, occasionally, locate sheer perfection—this year in Australia, granting a perfect score of 100 to Qualia resort on the Great Barrier Reef.

In this, the **twenty-fifth annual survey**, you elected a grand total of 1,306 winners. In fact, so many that we have made them easier to locate by region: Consider Italy, now meriting its own list, with seventeen hotels rated above 90.0, and the United States, which has sixteen 90.0-plus properties in the South alone (one reason could be the amazing food; see "Grits Gone Wild," page 182).

**As for that asterisk, Bozcaada is a Turkish island, Knysna a South African city.*



OUR WEB SITE FEATURES PHOTOS OF THIS YEAR'S WINNING HOTELS AND RESORTS, SUPPLEMENTED BY MINI GUIDES TO MANY TOP-RATED CITIES. FIND ALL THAT—AND MORE—AT CONDENASTTRAVELER.COM/RCA.



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TOP 100

When the results of our first readers' poll were published in 1988, the high score was 87.0—a score that still impresses, though it would not even qualify for this year's Top 100. This list reaches the heights of luxury, but to grasp the global depth of choices, turn the page. . . .



- 1 **Qualia**, Hamilton Island, Great Barrier Reef 100 🏠
- 2 **Taj Exotica Resort and Spa**, Maldives 99.6 🏠
- 3 **Lodge at Kauri Cliffs**, New Zealand 99.2 🏠
- 4 **Hotel Caesar Augustus**, Capri 98.6 🏠
- 5 **Palazzo Sasso**, Ravello 98.5 🏠
- 6 **Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve**, South Africa 98.3 🏠
- 7 **La Villa Gallici**, Aix-en-Provence 98.2 🏠
- 7 **Peninsula House**, Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic 98.2 🏠
- 9 **Four Seasons Resort**, Bora Bora 98.1 🏠
- 9 **Perivolos**, Santorini 98.1 🏠
- 11 **Hotel Splendido & Splendido Mare**, Portofino 98.0 🏠
- 12 **Ritz-Carlton Shanghai**, Pudong 97.9 🏠
- 12 **Waldorf Astoria**, Chicago 97.9 🏠
- 14 **Singita Kruger National Park**, South Africa 97.8 🏠
- 15 **Langdon Hall Country House Hotel & Spa**, Ontario 97.4 🏠
- 15 **Oberoi Udaivilas**, Udaipur, Rajasthan 97.4 🏠
- 17 **Inn at Palmetto Bluff**, South Carolina 97.2 🏠
- 18 **Auberge du Soleil**, Napa 97.1 🏠
- 18 **Rosewood San Miguel de Allende**, 97.1 🏠
- 20 **Hotel Santa Caterina**, Amalfi 97.0 🏠
- 21 **King Pacific Lodge**, British Columbia 96.9 🏠
- 22 **Capella Ixtapa** 96.8 🏠
- 22 **21c Museum Hotel**, Louisville 96.8 🏠
- 24 **Fearrington House Inn**, North Carolina 96.7 🏠
- 25 **Colonial Houses**, Williamsburg 96.6 🏠
- 25 **Four Seasons Istanbul at Sultanahmet** 96.6 🏠
- 25 **French Quarter Inn**, Charleston 96.6 🏠
- 28 **Jumby Bay**, Antigua 96.5 🏠
- 29 **CordeValle**, California 96.3 🏠
- 29 **Four Seasons Hotel George V Paris** 96.3 🏠
- 29 **One&Only Palmilla**, Los Cabos 96.3 🏠
- 32 **Ciragan Palace Kempinski Istanbul** 96.2 🏠
- 32 **Four Seasons Resort Lana'i, The Lodge at Koele** 96.2 🏠
- 32 **Le Meurice**, Paris 96.2 🏠
- 32 **Singita Sabi Sand**, South Africa 96.2 🏠
- 36 **Resort at Pelican Hill**, California 96.1 🏠
- 37 **Capella Pedregal**, Cabo San Lucas 96.0 🏠
- 37 **41**, London 96.0 🏠
- 37 **Lion Sands**, South Africa 96.0 🏠
- 37 **Londolozi**, South Africa 96.0 🏠
- 41 **Mandarin Oriental**, Bangkok 95.9 🏠
- 42 **Mandarin Oriental**, Hong Kong 95.8 🏠
- 42 **Nisbet Plantation Beach Club**, Nevis 95.8 🏠
- 42 **The Peninsula**, Tokyo 95.8 🏠
- 42 **Sanctuary Hotel at Kiawah Island Golf Resort**, South Carolina 95.8 🏠
- 42 **Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa**, Colorado 95.8 🏠
- 47 **Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa**, Cape Town 95.7 🏠
- 48 **The Cloister**, Georgia 95.6 🏠
- 48 **Il San Pietro di Positano** 95.6 🏠
- 50 **HarbourView Inn**, Charleston 95.5 🏠
- 50 **Milestone Hotel**, London 95.5 🏠
- 52 **Anse Chastanet**, St. Lucia 95.4 🏠

- 52 **Fifteen Beacon**, Boston 95.4 🏠
- 52 **Four Seasons Resort**, Jackson Hole 95.4 🏠
- 52 **Oberoi Rajvillas**, Jaipur, Rajasthan 95.4 🏠
- 52 **The Peninsula**, New York 95.4 🏠
- 57 **Post Ranch Inn**, Big Sur 95.3 🏠
- 58 **Beau-Rivage Palace**, Lausanne 95.2 🏠
- 58 **Four Seasons Resort Hualalai**, Big Island 95.2 🏠
- 58 **Le Blanc Spa Resort**, Cancún 95.2 🏠
- 58 **Oberoi Vanyavilas**, Ranthambhore National Park 95.2 🏠
- 62 **Ashford Castle**, County Mayo 95.1 🏠
- 62 **Conrad Hong Kong** 95.1 🏠
- 62 **Four Seasons Resort**, Whistler 95.1 🏠
- 62 **Jade Mountain**, St. Lucia 95.1 🏠
- 62 **Palacio Duhau-Park Hyatt**, Buenos Aires 95.1 🏠
- 62 **The Reefs**, Bermuda 95.1 🏠
- 68 **Park Hyatt Seoul** 95.0 🏠
- 68 **St. Regis**, Florence 95.0 🏠
- 70 **Alderbrook Resort & Spa**, Washington 94.9 🏠
- 70 **Fairmont Heritage Place Franz Klammer Lodge**, Telluride 94.9 🏠
- 70 **Hotel Terra**, Jackson Hole 94.9 🏠
- 70 **MalaMala Game Reserve**, South Africa 94.9 🏠
- 70 **Maroma Resort & Spa**, Riviera Maya 94.9 🏠
- 70 **Trump International Hotel & Tower**, New York 94.9 🏠
- 76 **Amandari**, Bali 94.8 🏠
- 76 **Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon** 94.8 🏠
- 76 **The Peninsula**, Chicago 94.8 🏠
- 79 **The Caves**, Negril 94.7 🏠
- 79 **Four Seasons Resort Lana'i at Manele Bay** 94.7 🏠
- 79 **Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni**, Lake Como 94.7 🏠
- 79 **Grand Solmar Land's End Resort & Spa**, Los Cabos 94.7 🏠
- 79 **Mandarin Oriental**, Boston 94.7 🏠
- 79 **Mombo and Little Mombo Camps**, Botswana 94.7 🏠
- 79 **Rosewood Mayakoba**, Riviera Maya 94.7 🏠
- 86 **Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp**, Tanzania 94.6 🏠
- 86 **Le Sirenuse**, Positano 94.6 🏠
- 88 **Heathman Hotel**, Washington 94.5 🏠
- 88 **John Rutledge House Inn**, Charleston 94.5 🏠
- 88 **Lorien Hotel & Spa**, Virginia 94.5 🏠
- 88 **The Peninsula**, Bangkok 94.5 🏠
- 88 **Solage Calistoga**, California 94.5 🏠
- 88 **St. Regis**, Bangkok 94.5 🏠
- 94 **Four Seasons Hotel Firenze**, Florence 94.4 🏠
- 94 **Hotel 1000**, Seattle 94.4 🏠
- 94 **Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort**, Belize 94.4 🏠
- 94 **Park Hyatt Dubai** 94.4 🏠
- 94 **Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme** 94.4 🏠
- 94 **Raffles Beijing** 94.4 🏠
- 94 **Steenberg Hotel**, South Africa 94.4 🏠

FLAWLESS Reflecting the secluded, immersed-in-nature vibe of Australia's Great Barrier Reef, **Qualia** receives only the fourth perfect 100 in our poll's 25 years. Here, Pavilion 6's private pool.

UNITED STATES

Chicago's **Waldorf Astoria** earns the highest score in America again this year, while South Carolina seems to be getting hotter by the month. **Kiawah Island** rings up its best-ever score (88.0), and **Charleston** is now not only your favorite U.S. city but your favorite anywhere, with an impressive eight hotels scoring above 90.0. Only **New York**, with ten, has more.



Hotels

MIDWEST

TOP 25

- 1 **Waldorf Astoria Chicago** 97.9
- 2 **The Peninsula, Chicago** 94.8
- 3 **Park Hyatt Chicago** 93.3
- 4 **Ritz-Carlton (Four Seasons), Chicago** 92.3
- 5 **Four Seasons, Chicago** 91.7
- 6 **Omni Majestic Hotel, St. Louis** 88.9
- 8 **Renaissance Blackstone Chicago Hotel** 88.9
- 8 **Graves 601 Hotel, Minneapolis** 88.3
- 9 **Saint Paul Hotel, St. Paul** 87.9
- 9 **Sofitel Chicago Water Tower** 87.9
- 11 **Iron Horse Hotel, Milwaukee** 86.2
- 12 **The Raphael, Kansas City** 86.1
- 13 **Ritz-Carlton, Cleveland** 85.9
- 14 **Dana Hotel and Spa, Chicago** 85.5
- 15 **Hotel Burnham, Chicago** 85.2
- 16 **Hotel Monaco Chicago** 84.5
- 17 **The Drake, Chicago** 83.8
- 17 **The Henry, Dearborn** 83.8
- 19 **Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee** 83.4
- 20 **Swissôtel Chicago** 82.7
- 20 **Townsend Hotel, Birmingham** 82.7
- 22 **TheWit, Chicago** 82.6
- 23 **Conrad Indianapolis** 82.5
- 24 **Hotel Iroquois, Mackinac Island** 82.4
- 25 **Conrad Chicago** 82.2

LAS VEGAS

TOP 10

- 1 **Four Seasons** 91.2
- 2 **Bellagio** 89.7
- 3 **The Venetian** 89.4
- 4 **Mandarin Oriental** 88.1
- 5 **Aria Resort** 87.0
- 6 **Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas** 86.9
- 7 **Trump International Hotel** 86.0
- 8 **THEhotel at Mandalay Bay** 82.4
- 9 **Wyndham Grand Desert** 79.5
- 10 **The Mirage** 77.8

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

TOP 35

- 1 **Auberge du Soleil, Napa** 97.1
- 2 **Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur** 95.3
- 3 **Hotel Valencia Santana Row, San Jose** 92.7
- 4 **St. Regis, San Francisco** 91.5
- 5 **Carneros Inn, Napa** 91.4
- 6 **Lavender, Yountville** 90.1
- 7 **Bardessono, Napa** 89.9
- 8 **Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley** 89.8
- 9 **Hotel Healdsburg, Sonoma County** 89.0
- 10 **Ventana Inn & Spa, Big Sur** 88.1
- 11 **Orchard Hotel, San Francisco** 87.9
- 12 **Cavallo Point, Sausalito** 87.7

TOP 10 CITIES

- 1 **Charleston, S.C.** 86.7
- 2 **San Francisco** 83.8
- 3 **Chicago** 83.6
- 4 **Santa Fe** 82.0
- 5 **New York City** 81.6
- 6 **Honolulu** 80.4
- 7 **Napa** 79.1
- 8 **New Orleans** 78.4
- 9 **Seattle** 78.2
- 10 **Boston** 77.6
- 10 **Carmel, Calif.** 77.6
- 10 **Savannah** 77.6

TOP 10 ISLANDS

- 1 **Maui** 92.1
- 2 **Kauai** 89.3
- 3 **Kiawah, S.C.** 88.0
- 4 **Oahu** 87.0
- 5 **St. Simons, Ga.** 85.7
- 6 **Big Island** 85.1
(see "Treasure Island," page 164)
- 7 **Lanai** 85.1
- 8 **Hilton Head, S.C.** 82.4
- 9 **Nantucket** 81.8
- 10 **Amelia Island, Fla.** 80.1

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

TOP 25

- 1 **The Peninsula, Beverly Hills** 93.1
- 2 **San Ysidro Ranch, Santa Barbara** 92.9
- 3 **Scripps Inn, La Jolla** 91.4
- 4 **Montage Beverly Hills** 90.1
- 5 **Beverly Hills Hotel and Bungalows** 89.3
- 6 **Shutters on the Beach, Santa Monica** 88.8
- 7 **Beverly Wilshire (Four Seasons), Beverly Hills** 88.2
- 8 **Sunset Marquis, West Hollywood** 88.0
- 9 **L'Ermitage Beverly Hills** 87.9
- 10 **Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles** 87.6
- 11 **Four Seasons Los Angeles at Beverly Hills** 87.5
- 12 **Langham Huntington, Pasadena** 86.0
- 13 **Hotel Indigo San Diego Gaslamp Quarter** 85.6
- 14 **Canary Hotel, Santa Barbara** 85.5
- 15 **Blue Lantern Inn, Dana Point** 85.3
- 16 **Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, Santa Monica** 85.3
- 17 **Omni San Diego Hotel** 84.5
- 18 **La Valencia Hotel, La Jolla** 84.2
- 19 **Tower23, San Diego** 84.0
- 20 **Shorebreak Hotel, Huntington Beach** 83.9
- 21 **London West Hollywood** 83.6
- 22 **Mr. C Beverly Hills** 83.0
- 23 **JW Marriott Santa Monica Le Merigot** 82.6
- 24 **Oceana Beach Club Hotel, Santa Monica** 82.0
- 25 **Hotel Solamar, San Diego** 81.9

FLORIDA

TOP 20

- 1 **Pillars Hotel, Fort Lauderdale** 93.9
- 2 **Marquesa Hotel, Key West** 93.2
- 3 **Ritz-Carlton, Naples** 92.8
- 4 **Waldorf Astoria Orlando** 91.9
- 5 **Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club, Palm Beach** 91.6
- 6 **King & Grove Tides South Beach, Miami Beach** 91.5
- 7 **Z Ocean Hotel, Miami Beach** 90.5
- 8 **Il Lugano Suite Hotel, Fort Lauderdale** 89.8
- 9 **Mandarin Oriental, Miami** 89.7
- 10 **La Mer Hotel & Dewey House, Key West** 89.2

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Hotels don't get more masculine than the Iron Horse, or more vroomy, with premier parking for Harleys and 10- to 12-foot ceilings in the bedrooms

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Vegas earns its own list this year, with a roster of class acts, one of which is about to change: THEhotel at Mandalay Bay will become the all-suite Delano Las Vegas in 2013.

- 13 **Four Seasons, San Francisco** 87.6
- 14 **Hotel Vitale, San Francisco** 87.2
- 14 **Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco** 87.2
- 16 **Gaige House, Sonoma County** 86.6
- 16 **Healdsburg Inn on the Plaza, Sonoma County** 86.6
- 18 **Cottages at Little River Cove, Little River** 86.4
- 19 **Stanford Inn by the Sea, Mendocino** 86.2
- 20 **Hotel Yountville** 86.0
- 21 **Inn Above Tide, Sausalito** 85.8
- 22 **Rosewood Sand Hill, Menlo Park** 85.3
- 23 **InterContinental Mark Hopkins San Francisco** 85.2
- 24 **Orchard Garden Hotel, San Francisco** 85.0
- 25 **Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco** 84.9
- 26 **Andaz Napa** 84.7
- 27 **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa** 84.6
- 28 **Vintners Inn, Sonoma County** 84.4
- 29 **L'Auberge Carmel** 84.2
- 30 **Carter House Inns, Eureka** 84.0
- 31 **MacArthur Place, Sonoma** 83.6
- 32 **Fairmont San Francisco** 83.5
- 33 **Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa** 83.3
- 34 **Green Gables Inn, Pacific Grove** 82.6
- 35 **InterContinental the Clement Monterey** 82.2

DOWNTOWN STYLE Kit Kemp is the whimsical designer behind the playful fabrics at New York's Crosby Street Hotel.





MILITARY TIME California's Cavallo Point hotel includes renovated officers' housing at the converted army base in Marin County.

- 11 Moorings Village & Spa, Islamorada 88.5
- 12 Epic Hotel, Miami 87.5
- 13 Four Seasons, Miami 87.3
- 14 Gardens Hotel, Key West 86.2
- 15 W South Beach Hotel & Residences, Miami Beach 85.3
- 16 Ritz-Carlton, Miami Beach 84.9
- 17 The Setai, Miami Beach 84.8
- 18 Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine 83.0
- 19 Seagate Hotel & Spa, Delray Beach 83.0
- 19 Viceroy Miami 83.0

HAWAII

TOP 5

- 1 Trump International Hotel Waikiki Beach Walk 93.0
- 2 Halekulani, Waikiki 91.1
- 3 Royal Hawaiian (Luxury Collection), Waikiki 89.9
- 4 Kilauea Lodge & Restaurant, Big Island 84.3
- 5 Kiahuna Plantation & the Beach Bungalows, Kauai 84.1

NEW YORK CITY

TOP 25

- 1 The Peninsula 95.4
- 2 Trump International Hotel & Tower 94.9
- 3 Four Seasons 92.9
- 4 The Carlyle (Rosewood) 92.0
- 4 Trump SoHo 92.0
- 6 St. Regis 91.7
- 7 The Plaza 91.3
- 8 Setai Fifth Avenue 91.0
- 9 Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park 90.6
- 10 Sherry-Netherland 90.4
- 11 Andaz 5th Avenue 89.9
- 12 The Pierre (Taj) 89.3
- 13 Crosby Street Hotel 89.0
- 13 The Kimberly 89.0
- 15 Andaz Wall Street 88.9
- 16 The James 88.7
- 17 Mandarin Oriental 88.5
- 18 The Lowell 88.1
- 19 The Mercer 87.3
- 20 Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park 85.3
- 21 The Mark 85.1
- 21 New York Palace 85.1

- 23 The Surrey 84.4
- 24 InterContinental New York Times Square 84.1
- 25 Greenwich Hotel 83.6
- 25 Hôtel Plaza Athénée 83.6

NORTHEAST

TOP 45

- 1 Fifteen Beacon, Boston 95.4
- 2 Mandarin Oriental, Boston 94.7
- 3 Inn at Perry Cabin, St. Michaels, Md. 93.6
- 4 Wentworth by the Sea, New Castle, N.H. 93.2
- 5 The Wauwinet, Nantucket 93.1
- 6 Chebeague Island Inn, Me. 93.0
- 6 Rittenhouse Hotel, Philadelphia 93.0
- 8 Mayflower Inn & Spa, Washington, Conn. 92.7
- 9 White Elephant, Nantucket 92.1
- 10 Blantyre, Lenox, Mass. 91.9
- 10 Virginia Hotel and Cottages, Cape May, N.J. 91.9
- 12 Chanler at Cliff Walk, Newport 91.3
- 12 White Barn Inn & Spa, Kennebunkport 91.3
- 14 Four Seasons, Boston 89.7
- 15 Eliot Hotel, Boston 89.6
- 15 Pitcher Inn, Warren, Vt. 89.6
- 17 The Hay-Adams, Washington, D.C. 89.3
- 17 Willard InterContinental, Washington, D.C. 89.3
- 19 The Jefferson, Washington, D.C. 88.9
- 20 Four Seasons, Baltimore 87.7
- 21 St. Regis, Washington, D.C. 87.2
- 22 Four Seasons, Philadelphia 87.0
- 23 Four Seasons, Washington, D.C. 86.9
- 24 InterContinental Boston 86.8
- 25 Renaissance Pittsburgh 86.6
- 25 Ritz-Carlton Boston Common 86.6
- 25 Ritz-Carlton Georgetown, Washington, D.C. 86.6
- 28 Boston Harbor Hotel 86.5
- 28 Inn at Montchanin Village and Spa, Brandywine Valley 86.5
- 30 Castle Hill Inn, Newport 86.3
- 30 Harraseeket Inn, Freeport 86.3
- 30 Hotel Commonwealth, Boston 86.3
- 33 Congress Hall, Cape May, N.J. 86.0

- 34 Millennium Bostonian Hotel 85.8
- 35 Nine Zero Hotel, Boston 85.6
- 36 Vanderbilt Grace Hotel, Newport 85.4
- 37 Captain Lord Mansion, Kennebunkport 85.0
- 38 Hotel Palomar Philadelphia 84.8
- 39 Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C. 84.7
- 40 Bar Harbor Grand Hotel 84.6
- 40 Liberty Hotel (Luxury Collection), Boston 84.6
- 42 Inns & Spa at Mills Falls, Meredith, N.H. 84.3
- 43 Park Hyatt Washington 84.2
- 44 Fairmont Battery Wharf, Boston 84.1
- 44 Hotel Palomar Washington DC 84.1

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

TOP 20

- 1 Heathman Hotel, Kirkland, Wash. 94.5
- 2 Hotel 1000, Seattle 94.4
- 3 Allison Inn & Spa, Willamette Valley 93.1
- 4 Tu Tu' Tun Lodge, Gold Beach, Ore. 92.9
- 5 Stephanie Inn, Cannon Beach, Ore. 92.6
- 6 Inn at the Market, Seattle 90.6
- 7 Salish Lodge & Spa, Snoqualmie, Wash. 90.2
- 8 Heathman Hotel, Portland 89.5
- 9 Four Seasons, Seattle 88.1
- 9 The Nines (Luxury Collection), Portland 88.1
- 11 Hotel Bellevue, Wash. 87.1
- 12 The Edgewater, Seattle 86.6
- 13 Hotel Andra, Seattle 86.4
- 13 Hotel Monaco Seattle 86.4
- 15 Fairmont Olympic Hotel, Seattle 86.3
- 16 Grand Hyatt Seattle 85.8
- 16 Hotel Modera, Portland 85.8
- 18 Davenport Hotel and Tower, Spokane 84.6
- 19 Seattle Marriott Waterfront 82.8
- 20 Alexis Hotel, Seattle 82.5

SOUTH

TOP 50

- 1 21c Museum Hotel, Louisville 96.8
- 2 Farrington House, Pittsboro, N.C. 96.7
- 3 French Quarter Inn, Charleston 96.6
- 4 HarbourView Inn, Charleston 95.5
- 5 John Rutledge House, Charleston 94.5
- 5 Lorien Hotel & Spa, Alexandria 94.5
- 7 The Swag, Waynesville, N.C. 94.0
- 8 Planters Inn, Charleston 93.2
- 9 Foley House Inn, Savannah 92.5
- 9 Market Pavilion Hotel, Charleston 92.5
- 11 Restoration on King, Charleston 92.4
- 12 Blackberry Farm, Great Smoky Mountains, Tenn. 92.3
- 13 Inn on Biltmore Estate, Asheville 91.7
- 14 Charleston Place 91.6
- 15 St. Regis, Atlanta 90.6
- 16 Elliott House Inn, Charleston 90.1
- 16 Old Edwards Inn and Spa, Highlands, N.C. 90.1
- 18 Umstead Hotel and Spa, Raleigh 89.8
- 19 Alluvian Hotel, Greenwood 89.3
- 20 Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte 89.1
- 21 Morrison House, Alexandria 88.4
- 22 Grand Bohemian Hotel Asheville 88.3
- 22 The Willcox, Aiken, S.C. 88.3
- 24 Madison Hotel, Memphis 88.2
- 25 Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront 88.0

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The inmates are long gone from the Charles Street Jail, now the Liberty Hotel, one of Boston's 12 top-scoring hotels, making the city second only to New York in the Northeast.

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The French Quarter Inn earns Charleston's highest rating for dining, 92.2. Read "Grits Gone Wild" (page 182) for an epicurean tour of the fabulous new kitchens of the South.

United States

Hotels (Continued)

- 25 Inn at Little Washington, Washington, Va. 88.0
- 27 InterContinental Buckhead, Atlanta 87.6
- 27 Omni Royal Orleans, New Orleans 87.6
- 29 Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead, Atlanta 87.4
- 30 Roosevelt New Orleans 86.9
- 31 Andaz Savannah 86.2
- 31 Loews Atlanta 86.2
- 31 Mansion on Forsyth Park, Savannah 86.2
- 31 Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans 86.2
- 35 Hotel Monaco Alexandria 86.1
- 36 Hermitage Hotel, Nashville 85.7
- 37 Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta 85.6
- 37 Soniat House, New Orleans 85.6
- 39 Mills House Hotel, Charleston 84.4
- 39 Windsor Court Hotel, New Orleans 85.4
- 41 Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner, McLean, Va. 84.5
- 42 Four Seasons, Atlanta 83.9
- 43 Tides Inn, Irvington, Va. 83.7
- 44 Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa 83.6
- 44 Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club, Durham 83.6
- 46 Capital Hotel, Little Rock 83.2
- 46 Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans 83.2
- 48 Marina Inn at Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach 83.0
- 49 Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans 81.4
- 50 Inn at Carnall Hall, Fayetteville, Ark. 81.3

SOUTHWEST

TOP 25

- 1 Inn of the Five Graces, Santa Fe 94.2
- 2 Rosewood Crescent Hotel, Dallas 93.8
- 3 Hotel Sorella CityCentre, Houston 93.5
- 4 Mokara Hotel & Spa, San Antonio 92.9
- 5 Inn and Spa at Loretto, Santa Fe 92.5
- 6 Hotel Valencia Riverwalk, San Antonio 92.2

- 7 Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek, Dallas 92.1
- 8 Ritz-Carlton, Dallas 91.9
- 9 L'Auberge de Sedona, Sedona 91.4
- 10 Rosewood Inn of the Anasazi, Santa Fe 89.1
- 11 Inn on the Alameda, Santa Fe 88.5
- 12 Hotel Andaluz, Albuquerque 87.9
- 13 Hotel Contessa, San Antonio 87.5
- 14 The Saguaro, Scottsdale 86.7
- 15 The Driskill, Austin 86.5
- 16 Four Seasons, Austin 85.8
- 17 Adobe Grand Villas, Sedona 85.3
- 18 St. Regis, Houston 84.9
- 19 Hotel Havana, San Antonio 84.8
- 20 Hotel St. Francis, Santa Fe 84.1
- 21 La Fonda on the Plaza, Santa Fe 83.3
- 22 Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa 83.1
- 23 Hotel Palomar Dallas 82.6
- 24 The Joule (Luxury Collection), Dallas 82.6
- 25 Omni Corpus Christi Marina Tower 82.0

WEST

TOP 10

- 1 Oxford Hotel, Denver 92.9
- 2 Beaumont Hotel & Spa, Ouray, Colo. 92.2
- 3 St Julien Hotel & Spa, Boulder 89.2
- 4 Hotel Teatro, Denver 87.2
- 5 Brown Palace Hotel and Spa, Denver 85.1
- 6 Four Seasons, Denver 85.0
- 7 Ritz-Carlton, Denver 84.8
- 8 Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City 84.2
- 9 JW Marriott Denver Cherry Creek 83.9
- 10 The Curtis, Denver 82.3

GARDEN VARIETY With more than 4,000 acres, San Diego's Grand Del Mar resort sculpts scenes such as this pool topiary.



RESORTS

FLORIDA

TOP 40

- 1 Little Palm Island Resort & Spa, Little Torch Key 94.3
- 2 WaterColor Inn & Resort, Santa Rosa Beach 93.3
- 3 Elizabeth Pointe Lodge, Amelia Island 93.0
- 4 LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort, Naples 92.3
- 5 The Breakers Palm Beach 91.6
- 6 Ocean Key Resort & Spa, Key West 91.5
- 7 Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples 91.2
- 8 Sandpearl Resort, Clearwater Beach 90.6
- 9 Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa 90.3
- 10 Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island 90.1
- 11 Disney's Boardwalk Inn Resort, Lake Buena Vista 88.8
- 12 Lodge & Club, Ponte Vedra 88.5
- 12 Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach 88.5
- 14 Santa Maria Suites Resort, Key West 88.3
- 15 Sunset Key Guest Cottages (Westin), Key West 88.2
- 16 Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge, Buena Vista 87.8
- 17 Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes 87.6
- 18 Cheeca Lodge & Spa, Islamorada 87.3
- 19 Four Seasons Resort, Palm Beach 87.2
- 19 Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Ponte Vedra Beach 87.2
- 21 Disney's Vero Beach Resort 87.0
- 22 Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, Lake Buena Vista 86.9
- 23 Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota 86.8
- 24 Gasparilla Inn & Club, Boca Grande 86.6
- 24 Loews Portofino Bay Hotel, Orlando 86.6
- 26 Hammock Beach Resort, Palm Coast 86.5
- 27 Disney's Beach Club Resort, Lake Buena Vista 86.4
- 28 Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale 86.3
- 29 Vinoy Resort & Golf Club, St. Petersburg 86.2
- 30 Disney's Wilderness Lodge, Lake Buena Vista 85.8
- 31 Naples Bay Resort 85.3
- 31 Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne 85.3
- 33 Disney's Yacht Club Resort, Lake Buena Vista 84.9
- 34 Loews Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Orlando 84.1
- 35 Hawks Cay Resort, Duck Key 83.8
- 36 Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables 83.6
- 37 Hard Rock Hotel at Universal Orlando Resort 83.4
- 38 One Ocean Resort & Spa, Jacksonville 83.3
- 39 Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa 83.1
- 40 Costa d'Este Beach Resort, Vero Beach 83.0

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

TOP 15

- 1 CordeValle (Rosewood), San Martin 96.3
- 2 Solage Calistoga 94.5
- 3 Lodge at Pebble Beach 93.1
- 3 Vintage Inn, Yountville 93.1
- 5 Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe 91.0

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Seven years after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans is again one of your favorite cities. Seven Big Easy hotels are among the South's finest, including The Roosevelt, a Waldorf Astoria.

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Alabama's only winner, the 1908 Battle House was the last building still standing on its block in 1980. It is now a restored historic gem in revitalized downtown Mobile.

United States

Resorts (Continued)

- 6 Calistoga Ranch, Napa 90.8
- 6 Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach 90.8
- 6 Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay 90.8
- 9 Villagio Inn & Spa, Yountville 89.5
- 10 Resort at Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe 87.7
- 11 Meadowood Napa Valley, St. Helena 87.4
- 12 Kenwood Inn and Spa, Sonoma County 86.0
- 13 Casa Madrona Hotel & Spa, Sausalito 84.0
- 14 Sanctuary Beach Resort, Monterey Bay 83.6
- 15 Ahwahnee Hotel, Yosemite 83.5

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

TOP 20

- 1 Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Beach 96.1
- 2 Montage Laguna Beach 93.0
- 3 Terranea Resort, Rancho Palos Verdes 91.9
- 4 Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore Santa Barbara 91.5
- 5 Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, Dana Point 90.2
- 6 St. Regis Monarch Beach, Dana Point 88.4
- 7 Rancho Valencia, Rancho Santa Fe 88.2
- 8 Ojai Valley Inn & Spa 87.2
- 9 L'Auberge Del Mar 86.9
- 10 Lodge at Torrey Pines, La Jolla 86.4
- 11 Surf & Sand Resort, Laguna Beach 86.1
- 12 Rancho Bernardo Inn Golf Resort & Spa, San Diego 85.7
- 13 Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa 85.4
- 14 Grand Del Mar, San Diego 84.8
- 15 Bacara Resort & Spa, Santa Barbara 84.7
- 16 Hotel del Coronado, San Diego 84.6
- 17 Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Carlsbad 84.5
- 18 JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa, Palm Desert 83.6
- 19 Disney's Grand Californian Hotel & Spa, Anaheim 82.2
- 20 Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa, Dana Point 81.0

NORTHEAST

TOP 20

- 1 Mirror Lake Inn Resort and Spa, Lake Placid 94.0
- 2 Lake Placid Lodge 93.2
- 2 Stowe Mountain Lodge, Vt. 93.2
- 4 Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, N.Y. 91.9
- 4 Whiteface Lodge, Lake Placid 91.9
- 6 Lodge at Woodloch, Hawley, Pa. 90.6
- 7 Ocean House, Watch Hill, R.I. 90.0
- 8 Wequassett Resort and Golf Club, Cape Cod 89.8
- 9 Omni Bedford Springs Resort, Pa. 89.7
- 10 Chatham Bars Inn, Cape Cod 89.4
- 11 The Sagamore, Lake George, N.Y. 87.0



HIGH LIFE IN THE LOWCOUNTRY Fifty vernacular cottages stand in the forested waterways at the Inn at Palmetto Bluff, the No. 1 resort in the American South.

- 12 Otesaga Resort Hotel, Cooperstown 86.7
- 13 Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, Farmington, Pa. 86.1
- 14 Samoset Resort, Rockport, Me. 84.6
- 15 Equinox Golf Resort & Spa (Luxury Collection), Manchester, Vt. 83.9
- 16 Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, Vt. 83.5
- 16 Woodstock Inn & Resort, Vt. 83.5
- 18 StoweLake Mountain Resort & Spa, Stowe, Vt. 83.2
- 19 Cliff House Resort & Spa, Ogunquit, Me. 83.1
- 20 Inn at Thorn Hill & Spa, Jackson, N.H. 83.0

SOUTH

TOP 20

- 1 Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C. 97.2
- 2 Colonial Houses, Williamsburg, Va. 96.6
- 3 Sanctuary Hotel at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, S.C. 95.8
- 4 The Cloister, Sea Island, Ga. 95.6
- 5 Keswick Hall at Monticello, Va. 92.8
- 6 Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgetdale, Mo. 92.7
- 7 Little St. Simons Island, Ga. 91.3
- 8 The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. 91.2
- 9 Williamsburg Lodge, Va. 90.7
- 10 Williamsburg Inn, Va. 89.0
- 11 Sea Pines Resort Inn at Harbour Town, Hilton Head 88.6
- 12 The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va. 87.5
- 13 Sanderling Resort & Spa, Duck, N.C. 87.2
- 14 Barnsley Gardens Resort, Adairsville, Ga. 87.0
- 15 Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa, Point Clear, Ala. 85.9
- 15 Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N.C. 85.9
- 17 Disney's Hilton Head Island Resort 85.6
- 18 Pinehurst Resort, N.C. 84.9
- 19 Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, S.C. 84.6
- 20 Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, Ga. 84.2

MIDWEST

TOP 5

- 1 Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, Wis. 88.7
- 2 Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Mich. 87.5
- 3 American Club, Kohler, Wis. 86.9
- 4 Grand View Lodge, Nisswa, Minn. 86.4
- 5 West Baden Springs Hotel, Ind. 83.4

HAWAII

TOP 25

- 1 Four Seasons Resort Lana'i, The Lodge at Koele 96.2
- 2 Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Big Island 95.2
- 3 Four Seasons Resort Lana'i at Manele Bay 94.7
- 4 Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea 93.9
- 5 Wailea Beach Villas, Maui 93.7
- 6 St. Regis Princeville Resort, Kauai 93.0
- 7 Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa 90.4
- 8 Fairmont Orchid, Big Island 90.0
- 9 Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui 89.8
- 10 Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, Maui 89.3
- 11 Aulani Disney Resort & Spa, Oahu 87.5
- 11 Honua Kai Resort & Spa, Maui 87.5
- 11 Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Big Island 87.5
- 11 Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Big Island 87.5
- 15 Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa 87.1
- 16 Travaasa Hana, Maui 86.5
- 17 Grand Wailea, Maui 86.4
- 18 Kahala Hotel & Resort, Oahu 85.6
- 18 Koa Kea Hotel and Resort, Kauai 85.6
- 20 Kaua'i Marriott Resort 84.6
- 21 JW Marriott Ihilani Ko Olina Resort & Spa, Oahu 84.5
- 22 Hilton Waikoloa Village, Big Island 82.3
- 23 Westin Maui Resort & Spa 82.1
- 24 Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa, Ka'anapali 82.0
- 25 Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, Big Island 81.8

LAS VEGAS

TOP 5

- 1 Wynn and Encore Wynn 91.4
- 2 Palazzo Resort Hotel Casino 90.6
- 3 JW Marriott Las Vegas 85.2
- 4 Caesars Palace 80.2
- 5 Green Valley Ranch 79.2

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

TOP 10

- 1 Alderbrook Resort & Spa, Union, Wash. 94.9
- 2 Willows Lodge, Woodinville, Wash. 89.2
- 3 Tulalip Resort Casino, Wash. 88.0
- 4 Woodmark Hotel, Yacht Club & Spa, Kirkland, Wash. 86.9
- 5 Inn at Langley, Whidbey Island, Wash. 86.8
- 6 Cave B Inn & Spa, Quincy, Wash. 84.4
- 7 Alyeska Resort, Girdwood, Alaska 83.6
- 8 Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum, Wash. 82.9
- 8 Sunriver Resort, Ore. 82.9
- 10 Salishan Spa & Golf Resort, Gleneden Beach, Ore. 79.3

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Napa Valley has five of northern California's Top 15 Resorts, and note: The lowest score is Meadowood's impressive 87.4.

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San Diego County shows its luxury muscle with seven of Southern California's top resorts, including the legendary 124-year-old seaside Hotel del Coronado.

United States

Resorts (Continued)

SOUTHWEST

TOP 25

- 1 Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain, Tucson 92.5
- 2 Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain Resort and Spa, Paradise Valley, Ariz. 92.5
- 3 Amangiri, Canyon Point, Utah 91.4
- 4 Royal Palms Resort and Spa, Phoenix 90.9
- 5 Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North 90.4
- 6 Enchantment Resort, Sedona 90.1
- 7 El Monte Sagrado, Taos 89.9
- 8 The Phoenician and Canyon Suites (Luxury Collection), Scottsdale 88.7
- 9 Montelucia Resort & Spa, Scottsdale 87.8
- 10 La Torretta Lake Resort & Spa, Montgomery, Texas 86.8
- 11 Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch 86.4
- 12 Fairmont Scottsdale Princess 85.5
- 13 Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson 85.3
- 14 JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa, Tucson 85.2
- 15 Westin Kierland Villas, Scottsdale 85.2
- 16 Boulders Resort, Scottsdale 84.9
- 17 Hermosa Inn, Paradise Valley, Ariz. 84.6
- 18 JW Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort & Spa 84.5
- 19 Sandia Resort & Casino, Albuquerque 84.3
- 20 Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa, Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M. 84.2
- 21 JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, Phoenix 84.0
- 22 Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas 83.9
- 23 Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale 83.6
- 24 Lodge at Ventana Canyon, Tucson 82.5
- 25 San Luis Resort, Galveston Island 81.9

WEST

TOP 40

- 1 Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa at Beaver Creek Mountain, Avon, Colo. 95.8
- 2 Four Seasons Resort Jackson Hole 95.4
- 3 Fairmont Heritage Place, Franz Klammer Lodge, Telluride 94.9
- 4 Hotel Terra, Jackson Hole 94.9
- 5 Amangani, Jackson Hole 93.5
- 6 Hotel Telluride 92.6
- 7 The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs 92.5
- 8 The Sebastian-Vail 91.6
- 9 Arabelle at Vail Square 91.4
- 10 Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch, Avon, Colo. 91.0
- 11 Sonnenalp Resort of Vail 90.8
- 12 Inn at Lost Creek, Telluride 90.4
- 13 Viceroy Snowmass 90.4
- 14 Little Nell, Aspen 90.0
- 15 Stein Eriksen Lodge, Park City 89.7
- 16 Jenny Lake Lodge, Grand Teton National Park 89.2
- 17 New Sheridan Hotel, Telluride 88.9
- 18 Vail Cascade Resort & Spa 88.5
- 19 Lumière Telluride 88.4
- 20 Pines Lodge, Beaver Creek 88.3
- 21 Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa 87.9
- 22 Tivoli Lodge, Vail 87.8
- 23 Four Seasons Resort Vail 87.7
- 24 St. Regis Deer Valley, Park City 87.3
- 25 Camel's Garden Hotel, Telluride 87.1
- 26 Montage Deer Valley, Park City 87.0
- 27 Ice House Lodge, Telluride 86.8
- 28 Mountain Lodge Telluride 86.8
- 29 Teton Mountain Lodge & Spa, Jackson Hole 86.8
- 30 Lodge & Spa at Cordillera, Vail Valley 86.6
- 31 Triple Creek Ranch, Darby, Mont. 86.5
- 32 Rusty Parrot Lodge & Spa, Jackson Hole 86.3
- 33 Waldorf Astoria Park City 86.1
- 34 Peaks Resort & Spa, Telluride 85.4
- 35 St. Regis Aspen Resort 85.4
- 36 Vail Mountain Lodge & Spa 84.3
- 37 Cliff House at Pikes Peak, Manitou Springs, Colo. 83.8
- 38 Beaver Creek Lodge 83.5
- 39 Canyons Grand Summit Hotel, Park City 83.2
- 40 Alta Lodge, Utah 83.1
- 41 Coeur d'Alene Resort, Idaho 83.1

STAR POWER At Solage Calistoga resort (No. 2 in Northern California), chef Brandon Sharp's "California soul food" menu gets the one-star nod from Michelin—and kudos from satisfied readers.



RIVER QUEEN Uniworld's largest ship, the S.S. Antoinette sails past Rudesheim on the Rhine River.

CRUISE LINES

Top honors on the high seas again go to **Crystal Cruises**; on rivers, **Grand Circle Travel** is No. 1.

TOP 25

SMALL-SHIP LINES

(Fewer than 600 passengers)

- 1 Seabourn 90.3
- 2 Regent Seven Seas Cruises 89.6
- 3 Silversea 89.1
- 4 Lindblad Expeditions 88.3
- 5 SeaDream Yacht Club 86.8

MIDSIZE-SHIP LINES

(600–2,500 passengers)

- 1 Crystal Cruises 94.2
- 2 Regent Seven Seas Cruises 91.6
- 3 Oceania Cruises 88.9
- 4 Azamara Club Cruises 87.3
- 5 Cunard 84.0
- 6 Holland America 81.3
- 7 Celebrity 80.3
- 8 Princess 79.6
- 9 Royal Caribbean 76.3
- 10 Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) 65.0

LARGE-SHIP LINES

(More than 2,500 passengers)

- 1 Disney 88.4
- 2 Celebrity 87.7
- 3 Princess 80.2
- 4 Royal Caribbean 77.1
- 5 Carnival 69.3

RIVER CRUISE LINES

- 1 Grand Circle Travel 94.3
- 2 Uniworld Boutique River Cruises 92.0
- 3 Viking River Cruises 88.3
- 4 Avalon Waterways 86.5
- 5 AmaWaterways 83.2

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Debuting among America's top-rated resorts in 1990, The Boulders is now a Waldorf Astoria. Greater Phoenix claims more than half of the Southwest's top-scoring resorts.



CANADA

King Pacific Lodge continues its reign as Canada's top-rated resort, and Langdon Hall remains No. 1 among hotels. But one brand and one province dominate both lists: **Fairmont**, with 14 properties, and **British Columbia**, with 24.



TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 Vancouver 81.9
- 2 Quebec City 81.1
- 3 Victoria 78.5
- 4 Montreal 77.3
- 5 Toronto 73.0

TOP 5 ISLANDS

- 1 Vancouver Island 82.0
- 2 Prince Edward Island 76.4
- 3 Cape Breton 72.9
- 4 Newfoundland 71.2
- 5 Gulf Islands, B.C. 70.6

Hotels

TOP 30

- 1 Langdon Hall Country House Hotel & Spa, Cambridge, Ontario 97.4
- 2 Auberge Saint-Antoine, Quebec City 94.2
- 3 Queen's Landing, Niagara-on-the-Lake 92.8
- 4 Sooke Harbour House, Vancouver Island 92.2
- 5 Le Saint-Sulpice, Montreal 91.9
- 6 Fairmont Pacific Rim, Vancouver 91.4
- 6 Hôtel Nelligan, Montreal 91.4
- 8 Wedgewood Hotel & Spa, Vancouver 90.3
- 9 Ritz-Carlton, Toronto 89.5
- 10 Fairmont Waterfront, Vancouver 88.4
- 10 Loden Vancouver 88.4
- 12 Fairmont Château Laurier, Ottawa 88.3
- 13 Fairmont Vancouver Airport 86.2
- 14 Hôtel Le St-James, Montreal 87.8
- 15 Fairmont Empress, Victoria 87.6
- 16 Pan Pacific, Vancouver 87.5
- 17 Opus Montreal 87.2
- 18 Victoria Regent Hotel, Victoria 86.9
- 19 Opus Vancouver 86.8
- 20 Pillar & Post Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake 86.6
- 20 Sofitel Montréal Golden Mile 86.6
- 22 Fairmont Hotel Macdonald, Edmonton 85.8
- 23 Shangri-La Hotel, Vancouver 85.7
- 24 Le Place d'Armes Hotel and Suites, Montreal 84.7
- 25 St. Regis, Vancouver 84.6
- 26 L'Hermitage Hotel, Vancouver 83.7
- 27 Four Seasons, Vancouver 83.5
- 27 Sutton Place Hotel, Vancouver 83.5
- 29 Sheraton Suites Calgary Eau Claire 83.3
- 30 Fairmont Hotel Vancouver 83.0

Resorts

TOP 20

- 1 King Pacific Lodge (Rosewood), Princess Royal Island 96.9
- 2 Four Seasons, Whistler 95.1
- 3 Long Beach Lodge Resort, Vancouver Island 93.4
- 4 Wickaninnish Inn, Vancouver Island 92.6
- 5 Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise 91.0
- 5 Post Hotel & Spa, Lake Louise 91.0
- 7 Fairmont Chateau Whistler 90.9
- 8 Fairmont Banff Springs 87.5
- 8 Pan Pacific Whistler Village 87.5
- 10 Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, Quebec City 87.2
- 11 Algonquin Resort & Golf Course, St. Andrews, New Brunswick 86.4
- 12 Moraine Lake Lodge, Lake Louise 85.1
- 13 Westin Trillium House Blue Mountain, Collingwood 84.6
- 14 Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler 83.8
- 15 Fairmont Le Château Montebello, Quebec 83.0
- 16 Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, La Malbaie, Quebec 82.8
- 17 Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet, B.C. 82.5
- 18 Banff Park Lodge 82.3
- 19 Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff 82.1
- 20 Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge 81.2

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Fairmont Hotels & Resorts has four winners in Vancouver alone. Highest rated: the Fairmont Pacific Rim, in a prime spot overlooking Coal Harbour.

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Canada's only Sofitel, opened in 2002, is on the site of a mansion whose razing in 1973 prompted new preservation efforts in Montreal.

OPUS 17 The firm Yabu Pushelberg designed the interiors at Opus Montreal. The sister Opus, in Vancouver, is No. 19.



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 46,476 responses were done by Global Market Insights, Inc., of Boston. **Organization:** The questionnaire contains lists of candidates in various categories (Cities, Hotels, etc.). Individual candidates are judged by relevant criteria for each. Those that receive a required minimum number of responses are deemed eligible for a Readers' Choice Award. **Evaluation:** Each candidate is rated, criterion by criterion, on a five-point scale: excellent, very good, good, fair, and poor. Those scores, which represent the percentage of excellent and very good ratings, are averaged to calculate the final score published here. For example, King Pacific Lodge's rating, 96.9, is the average of its scores for all criteria: Food/Dining, Location, Overall Design, Rooms, Service, and (for resorts) Activities/Facilities.

MEXICO

The smart question is not *if* Mexico but *where*. Strong resort scores this year resulted in winners for all three wildly popular coasts: Baja, the Pacific, and the Yucatán, each with impressive lists led by **One&Only Palmilla**, **Capella Ixtapa**, and **Le Blanc Spa Resort**.



TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 San Miguel de Allende 79.7
- 2 Los Cabos 70.2
- 3 Puebla 68.5
- 4 Cancún 66.9
- 5 Mérida 66.5

Resorts

PACIFIC RIVIERA

TOP 10

- 1 **Capella Ixtapa** 96.8
- 2 **Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita** 92.3
- 3 **Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit**, Nuevo Vallarta 90.8
- 4 **Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay**, Mazatlán 89.7
- 5 **St. Regis Punta Mita Resort** 89.6
- 6 **Banyan Tree Cabo Marqués**, Acapulco 88.7
- 7 **Vallarta Palace**, Puerto Vallarta 88.4
- 8 **Pueblo Bonito Mazatlán** 87.5
- 9 **Fairmont Acapulco Princess** 84.5
- 10 **CasaMagna Marriott Puerto Vallarta Resort & Spa** 84.3
- 11 **Las Hadas Golf Resort & Marina**, Manzanillo 84.3

BAJA

TOP 15

- 1 **One&Only Palmilla**, Los Cabos 96.3
- 2 **Capella Pedregal**, Cabo San Lucas 96.0
- 3 **Grand Solmar Land's End Resort & Spa**, Los Cabos 94.7
- 4 **Esperanza**, Cabo San Lucas 93.9
- 5 **Las Ventanas al Paraíso** (Rosewood), Los Cabos 93.6
- 6 **Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach Resort & Spa**, Cabo San Lucas 91.9
- 7 **Pueblo Bonito Pacifica Resort & Spa**, Cabo San Lucas 91.0
- 8 **Secrets Marquis Los Cabos** 88.5
- 9 **Cabo Azul Resort & Spa** 88.3
- 10 **Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort** 87.0
- 11 **Playa Grande Resort**, Cabo San Lucas 86.9
- 12 **Pueblo Bonito Los Cabos** 86.9
- 13 **Zoëtry Casa del Mar**, Los Cabos 86.8
- 14 **Barceló Los Cabos Palace Deluxe** 86.5
- 15 **Pueblo Bonito Rosé Resort & Spa**, Cabo San Lucas 82.9

CANCÚN AND THE YUCATÁN

TOP 30

- 1 **Le Blanc Spa Resort**, Cancún 95.2
- 2 **Maroma Resort & Spa**, Riviera Maya 94.9
- 3 **Rosewood Mayakoba**, Riviera Maya 94.7
- 4 **Grand Velas Riviera Maya** 93.9
- 5 **Fairmont Mayakoba**, Riviera Maya 93.8
- 6 **Secrets Maroma Beach Riviera Cancun** 93.8
- 7 **Viceroy Riviera Maya** (formerly The Tides) 93.3
- 8 **Ritz-Carlton**, Cancún 92.6
- 9 **Excellence Playa Mujeres** 90.5
- 10 **Banyan Tree Mayakoba**, Riviera Maya 90.3
- 11 **The Royal**, Playa del Carmen 90.2
- 12 **Excellence Riviera Cancun** 88.6

Hotels

TOP 10

- 1 **Rosewood San Miguel de Allende** 97.1
- 2 **Hotel Matilda**, San Miguel de Allende 94.1
- 3 **Las Mañanitas**, Cuernavaca 93.5
- 4 **La Casa Que Canta**, Zihuatanejo 92.5
- 5 **Quinta Real Guadalajara** 91.4
- 6 **Casa de Sierra Nevada**, San Miguel de Allende 89.4
- 7 **Quinta Real**, Monterrey 87.5
- 8 **Hyatt Regency** (formerly Hotel Nikko), Mexico City 87.2
- 9 **Villa Premiere Hotel & Spa**, Puerto Vallarta 86.7
- 10 **Four Seasons Hotel Mexico**, Mexico City 85.6

1 Baja's top-rated resort for six years running, **One&Only Palmilla** will host its second annual Mexican Culinary Festival this month (November 7-11).

3 Rosewood claims the highest rating in the Yucatán's Mayakoba reserve, but all three resorts earn top scores.

- 13 **Zoëtry Paraíso de la Bonita Riviera Maya**, Cancún 88.2
- 14 **Ceiba del Mar Beach & Spa Resort**, Riviera Maya 87.8
- 15 **Isla Mujeres Palace** 87.7
- 16 **Secrets Capri Riviera Cancun**, Playa del Carmen 87.3
- 17 **Valentin Imperial Maya**, Riviera Maya 86.9
- 18 **Beach Palace**, Cancún 86.8
- 19 **Iberostar Grand Hotel Paraíso**, Riviera Maya 86.5
- 20 **Royal Hideaway Playacar**, Playa del Carmen 86.5
- 21 **Aqua Cancun Resort** 86.2
- 22 **Sun Palace**, Cancún 86.1
- 23 **Le Méridien Cancun Resort & Spa** 85.2
- 24 **El Dorado Casitas Royale**, Riviera Maya 84.7
- 25 **Hard Rock Hotel Cancun** (formerly Cancun Palace) 84.4
- 26 **Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort**, Cancún 84.3
- 27 **JW Marriott Cancun Resort & Spa** 84.1
- 28 **Hotel Villa Rolandi Thalasso Spa, Gourmet & Beach Club**, Isla Mujeres 84.0
- 29 **ME Cancún** 83.6
- 30 **Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Cancun Resort & Spa** 82.9

MODA ASIÁTICO Banyan Tree's Asian heritage is on display in all 107 villas at its Riviera Maya resort complex.



CARIBBEAN/ATLANTIC

No island dominates this popular vacation region, where luxury extends from Bermuda to the Caymans to Barbados. If all three No. 1 properties look familiar, they are: All were No. 1 last year, too: **Nisbet Plantation, The Reefs**, and **Peninsula House**.



TOP 10 ISLANDS

- 1 Bermuda 87.2
- 2 Nevis 85.2
- 3 Turks and Caicos 84.9
- 4 St. John, U.S.V.I. 82.4
- 5 St. Barts 81.5
- 6 Anguilla 81.4
- 7 St. Lucia 81.4
- 8 Aruba 78.2
- 9 British Virgin Islands 78.2
- 10 Cayman Islands 76.3

TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 Gustavia, St. Barts 71.1
- 2 Oranjestad, Aruba 65.4
- 3 Negril, Jamaica 64.7
- 4 Castries, St. Lucia 64.5
- 5 San Juan, Puerto Rico 61.7

Resorts

CARIBBEAN

TOP 30

- 1 Nisbet Plantation Beach Club, Nevis 95.8
- 2 Anse Chastanet, St. Lucia 95.4
- 3 Jade Mountain, St. Lucia 95.1
- 4 Sandals Whitehouse European Village & Spa, Jamaica 93.4
- 5 Curtain Bluff, Antigua 93.2
- 6 Biras Creek Resort, Virgin Gorda, B.V.I. 93.1
- 7 Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman 92.5
- 8 Couples Swept Away, Jamaica 91.5
- 9 Four Seasons, Nevis 91.5
- 10 Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts, Aruba 90.9
- 11 St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort, Puerto Rico 90.4
- 12 Couples Sans Souci, Ocho Rios 89.8
- 13 Palm Island, St. Vincent and the Grenadines 89.7
- 14 Cap Juluca, Anguilla 89.6
- 15 Secrets St. James Montego Bay 88.7
- 16 Las Casitas Village, Puerto Rico 88.2
- 17 Caneel Bay (Rosewood), St. John 87.8
- 18 Iberostar Grand Hotel Rose Hall, Jamaica 87.7
- 19 Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort & Casino 87.6
- 20 Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I. 86.9
- 21 Bitter End Yacht Club, Virgin Gorda, B.V.I. 86.7
- 22 La Samanna Resort & Spa, St. Martin 86.4
- 23 Half Moon, Jamaica 85.8
- 24 Peter Island Resort & Spa, B.V.I. 85.6
- 25 Iberostar Grand Hotel Bávaro, Dominican Republic 85.2
- 26 The Buccaneer, St. Croix 84.3
- 27 Iberostar Hacienda Dominicus, Dominican Republic 83.3
- 28 CuisinArt Golf Resort & Spa, Anguilla 83.2
- 29 Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino 83.0
- 30 Paradisus Palma Real Golf & Spa Resort, Dominican Republic 82.9

ATLANTIC

TOP 12

- 1 The Reefs, Bermuda 95.1
- 2 Seven Stars Resort, Turks and Caicos 93.8
- 3 Pink Beach Club, Bermuda 92.5
- 4 One&Only Ocean Club, Bahamas 91.7
- 5 Rosewood Tucker's Point, Bermuda 89.4
- 6 Regent Palms, Turks and Caicos 89.3
- 7 Reef Atlantis, Bahamas 86.4
- 8 Cambridge Beaches, Bermuda 85.7
- 9 Sandals Emerald Bay, Great Exuma 84.3
- 10 Cove Atlantis, Bahamas 84.0
- 11 Fairmont Southampton, Bermuda 84.0
- 12 Sandy Lane, Barbados 83.8

Hotels

CARIBBEAN & ATLANTIC

TOP 30

- 1 Peninsula House, Dominican Republic 98.2
- 2 Jumby Bay (Rosewood), Antigua 96.5
- 3 The Caves, Jamaica 94.7
- 4 Hôtel Le Toiny, St. Barts 93.9
- 5 Hôtel Saint-Barth Isle de France 92.9
- 6 Rosewood Little Dix Bay, Virgin Gorda, B.V.I. 92.2
- 7 Christopher Hotel, St. Barts 91.8
- 8 Eden Rock, St. Barts 91.5
- 9 Parrot Cay, Turks and Caicos 91.5
- 10 Tortuga Bay, Dominican Republic 91.3
- 11 Viceroy Anguilla 91.2
- 12 Rock House, Bahamas 91.1
- 13 Amanaya, Turks and Caicos 90.7
- 14 Ladera, St. Lucia 90.7
- 15 Pompano Beach Club, Bermuda 89.7
- 16 Strawberry Hill, Jamaica 89.6
- 17 Horned Dorset Primavera, Puerto Rico 88.5
- 18 Gansevoort, Turks and Caicos 87.7
- 19 Tides Sugar Beach, St. Lucia 87.5
- 20 Hotel El Convento, Puerto Rico 87.0
- 21 W Retreat & Spa—Vieques Island 86.9
- 22 Jamaica Inn, Ocho Rios 85.0
- 23 Cap Maison, St. Lucia 84.9
- 24 Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina, B.V.I. 84.6
- 25 Galley Bay, Antigua 84.4
- 26 Fairmont Royal Pavilion, Barbados 83.8
- 27 Sands at Grace Bay, Turks and Caicos 83.8
- 28 Grace Bay Club, Turks and Caicos 83.4
- 29 Riu Palace Aruba 82.6
- 30 LaSource, Grenada 82.5

BEACH BONANZA Rosewood's Caneel Bay encompasses seven beaches on St. John.



11 The only St. Regis in the Caribbean, the Bahia Beach Resort opened in 2010 on Puerto Rico's northern coast, well sited east of San Juan's heavily developed corridor.

1 Since 1947, when the original beach club became a resort, The Reefs has been one of Bermuda's most distinguished properties. This is its fourth year at No. 1 in the Atlantic.

BEST IN THE WORLD 2012

OCEANIA

Perfect scores are rare, and Australia claims its first: **Qualia**, on our 2008 Hot List of chic new hotels, is the only lodging you found flawless this year. Sydney has the lion's share of hotels, led by the reborn **Langham**.

TOP 10 ISLANDS

- 1 Bora Bora 86.7
- 2 Great Barrier Reef 84.7
- 3 Moorea 83.6
- 4 Fiji 80.8
- 5 Huahine 79.3
- 6 Tasmania 79.3
- 7 Raiatea 78.2
- 8 Cook Islands 77.4
- 9 Rangiroa and the Tuamotus 75.9
- 10 Galápagos 75.0

TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 Sydney 81.7
- 2 Queenstown 76.4
- 3 Melbourne 74.6
- 4 Auckland 71.7
- 5 Margaret River 69.1



Resorts

TOP 15

- 1 **Qualia**, Hamilton Island, Great Barrier Reef 100
- 2 **Lodge at Kauri Cliffs**, New Zealand 99.2
- 3 **Four Seasons**, Bora Bora 98.1
- 4 **Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort & Spa** 92.2



BIRD OF PARADISE
The Hilton Moorea has 57 overwater bungalows in the atoll's lagoon.

- 5 **InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa** 91.9
- 6 **Palazzo Versace**, Gold Coast 91.4
- 7 **Le Taha'a Island Resort & Spa**, French Polynesia 89.7
- 8 **Te Tiara Beach Resort**, Huahine, French Polynesia 88.6
- 9 **Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa** 88.5
- 10 **Sea Temple Resort & Spa**, Port Douglas, Queensland 88.1
- 11 **Moorea Pearl Resort & Spa** 88.0
- 12 **St. Regis Bora Bora Resort** 86.7
- 13 **Sheraton Fiji Resort**, Nadi 86.4
- 14 **Le Méridien Bora Bora** 83.8
- 15 **Hilton Bora Bora Nui Resort & Spa** 83.3
- 16 **Sea Temple Resort & Spa Palm Cove**, Queensland 83.3

Hotels

TOP 10

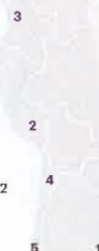
- 1 **The Langham** (formerly The Observatory), Sydney 91.9
- 2 **Park Hyatt Sydney** 88.1
- 3 **Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel at Circular Quay** 87.0
- 4 **InterContinental Sydney** 86.4
- 5 **Shangri-La Hotel**, Sydney 86.3
- 6 **Westin Melbourne** 86.2
- 7 **Westin Sydney** 84.8
- 8 **Four Seasons**, Sydney 84.5
- 9 **Crown Metropol**, Melbourne 82.0
- 10 **Hilton Sydney** 81.1

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

New winners emerge on every Latin American list this year, and in new places. **Guatemala** and **Argentina** claim the top hotels, while **Belize** has the top resort on a list dominated by **Costa Rica**.

TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 Buenos Aires 76.1
- 2 Cuzco 73.8
- 3 Medellín 71.0
- 4 San Pedro de Atacama 70.2
- 5 Santiago 69.7



Hotels

CENTRAL AMERICA

TOP 5

- 1 **Casa Santo Domingo**, Antigua, Guatemala 91.2
- 2 **Trump Ocean Club International Hotel & Tower**, Panama City 90.2
- 3 **Hotel Grano de Oro**, San José, Costa Rica 83.3
- 4 **Hotel Villa Caletas**, Costa Rica 80.8
- 5 **Bristol Panama** 80.1

SOUTH AMERICA

TOP 20

- 1 **Palacio Duhau-Park Hyatt**, Buenos Aires 95.1
- 2 **Alvear Palace Hotel**, Buenos Aires 94.2
- 3 **Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel**, Buenos Aires 91.2
- 4 **Hotel Monasterio**, Cuzco, Peru 91.0
- 5 **Four Seasons**, Buenos Aires 90.6
- 6 **Libertador Palacio del Inka Cusco Hotel**, Peru 90.3
- 7 **Sofitel Buenos Aires** 89.2
- 8 **Sofitel Cartagena Santa Clara**, Colombia 86.8
- 9 **W Santiago** 85.9
- 10 **JW Marriott Hotel Lima** 85.6
- 11 **JW Marriott Hotel Bogota** 85.2

- 12 **San Cristobal Tower**, Santiago 84.9
- 13 **Country Club Lima Hotel** 84.5
- 14 **Ritz-Carlton**, Santiago 84.3
- 15 **Faena Hotel & Universe**, Buenos Aires 83.9
- 16 **Park Tower**, Buenos Aires 83.2
- 17 **Fasano Hotel Rio de Janeiro** 83.1
- 18 **Swissôtel Lima** 83.0
- 19 **Caesar Park Buenos Aires** 82.2
- 20 **JW Marriott Hotel Quito** 82.1



Resorts

TOP 15

- 1 **Kanantik Reef & Jungle Resort**, Belize 94.4
- 2 **Xandari Resort & Spa**, Costa Rica 92.4
- 3 **Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo** 91.4
- 4 **Llao Llao Hotel & Resort**, Argentina 91.0
- 5 **Four Seasons Resort Carmelo**, Uruguay 90.1
- 6 **Park Hyatt Mendoza Hotel, Casino & Spa**, Argentina 89.9
- 7 **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel**, Peru 89.1
- 8 **Hotel Punta Islita**, Costa Rica 88.0
- 9 **El Silencio Lodge & Spa**, Costa Rica 86.8
- 10 **Chaa Creek**, Belize 86.1
- 11 **Los Suenos Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort**, Costa Rica 85.4
- 12 **Arenas del Mar**, Costa Rica 84.7
- 13 **Turtle Inn**, Belize 82.8
- 14 **Hotel das Cataratas**, Brazil 81.8
- 15 **Westin Golf Resort and Spa**, Costa Rica 81.3

PALACE YARD
Formal gardens separate the old palace and the new tower at Buenos Aires's Palacio Duhau-Park Hyatt.

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ASIA

China debuts with its own list, dominated by its three powerhouse cities. **Thailand** has luxury chops that merit its own Top 15, led by five Bangkok gems. In India, **Oberoi** has No. 1 and No. 2, and **Taj** claims four of the Top 10.

Hotels

CHINA

TOP 35

- 1 Ritz-Carlton Shanghai 97.9
- 2 Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong 95.8
- 3 Conrad Hong Kong 95.1
- 4 Raffles Beijing 94.4
- 5 Kowloon Shangri-La, Hong Kong 94.0
- 6 Pudong Shangri-La, Shanghai 93.6
- 7 Regent Beijing 93.1
- 8 Four Seasons, Hong Kong 92.9
- 9 Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong 92.6
- 10 Ritz-Carlton Beijing, Financial Street 92.3
- 11 The Peninsula, Hong Kong 92.0
- 12 Westin Bund Center, Shanghai 92.0
- 13 W Hong Kong 91.0
- 14 China World Hotel, Beijing 90.2
- 15 Portman Ritz-Carlton, Shanghai 89.8
- 16 Xi'an Garden Hotel, Xi'an 88.7
- 17 Ritz-Carlton, Beijing 88.2
- 18 InterContinental Beijing Beichen 87.9
- 19 Westin Beijing Financial Street 87.8
- 20 Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong 86.9
- 21 Grand Hyatt Shanghai 86.8
- 22 Westin Beijing Chaoyang 86.7
- 23 InterContinental Hong Kong 86.4
- 24 The Langham, Hong Kong 86.4
- 25 The Peninsula, Shanghai 86.3
- 26 Park Hyatt Shanghai 86.2
- 27 JW Marriott Beijing 85.8
- 28 JW Marriott Shanghai at Tomorrow Square 85.8

TOP 10 CITIES

- 1 Bangkok 83.0
- 2 Hong Kong 80.7
- 3 Kyoto 80.7
- 4 Singapore 79.8
- 5 Chiang Mai 79.0
- 6 Ubud, Bali 78.7
- 7 Tokyo 77.8
- 8 Hoi An, Vietnam 76.4
- 9 Shanghai 76.2
- 10 Luang Prabang 74.4

TOP 10 ISLANDS

- 1 Bali 81.8
- 2 Phuket 79.6
- 3 Luzon 78.9
- 4 Langkawi, Malaysia 78.0
- 5 Koh Samui 77.9
- 6 Hokkaido 77.3
- 7 Cebu, Philippines 75.9
- 8 Malaysian Borneo 73.8
- 9 Lombok 73.5
- 10 Mindanao 62.8



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Now ten years old, the Westin is in the Shanghai Bund Center, a skyscraper instantly identifiable by the lotus-shaped roof crown, rising 37 feet.

- 29 Upper House, Hong Kong 85.8
- 30 InterContinental Beijing Financial Street 85.7
- 31 Langham Place, Hong Kong 85.3
- 32 Grand Hyatt Beijing 85.0
- 33 Shangri-La Hotel, Guangzhou 84.3
- 34 The Peninsula, Beijing 84.0
- 35 Park Plaza Beijing Wangfujing 83.2

INDIA

TOP 10

- 1 Oberoi Udaivilas, Rajasthan 97.4
- 2 Oberoi Rajvillas, Jaipur 95.4
- 3 Taj Lake Palace, Rajasthan 94.2
- 4 Rambagh Palace (Taj), Jaipur 91.0
- 5 Leela Palace Bangalore 89.0
- 6 The Oberoi, Mumbai 87.9
- 7 Four Seasons, Mumbai 87.0
- 8 Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi 85.4
- 9 Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai 84.0
- 10 JW Marriott Mumbai 83.8

JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA

TOP 10

- 1 The Peninsula, Tokyo 95.8
- 2 Park Hyatt Seoul 95.0
- 3 Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo 92.6
- 4 Conrad Tokyo 90.8
- 5 Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Marunouchi 89.6

- 6 Grand Hyatt Tokyo 88.2
- 7 Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo 85.0
- 8 Park Hotel Tokyo 85.0
- 9 Park Hyatt Tokyo 84.8
- 10 Lotte Hotel Seoul-Downtown 83.1

SOUTHEAST ASIA

TOP 20

- 1 Amandari, Bali 94.8
- 2 Amankila, Bali 93.3
- 3 Sofitel Legend Metropole, Hanoi 91.9
- 4 Park Hyatt Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City 91.2
- 5 Makati Shangri-La, Manila 90.9
- 6 Fullerton Hotel, Singapore 90.4
- 7 Edsa Shangri-La, Manila 90.3
- 8 St. Regis, Singapore 90.3
- 9 La Résidence d'Angkor, Siem Reap 88.5
- 10 Sheraton Saigon Hotel & Towers, Ho Chi Minh City 87.7
- 11 Conrad Centennial Singapore 87.3
- 12 Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, Siem Reap 87.0
- 13 Mandarin Oriental, Singapore 86.7
- 14 Crowne Plaza Changi Airport, Singapore 85.8
- 15 Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore 85.1
- 16 Fairmont Singapore 85.0
- 17 Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur 85.0
- 18 Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore 83.9
- 19 Grand Hyatt Singapore 83.1
- 20 Manila Hotel 82.5

THAILAND

TOP 15

- 1 Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok 85.9
- 2 The Peninsula, Bangkok 84.5
- 3 St. Regis, Bangkok 84.5
- 4 Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok 82.5
- 5 JW Marriott Bangkok 89.1
- 6 Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi, Chiang Mai 88.4
- 7 InterContinental Bangkok 87.2
- 8 Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok 87.0
- 9 Le Méridien Chiang Mai 86.4
- 10 Banyan Tree Bangkok 85.3
- 11 Lebua at State Tower, Bangkok 85.3
- 12 Conrad Bangkok 84.3
- 13 Shangri-La Hotel, Chiang Mai 83.2
- 14 Dusit Thani, Bangkok 82.7
- 15 Four Seasons, Bangkok 82.5

EYES IN THE SKY In the Marunouchi district in Tokyo, glass-walled suites at The Peninsula overlook the Imperial Palace and gardens.





Resorts

TOP 15

- 1 **Taj Exotica Resort and Spa**, Maldives 99.6
- 2 **Oberoi Vanyavilas**, Rajasthan 95.2
- 3 **Oberoi Amarvilas**, Agra 93.1
- 4 **Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort**, Siem Reap 92.8
- 5 **Four Seasons**, Chiang Mai 92.0
- 6 **Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan** 91.8
- 7 **Anantara Phuket Villas** 89.4
- 8 **Shangri-La's Boracay Resort & Spa** 88.5
- 9 **Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa**, Siem Reap 86.6
- 10 **Life Heritage Resort**, Vietnam 86.1
- 11 **Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle**, Chiang Rai 85.5
- 12 **InterContinental Bali Resort** 84.8
- 13 **Shangri-La's Mactan Resort & Spa**, Cebu 84.6
- 14 **Nam Hai**, Hoi An, Vietnam 84.3
- 15 **Grand Soluxe Angkor Palace Resort & Spa**, Siem Reap 84.1
- 16 **JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa** 84.1

SITTING PRETTY The No. 1 resort in Asia, Taj Exotica Resort and Spa in the Maldives gives you a front-row seat on South Malé Atoll's lagoon, one of the largest in the Indian Ocean nation.

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

Intimate safari camps in **Kruger National Park** and the **Serengeti** ecosystem rule this year—equal in luxury, but in stark contrast to the sleek seaside resorts of the Middle East, where **Dubai** claims the No. 1 resort and hotel.

TOP 5 CITIES

AFRICA

- 1 Cape Town 64.8
- 2 Knysna, Western Cape 72.2
- 3 Marrakech 69.1
- 4 Fez 63.9
- 5 Cairo 60.7

MIDDLE EAST

- 1 Beirut 75.9
- 2 Byblos 74.6
- 3 Dubai 72.6
- 4 Tel Aviv 71.2
- 5 Jerusalem 70.6

TOP 5 ISLANDS

INDIAN OCEAN

- 1 Maldives 85.5
- 2 Mauritius 78.4
- 3 Seychelles 77.4
- 4 Zanzibar 69.4
- 5 Réunion 68.4

Resorts & Safari Camps

AFRICA

TOP 25

- 1 Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve, South Africa 98.3
- 2 Singita Kruger National Park, South Africa 97.8
- 3 Singita Sabi Sand, South Africa 96.2
- 4 Lion Sands, South Africa 96.0
- 4 Londolozi, South Africa 96.0
- 6 MalaMala Game Reserve, South Africa 94.9
- 7 Mombo and Little Mombo Camps, Botswana 94.7

GOOD NEIGHBORS

A few namesakes of Giraffe Manor welcome guests to the Nairobi hotel.



- 8 Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp, Tanzania 94.6
- 9 Steenberg Hotel, Cape Town 94.4
- 10 Victoria Falls Safari Lodge, Zimbabwe 92.5
- 11 Gibb's Farm, Tanzania 89.6
- 12 Governors' Camp Masai Mara, Kenya 89.3
- 13 Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge, Kenya 89.1
- 14 Le Quartier Français, South Africa 88.9
- 15 Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge, Tanzania 88.8
- 16 Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club, Kenya 88.6
- 17 Mara Serena Safari Lodge, Kenya 87.6
- 18 Masai Mara Sopa Lodge, Kenya 86.7
- 19 Chobe Game Lodge, Botswana 86.4
- 20 Royal Livingstone Hotel, Zambia 86.2
- 21 Palace of the Lost City, South Africa 84.9
- 22 One&Only Cape Town 84.5
- 23 Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, Tanzania 83.1
- 24 Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge, Tanzania 82.6
- 25 Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Tanzania 79.1

MIDDLE EAST

TOP 5

- 1 Burj Al Arab, Dubai 94.3
- 2 Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi 87.6
- 3 Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea, Jordan 85.8
- 4 One&Only Royal Mirage, Dubai 85.0
- 5 Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort and Spa, Muscat 84.8

Hotels

AFRICA

TOP 15

- 1 Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa, Cape Town 95.7
- 2 Cape Grace, Cape Town 92.7
- 3 La Mamounia, Marrakech 92.3
- 4 Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town 91.9
- 5 Victoria & Alfred Hotel, Cape Town 91.6
- 6 The Saxon, Johannesburg 90.3
- 7 Semiramis InterContinental Cairo 90.0
- 8 Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town 88.7
- 9 Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza 87.6
- 10 Zanzibar Serena Inn 86.6
- 11 Mena House Oberoi, Cairo 85.8
- 12 JW Marriott Hotel Cairo 85.5
- 13 Michelangelo Hotel, Johannesburg 84.8
- 14 Giraffe Manor, Nairobi 83.5
- 15 Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at the First Residence 83.3
- 15 Serena Mountain Village, Arusha 83.3

MIDDLE EAST

TOP 10

- 1 Park Hyatt Dubai 94.4
- 2 Al Faisaliah Hotel (Rosewood), Riyadh 94.0
- 3 David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem 90.9
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Amman 88.5
- 5 Inbal Jerusalem Hotel 86.0
- 6 Shangri-La Hotel, Abu Dhabi 85.2
- 7 Grand Hyatt Dubai 84.0
- 8 The Chedi, Muscat 83.8
- 9 King David Jerusalem Hotel 83.3
- 10 Hilton Abu Dhabi 82.3

TOP 25

AIRLINES

No category has a wider range of choices or scores. Do you agree? Add your voice at condenasttraveler.com/vote now, or during the sweepstakes period, in March and April, when you could win one of several trips for two.

FOREIGN AIRLINES

- 1 Singapore Airlines 86.5
- 2 Emirates 84.2
- 3 Air New Zealand 78.7
- 4 Etihad Airways 78.3
- 5 Virgin Atlantic 78.0
- 6 Korean Air 77.5
- 7 Cathay Pacific 77.1
- 8 Asiana Airlines 76.5
- 9 ANA (All Nippon Airways) 75.1
- 10 Qatar Airways 72.9

U.S. AIRLINES

- 1 Virgin America 79.6
- 2 JetBlue Airways 68.8
- 3 Hawaiian Airlines 61.0
- 4 Alaska Airlines 49.9
- 5 Southwest Airlines 49.4
- 6 Frontier Airlines 49.3
- 7 Delta Air Lines 40.7
- 8 AirTran Airways 37.7
- 9 United Airlines 33.6
- 10 American Airlines 31.6

SMALL AIRLINES

- 1 OpenSkies 82.2
- 2 Porter Airlines 80.4
- 3 WestJet 58.5
- 4 Volaris 55.2
- 5 Air Pacific 54.6