Perfection is rare in the world, but you found it. Our 23rd annual Readers’ Choice Awards include 1,060 winners, elected by 25,916 readers whose passion is travel. The ratings are stratospheric: 291 places and properties achieve scores of 90.0 or above, from Art Nouveau palaces to South Pacific bungalows to one perfect jungle camp in Thailand.

380 RESORTS

The friendliest city in the United States is Charleston, South Carolina (89.7).

70 of the top 15 hotels in South America are in Argentina, 6 of them in Buenos Aires.

530 HOTELS

Cape Town, South Africa, has the world's highest score for lodgings (87.0). So it's no surprise that the city is home to nine Readers' Choice Award winners.

50 CITIES

Vatican City has the world's highest culture/sites score—a whopping 97.5. The second highest? Rome, with a 97.2.

50 ISLANDS

Hong Kong and Bangkok are this year's retail champs, earning the top two shopping scores among overseas cities.

50 AIR, SEA, ROAD
Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai, Thailand 100
Peninsula House, Las Terrenas, D.R. 98.6
Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, Northland, New Zealand 98.4
Mumbo and Little Mumbo Camps, Botswana 98.4
Safari Lodges at Phinda Game Reserve, South Africa 98.1
21c Museum Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky 97.7
The Peninsula, Tokyo 97.5
Singita Sabi Sand, South Africa 97.3
Il San Pietro di Positano 97.2
Pudong Shangri-La, Shanghai 97.2
King Pacific Lodge (Rosewood), British Columbia 97.0
Westin Riverfront Resort at Beaver Creek, Colo. 96.9
Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok 96.8
Hotel Fasano, São Paulo 96.7
Oberoi Vanyavillas, Rajasthan 96.5
The Peninsula, Chicago 96.4
Four Seasons Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt 96.3
Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp, Tanzania 96.2
Mandarin Oriental Dhara Devi, Chiang Mai 96.2
Mandarin Oriental, Boston 96.1
Oberoi Udaivilas, Rajasthan 96.1
Amandari, Bali 96.0
Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa, South Africa 96.0
Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Beach 96.0
Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet 95.9
Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra 95.9
Milestone Hotel, London 95.8
Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur 95.8
Keswick Hall at Monticello 95.6
Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort 95.6
Huka Lodge, Taupo, New Zealand 95.5
The Peninsula, Hong Kong 95.5
Hôtel de Paris, Monte Carlo 95.4
The Peninsula, Bangkok 95.4
Four Seasons Resort, Chiang Mai 95.3
Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan 95.3
Perivolas, Santorini 95.3
Palacio Duhau Park Hyatt, Buenos Aires 95.2
Raffles Beijing 95.2
Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris 95.1
Le Sirenuse, Positano 95.1
Amanpuri, Phuket 95.0
Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace Budapest 95.0
Four Seasons Resort Langkawi, Malaysia 95.0
Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea 95.0
The Peninsula, Beverly Hills 95.0
Villa San Michele, Fiesole, Tuscany 94.9
Emerald Lake Lodge, Alberta 94.7
Kenwood Inn & Spa, Sonoma 94.7
The Saxon, Johannesburg 94.7
Beau-Rivage Palace, Lausanne 94.6
Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach 94.6
Portman Ritz-Carlton, Shanghai 94.6
Ritz-Carlton Beijing, Financial Street 94.6
Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley 94.5
Buri Al Arab, Dubai 94.5
Chanler at Cliff Walk, Newport 94.5
One&Only Palmilla, Los Cabos 94.5
BoBo Hotel, Buenos Aires 94.4
Cheyenne Glen, New Forest, Hampshire 94.4
Farrington House Country Inn, Pittsboro, N.C. 94.4
Four Seasons Hotel Firenze, Florence 94.4
Hotel Hans-Maui and Honua Spa, Maui 94.4
Singita Sabi Private Game Reserve, South Africa 94.4
Singita Lebombo and Swebi, South Africa 94.4
Stephanie Inn, Cannon Beach, Oregon 94.4
Taj Lake Palace, Rajasthan 94.4
Jao Camp, Botswana 94.3
Rosewood Crescent Hotel, Dallas 94.2
Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Big Island 94.1
Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman 94.1
Hôtel Le Germain-Dominion, Quebec City 94.0
Park Hyatt Tokyo 94.0
Baur au Lac, Zurich 93.9
Four Seasons, Prague 93.9
Hotel Murano, Tacoma 93.8
Jade Mountain, St. Lucia 93.8
Madikwe Safari Lodge, South Africa 93.8
The Reefs, Bermuda 93.8
Regent Berlin 93.8
Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo 93.8
Nisbet Plantation Beach Club, Nevis 93.7
Amanwana, Jackson Hole 93.6
Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek, Dallas 93.6
Sandibe Okavango Safari Lodge, Botswana 93.6
The Wauwinet, Nantucket 93.6
La Réserve de Beaulieu, Côte d’Azur 93.5
Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong 93.5
Mandarin Oriental, Prague 93.5
Four Seasons Resort Lanai at Manele Bay 93.4
The Setai, Miami Beach 93.4
Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok 93.4
Stowe Mountain Lodge, Stowe, Vermont 93.4
Yachts of Seabourn 93.4
Casa Palmera, Pebble Beach 93.3
DumaTau Camp, Botswana 93.3
Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, Montreux 93.3
Lapa Rios Ecolodge, Costa Rica 93.3
Casa Santo Domingo, Antigua, Guatemala 93.2
Hotel Monteria, Cuzco 93.2
Londolozi, South Africa 93.2
MalaMala Game Reserve, South Africa 93.2
Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, Dana Point, Calif. 93.2

KEY TO SYMBOLS

- Cruise Line
- Hotel
- Resort

METHODOLOGY
Every year since 1986, a select sample of Condé Nast Traveler readers have taken the Readers’ Choice Survey. The questionnaire is available to all readers through a secure Web site. The final tabulations of 25,916 responses were done by Global Market Insite, Inc., of Boston.

Poll categories (Cities, Hotels, etc.) are followed by the criteria for each. Questionnaires contained lists of candidates (individual cities, hotels, etc.), and write-ins were allowed. Only candidates that received a required minimum number of responses were deemed eligible for an award.

Evaluation: Each candidate was rated, criterion by criterion, on a five-point scale: excellent, very good, good, fair, and poor. Criterion scores, which represent the percentage of respondents rating a candidate excellent or very good, were averaged to determine the final score. For example, in the Islands category, Maui’s 90.7 is the average of its scores for Activities, Atmosphere/Ambience, Beaches, Friendliness, Lodging, Restaurants, and Scenery.
MAINGLAND U.S.

Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa at Beaver Creek Mountain, Colo. 96.9
Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Beach 96.0
Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort 95.6
Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach 94.6
Stowe Mountain Lodge, Vt. 93.4
Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, Dana Point, Calif. 93.2
The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs 92.5
Enchantment Resort, Sedona 92.3
Lodge at Pebble Beach 92.2
Montage Laguna Beach 91.3
Wynn Las Vegas 91.3
Omphoy Ocean Resort, Palm Beach 91.1
Bellagio, Las Vegas 91.0
Ritz-Carlton, Naples 90.9
Four Seasons, Las Vegas 90.8
WaterColor Inn & Resort, Santa Rosa Beach, Fl. 90.8
Four Seasons, Jackson Hole 90.7
Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples 90.6
Encore Las Vegas 90.5
Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, N.Y. 90.5
Lodge & Club at Ponte Vedra Beach, Fl. 90.4
St. Regis Resort, Monarch Beach, Dana Point 90.4
Worldsassett Resort and Golf Club, Cape Cod 90.4
Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island 90.2
Arrabelle at Vail Square 90.0
The Breakers, Palm Beach 90.0
Stein Eriksen Lodge, Park City 90.0
Barnsley Gardens Resort, Adairsville, Ga. 89.9
Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch, Colo. 89.8
Palazzo Las Vegas 89.7
Royal Palms, Phoenix 89.7
The Cloister, Sea Island, Ga. 89.6
Brazilian Court, Palm Beach 89.5
Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore, Santa Barbara 89.5
Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay 89.3
The Phoenician (Luxury Collection), Scottsdale 89.2
The Venetian, Las Vegas 89.2
Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North 89.1
Little Nell, Aspen 89.1
West Baden Springs Hotel, French Lick, Ind. 88.8
Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C. 88.5
CordeValle (Rosewood), San Martin, Calif. 88.4
Sanderling Resort & Spa, Duck, N.C. 88.2
Tulalip Resort Casino, Wash. 88.1
El Monte Sagrado, Taos 87.8
The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. 87.8
Canyon Ranch, Lenox, Mass. 87.7
Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fl. 87.6
Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro 87.6
American Club, Kohler, Wis. 87.4
Disney’s Grand Floridian, Lake Buena Vista 87.2
Park Hyatt Aviara, Carlsbad, Calif. 87.1
Loews Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal Orlando 86.8
Boulders Resort & Golden Door Spa, Scottsdale 86.3
Miraval, Tucson 86.6
Sanctuary Camelback Mountain, Paradise Valley, Ariz. 86.6
Teton Mountain Lodge & Spa, Jackson Hole 86.6
Disney’s Animal Kingdom Lodge, Lake Buena Vista 86.4
Inn at Harbour Town, Hilton Head 86.4
Lodge at Torrey Pines, La Jolla 86.4
Sundance Resort, Utah 86.4
Legacy Golf Resort, Phoenix 86.3
St. Regis Aspen Resort 86.3
Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island 86.2
L’Auberge Del Mar, San Diego Co. 86.1
Grand Del Mar, San Diego Co. 86.0
Beau Rivage, Biloxi 85.9
Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Golf Club, St. Petersburg 85.8
Whiteface Lodge, Lake Placid 85.8
Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa 85.7
Chatham Bars Inn, Cape Cod 85.6
JW Marriott Desert Ridge, Phoenix 85.6
Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota 85.6
Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes 85.6
Williamsburg Inn and Colonial Houses, Va. 85.5
Bacara Resort & Spa, Santa Barbara 85.4
Park Hyatt Beaver Creek, Colo. 85.4
Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale, Mo. 85.3
Atawalnee Hotel, Yosemite 85.2
Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa, Point Clear, Ala. 85.2
Renaissance Inn at Bay Harbor, Petoskey, Mich. 85.2
Woodmark Hotel, Yacht Club & Spa, Kirkland, Wash. 85.2
Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables 85.1
Fairmont Scottsdale 84.9
Mirror Lake Inn, Lake Placid 84.9
Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel & Spa, Anaheim 84.8
Woodstock Inn & Resort, Vt. 84.8
Disney’s Wilderness Lodge, Lake Buena Vista 84.7
Sonnenalp Resort of Vail 84.7
Hyatt Regency Tamaya, Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M. 84.6
Hotel del Coronado, San Diego 84.5
JW Marriott Starr Pass, Tucson 84.5
Red Mountain, St. George, Utah 84.5
Terranea Resort, Palos Verdes, Calif. 84.5
Ritz-Carlton, Fort Lauderdale 84.3
Cour de Alene Resort, Idaho 84.2
Loews Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Orlando 84.2
Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, Orlando 84.1
THHotel at Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas 84.1
Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson 83.9
Snake River Lodge & Spa, Jackson Hole 83.9

ATLANTIC OCEAN

The Reefs, Bermuda 93.8
The Reef Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas 90.3
Parrot Cay, Turks and Caicos 90.1
One&Only Ocean Club, Paradise Island, Bahamas 90.0
Grace Bay Club, Turks and Caicos 88.9
Tucker’s Point Hotel & Spa, Bermuda 88.0
Amanara, Turks and Caicos 86.4
Regent Palms, Turks and Caicos 82.9
The Cove Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas 82.1
Fairmont Southampton, Bermuda 81.5

CANADA

King Pacific Lodge (Rosewood), British Columbia 97.0
Emerald Lake Lodge, Yoho National Park, Alberta 94.7
Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre, British Columbia 92.7
Wickaninnish Inn, Vancouver Island 92.2
Post Hotel & Spa, Lake Louise 90.7
Four Seasons, Whistler 90.2
Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise 89.4
Fairmont Chateau Whistler 88.2
Fairmont Banff Springs 87.9
Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City 86.8
Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff 86.3
Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, La Malbaie, Quebec 86.2
Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler 85.4
Westin Trillium House, Blue Mountain, Collingwood 85.3
Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort & Spa, Vancouver Island 85.0
Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa 83.2
Fairmont Le Chateau Montebello, Quebec 82.8
Hilton Lac-Leamy, Gatineau-Ottawa 82.2
Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge 81.6
Banff Park Lodge 81.2

MAINLAND U.S.

*No more than 90 rooms*

Keswick Hall at Monticello 95.6
Kenwood Inn and Spa, Sonoma 94.7
Amanjani, Jackson Hole 93.6
Casa Palermo, Pebble Beach 93.3
Lake Austin Spa Resort, Austin 90.8
Sunset Key Guest Cottages (Westin), Key West 90.7
Triple Creek Ranch, Darby, Mont. 88.8
Little Palm Island Resort & Spa, Little Torch Key 88.7
Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley 86.0
Rancho Valencia Resort, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. 85.8
Little St. Simons Island 85.3
Inn at Thorn Hill & Spa, Jackson, N.H. 85.1
Inn at Langley, Whidbey Island, Wash. 84.4
Rusty Parrot Lodge, Jackson Hole 84.3