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WORLD'S BEST AWARDS

In *Travel + Leisure's* 14th annual poll, we once again asked our readers to rate the best hotels, cruises, airlines, outfitters, cities, islands, and more.

The votes are in! Here, we spotlight this year's winners, as well as properties where you'll find great value now. **PLUS** What your favorite places reveal about ever-shifting travel trends.

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TURN AND OPEN FOR WINNERS >>

THE TOP 100 HOTELS

Properties in Africa and Asia have been steadily rising in the Top 100 rankings since 2003, and this year they have broken all the records: 58 percent of reader favorites are located on the other side of the globe. But properties closer to home still hold strong. At No. 3, St. Lucia's Jade Mountain is the first hotel in the Caribbean ever to break into the Top 10, and U.S. and Canadian hotels, from Texas to Toronto, make up nearly a quarter of the list.

1. **BUSHMANS KLOOF** Cedar Mountains, South Africa 98.67
2. **OBEROI VANYAVILAS** Ranthambhore, India 98.00
3. **JADE MOUNTAIN** St. Lucia 97.50
3. **SABI SABI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE (EARTH LODGE)** Sabi Sand Wildtuin, South Africa 97.50
5. **INN AT MANITOU** McKellar, Ontario 95.59
6. **SINGITA SABI SAND** Sabi Sand Wildtuin, South Africa 95.52
7. **FOUR SEASONS TENTED CAMP GOLDEN TRIANGLE** Chiang Rai, Thailand 95.00
8. **OBEROI UDAIVILAS** Udaipur, India 94.88
9. **GOVERNORS' CAMP** Masai Mara, Kenya 94.82
10. **JACK'S CAMP** Kalahari, Botswana 94.72
11. **PALACIO DUHAU-PARK HYATT** Buenos Aires 94.68
12. **KIRAWIRA CAMP WESTERN SERENGETI** Serengeti National Park, Tanzania 94.63
13. **EAGLE ISLAND CAMP** Okavango Delta, Botswana 94.17
14. **INN AT PALMETTO BLUFF** Bluffton, South Carolina 94.03
15. **TWELVE APOSTLES HOTEL & SPA** Cape Town 93.91
16. **SINGITA GRUMETI RESERVES** Serengeti National Park, Tanzania 93.75
16. **THE LODGE AT KAURI CLIFFS** North Island, New Zealand 93.75
18. **ROSEWOOD MAYAKOBÁ** Riviera Maya 93.41
19. **ELIOT HOTEL** Boston 93.40
20. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** Bangkok 93.34
21. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Chiang Mai, Thailand 93.33
21. **THE FARM AT CAPE KIDNAPPERS** North Island, New Zealand 93.33
23. **ESPERANZA RESORT** Los Cabos, Mexico 93.30
24. **LIONS SAND PRIVATE GAME RESERVE** Sabi Sand Wildtuin, South Africa 93.28
25. **ROYAL MALEWANE** Kruger National Park, South Africa 93.15
26. **WATERMARK HOTEL & SPA** San Antonio, Texas 93.08
27. **SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE** Eastern Cape, South Africa 93.00
28. **OBEROI AMARVILAS** Agra, India 92.91
29. **SINGITA KRUGER NATIONAL PARK** South Africa 92.86
29. **THE SAXON** Johannesburg 92.86
31. **GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI** Bologna, Italy 92.83
32. **ISLAND SHANGRI-LA** Hong Kong 92.75
33. **GIRAFFE MANOR** Nairobi 92.68
34. **LONDOLOZI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE** Sabi Sand Wildtuin, South Africa 92.68
35. **THE PENINSULA** Hong Kong 92.23
36. **COUPLES NEGRIL** Jamaica 92.19
37. **ANANTARA DHIGU RESORT & SPA** Maldives 92.14
38. **LONDON WEST HOLLYWOOD** California 92.07
39. **KICHWA TEMBO MASAI MARA** Kenya 91.86
40. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CAIRO AT THE FIRST RESIDENCE** Egypt 91.86
41. **HALEKULANI** Oahu 91.81
42. **COUPLES SWEPT AWAY** Negril, Jamaica 91.80
43. **DOMAINE DES HAUTS DE LOIRE** Onzain, France 91.79
44. **KHWAI RIVER LODGE** Okavango Delta, Botswana 91.71
45. **HOTEL NELLIGAN** Montreal 91.47
46. **AMANGANI** Jackson, Wyoming 91.42
47. **IL SAN PIETRO** Positano, Italy 91.39
48. **PUDONG SHANGRI-LA** Shanghai 91.30
49. **TORTILIS CAMP** Amboseli Game Reserve, Kenya 91.28
50. **AMANKORA PARO** Bhutan 91.25
51. **ENCHANTMENT RESORT** Sedona, Arizona 91.22
52. **RABBIT HILL INN** Lower Waterford, Vermont 91.19
53. **ANANTARA GOLDEN TRIANGLE** Chiang Rai, Thailand 91.16
54. **PLACE D'ARMES HOTEL & SUITES** Montreal 91.06
55. **SHANGRI-LA'S TANJUNG ARU RESORT & SPA KOTA KINABALU** Malaysia 90.98
56. **NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE** Tanzania 90.97
57. **CEYLAN INTERCONTINENTAL** Istanbul 90.90
58. **CAPE GRACE** Cape Town 90.90
59. **WESTIN BUND CENTER** Shanghai 90.82
60. **LE QUARTIER FRANÇAIS** Franschoek Valley, South Africa 90.79
61. **MARRIOTT HOTEL** Budapest 90.76
62. **SOOKE HARBOUR HOUSE** Sooke, British Columbia 90.67
63. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT HUALALAI** Hawaii 90.67
64. **SAN YSIDRO RANCH** Santa Barbara, California 90.59
64. **POST HOTEL & SPA** Lake Louise, Alberta 90.59
66. **THE PENINSULA** Bangkok 90.55
67. **RITZ-CARLTON BEIJING, FINANCIAL STREET** 90.52
68. **ST. REGIS** Shanghai 90.44
69. **MOMBO AND LITTLE MOMBO CAMPS** Okavango Delta, Botswana 90.42
70. **OBEROI RAJVILAS** Jaipur, India 90.40
71. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Shanghai 90.35
72. **OMNI LA MANSIÓN DEL RIO** San Antonio, Texas 90.27
73. **WESTIN PALACE** Milan 90.16
74. **ANSE CHASTANET RESORT** St. Lucia 90.14
75. **SAVUTE ELEPHANT CAMP** Chobe National Park, Botswana 90.13
76. **FAIRMONT MOUNT KENYA SAFARI CLUB** Nanyuki, Kenya 90.07
77. **MALAMALA GAME RESERVE** Sabi Sand Wildtuin, South Africa 90.00
78. **TAJ LAKE PALACE** Udaipur, India 89.87
79. **RUSTY PARROT LODGE & SPA** Jackson Hole, Wyoming 89.87
80. **CHÂTEAU EZA** Èze Village, France 89.85
81. **EDEN ROCK** St. Bart's 89.76
82. **LE MÉRIDIEN PHUKET BEACH RESORT** Thailand 89.75
83. **HOTEL HANA-MAUI & HONUA SPA** Maui 89.74
84. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Prague 89.69
85. **AYANA RESORT & SPA (FORMERLY THE RITZ-CARLTON BALI RESORT & SPA)** Bali, Indonesia 89.69
85. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL TOKYO AT CHINZAN-SO** 89.69
87. **RAMBAGH PALACE** Jaipur, India 89.61
88. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL ALEXANDRIA AT SAN STEFANO** Egypt 89.56
89. **SHANGRI-LA'S FAR EASTERN PLAZA HOTEL** Taipei 89.55
89. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL DHARA DHEVI** Chiang Mai, Thailand 89.55
91. **THE CLOISTER AT SEA ISLAND** Georgia 89.54
92. **POST RANCH INN** Big Sur, California 89.49
93. **LE MÉRIDIEN** Bangkok 89.48
94. **AUBERGE DU SOLEIL** Rutherford, California 89.36
95. **HÔTEL PLAZA ATHÉNÉE** Paris 89.35
96. **FAIRMONT MARA SAFARI CLUB** Masai Mara, Kenya 89.33
97. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Hong Kong 89.25
98. **ALVEAR PALACE HOTEL** Buenos Aires 89.22
99. **PARK HYATT** Beijing 89.19
100. **HOTEL LE ROYAL** Luxembourg 89.08

Throughout the World's Best Awards, scores are rounded to the nearest hundredth of a point; in the event of a true tie, properties, companies, or destinations share the same ranking.

Great Value icons denote a rack rate of \$250 or less.

Top Tour Operators and Safari Outfitters

1. AUSTIN-LEHMAN ADVENTURES 97.34

2. MICATO SAFARIS 97.16

3. KER & DOWNEY 96.54

4. AFRICAN TRAVEL, INC. 95.73

5. COUNTRY WALKERS 95.19

6. CLASSIC JOURNEYS 93.31

7. BOUNDLESS JOURNEYS 92.53

8. GEOGRAPHIC EXPEDITIONS 92.33

9. NATURAL HABITAT ADVENTURES 92.15

10. TRAVCOA 91.44

11. INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS 90.75

12. BUTTERFIELD & ROBINSON 90.28

13. BIG FIVE TOURS & EXPEDITIONS 89.66

14. WILDERNESS SAFARIS 89.58

15. WILDERNESS TRAVEL 89.48

16. TAUCK WORLD DISCOVERY 89.26

17. ECOTOUR EXPEDITIONS 89.17

18. VIKING TOURS 88.80

19. ABERCROMBIE & KENT 88.05

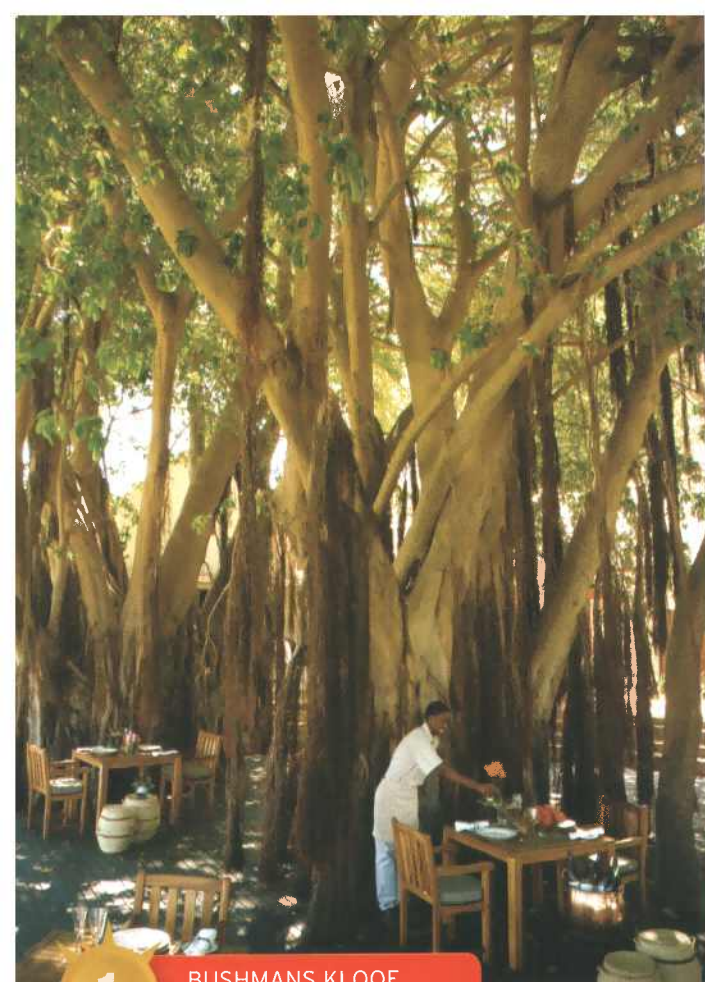
20. LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS 86.94



OUTFITTERS

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AUSTIN-LEHMAN
ADVENTURES



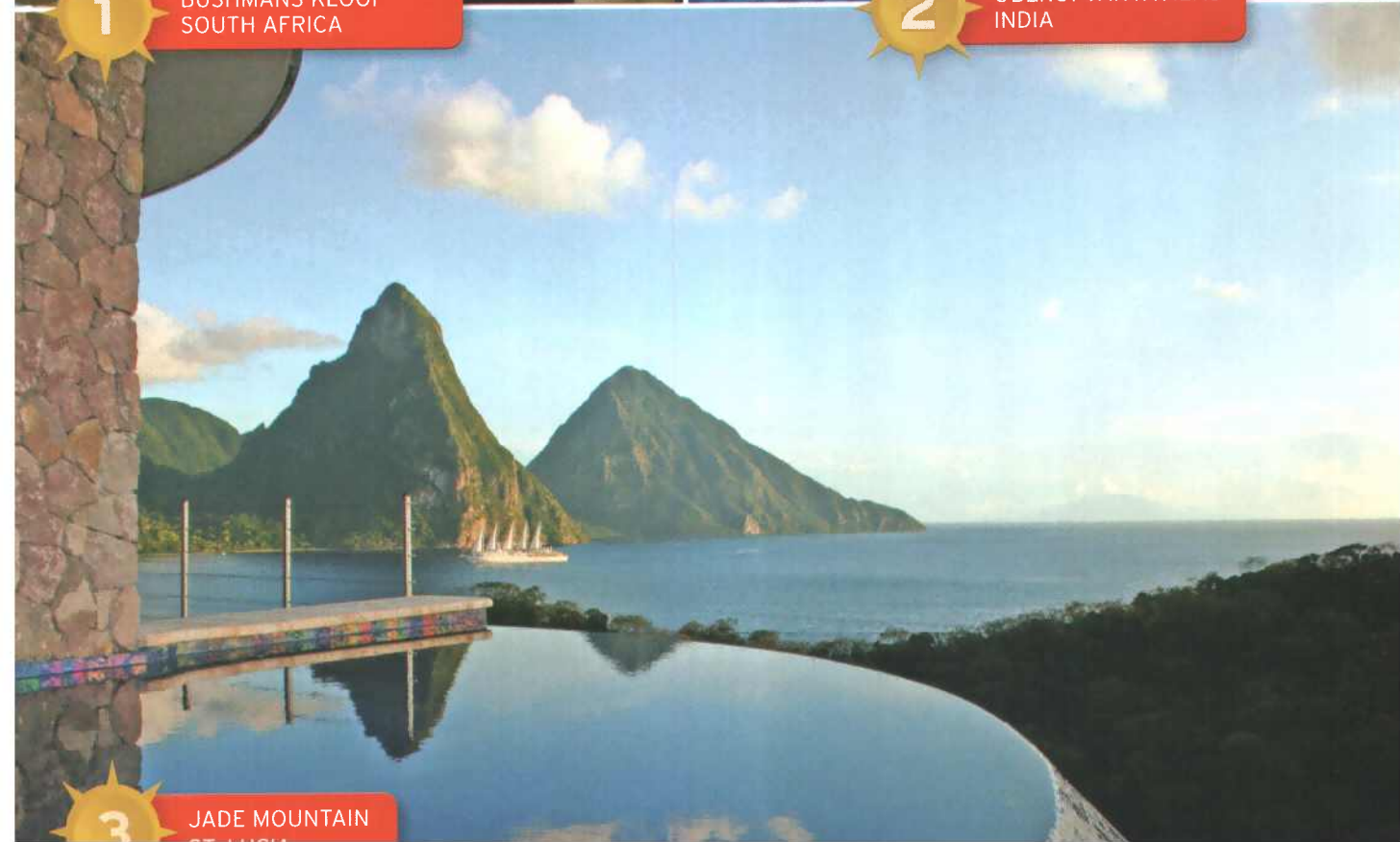
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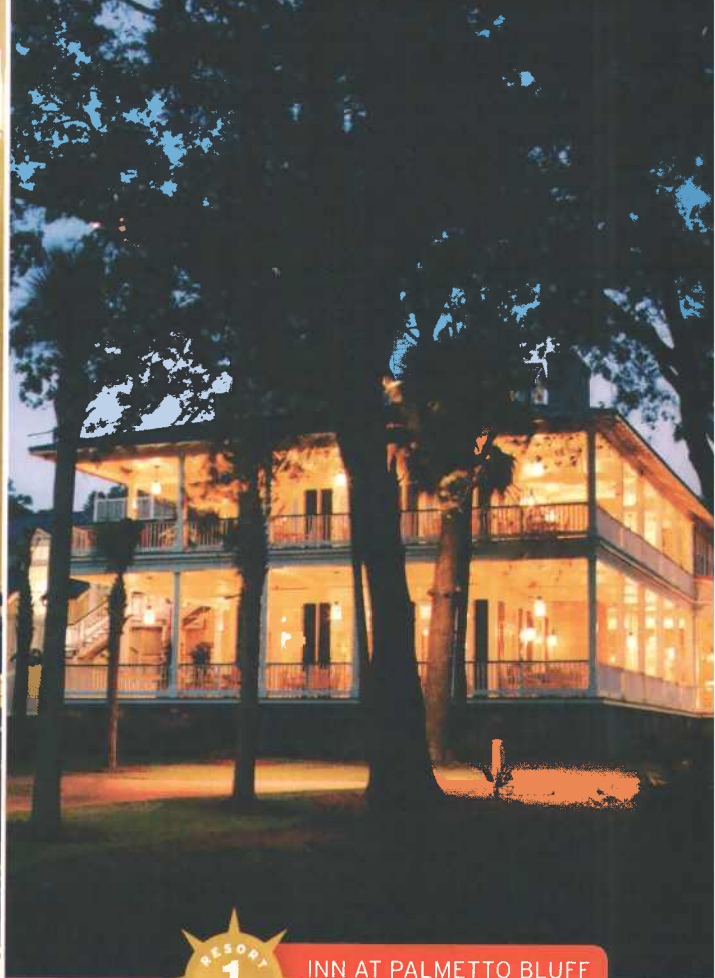
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JADE MOUNTAIN
ST. LUCIA



SMALL CITY HOTEL
1

ELIOT HOTEL
BOSTON



RESORT
1

INN AT PALMETTO BLUFF
SOUTH CAROLINA



LARGE CITY HOTEL
1

LONDON WEST HOLLYWOOD

Continental U.S. and Canada

This year, for the first time, we've ranked properties based on size and type. And while California is the No. 1 destination in the region for resorts, New York won by a landslide for its city hotels. The good news for travelers to urban destinations? Twenty-eight percent of city hotels in the U.S. and Canada offer high-season rack rates of \$250 or less.

► RESORTS (40 ROOMS OR MORE)

1. **INN AT PALMETTO BLUFF** Bluffton, South Carolina 94.03
2. **AMANGANI** Jackson, Wyoming 91.42
3. **ENCHANTMENT RESORT** Sedona, Arizona 91.22
4. **SAN YSIDRO RANCH** Santa Barbara, California 90.59
4. **POST HOTEL & SPA** Lake Louise, Alberta 90.59
6. **THE CLOISTER AT SEA ISLAND** Georgia 89.54
7. **AUBERGE DU SOLEIL** Rutherford, California 89.36
8. **RITZ-CARLTON, BACHELOR GULCH** Beaver Creek, Colorado 88.45
9. **LITTLE NELL** Aspen, Colorado 88.27
10. **LODGE AT PEBBLE BEACH** California 88.11
11. **SOLAGE CALISTOGA** California 88.11
12. **LODGE AT SEA ISLAND** Georgia 88.06
13. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT JACKSON HOLE** Wyoming 87.97
14. **MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH** California 87.81
15. **WHITE ELEPHANT** Nantucket, Massachusetts 87.67
16. **SANCTUARY AT KIAWAH ISLAND GOLF RESORT** South Carolina 87.50
17. **FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE** Alberta 87.40
18. **CALISTOGA RANCH** California 87.22
19. **RITZ-CARLTON** Naples, Florida 87.16
20. **CORDEVALLE, A ROSEWOOD RESORT** San Martin, California 87.14
21. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT THE BILTMORE** Santa Barbara, California 86.88
22. **WHITEFACE LODGE RESORT & SPA** Lake Placid, New York 86.45
23. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT WHISTLER** British Columbia 86.39
24. **ST. REGIS** Aspen, Colorado 86.33
25. **RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL** Dana Point, California 86.23
26. **MIRROR LAKE INN RESORT & SPA** Lake Placid, New York 86.02
27. **HOTEL HEALDSBURG** California 85.94
28. **SONNENALP RESORT OF VAIL** Colorado 85.89
29. **GRAND DEL MAR** San Diego 85.80
30. **SANCTUARY ON CAMELBACK MOUNTAIN RESORT & SPA** Paradise Valley, Arizona 85.75
31. **THE BROADMOOR** Colorado Springs, Colorado 85.65
32. **HAWKS CAY RESORT** Duck Key, Florida 85.42
33. **THE LANGHAM, HUNTINGTON HOTEL & SPA** Pasadena, California 85.33
34. **WEQUASSETT RESORT & GOLF CLUB** Chatham, Massachusetts 85.28
35. **TIDES INN** Irvington, Virginia 85.05
36. **INN AT SPANISH BAY** Pebble Beach, California 85.05
37. **STEPHANIE INN** Cannon Beach, Oregon 84.79
38. **VENTANA INN & SPA** Big Sur, California 84.71
39. **PARK HYATT BEAVER CREEK RESORT & SPA** Colorado 84.68
40. **RANCHO VALENCIA RESORT & SPA** Rancho Santa Fe, California 84.67
41. **TOPNOTCH RESORT & SPA** Stowe, Vermont 84.61
42. **WICKANINNISH INN** Tofino, British Columbia 84.60
43. **RIMROCK RESORT HOTEL** Banff, Alberta 84.48
44. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT SCOTTSDALE AT TROON NORTH** Arizona 84.44
45. **PONTE VEDRA INN & CLUB** Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 84.40
46. **INN ON BILTMORE ESTATE** Asheville, North Carolina 84.23
47. **HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT RESORT & SPA** Bonita Springs, Florida 84.17
48. **RITZ-CARLTON, AMELIA ISLAND** Florida 83.99
49. **ROYAL PALMS RESORT & SPA** Phoenix 83.91
50. **STEIN ERIKSEN LODGE** Park City, Utah 83.89

► LARGE CITY HOTELS (100 ROOMS OR MORE)

1. **LONDON WEST HOLLYWOOD** California 92.07
2. **HOTEL NELLIGAN** Montreal 91.47
3. **PLACE D'ARMES HOTEL & SUITES** Montreal 91.06
4. **OMNI LA MANSIÓN DEL RIO** San Antonio, Texas 90.27
5. **ROSEWOOD MANSION ON TURTLE CREEK** Dallas 89.04
6. **THE CARLYLE, A ROSEWOOD HOTEL** New York 88.72
7. **THE PENINSULA** Chicago 88.35
8. **RAFFLES L'ERMITAGE BEVERLY HILLS** 88.27

9. **OMNI MANDALAY HOTEL AT LAS COLINAS** Irving, Texas 87.88

10. **THE PENINSULA** Beverly Hills 87.57
11. **ST. REGIS** San Francisco 87.35
12. **RITZ-CARLTON NEW YORK, CENTRAL PARK** 87.09
13. **WINDSOR COURT** New Orleans 87.06
14. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Chicago 87.06
15. **HOTEL OMNI MONT-ROYAL** Montreal 86.93
16. **HOTEL 1000** Seattle 86.81
17. **TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL & TOWER** New York 86.44
18. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Las Vegas 86.37
19. **RITZ-CARLTON (A FOUR SEASONS HOTEL)** Chicago 86.35
20. **ROSEWOOD CRESCENT HOTEL** Dallas 86.32
21. **OMNI SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL** 85.68
22. **CHARLESTON PLACE** South Carolina 85.67
23. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** New York 85.64
24. **THE HAY-ADAMS** Washington, D.C. 85.37
25. **OMNI CHICAGO HOTEL** 85.33
26. **WYNN LAS VEGAS** 85.31
27. **FAIRMONT VANCOUVER AIRPORT** 85.22
28. **LOEWS HOTEL VOGUE** Montreal 84.95
29. **THE PENINSULA** New York 84.88
30. **HOTEL PLAZA ATHÉNÉE** New York 84.86
31. **HUNTINGTON HOTEL** San Francisco 84.85
32. **FAIRMONT OLYMPIC HOTEL** Seattle 84.82
33. **RITZ-CARLTON** San Francisco 84.73
34. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** San Francisco 84.72
35. **SOFITEL** Philadelphia 84.58
36. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT AVIARA** North San Diego 84.43
37. **SETAI SOUTH BEACH** Miami Beach 84.38
38. **SAINT PAUL HOTEL** Minnesota 84.34
39. **HOTEL CASA DEL MAR** Santa Monica, California 84.14
40. **RITZ-CARLTON** Philadelphia 84.13
41. **METROPOLITAN HOTEL** Vancouver 84.11
42. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Palm Beach, Florida 83.94
43. **BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL & BUNGALOWS** 83.88
44. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** New York 83.88
45. **WILLARD INTERCONTINENTAL** Washington, D.C. 83.86
46. **HOTEL TEATRO** Denver 83.75
47. **CASA MONICA HOTEL** St. Augustine, Florida 83.71
48. **THE PALAZZO** Las Vegas 83.70
49. **BELLAGIO** Las Vegas 83.64
50. **ST. REGIS** New York 83.62

► SMALL CITY HOTELS (FEWER THAN 100 ROOMS)

1. **ELIOT HOTEL** Boston 93.40
2. **WATERMARK HOTEL & SPA** San Antonio, Texas 93.08
3. **AUBERGE SAINT-ANTOINE** Quebec City 87.08
4. **HOTEL BEL-AIR** Los Angeles 86.67
5. **XV BEACON** Boston 86.58
6. **WEDGEWOOD HOTEL & SPA** Vancouver 85.21
7. **BRAZILIAN COURT HOTEL & BEACH CLUB** Palm Beach 85.00
8. **PLANTERS INN** Charleston, South Carolina 84.83
9. **HÔTEL LE ST.-JAMES** Montreal 84.44
10. **MOSAIC HOTEL** Beverly Hills 84.43

► INNS (FEWER THAN 40 ROOMS)

1. **INN AT MANITOU** McKellar, Ontario 95.59
2. **RABBIT HILL INN** Lower Waterford, Vermont 91.19
3. **SOOKE HARBOUR HOUSE** Sooke, British Columbia 90.67
4. **RUSTY PARROT LODGE & SPA** Jackson Hole, Wyoming 89.87
5. **POST RANCH INN** Big Sur, California 89.49

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**HALEKULANI
HAWAII**



**JADE MOUNTAIN
ST. LUCIA**

Hawaii

► RESORTS

1. **HALEKULANI** Oahu 91.81
2. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT HUALALAI** Hawaii 90.67
3. **HOTEL HANA-MAUI & HONUA SPA** Maui 89.74
4. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT MAUI AT WAILEA** 87.65
5. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANAI AT MANELE BAY** 86.67
6. **FAIRMONT KEA LANI** Maui 86.48
7. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANAI, THE LODGE AT KOELE** 86.43
8. **RITZ-CARLTON KAPALUA** Maui 85.06
9. **KAHALA HOTEL & RESORT** Oahu 84.82
10. **HAPUNA BEACH PRINCE HOTEL** Hawaii 84.71
11. **GRAND HYATT KAUAI RESORT & SPA** 83.46
12. **MAUNA LANI BAY HOTEL & BUNGALOWS** Hawaii 83.40
13. **HYATT REGENCY MAUI RESORT & SPA** 83.10
14. **GRAND WAILEA RESORT HOTEL & SPA** Maui 82.60
15. **WAILEA BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA** Maui 82.43
16. **FAIRMONT ORCHID** Hawaii 82.40
17. **JW MARRIOTT IHILANI RESORT & SPA** Oahu 81.84
18. **PRINCEVILLE RESORT (REOPENING FALL 2009 AS ST. REGIS PRINCEVILLE RESORT)** Kauai 81.13
19. **MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL** Hawaii 80.42
20. **KAUAI MARRIOTT RESORT & BEACH CLUB** 79.31 Ⓢ
21. **OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI ON THE BEACH** Oahu 79.20
22. **TURTLE BAY RESORT** Oahu 78.70
23. **WESTIN MAUI RESORT & SPA** 78.17
24. **KONA VILLAGE RESORT** Hawaii 78.14
25. **MOANA SURFRIDER, A WESTIN RESORT & SPA** Oahu 78.03

The Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas

► RESORTS

1. **JADE MOUNTAIN** St. Lucia 97.50
2. **COUPLES NEGRIL** Jamaica 92.19
3. **COUPLES SWEEP AWAY** Negril, Jamaica 91.80
4. **ANSE CHASTANET RESORT** St. Lucia 90.14
5. **EDEN ROCK** St. Bart's 89.76
6. **ROYAL PLANTATION SPA & GOLF RESORT** Ocho Rios, Jamaica 88.50
7. **COUPLES SANS SOUCI** Ocho Rios, Jamaica 88.27
8. **COUPLES TOWER ISLE** Ocho Rios, Jamaica 86.98
9. **CAP JULUCA** Anguilla 86.70
10. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT (REOPENING FALL 2009)** Nevis 86.55
11. **JAMAICA INN** 86.36
12. **GRACE BAY CLUB** Turks and Caicos 85.77
13. **PETER ISLAND RESORT** British Virgin Islands 85.14
14. **JUMBY BAY** Antigua 84.85
15. **ONE & ONLY OCEAN CLUB** Paradise Island, Bahamas 84.39
16. **LADERA** St. Lucia 84.32
17. **RITZ-CARLTON GRAND CAYMAN** 84.17
18. **THE REEFS** Bermuda 83.33
19. **ROSEWOOD LITTLE DIX BAY** Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands 82.96
20. **ROCKHOUSE HOTEL** Negril, Jamaica 82.90 Ⓢ
21. **SANDALS WHITEHOUSE EUROPEAN VILLAGE & SPA** Westmoreland, Jamaica 82.29
22. **CANEEL BAY, A ROSEWOOD RESORT** St. John 82.20
23. **HYATT REGENCY ARUBA RESORT & CASINO** 80.64
24. **ROUND HILL HOTEL & VILLAS** Montego Bay, Jamaica 80.56
25. **HALF MOON** Rose Hill, Jamaica 80.22

SAMPLE



1 ROSEWOOD MAYAKOBÁ
MEXICO



1 BLANCANEUX LODGE
BELIZE

Mexico

RESORTS

1. **ROSEWOOD MAYAKOBÁ** Riviera Maya 93.41
2. **ESPERANZA RESORT** Los Cabos 93.30
3. **HOTEL VILLA ROLANDI THALASSO SPA, GOURMET & BEACH CLUB** Isla Mujeres 88.33
4. **LA CASA QUE CANTA** Zihuatanejo 88.06
5. **LAS MAÑANITAS** Cuernavaca 87.08
6. **RITZ-CARLTON** Cancún 86.72
7. **LAS VENTANAS AL PARAÍSO, A ROSEWOOD RESORT** Los Cabos 85.42
8. **ONE & ONLY PALMILLA** Los Cabos 84.95
9. **TIDES ZIHUATANEJO** 84.51
10. **PUEBLO BONITO SUNSET BEACH RESORT & SPA** Mazatlán 84.42
11. **MAROMA RESORT & SPA** Riviera Maya 84.33
12. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Punta Mita 83.30
13. **JW MARRIOTT CANCÚN RESORT & SPA** 82.30
14. **LAS BRISAS** Acapulco 82.22
15. **ROYAL HIDEAWAY PLAYACAR** Riviera Maya 82.06

CITY HOTELS

1. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MÉXICO, D.F.** Mexico City 87.71
2. **CASA DE SIERRA NEVADA** San Miguel de Allende 84.18
3. **QUINTA REAL** Guadalajara 82.58
4. **CAMINO REAL POLANCO MÉXICO** Mexico City 80.60
5. **PRESIDENTE INTERCONTINENTAL** Mexico City 78.83

Central and South America

RESORTS

1. **BLANCANEUX LODGE** San Ignacio, Belize 88.75
2. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Carmelo, Uruguay 87.90
3. **EXPLORA PATAGONIA** Chile 87.75
4. **INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL** Peru 87.30
5. **TURTLE INN** Placencia, Belize 85.99
6. **VICTORIA HOUSE** Ambergris Cay, Belize 85.65
7. **HOTEL PUNTA ISLITA** Nicoya Peninsula, Costa Rica 85.58
8. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT COSTA RICA AT PENINSULA PAPAGAYO** 85.20
9. **LLAO LLAO HOTEL & RESORT GOLF-SPA** San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina 83.55
10. **XANDARI RESORT & SPA** Central Valley, Costa Rica 83.16

CITY HOTELS

1. **PALACIO DUHAU-PARK HYATT** Buenos Aires 94.68
2. **ALVEAR PALACE HOTEL** Buenos Aires 89.22
3. **HOTEL CASA SANTO DOMINGO** Antigua, Guatemala 88.59
4. **HOTEL MONASTERIO** Cuzco, Peru 87.87
5. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Buenos Aires 86.40
6. **RITZ-CARLTON** Santiago, Chile 86.08
7. **HOTEL ORO VERDE** Guayaquil, Ecuador 84.54
8. **JW MARRIOTT HOTEL** Rio de Janeiro 84.39
9. **PARK TOWER, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL** Buenos Aires 84.30
10. **BRISTOL HOTEL** Panama City 84.00

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DOMAINE DES HAUTS DE LOIRE
FRANCE



Italy continues to dominate Europe, with the highest percentage of properties on our list (17 percent more than its closest rival, France) and a first-place resort and city hotel. Berlin and the town of Onzain, in the Loire Valley, also nabbed No. 1 spots. Down under, Australia is having a banner year, thanks, no doubt, to its abundance of affordable city hotels (six out of 11!), while New Zealand picked up four World's Best debuts.

Europe

► RESORTS

1. **IL SAN PIETRO** Positano, Italy 91.39
2. **CONVENTO DO ESPINHEIRO, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL & SPA** Evora, Portugal 87.50
3. **HOTEL VILLA SANT'ANDREA** Taormina, Italy 86.94
4. **MOUNT JULIET CONRAD** County Kilkenny, Ireland 86.28
5. **GRAND HOTEL TIMEO** Taormina, Italy 86.27
6. **HOTEL EXCELSIOR** Venice 86.19
7. **HOTEL CARUSO BELVEDERE** Ravello, Italy 86.14
8. **HOTEL MONTE ROSA** Zermatt, Switzerland 86.10
9. **GRAND HOTEL PARK** Gstaad, Switzerland 86.06
10. **SUVRETTA HOUSE** St. Moritz, Switzerland 85.42

► LARGE CITY HOTELS

1. **GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI** Bologna, Italy 92.83
2. **CEYLAN INTERCONTINENTAL** Istanbul 90.90
3. **MARRIOTT HOTEL** Budapest 90.76
4. **WESTIN PALACE** Milan 90.16
5. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Prague 89.69
6. **HÔTEL PLAZA ATHÉNÉE** Paris 89.35
7. **HOTEL LE ROYAL** Luxembourg 89.08
8. **HOTEL VIER JAHRESZEITEN KEMPINSKI** Munich 89.04
9. **ART'OTEL** Budapest 88.73
10. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GEORGE V** Paris 88.26
11. **RITZ PARIS** 88.11
12. **HOTEL** Galway, Ireland 87.00
13. **HOTEL SACHER** Vienna 86.59
14. **THE CONNAUGHT** London 86.00
15. **LE MEURICE** Paris 85.62

► SMALL CITY HOTELS

1. **SOFITEL BERLIN GENDARMENMARKT** 89.04
2. **THE GORING** London 88.51
3. **HOTEL POD ROZA** Krakow, Poland 88.04
4. **GRAND HOTEL VILLA CORA (REOPENING SPRING 2010)** Florence 86.22
5. **HOTEL 41** London 85.88
6. **HOTEL D'INGHILTERRA** Rome 85.61
7. **J.K. PLACE** Florence 85.45
8. **HOTEL GOLDENER HIRSCH, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL** Salzburg, Austria 85.21
9. **BOSCOLO HOTEL PALACE** Rome 84.85
10. **MILESTONE HOTEL** London 84.41

► INNS AND SMALL COUNTRY HOTELS

1. **DOMAINE DES HAUTS DE LOIRE** Onzain, France 91.79
2. **CHÂTEAU EZA** Èze Village, France 89.85
3. **LA ROSA DEI VENTI** Positano, Italy 88.75
4. **LA POSTA VECCHIA** Ladispoli, Italy 88.31
5. **CLIVEDEN** Taplow, England 88.00
6. **CHÂTEAU DE LA CHÈVRE D'OR** Èze Village, France 87.90
7. **OUSTAU DE BAUMANIÈRE** Les Baux-de-Provence, France 86.43
8. **VILLA PISANI** Vescovana, Italy 85.77
9. **LA SCALINATELLA** Capri, Italy 85.44
10. **GRAND HOTEL A VILLA FELTRINELLI** Gargnano, Italy 83.88

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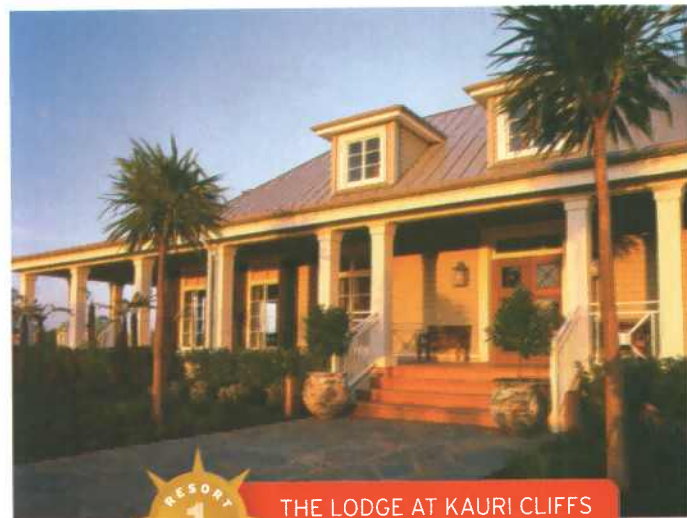
Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific

► LODGES AND RESORTS

1. **THE LODGE AT KAURI CLIFFS** North Island, New Zealand 93.75
2. **THE FARM AT CAPE KIDNAPPERS** North Island, New Zealand 93.33
3. **LILIANFELS BLUE MOUNTAINS RESORT & SPA** New South Wales, Australia 88.54
4. **HAYMAN** Great Barrier Reef, Australia 86.80
5. **INTERCONTINENTAL BORA BORA RESORT & THALASSO SPA** French Polynesia 86.56
6. **VOYAGES LONGITUDE 131°** Ayers Rock, Australia 84.56
7. **VOYAGES LIZARD ISLAND** Great Barrier Reef, Australia 83.75
8. **HUKA LODGE** Taupo, New Zealand 83.53
9. **KEWARRA BEACH RESORT** Cairns, Australia 78.97
10. **TREETOPS LODGE & WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE** Rotorua, New Zealand 77.86

► CITY HOTELS

1. **THE LANGHAM** Melbourne 87.69
2. **CROWN TOWERS** Melbourne 85.95
3. **SHANGRI-LA HOTEL** Sydney 85.80
4. **WESTIN AUCKLAND LIGHTER QUAY** New Zealand 85.31
5. **OBSERVATORY HOTEL** Sydney 84.16
6. **PARK HYATT** Sydney 83.87
7. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Sydney 83.27
8. **INTERCONTINENTAL** Sydney 83.27
9. **SYDNEY HARBOUR MARRIOTT HOTEL AT CIRCULAR QUAY** 82.86
10. **THE GEORGE** Christchurch, New Zealand 82.43
11. **SOFITEL** Melbourne 81.66
12. **SOFITEL QUEENSTOWN HOTEL & SPA** New Zealand 80.23
13. **WESTIN SYDNEY** 78.00
14. **PARK HYATT** Melbourne 77.52
15. **HILTON** Auckland, New Zealand 77.19



THE LODGE AT KAURI CLIFFS
NEW ZEALAND



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Asia

► RESORTS

1. **OBEROI VANYAVILAS** Ranthambhore, India 98.00
2. **FOUR SEASONS TENTED CAMP GOLDEN TRIANGLE** Chiang Rai, Thailand 95.00
3. **OBEROI UDAIVILAS** Udaipur, India 94.88
4. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Chiang Mai, Thailand 93.33
5. **OBEROI AMARVILAS** Agra, India 92.91
6. **ANANTARA DHIGU RESORT & SPA** Maldives 92.14
7. **AMANKORA PARO** Bhutan 91.25
8. **ANANTARA GOLDEN TRIANGLE** Chiang Rai, Thailand 91.16
9. **SHANGRI-LA'S TANJUNG ARU RESORT & SPA KOTA KINABALU** Malaysia 90.98
10. **OBEROI RAJVILAS** Jaipur, India 90.40
11. **TAJ LAKE PALACE** Udaipur, India 89.87
12. **LE MÉRIDIEN PHUKET BEACH RESORT** Thailand 89.75
13. **AYANA RESORT & SPA (FORMERLY THE RITZ-CARLTON BALI RESORT & SPA)** Bali 89.69
14. **RAMBAGH PALACE** Jaipur, India 89.61
15. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL DHARA DHEVI** Chiang Mai, Thailand 89.55

► CITY HOTELS

1. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** Bangkok 93.34
2. **ISLAND SHANGRI-LA** Hong Kong 92.75
3. **THE PENINSULA** Hong Kong 92.23
4. **PUDONG SHANGRI-LA** Shanghai 91.30
5. **WESTIN BUND CENTER** Shanghai 90.82
6. **THE PENINSULA** Bangkok 90.55
7. **RITZ-CARLTON BEIJING, FINANCIAL STREET** 90.52
8. **ST. REGIS** Shanghai 90.44
9. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Shanghai 90.35
10. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL TOKYO AT CHINZAN-SO** 89.69
11. **SHANGRI-LA'S FAR EASTERN PLAZA HOTEL** Taipei 89.55
12. **LE MÉRIDIEN** Bangkok 89.48
13. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Hong Kong 89.25
14. **PARK HYATT** Beijing 89.19
15. **PAN PACIFIC** Singapore 89.02
16. **TAJ MAHAL PALACE & TOWER** Mumbai 88.95
17. **KOWLOON SHANGRI-LA** Hong Kong 88.93
18. **DUSITD2** Chiang Mai, Thailand 88.60
19. **SHANGRI-LA HOTEL** Bangkok 88.58
20. **THE REGENT** Beijing 88.37
21. **THE PENINSULA** Beijing 87.94
22. **CHINA WORLD HOTEL** Beijing 87.72
23. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Bangkok 87.69
24. **CONRAD** Hong Kong 87.67
25. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** Hong Kong 87.50

Africa and the Middle East

► LODGES AND RESORTS

1. **BUSHMANS KLOOF** Cedar Mountains, South Africa 98.67
2. **SABI SABI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE (EARTH LODGE)** Sabi Sand Wildtuin, South Africa 97.50
3. **SINGITA SABI SAND** Sabi Sand Wildtuin, South Africa 95.52
4. **GOVERNORS' CAMP** Masai Mara, Kenya 94.82
5. **JACK'S CAMP** Kalahari, Botswana 94.72
6. **KIRAWIRA CAMP WESTERN SERENGETI** Serengeti National Park, Tanzania 94.63
7. **EAGLE ISLAND CAMP** Okavango Delta, Botswana 94.17
8. **SINGITA GRUMETI RESERVES** Serengeti National Park, Tanzania 93.75
9. **LIONS SAND PRIVATE GAME RESERVE** Sabi Sand Wildtuin, South Africa 93.28
10. **ROYAL MALEWANE** Kruger National Park, South Africa 93.15
11. **SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE** Eastern Cape, South Africa 93.00
12. **SINGITA KRUGER NATIONAL PARK** South Africa 92.86
13. **GIRAFFE MANOR** Nairobi 92.68
14. **LONDOLOZI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE** Sabi Sand Wildtuin, South Africa 92.68
15. **KICHWA TEMBO MASAI MARA** Kenya 91.86
16. **KHWAI RIVER LODGE** Okavango Delta, Botswana 91.71
17. **TORTILIS CAMP** Amboseli Game Reserve, Kenya 91.28
18. **NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE** Tanzania 90.97
19. **LE QUARTIER FRANÇAIS** Franschhoek Valley, South Africa 90.79
20. **MOMBO AND LITTLE MOMBO CAMPS** Okavango Delta, Botswana 90.42

► CITY HOTELS

1. **TWELVE APOSTLES HOTEL & SPA** Cape Town 93.91
2. **THE SAXON** Johannesburg 92.86
3. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CAIRO AT THE FIRST RESIDENCE** Egypt 91.86
4. **CAPE GRACE** Cape Town 90.90
5. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL ALEXANDRIA AT SAN STEFANO** Egypt 89.56

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MANDARIN ORIENTAL
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