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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



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