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THE BEST
IN THE
WORLD

TOP READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Excellence knows no borders, nor boundaries. This year, the Top 100 travel experiences in the world (next page) earn the highest scores in the 17-year history of the awards. These are your favorites, and they are the cream of an impressive crop: 50 cities and 50 islands, 300 hotels, 165 resorts, 20 cruise lines, and more. Never have the winners been spread so far and wide, from Cape Town to Moorea, Rio to Borneo, Prague to Vancouver. Wherever greatness emerges, you find it—and praise it for all.

1. Singita Private Game Reserve, South Africa 99.3 🐾
2. Amankila, Bali 97.9 🍷
3. Boyer Les Crayères, Reims, France 97.2 🍷
4. Moorea Pearl, Moorea 96.6 🏝️
5. One&Only Ocean Club, Paradise Island, Bahamas 96.5 🏝️
6. Mombo Camp, Botswana 96.4 🐾
7. Four Seasons, Milan 96.2 🍷
8. Château de la Chèvre d'Or, Èze, France 96.0 🍷
8. Four Seasons Hualalai, Big Island 96.0 🏝️
10. The Peninsula, Bangkok 95.9 🍷
11. Four Seasons at Sayan, Bali 95.7 🏝️
11. Trump International, New York 95.7 🍷
13. The Peninsula, Hong Kong 95.5 🍷
14. Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco 95.1 🍷
15. Little Nell, Aspen 95.0 🍷
15. The Peninsula, Beverly Hills 95.0 🍷
15. Silversea Cruises 95.0 🚢
18. Ritz-Carlton, Bali 94.9 🏝️
19. Ana Mandara, Nha Trang, Vietnam 94.8 🏝️
20. Le Sirenuse, Positano, Italy 94.7 🍷
21. Crystal Cruises 94.6 🚢
21. Le Montreux Palace, Montreux, Switzerland 94.6 🍷
23. Blackberry Farm, Walland, Tennessee 94.3 🍷
23. La Réserve de Beaulieu, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, France 94.3 🍷
25. Mala Mala Game Reserve, South Africa 94.2 🐾
25. The Fullerton, Singapore 94.2 🍷
27. Hôtel Hermitage, Monte Carlo 94.0 🍷
27. Hotel Imperial, Vienna 94.0 🍷
27. Huka Lodge, Taupo, New Zealand 94.0 🍷
27. Radisson Seven Seas Cruises 94.0 🚢
31. Four Seasons, New York 93.9 🍷
31. Four Seasons Wailea, Maui 93.9 🏝️
31. Palazzo Sasso, Ravello, Italy 93.9 🍷
34. Four Seasons (formerly The Regent), Bangkok 93.8 🍷
34. Four Seasons at Jimbaran Bay, Bali 93.8 🏝️
34. Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, Great Milton, England 93.8 🍷
34. Malliouhana Hotel, Anguilla 93.8 🏝️
34. The Point, Saranac Lake, New York 93.8 🍷
39. The Peninsula, Chicago 93.7 🍷
39. Post Hotel, Lake Louise, Alberta 93.7 🍷
39. Ritz-Carlton (A Four Seasons Hotel), Chicago 93.7 🍷
42. Four Seasons, Buenos Aires 93.5 🍷
42. Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Big Island 93.5 🏝️
42. The Regent (formerly Four Seasons), Berlin 93.5 🍷
42. Seabourn Cruise Line 93.5 🚢
46. Amandari, Bali 93.3 🍷
46. The Oriental, Bangkok 93.3 🍷
48. Claridge's, London 93.2 🍷
48. Hôtel Ritz, Paris 93.2 🍷
50. Il San Pietro, Positano, Italy 93.1 🍷
50. Mandarin Oriental, Miami 93.1 🍷
50. Peter Island Resort, British Virgin Islands 93.1 🏝️
53. Radisson Seven Seas Cruises 93.0 🚢
54. Salish Lodge & Spa, Snoqualmie, Washington 92.9 🍷
55. Ritz-Carlton, Santiago, Chile 92.7 🍷
56. Nine Zero, Boston 92.6 🍷
57. Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, California 92.5 🍷
58. Four Seasons, Chicago 92.4 🍷
59. La Colombe d'Or, St-Paul-de-Vence, France 92.3 🍷
59. One&Only Palmilla, San Jose del Cabo, Mexico 92.3 🏝️
59. Table Bay Hotel, Cape Town 92.3 🍷
62. Luna Hotel Baglioni, Venice 92.2 🍷
62. Raffles The Plaza, Singapore 92.2 🍷
62. Shangri-La, Bangkok 92.2 🍷
65. Alvear Palace Hotel, Buenos Aires 92.1 🍷
65. Phinda Forest Lodge, South Africa 92.1 🐾
67. Four Seasons George V, Paris 92.0 🍷
67. Il Pelicano, Porto Ercole, Italy 92.0 🍷
67. Pudong Shangri-La, Shanghai 92.0 🍷
67. Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Phnom Penh, Cambodia 92.0 🍷
71. Halekulani, Oahu 91.8 🏝️
72. Villa d'Este, Cernobbio, Italy 91.7 🍷
73. The Cloister, Sea Island, Georgia 91.6 🏝️
73. Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, Siem Reap, Cambodia 91.6 🍷
75. Bora Bora Beachcomber Inter-Continental, Bora Bora 91.5 🏝️
75. Cape Grace, Cape Town 91.5 🍷
75. Ritz-Carlton Central Park, New York 91.5 🍷
75. Shangri-La, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 91.5 🍷
79. Hotel Iroquois, Mackinac Island, Michigan 91.4 🍷
79. Hotel Kämp, Helsinki 91.4 🍷
79. Ritz-Carlton Millenia, Singapore 91.4 🍷
82. Hotel Monasterio, Cuzco, Peru 91.3 🍷
82. Lodge at Koele, Lanai 91.3 🏝️
84. Charleston Place, Charleston, South Carolina 91.2 🍷
84. Maui 91.2 🏝️
86. Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico 91.1 🍷
86. Hotel Splendido & Splendido Mare, Portofino, Italy 91.1 🍷
86. The Pierre, New York 91.1 🍷
86. Raffles Hotel, Singapore 91.1 🍷
86. Singapore Airlines 91.1 🛩️
91. Bellagio, Las Vegas 91.0 🍷
91. Hotel Schloss Fuschl, Salzburg, Austria 91.0 🍷
93. Domaine des Hauts de Loire, Onzain, France 90.9 🍷
93. Eden Rock, St. Barts 90.9 🍷
93. Las Mañanitas, Cuernavaca, Mexico 90.9 🍷
96. Four Seasons, San Francisco 90.8 🍷
96. Katikies, Santorini, Greece 90.8 🍷
98. Amanpuri, Phuket, Thailand 90.7 🏝️
98. Montage Resort & Spa, Laguna Beach, California 90.7 🏝️
98. Planters Inn, Charleston, South Carolina 90.7 🍷



South Africa scores big with the continent's top city, Cape Town (shown here); hotel, Table Bay; and resort, Singita, with its supreme 99.3 rating.

Key to Symbols 🏝️ Resort 🚢 Cruise Line 🍷 Hotel 🛩️ Airline 🌴 Island 🐾 Safari Camp

Candidates are rated on various criteria depending on their category. Rank is determined by the percentage of "excellent" or "very good" ratings; the highest possible score is 100. For details, see "Methodology," page 271.

resorts

a, a Canadian lodge, a Caribbean beach classic—whatever your pleasure, it's here



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UNITED STATES RESORTS

1. **The Cloister**, Sea Island, Ga. 91.6
2. **Montage Resort & Spa**, Laguna Beach, Calif. 90.7
3. **Lodge at Pebble Beach**, Pebble Beach, Calif. 90.6
4. **Sonnenalp Resort**, Vail 90.5
5. **Ritz-Carlton**, Amelia Island, Fla. 90.1
5. **Ritz-Carlton**, Naples, Fla. 90.1
7. **Pines Lodge**, Beaver Creek, Colo. 89.9
8. **Four Seasons Resort Aviara**, Carlsbad, Calif. 89.7
8. **Inn at Spanish Bay**, Pebble Beach, Calif. 89.7
8. **Snake River Lodge**, Jackson Hole 89.7
11. **Boulders**, Carefree, Ariz. 89.5
12. **Ritz-Carlton Laguna Niguel**, Dana Point, Calif. 89.2
13. **Four Seasons**, Palm Beach, Fla. 89.1
14. **Auberge du Soleil**, Rutherford, Calif. 88.4
15. **Little Palm Island**, Little Torch Key, Fla. 88.2
16. **The Broadmoor**, Colorado Springs 88.1
17. **The Phoenician**, Scottsdale 87.4
18. **Stein Eriksen Lodge**, Park City, Utah 87.1
19. **Beaver Creek Lodge**, Beaver Creek, Colo. 86.8
19. **Four Seasons Scottsdale at Troon North**, Scottsdale 86.8
21. **Enchantment Resort**, Sedona 86.6
22. **Park Hyatt Beaver Creek**, Beaver Creek, Colo. 86.5
23. **The Breakers**, Palm Beach, Fla. 86.3
23. **Ritz-Carlton**, Palm Beach, Fla. 86.3
23. **Sunset Key Guest Cottages at Hilton**, Key West 86.3
26. **The Greenbrier**, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. 86.0
27. **Rancho Valencia Resort**, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. 85.9
28. **Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort**, Naples, Fla. 85.1
29. **Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne**, Miami 84.9
29. **St. Regis Monarch**, Dana Point, Calif. 84.9
31. **Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch**, Avon, Colo. 84.8
32. **Ritz-Carlton**, Half Moon Bay, Calif. 84.3
33. **American Club**, Kohler, Wis. 83.9
34. **Four Seasons Biltmore**, Santa Barbara, Calif. 83.5
34. **Jekyll Island Club**, Jekyll Island, Ga. 83.5
36. **Fairmont Scottsdale Princess**, Scottsdale 83.1

36. **LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort**, Naples, Fla. 83.1
38. **Royal Palms Resort & Spa**, Phoenix 82.9
39. **Four Seasons at Las Colinas**, Dallas 82.8
39. **Hotel Telluride**, Telluride 82.8
41. **Ritz-Carlton, Reynolds Plantation**, Greensboro, Ga. 82.7
42. **Arizona Biltmore**, Phoenix 82.6
42. **Disney's Grand Floridian**, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. 82.6
44. **White Elephant**, Nantucket 82.5
45. **Ponte Vedra Inn & Club**, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. 82.4
46. **Lodge at Ventana Canyon**, Tucson 82.2
47. **Inn at Harbour Town**, Hilton Head, S.C. 82.1
48. **Meadowood Napa Valley**, St. Helena, Calif. 82.0
49. **Harraseeket Inn**, Freeport, Me. 81.7
49. **Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain**, Paradise Valley, Ariz. 81.7

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PACIFIC RIM RESORTS

1. **Moorea Pearl**, Moorea 96.6
2. **Four Seasons Hualalai**, Big Island 96.0
3. **Four Seasons Wailea**, Maui 93.9
4. **Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows**, Big Island 93.5
5. **Halekulani**, Oahu 91.8
6. **Bora Bora Beachcomber InterContinental**, Bora Bora 91.5
7. **Lodge at Koele**, Lanai 91.3
8. **Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel**, Big Island 90.6
9. **Princeville Resort**, Kauai 90.0
10. **Mane Bay Hotel**, Lanai 89.6
11. **Hotel Bora Bora**, Bora Bora 89.9
12. **Lizard Island Resort**, Great Barrier Reef 88.8
13. **Hyatt Regency**, Kauai 88.5
13. **Kahala Mandarin Oriental**, Oahu 88.5
15. **Mauna Kea Beach Hotel**, Big Island 87.8
16. **Fairmont Orchid**, Big Island 87.4
17. **Sheraton Mirage Resort & Spa**, Gold Coast, Australia 87.3
18. **Ritz-Carlton Kapalua**, Maui 86.0
19. **Hayman Island**, Great Barrier Reef 85.1
20. **Fairmont Kea Lani**, Maui 84.9
21. **Kapalua Bay Hotel & Ocean Villas**, Maui 84.4
22. **Kona Village**, Big Island 84.1
23. **Bora Bora Lagoon Resort**, Bora Bora 83.9

24. **JW Marriott Ihilani**, Oahu 83.3
25. **Grand Wailea Resort**, Maui 83.0
26. **Renaissance Wailea Beach Resort**, Maui 82.5
27. **Ali'i Tower at Hilton Hawaiian Village**, Oahu 82.4
28. **Moorea Beachcomber InterContinental**, Moorea 82.2
29. **Hotel Hana-Maui**, Maui 81.7
30. **Royal Hawaiian**, Oahu 80.4

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EUROPE RESORTS

1. **Villa d'Este**, Cernobbio, Italy 91.7
2. **Hotel Schloss Fuschl**, Salzburg, Austria 91.0
3. **Gleneagles**, Auchterarder, Scotland 90.1
4. **Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc**, Cap d'Antibes, France 89.7
5. **Marbella Club Hotel**, Marbella, Spain 89.5
6. **Sheen Falls Lodge**, County Kerry 89.3
7. **Grand Hotel Zermatterhoff**, Zermatt, Switzerland 88.7
8. **Park Hotel Kenmare**, County Kerry 88.4
9. **Adare Manor**, County Limerick 87.6
10. **Hotel Cala di Volpe**, Sardinia 86.5
11. **Ashford Castle**, County Mayo 85.8
12. **Dromoland Castle**, County Clare 84.6
13. **Old Course Hotel**, St. Andrews, Scotland 84.3
14. **Elounda Beach Hotel**, Crete 83.3
15. **Waterford Castle**, County Waterford 83.1
15. **Westin Excelsior**, Venice Lido 83.1

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CARIBBEAN RESORTS

1. **Malliouhana Hotel**, Anguilla 93.8
2. **Peter Island Resort**, British Virgin Islands 93.1
3. **Four Seasons**, Nevis 89.7
4. **Petit St. Vincent Resort**, St. Vincent and the Grenadines 89.5
5. **Cap Juluca**, Anguilla 89.0
6. **Parrot Cay**, British Virgin Islands 87.6
7. **Little Dix Bay**, Virgin Gorda 86.2
8. **Caneel Bay**, St. John, U.S.V.I. 85.7
9. **Couples Swept Away**, Nevis, Jamaica 85.3
10. **Sans Souci**,

- Ocho Rios, Jamaica 85.1
11. **Jalousie Hilton**, St. Lucia 85.0
11. **Nisbet Plantation**, St. Kitts 85.0
13. **Sandals Dunn's River**, Ocho Rios, Jamaica 84.3
14. **Sandy Lane**, Barbados 83.7
15. **SuperClubs Grand Lido**, Negril, Jamaica 83.2
16. **Cobblers Cove**, Barbados 82.2
17. **CuisinArt Resort & Spa**, Anguilla 82.0
18. **Biras Creek**, Virgin Gorda 81.9
18. **Hôtel Saint Barth Isle de France**, St. Barts 81.9
18. **Ritz-Carlton Rose Hall**, Montego Bay, Jamaica 81.9

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CANADA RESORTS

1. **Post Hotel**, Lake Louise, Alberta 93.7
2. **Westin Resort & Spa**, Whistler, B.C. 89.2
3. **Fairmont Chateau Whistler**, Whistler, B.C. 89.1
4. **Wickaninnish Inn**, Vancouver Island 88.8
5. **Aerie Resort**, Vancouver Island 86.0
6. **Fairmont Le Château Montebello**, Montebello, Quebec 85.2
7. **Pan Pacific Lodge**, Whistler, B.C. 84.8
8. **Fairmont Banff Springs**, Banff, Alberta 83.8
9. **Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe**, Victoria, B.C. 83.6
10. **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**, Lake Louise, Alberta 83.3

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ASIA RESORTS

1. **Four Seasons at Sayan**, Bali 95.7
2. **Ritz-Carlton**, Bali 94.9
3. **Ana Mandara**, Nha Trang, Vietnam 94.8
4. **Four Seasons at Jimbaran Bay**, Bali 93.8
5. **Amanpuri**, Phuket, Thailand 90.7
6. **Nusa Dua Beach Hotel**, Bali 90.3
7. **JW Marriott**, Phuket, Thailand 88.0
8. **Four Seasons**, Chiang Mai, Thailand 87.7
8. **Grand Hyatt**, Bali 87.7
10. **Le Meridien Beach Resort**, Phuket, Thailand 82.8