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The Top 100 Hotels



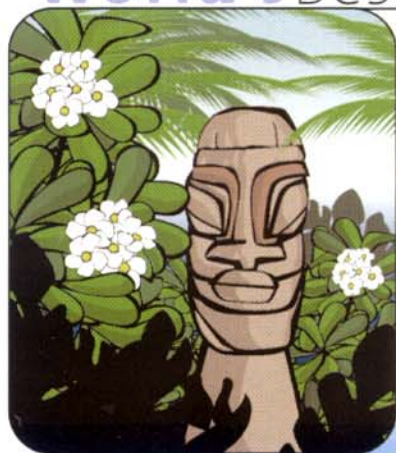
1. MalaMala Game Reserve, South Africa	89.6
2. Ritz-Carlton, Naples, Florida	89.0
3. The Oriental Bangkok	87.8
4. Ritz-Carlton, Cancun	87.7
5. Hayman Island Resort, Great Barrier Reef	87.5
6. Palace of the Lost City, Sun City, South Africa	87.4
7. Amandari, Bali	87.2
8. The Peninsula, Hong Kong	86.7
9. Grand Hotel Villa D'Este, Cernobbio, Italy	86.7
10. Amanpuri, Phuket, Thailand	86.6
11. Mount Kenya Safari Club, Nanyuki, Kenya	86.5
12. Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Hawaii	86.5
13. Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach	86.1
14. Lodge at Koele, Lanai	86.1
15. Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay	86.0
16. Four Seasons Resort, Maui	86.0
17. The Regent, Hong Kong	85.9
18. Hotel San Pietro, Positano, Italy	85.8
19. Ritz-Carlton, Aspen	85.7
20. Lodge at Pebble Beach	85.6
21. Huka Lodge, Taupo, New Zealand	85.1
22. Hôtel Ritz, Paris	85.0
23. La Mamounia, Marrakesh	84.9
24. Four Seasons Resort, Nevis	84.9
25. Halekulani, Oahu	84.8
26. Manele Bay, Lanai	84.8
27. The Ritz, Madrid	84.8
28. Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco	84.7
29. The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia	84.6
30. Kahala Mandarin Oriental, Oahu	84.6
31. Disney's Grand Floridian, Orlando	84.5
32. The Boulders, Carefree, Arizona	84.4
33. Hyatt Regency, Beaver Creek, Colorado	84.4
34. Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, California	84.2
35. Ritz-Carlton, Sydney	84.2
36. Boca Raton Resort & Club, Florida	84.2
37. Las Brisas, Acapulco	84.2
38. Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa, Maui	84.1
39. The Cloister, Sea Island, Georgia	84.1
40. The Breakers, Palm Beach, Florida	84.1
41. Amankila, Bali	83.9
42. Disney's Yacht Club Resort, Orlando	83.8
43. Four Seasons, Chicago	83.8
44. Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Hawaii	83.8
45. The Phoenician, Phoenix	83.8
46. Hotel Cipriani & Palazzo Vendramin, Venice	83.6
47. Cap Juluca, Anguilla	83.6
48. Ritz-Carlton, Chicago	83.5
49. Hôtel du Cap Eden-Roc, Cap d'Antibes, France	83.5
50. Hyatt Regency Kauai Resort & Spa	83.5

The Top 25 Hotels in Hawaii

1. Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Hawaii	86.5
2. Lodge at Koele, Lanai	86.1
3. Four Seasons Resort, Maui	86.0
4. Halekulani, Oahu	84.8
5. Manele Bay Hotel, Lanai	84.8
6. Kahala Mandarin Oriental, Oahu	84.6
7. Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa, Maui	84.1
8. Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Hawaii	83.8
9. Hyatt Regency Kauai Resort & Spa	83.5
10. Kea Lani, Maui	82.8
11. Ritz-Carlton Kapalua, Maui	82.1
12. Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Hawaii	81.9
13. Orchid at Mauna Lani, Hawaii	81.8
14. Princeville Resort, Kauai	79.6
15. Royal Hawaiian, Oahu	78.9
16. Kapalua Bay Hotel & Villas, Maui	78.7
17. Hyatt Regency Maui Resort	78.5
18. Sheraton Moana Surfrider, Oahu	77.9
19. Kona Village Resort, Hawaii	77.7
20. Westin Maui	77.5
21. Ihilani Resort & Spa, Oahu	77.4
22. Hilton Waikoloa Village, Hawaii	77.1
23. Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, Hawaii	77.0
24. Kauai Marriott Resort & Beach Club	76.1
25. Hotel Hana Maui	75.3

Four Seasons Resort
Hualalai, Hawaii.





Hawaii's Top Resort Areas

1. Kohala Coast, Hawaii	71.6
2. Lahaina, Maui	71.1
3. Ka'anapali, Maui	70.6
4. Wailea, Maui	70.2
5. Kapalua, Maui	69.2
6. Kailua-Kona, Hawaii	68.9
7. Poipu, Kauai	68.1
8. Honolulu, Oahu	67.9
9. Princeville, Kauai	67.7
10. Kapaa, Kauai	64.8



THE KOHALA COAST

BY HEATHER SMITH MACISAAC

What's black on the bottom, green on top, and sunny all over? The Kohala Coast on the Big Island of Hawaii, extending from Keahole Airport (built on lava from Mount Hualalai) some 55 miles north to fertile headlands that point to Maui. Along a choice section of the Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway (if you stumble over the syllables, Highway 19 will do) are hotels—Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Mauna Lani Bay Hotel, Kona Village Resort, Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, Hilton Waikoloa Village, the Orchid at Mauna Lani, Four Seasons Resort Hualalai—that woo guests with some of the most artful rooms and imaginative cuisine in Hawaii. Of course, a stay at any of them requires a bit of bullion. Why else would this stretch be called the Gold Coast?

Why else? Well, an average of 344 days of sunshine a year might have something to do with it. Kohala Coast beaches attract travelers from halfway around the globe. These waters are equally magnetic to Big Islanders who live as near as Hilo, where weather is expressed in opposite terms—for a yearly average of 278 rainy days. Sublime as it can be to stay at one of the luxury hotels, that's not a requirement for staking a patch of sand. Local laws ensure the waterfront is accessible to all.

Swimmers snorkel by day with green sea turtles and glide by night with manta rays in Kauna'oa Bay, where the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel put down anchor in the early sixties. Body surfers beeline to Hapuna Park, where shelter in one of six A-frames sets them back a mere \$20 a night. This coast has tidal pools for tots; stone temples, circa A.D. 480, and petroglyphs (the biggest concentration in Hawaii) for history buffs; even a spectacular drive along the Kohala mountain road between Waimea and Hawi. If you thought the blue of the Pacific was something to write home about, wait until you see the grazing land rippling along the flank of Kohala Mountain. The grass really is greener in Hawaii.



FOUR SEASONS RESORT
Hualalai at Historic Keenipulehu



FOUR SEASONS RESORT
Maui at Wailea