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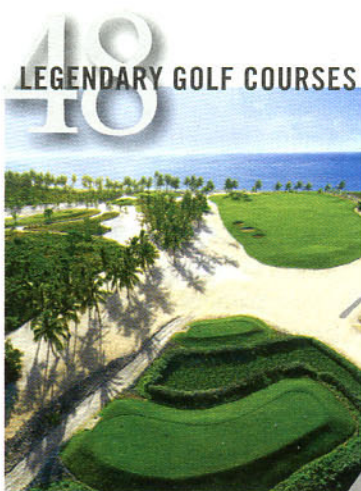
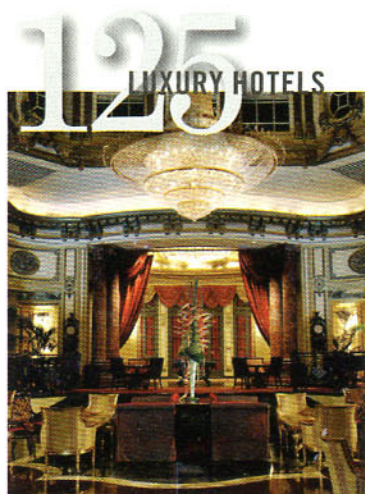
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Welcome to *Celebrated Living's* Readers' Choice Platinum List, a perennial favorite and popular summer tradition. These hotels, golf courses, spas, and cruise lines have received the highest endorsement from our discerning, travel-savvy readers. Make the following pages your ultimate resource for travel planning, with more than 200 ideas for your next getaway. ➤

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# Hotels

## TOP 20 MAINLAND U.S.

Great hotels are more than the sum of their amenities. Those that make lasting memories also rely on the personal touch — your favorite fruit in the room, your preferred newspaper with your morning coffee, and an of-course attitude on the part of the concierge. *Celebrated Living* readers selected — and salute — the following properties as the very best hotels. — ELAINE GLUSAC

### 1 JW MARRIOTT CAMELBACK INN RESORT & SPA, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

In the wake of a major \$45 million renovation, Camelback takes the lead among U.S. hotels. Readers rave about the new BLT Steak restaurant, the restoration of the original adobe brick lobby, and the new fire-lit outdoor lounge, ideal for cocktails under the stars. (888) 772-5809, camelbackinn.com

### 2 THE BROADMOOR, COLORADO SPRINGS

Proving classic and contemporary mix, the Broadmoor boasts new fairway-fronting cottages, newly resurfaced tennis courts, and music-emitting massage tables in the spa. (800) 634-7711, broadmoor.com

### 3 HOTEL DEL CORONADO, SAN DIEGO

This Victorian beachfront icon invested with a fresh \$150 million surges onto the list with new residential-style villas and cottages featuring fireplaces, spa-style baths, and deluxe entertainment systems. (800) 468-3533, hoteldel.com

### 4 FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CHICAGO

Extensive redecorating of this luxury hotel by Pierre-Yves Rochon now extends to the party ballroom adjoined by a new bridal lounge. (800) 332-3442, fourseasons.com/chicagofs

### 5 THE WALDORF ASTORIA, NEW YORK

A Guerlain Spa checks in to New

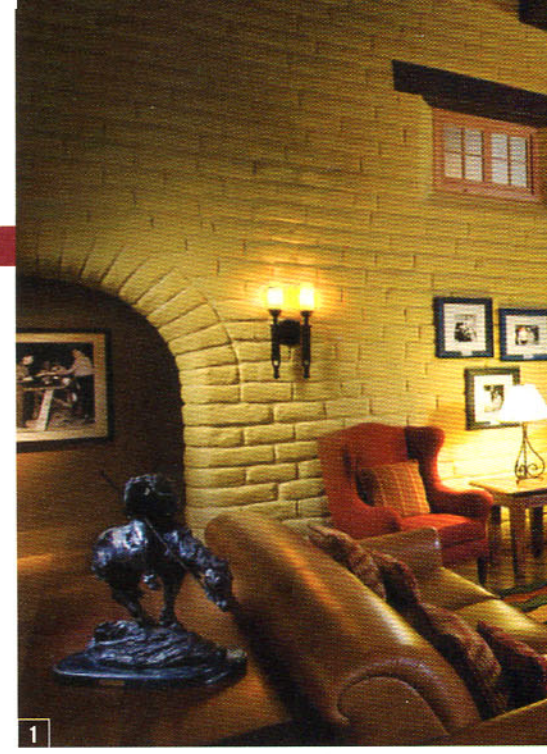
York's art-deco landmark on the 19th floor with expert skin care and panoramic Manhattan views. (800) 925-3673, waldorf.com

### 6 FOUR SEASONS RESORT AND CLUB DALLAS AT LAS COLINAS (tie)

A two-year, \$60 million project included a new sports bar, family pool, and tennis show-court. Plus, this summer, check out the new sports club villas. (800) 819-5053, fourseasons.com/dallas

### 6 THE PENINSULA CHICAGO (tie)

By midsummer, expect refurbished rooms to include plasma TVs and iPod docking stations. European



meets Asian spa philosophies in multiple-treatment “ceremonies” from ESPA. (866) 288-8889, peninsula.com

### 8 THE PHOENICIAN, SCOTTSDALE

Delicious enticements in the desert include a new steakhouse from Jean-Georges Vongerichten. A new audio art tour examines the resort's \$25 million collection. (800) 888-8234, thephoenician.com





### 9 MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MIAMI

Do good while living well by participating in the Mandarin Miami's "voluntourism" tree-planting and recycling in nearby Everglades National Park. (866) 888-6780, [mandarinoriental.com/miami](http://mandarinoriental.com/miami)

### 10 ROSEWOOD MANSION ON TURTLE CREEK, DALLAS

Two new fireplaces on The Mansion's Terrace lounge have created a casual-chic dining hot spot at this A-list entry. (800) 527-5432, [mansiononturtlecreek.com](http://mansiononturtlecreek.com)

### 11 FOUR SEASONS HOTEL NEW YORK

The famed Midtown power lodger aims to offer a new lobby dinner concept later this year. Meanwhile, fans content themselves with L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon. (800) 819-5053, [fourseasons.com/newyork](http://fourseasons.com/newyork)

### 12 BILTMORE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

Cook alongside resort chefs in the new Biltmore Culinary Academy. Improve your golf stroke using a 3-D analysis with the just-launched golf performance program. (800) 727-1926, [biltmorehotel.com](http://biltmorehotel.com)

### 13 ST. REGIS MONARCH BEACH RESORT, DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA

Locals and hotel guests queue up for Kate Somerville facials in the spa. A new Spa Café might extend their stay. (866) 242-3391, [stregismb.com](http://stregismb.com)

### 14 MANDARIN ORIENTAL, NEW YORK

To celebrate five years in New York, the Mandarin is offering half-off premier suite stays of three days throughout the summer. (866) 801-8880, [mandarinoriental.com/newyork](http://mandarinoriental.com/newyork)

### 15 BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL AND BUNGALOWS

Flat-screen TVs, updated armoires, and new fabrics will check in to all rooms by year end. New in-room spa treatments aim to soothe the sleep-deprived. (800) 283-8885, [beverlyhillshotel.com](http://beverlyhillshotel.com)

### 16 AUBERGE DU SOLEIL, RUTHERFORD, CALIFORNIA

A water course of baths and steams now preps you for spa treatments. Later, dine under a private pavilion amid the olive groves. (800) 348-5406, [aubergedusoleil.com](http://aubergedusoleil.com)

### 17 OMNI LA MANSIÓN DEL RIO, SAN ANTONIO

La Mansión's Las Canarias restaurant boosts its appeal under recently appointed executive chef John Brand, who dishes Texas Hill Country chow. (888) 444-6664, [omnilamansion.com](http://omnilamansion.com)

### 18 THE PLAZA, NEW YORK

After three years and \$400 million, the iconic New Yorker has turned debutante, with 282 rooms and suites, Champagne Bar, Caudalie Vinotherapie Spa, Warren-Tricomi Salon, and the Radu Fitness Centre. (888) 850-0909, [fairmont.com/theplaza](http://fairmont.com/theplaza)

### 19 THE RITZ-CARLTON SAN FRANCISCO

Keeping pace with today's palates, small bites from head chef Ron Siegel and a 111-item half-bottle menu raise the bar fare. (800) 241-3333, [ritzcarlton.com](http://ritzcarlton.com)

### 20 THE ST. REGIS, NEW YORK

Interior designer Richard Mishaan recently redesigned the Presidential Suite to evoke a Manhattan *piéd-à-terre* with quintessential Central Park views. (888) 625-5144, [stregis.com/newyork](http://stregis.com/newyork) ▶

