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For 15 years, T+L readers have cast their votes for the top hotels, destinations, airlines, cruises, outfitters, and transportation companies in the world. In 2010, our new and improved poll yielded a record number of votes, proof that T+L readers have an ever more powerful voice as they determine the travel experiences that matter now.

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TURN AND OPEN FOR THIS YEAR'S WINNERS 

The Top 100 Hotels

If you're looking for hotels close to home, this year's list has plenty of options: almost a third of the properties in the top 100 are in the U.S. and Canada. Farther afield, India is also well represented (with seven in the top 50), as are safari lodges in South Africa (five overall). And Italy and France went head to head, tying for first in Europe, with six hotels apiece.

1. **OBEROI VANYAVILAS** Ranthambhore, India 97.26
2. **TRIPLE CREEK RANCH** Darby, Montana 96.76
3. **FAIRMONT MARA SAFARI CLUB** Masai Mara, Kenya 96.31
4. **SAN YSIDRO RANCH, A ROSEWOOD RESORT**
Santa Barbara, California 96.17
5. **OBEROI AMARVILAS** Agra, India 95.94
6. **NISBET PLANTATION BEACH CLUB** Nevis 95.75
7. **THE PENINSULA** Bangkok 95.69
8. **PALAZZO SASSO** Ravello, Italy 95.17
9. **DOMAINE DES HAUTS DE LOIRE** Onzain, France 95.00 Ⓢ
9. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MÉXICO, D.F.** Mexico City 95.00
11. **JADE MOUNTAIN** St. Lucia 94.91
12. **LE SIRENUSE** Positano, Italy 94.88
13. **OBEROI RAJVILAS** Jaipur, India 94.78
14. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Singapore 94.75
15. **OBEROI UDAIVILAS** Udaipur, India 94.71
16. **ROYAL MALEWANE** Kruger National Park, South Africa 94.67
16. **SINGITA SABI SAND (EBONY LODGE, BOULDERS LODGE, CASTLETON CAMP)** Sabi Sand Reserve, South Africa 94.67
18. **OLISSIPPO LAPA PALACE** Lisbon 94.60
19. **HÔTEL DE CRILLON** Paris 94.40
20. **SHANGRI-LA HOTEL** Singapore 94.32
20. **TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL & TOWER** Chicago 94.32 Ⓢ
22. **SINGITA KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (LEBOMBO LODGE, SWENI LODGE)** South Africa 94.25
23. **LONDOLZI GAME RESERVE** Sabi Sand Reserve, South Africa 94.18
24. **TORTILIS CAMP, AMBOSELI** Kenya 94.12
24. **WOODLANDS RESORT & INN** Summerville, South Carolina 94.12
26. **THE PENINSULA** Hong Kong 94.11
27. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Chiang Mai, Thailand 93.95
28. **TAJ MAHAL PALACE & TOWER** Mumbai 93.83
29. **HÔTEL DE LA PAIX** Siem Reap, Cambodia 93.75 Ⓢ
30. **&BEYOND KICHWA TEMBO MASAI MARA TENTED CAMP** Kenya 93.71
31. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Dublin 93.68 Ⓢ
32. **HOTEL BEL-AIR (REOPENING IN 2011)** Los Angeles 93.67
33. **VILLA D'ESTE** Cernobbio, Italy 93.66
34. **TWELVE APOSTLES HOTEL & SPA** Cape Town 93.62
35. **RAMBAGH PALACE** Jaipur, India 93.60
36. **HOTEL SPLENDIDO** Portofino, Italy 93.52
37. **JAMAICA INN & SPA** Ocho Rios, Jamaica 93.50
38. **THE LANESBOROUGH** London 93.47
39. **TAJ LAKE PALACE** Udaipur, India 93.46
40. **STAFFORD LONDON BY KEMPINSKI** 93.44
41. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT JACKSON HOLE** Wyoming 93.43
41. **INN AT PALMETTO BLUFF** Bluffton, South Carolina 93.43
43. **HÔTEL CHÂTEAU EZA** Èze Village, France 93.33
44. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CAIRO AT THE FIRST RESIDENCE** 93.27
45. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL DHARA DHEVI** Chiang Mai, Thailand 93.26
46. **WICKANINNISH INN** Tofino, British Columbia 93.14
47. **POST RANCH INN** Big Sur, California 93.13
48. **THE PENINSULA** Chicago 93.09
49. **MALAMALA GAME RESERVE** South Africa 93.07
49. **POST HOTEL & SPA** Lake Louise, Alberta 93.07
51. **RITZ-CARLTON BEIJING, FINANCIAL STREET** 93.04
52. **LITTLE PALM ISLAND RESORT & SPA** Little Torch Key, Florida 92.97
52. **RITTENHOUSE HOTEL** Philadelphia 92.97
54. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GRESHAM PALACE** Budapest 92.96
55. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** Prague 92.94 Ⓢ
56. **ESPERANZA, AN AUBERGE RESORT** Los Cabos, Mexico 92.91
57. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** Bangkok 92.89
58. **THE PENINSULA** Beijing 92.88
59. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** Hong Kong 92.84
60. **AUBERGE SAINT-ANTOINE** Quebec City 92.80
61. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GEORGE V** Paris 92.76
62. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT HUALALAI** Hawaii 92.74
63. **BLANCANEUX LODGE** San Ignacio, Belize 92.73
64. **CHÂTEAU DE LA CHÈVRE D'OR** Èze Village, France 92.71
65. **ONE&ONLY PALMILLA** Los Cabos, Mexico 92.69
66. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL ISTANBUL AT SULTANAHMET** 92.63
67. **ROYAL LIVINGSTONE** Victoria Falls, Zambia 92.59
68. **SERENGETI SOPA LODGE** Tanzania 92.57
69. **CAPE GRACE** Cape Town 92.52
69. **SONNENALP RESORT OF VAIL** Colorado 92.52
71. **FEARRINGTON HOUSE COUNTRY INN** Pittsboro, North Carolina 92.47
72. **COUPLES TOWER ISLE** St. Mary, Jamaica 92.47
73. **HALEKULANI** Oahu 92.43
74. **FAIRMONT MOUNT KENYA SAFARI CLUB** Nanyuki, Kenya 92.29
75. **ROSEWOOD MANSION ON TURTLE CREEK** Dallas 92.28
76. **LEELA PALACE KEMPINSKI** Bangalore, India 92.27
76. **SUTTON PLACE HOTEL** Chicago 92.27 Ⓢ
78. **ALVEAR PALACE HOTEL** Buenos Aires 92.25
79. **BAUR AU LAC** Zurich 92.20
80. **RITZ-CARLTON NEW YORK, CENTRAL PARK** 92.17
81. **MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH** California 92.15
82. **PALACIO DUHAU-PARK HYATT** Buenos Aires 92.00
83. **THE PENINSULA** Beverly Hills 91.92
84. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Hong Kong 91.86
85. **VILLA SAN MICHELE** Fiesole, Italy 91.80
86. **LITTLE NELL** Aspen, Colorado 91.78
87. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Chicago 91.77
88. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Milan 91.77
89. **SOFITEL WASHINGTON D.C. LAFAYETTE SQUARE** 91.72
90. **LA COLOMBE D'OR HOTEL** St.-Paul-de-Vence, France 91.67
90. **MEADOWOOD NAPA VALLEY** St. Helena, California 91.67
92. **RITZ-CARLTON** Santiago, Chile 91.65
93. **AUBERGE DU SOLEIL** Rutherford, California 91.61
94. **BURJ AL ARAB** Dubai 91.57 Ⓢ
95. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Carmelo, Uruguay 91.53
95. **KAHALA HOTEL & RESORT** Oahu 91.53
97. **HOTEL IMPERIAL, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL** Vienna 91.52
98. **HOUSTONIAN HOTEL, CLUB & SPA** Houston 91.51 Ⓢ
99. **THE LANGHAM** Melbourne 91.50 Ⓢ
100. **THE ADOLPHUS** Dallas 91.48 Ⓢ

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

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Californian resorts have always ranked highly on the list, and this year, San Ysidro Ranch grabs the top spot in the category. Among large city hotels, Chicago has four properties in the top 10 alone (including the No. 1 hotel, Trump International Hotel & Tower), yet New York still dominates, with seven urban retreats.

Continental U.S. and Canada

Resorts (40 rooms or more)

1. **SAN YSIDRO RANCH, A ROSEWOOD RESORT** Santa Barbara, California 96.17
2. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT JACKSON HOLE** Wyoming 93.43
3. **INN AT PALMETTO BLUFF** Bluffton, South Carolina 93.43
4. **WICKANINNISH INN** Tofino, British Columbia 93.14
5. **POST HOTEL & SPA** Lake Louise, Alberta 93.07
6. **SONNENALP RESORT OF VAIL** Colorado 92.52
7. **MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH** California 92.15
8. **LITTLE NELL** Aspen, Colorado 91.78
9. **MEADOWOOD NAPA VALLEY** St. Helena, California 91.67
10. **AUBERGE DU SOLEIL** Rutherford, California 91.61
11. **HOUSTONIAN HOTEL, CLUB & SPA** Houston 91.51
12. **BLACKBERRY FARM** Walland, Tennessee 91.46
13. **INTERCONTINENTAL MONTELUCCIA RESORT & SPA** Paradise Valley, Arizona 91.45
14. **WHITEFACE LODGE** Lake Placid, New York 91.25
15. **INN AT SPANISH BAY** Pebble Beach, California 91.20
16. **LODGE AT SEA ISLAND GOLF CLUB** Georgia 91.00
17. **THE SANCTUARY AT KIAWAH ISLAND GOLF RESORT** South Carolina 90.98
18. **HOTEL HEALDSBURG** Sonoma County, California 90.89
19. **STEIN ERIKSEN LODGE** Park City, Utah 90.88
20. **INN ON BILTMORE ESTATE** Asheville, North Carolina 90.76
21. **THE CLOISTER AT SEA ISLAND** Georgia 90.55
22. **RESORT AT PELICAN HILL** Newport Coast, California 90.49
23. **CALISTOGA RANCH** Napa Valley, California 90.13
24. **RITZ-CARLTON** Naples, Florida 90.10
25. **BRAZILIAN COURT HOTEL & BEACH CLUB** Palm Beach, Florida 90.00
26. **THE BREAKERS** Palm Beach, Florida 89.95
27. **LODGE AT PEBBLE BEACH** California 89.86
28. **RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL** Dana Point, California 89.85
29. **L'AUBERGE DE SEDONA** Arizona 89.73
30. **MIRROR LAKE INN RESORT & SPA** Lake Placid, New York 89.71
31. **GRAND HOTEL MARRIOTT RESORT, GOLF CLUB & SPA** Point Clear, Alabama 89.62
32. **PONTE VEDRA INN & CLUB** Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 89.62
33. **ROYAL PALMS RESORT & SPA** Phoenix 89.58
34. **RITZ-CARLTON, BACHELOR GULCH** Beaver Creek, Colorado 89.58
35. **THE BROADMOOR** Colorado Springs 89.57
36. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Whistler, British Columbia 89.57
37. **RITZ-CARLTON** Amelia Island, Florida 89.52
38. **THE PHOENICIAN, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT** Scottsdale, Arizona 89.51
39. **RITZ-CARLTON GOLF RESORT** Naples, Florida 89.46
40. **SANDPEARL RESORT** Clearwater, Florida 89.30
41. **STEPHANIE INN** Cannon Beach, Oregon 89.12
42. **VILLAGIO INN & SPA** Yountville, California 89.00
43. **L'AUBERGE DEL MAR** Del Mar, California 88.86
44. **PARK HYATT AVIARA RESORT (FORMERLY FOUR SEASONS RESORT, AVIARA)** Carlsbad, California 88.85
45. **ATLANTIC HOTEL** Fort Lauderdale, Florida 88.73
46. **RITZ-CARLTON** Half Moon Bay, California 88.72
47. **DISNEY'S GRAND FLORIDIAN RESORT & SPA** Orlando 88.64
48. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT THE BILTMORE** Santa Barbara, California 88.53
49. **WATERCOLOR INN** Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 88.50
50. **THE GREENBRIER** White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia 88.48

Large City Hotels (100 rooms or more)

1. **TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL & TOWER** Chicago 94.32
2. **THE PENINSULA** Chicago 93.09
3. **ROSEWOOD MANSION ON TURTLE CREEK** Dallas 92.28
4. **SUTTON PLACE HOTEL** Chicago 92.27
5. **RITZ-CARLTON NEW YORK, CENTRAL PARK** 92.17
6. **THE PENINSULA** Beverly Hills 91.92
7. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Chicago 91.77
8. **SOFITEL WASHINGTON D.C. LAFAYETTE SQUARE** 91.72
9. **THE ADOLPHUS** Dallas 91.48
10. **ST. REGIS** New York City 90.97
11. **HERMITAGE HOTEL** Nashville 90.91
12. **CHARLESTON PLACE** Charleston, South Carolina 90.68
13. **HOTEL COMMONWEALTH** Boston 90.59
14. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Austin, Texas 90.55
15. **TOWNSEND HOTEL** Birmingham, Michigan 90.26
16. **THE PENINSULA** New York City 90.05
17. **RITZ-CARLTON** San Francisco 89.98
18. **THE PALAZZO** Las Vegas 89.94
19. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** St. Louis 89.83
20. **WYNN LAS VEGAS** 89.68
21. **PLAZA HOTEL** New York City 89.60
22. **TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL & TOWER** New York City 89.58
23. **ROSEWOOD CRESCENT HOTEL** Dallas 89.48
24. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** New York City 89.36
25. **THE NINES, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL** Portland, Oregon 89.29
26. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** San Francisco 89.15
27. **RITZ-CARLTON, A FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Chicago 89.12
28. **RITZ-CARLTON** Sarasota, Florida 88.94
29. **RITZ-CARLTON, TYSONS CORNER** McLean, Virginia 88.93
30. **HOTEL ZAZA** Dallas 88.90
31. **BELLAGIO HOTEL & CASINO** Las Vegas 88.89
32. **WINDSOR COURT HOTEL** New Orleans 88.84
33. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Boston 88.83
34. **RAPHAEL HOTEL** Kansas City, Missouri 88.80
35. **UMSTEAD HOTEL & SPA** Cary, North Carolina 88.80
36. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Las Vegas 88.64
37. **RITZ-CARLTON** Cleveland 88.53
38. **HUNTINGTON HOTEL** San Francisco 88.52
39. **RITZ-CARLTON, PENTAGON CITY** Arlington, Virginia 88.52
40. **ENCORE WYNN LAS VEGAS** 88.52
41. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** San Francisco 88.47
42. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Washington, D.C. 88.44
43. **SOFITEL CHICAGO WATER TOWER** 88.38
44. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Philadelphia 88.37
45. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** New York City 88.26
46. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Seattle 88.24
47. **ST. REGIS** San Francisco 88.22
48. **MANSION ON FORSYTH PARK** Savannah, Georgia 88.16
49. **ST. REGIS** Washington, D.C. 88.15
50. **TAJ BOSTON (FORMERLY RITZ-CARLTON)** 88.00

Small City Hotels (Fewer than 100 rooms)

1. **HOTEL BEL-AIR (REOPENING IN 2011)** Los Angeles 93.67
2. **RITTENHOUSE HOTEL** Philadelphia 92.97
3. **AUBERGE SAINT-ANTOINE** Quebec City 92.80
4. **ELIOT HOTEL** Boston 90.15
4. **ROSEWOOD INN OF THE ANASAZI** Santa Fe, New Mexico 90.15
6. **PLANTERS INN** Charleston, South Carolina 89.70
7. **21C MUSEUM HOTEL** Louisville, Kentucky 89.60
8. **THE JEFFERSON** Washington, D.C. 87.77
9. **XV BEACON** Boston 87.71
10. **RITZ-CARLTON GEORGETOWN** Washington, D.C. 87.33

Inns (Fewer than 40 rooms)

1. **TRIPLE CREEK RANCH** Darby, Montana 96.76
2. **WOODLANDS RESORT & INN** Summerville, South Carolina 94.12
3. **POST RANCH INN** Big Sur, California 93.13
4. **LITTLE PALM ISLAND RESORT & SPA** Little Torch Key, Florida 92.97
5. **FEARRINGTON HOUSE COUNTRY INN** Pittsboro, North Carolina 92.47

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Mexico

Resorts

1. **ESPERANZA, AN AUBERGE RESORT** Los Cabos 92.91
2. **ONE&ONLY PALMILLA** Los Cabos 92.69
3. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Punta Mita 90.92
4. **LAS VENTANAS AL PARAÍSO, A ROSEWOOD RESORT** Los Cabos 90.40
5. **RITZ-CARLTON** Cancún 89.84
6. **PUEBLO BONITO PACIFICA SPA & RESORT** Los Cabos 89.52
7. **LAS BRISAS** Acapulco 89.28
8. **CASAMAGNA MARRIOTT CANCÚN RESORT** 87.83
9. **LE MÉRIDIEN CANCÚN RESORT & SPA** 87.56
10. **MELIÁ CABO REAL** Los Cabos 87.29
11. **FAIRMONT MAYAKOBA** Riviera Maya 87.20
11. **FIESTA AMERICANA GRAND CORAL BEACH CANCÚN RESORT & SPA** 87.20
13. **HILTON CANCÚN GOLF & SPA RESORT** 87.04
14. **JW MARRIOTT CANCÚN RESORT & SPA** 86.00
15. **PUEBLO BONITO SUNSET BEACH RESORT & SPA** Los Cabos 84.95
16. **DREAMS CANCÚN RESORT & SPA (FORMERLY CAMINO REAL)** 84.53
16. **TIDES ZIHUATANEJO** 84.53
18. **FAIRMONT ACAPULCO PRINCESS** 84.36
19. **GRAN MELIÁ CANCÚN** 83.60
20. **BARCELÓ MAYA BEACH** Riviera Maya 82.44

City Hotels

1. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MÉXICO, D.F.** Mexico City 95.00
2. **JW MARRIOTT MEXICO CITY HOTEL** 89.14
3. **PRESIDENTE INTERCONTINENTAL** Mexico City 82.00

Central and South America

Resorts

1. **BLANCANEUX LODGE** San Ignacio, Belize 92.73
2. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Carmelo, Uruguay 91.53
3. **INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL** Peru 90.69
4. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT COSTA RICA AT PENINSULA PAPAGAYO** 88.44
5. **MACHU PICCHU SANCTUARY LODGE** Peru 88.21
6. **LLAO LLAO HOTEL & RESORT GOLF-SPA** San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina 87.68
7. **TURTLE INN** Placencia, Belize 86.29
8. **TABACÓN GRAND SPA THERMAL RESORT** Arenal, Costa Rica 83.12
9. **LOS SUEÑOS MARRIOTT OCEAN & GOLF RESORT** Playa Herradura, Costa Rica 82.53
10. **JW MARRIOTT GUANACASTE RESORT & SPA** Costa Rica 81.33

City Hotels

1. **ALVEAR PALACE HOTEL** Buenos Aires 92.25
2. **PALACIO DUHAU-PARK HYATT** Buenos Aires 92.00
3. **RITZ-CARLTON** Santiago, Chile 91.65
4. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Buenos Aires 91.00
5. **HOTEL MONASTERIO** Cuzco, Peru 90.88
6. **HOTEL CASA SANTO DOMINGO** Antigua, Guatemala 90.00
7. **JW MARRIOTT HOTEL** Lima, Peru 89.09
8. **JW MARRIOTT HOTEL** Quito, Ecuador 88.35
9. **SOFITEL BUENOS AIRES** 87.81
10. **HILTON BUENOS AIRES** 86.44

Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific

Lodges and Resorts

1. **HUKA LODGE** Taupo, New Zealand 91.25
2. **HAYMAN GREAT BARRIER REEF** Australia 90.00
3. **INTERCONTINENTAL BORA BORA RESORT & THALASSO SPA** Bora-Bora, French Polynesia 89.87
4. **VOYAGES LONGITUDE 131°** Ayers Rock, Australia 84.19
5. **INTERCONTINENTAL RESORT & SPA** Moorea, French Polynesia 81.17

City Hotels

1. **THE LANGHAM** Melbourne 91.50
2. **THE GEORGE** Christchurch, New Zealand 88.13
3. **PARK HYATT** Sydney 87.68
4. **PARK HYATT** Melbourne 87.06
5. **SHANGRI-LA HOTEL** Sydney 86.89
6. **HILTON** Auckland 86.71
7. **HYATT REGENCY** Auckland 86.20
8. **STAMFORD PLAZA** Auckland 85.60
9. **SYDNEY HARBOUR MARRIOTT HOTEL AT CIRCULAR QUAY** 85.30
10. **INTERCONTINENTAL** Sydney 84.88

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