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THE
READERS'
CHOICE
AWARDS 2023

FOUR WINNING HOTELS ★ COUNTRIES ★ ISLANDS ★ SPAS ★ RESORTS
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HOTELS

HOTEL CIPRIANI, YOUR VENICE RUNNER-UP

If 2022 was all about the return to travel, then 2023 was the year we recalibrated what was really important. Few seemed to have disappeared into the metaverse, preferring real-life encounters ranging from off-grid wilderness escapes to well-connected urban luxe. From the results that poured in for our 26th readers' awards – the fifth year running that we've joined forces with our American counterparts – it's apparent that you want to spend more time and more money than ever before on travelling. Much of that is to new destinations, along with trips informed by culture, local food scenes and sustainability. The rise and rise of cruising continues (something we never foresaw in 2020), while, for a vocal minority, music festivals are a ticket to ride (the Beyoncé Bounce and Swiftonomics, anyone?). But don't forget that these awards and their globe-spinning winners – from hotels and resorts to islands, cities, airports and trains – are a palimpsest of your travel experiences over the years, the places you dream of returning to. More results, including your favourite ski resorts, can be found online at [entraveller.com/readers-choice-awards](https://www.entraveller.com/readers-choice-awards)

A SNAPSHOT OF THE RANKINGS

Every year, we ask you to rate your favourite hotels according to a set of criteria – from rooms, location and activities to service, culinary options and design, along with considerations such as accessibility, cleanliness and community investment. In Europe, Italy's passeggiata of waterside grande dames and well-tailored townhouses resembles a wishlist for the the Talented Mr Ripley, including romantic hideaways such as **Il Pellicano**, which has appeared on these lists since we started. While you raise a Bellini to the **Cipriani** for its historic rooms, it was the private-island setting of **San Clemente Palace Kempinski Venice** that rated highest for location. When it came to food, **Como Castello del Nero** plated up the best culinary options – many grown on its Chiantishire estate. In Florence, **The Social Hub**, a clever co-working space that Da Vinci would approve of, saw off serious competition to reach second place. In London, the newly refashioned **Dorchester** scored best for experiences (ideally including a Vesper Martini in the bar of the same name), and the **Four Seasons** was spot-on for its Tower Bridge location. Outside the English capital, Scotland ruled the roost, with Edinburgh's **Balmoral** picking up points for rooms, location and experiences, and the eclectic **Fife Arms**, with its 16,000-strong collection of art and objects, turning your head for design.

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YOUR FAVOURITE UK HOTEL OUTSIDE LONDON: LUCKNAM PARK

EUROPE

LONDON

- 1 **THE DORCHESTER, DORCHESTER COLLECTION** 98.99
- 2 **Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square** 98.76
- 3 **Rosewood London** 97.03
- 4 **The Ritz London** 96.99
- 5 **NoMad London** 96.86
- 6 **Ham Yard Hotel** 96.45
- 7 **Hotel Café Royal** 96.24
- 8 **Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London** 96.23
- 9 **Kimpton Fitzroy London** 96.22
- 10 **One Aldwych** 96.16
- 11 **Sea Containers London** 96.13
- 12 **Brown's Hotel, A Rocco Forte Hotel** 95.93
- 13 **Claridge's** 95.90
- 14 **The Landmark London** 95.84
- 15 **The Langham, London** 95.80
- 16 **JW Marriott Grosvenor House London** 95.55
- 17 **Nobu Hotel London Portman Square** 95.49
- 18 **The Lanesborough** 95.44
- 19 **The Milestone Hotel & Residences** 95.43
- 20 **The Carlton Tower Jumeirah** 95.38
- 21 **The Savoy** 95.38
- 22 **The Connaught** 95.38
- 23 **Beaverbrook Town House** 95.38
- 24 **Shangri-La The Shard, London** 95.32

- 25 **Corinthia London** 94.89
- 26 **The Egerton House Hotel** 94.51
- 27 **The Montague on the Gardens** 94.51
- 28 **Mondrian Shoreditch** 94.49
- 29 **The London Edition** 94.19
- 30 **The Rubens at the Palace** 94.09
- 31 **Hotel 41** 94.05
- 32 **Treehouse Hotel London** 93.98
- 33 **St Ermin's Hotel, Autograph Collection** 93.97
- 34 **The Mayfair Townhouse** 93.90
- 35 **The Chesterfield Mayfair** 93.59
- 36 **The Resident Soho** 93.55
- 37 **The Cadogan, A Belmond Hotel, London** 93.42
- 38 **The Laslett** 92.73
- 39 **The Zetter Townhouse Marylebone** 92.41
- 40 **The Standard, London** 92.39

REST OF THE UK

- 1 **LUCKNAM PARK HOTEL & SPA, WILTSHIRE** 97.06
- 2 **The Balmoral, A Rocco Forte Hotel, Edinburgh** 96.87
- 3 **The Fife Arms, Aberdeenshire** 96.70
- 4 **Dormy House Hotel & Spa, Worcestershire** 96.48
- 5 **Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian** 96.36
- 6 **The Newt in Somerset** 96.30
- 7 **Grantley Hall, North Yorkshire** 95.97

- 8 Lime Wood, Hampshire 95.91
- 9 The Fish Hotel & Retreat, Worcestershire 95.87
- 10 Foxhill Manor, Worcestershire 95.66
- 11 Heckfield Place, Hampshire 95.62
- 12 Cliveden House, Berkshire 95.61
- 13 Virgin Hotels Edinburgh 95.59
- 14 InterContinental Edinburgh The George, an IHG Hotel 95.54
- 15 The Pig – at Harlyn Bay, Cornwall 95.38
- 16 Kimpton Charlotte Square Hotel, Edinburgh 95.12
- 17 Links House at Royal Dornoch, Sutherland 95.05
- 18 Prestonfield House, Edinburgh 94.95
- 19 Cameron House, West Dunbartonshire 94.89
- 20 Native Manchester 94.71
- 21 Kimpton Blythswood Square Hotel, Glasgow 94.70
- 22 Glenapp Castle Hotel, Ayrshire 94.55
- 23 Fingal, Edinburgh 94.47
- 24 Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, A Belmond Hotel, Oxfordshire 94.41
- 25 University Arms Hotel, Autograph Collection, Cambridge 94.38
- 26 Harbour Hotel Southampton 94.30
- 27 The Witchery by the Castle, Edinburgh 94.25
- 28 The Harper, Norfolk 94.01
- 29 Ellenborough Park, Gloucestershire 93.84
- 30 Summer Lodge Country House Hotel & Restaurant, Devon 93.60
- 31 Ballygally Castle, Co Antrim 93.17
- 32 Hotel Tresanton, Cornwall 92.79
- 33 The Old Government House Hotel & Spa, Guernsey 92.74
- 34 Harbour Hotel Salcombe, Devon 92.31
- 35 The Lygon Arms, Worcestershire 91.66

PARIS

- 1 SHANGRI-LA PARIS 99.59
- 2 Le Bristol Paris 98.82
- 3 Prince de Galles, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Paris 98.07
- 4 Hôtel de Crillon, A Rosewood Hotel 97.92
- 5 Cheval Blanc Paris 97.86
- 6 Hôtel Plaza Athénée, Dorchester Collection 96.61
- 7 Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris 96.54
- 8 Aïelles Château de Versailles, Le Grand Contrôle 96.06
- 9 Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme 95.73
- 10 Le Meurice, Dorchester Collection 95.69
- 11 Hôtel Lutetia 95.38
- 12 Fauchon l'Hôtel Paris 94.80
- 13 Le Royal Monceau, Raffles Paris 94.67
- 14 Mandarin Oriental, Paris 94.51
- 15 La Réserve Paris – Hotel and Spa 94.14
- 16 Grand Hôtel du Palais Royal 93.87
- 17 Nolinski Paris 93.50
- 18 Hôtel Dame des Arts 93.01
- 19 Ritz Paris 92.82
- 20 Hôtel Grand Powers 92.63

REST OF FRANCE & MONACO

- 1 DOMAINE DES ETANGS, AUBERGE RESORTS COLLECTION, MASSIGNAC 99.44
- 2 Hotel Barrière Le Majestic Cannes 98.73
- 3 Cheval Blanc St-Tropez 98.65
- 4 Hôtel Métropole, Monte-Carlo 98.32
- 5 Le Moulin de Lourmarin, Lubéron 98.29
- 6 Hôtel Le Coucou Méribel 97.79
- 7 Capelongue, Bonnieux 97.46
- 8 Carlton Cannes, a Regent Hotel 97.36
- 9 Hôtel Lou Pinet, Saint-Tropez 97.34
- 10 Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Antibes 96.78
- 11 Armancette, Mont Blanc 96.72



- 12 Hôtel Crillon le Brave 96.63
- 13 Hotel Chais Monnet & Spa, Cognac 96.06
- 14 Hôtel Royal, Evian-les-Bains 95.76
- 15 Hôtel Du Palais Biarritz – The Unbound Collection by Hyatt 95.01
- 16 Les Roches Rouges, Saint-Raphaël 94.79
- 17 Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa 94.62
- 18 Anantara Plaza Nice Hotel 94.31
- 19 Château de la Chèvre d'Or, Eze 94.20
- 20 Hotel Barrière Le Normandy Deauville 93.99

GREECE

- 1 FOUR SEASONS ASTIR PALACE HOTEL ATHENS 98.44
- 2 The Dolli, Athens 96.99
- 3 Santo Pure Oia Suites & Villas, Santorini 96.29
- 4 Katikies Kirini Santorini 96.23
- 5 Canaves Oia, Santorini 96.19

- 6 Hotel Grande Bretagne, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Athens 96.00
- 7 Astir Egnatia Alexandroupolis 95.72
- 8 Katikies Santorini 95.20
- 9 Perivolos Lifestyle Houses, Santorini 94.02
- 10 Grace Hotel, Auberge Resorts Collection, Santorini 92.27

IRELAND

- 1 THE WESTBURY, DUBLIN 98.30
- 2 The Merrion, Dublin 97.12
- 3 Cashel Palace Hotel, Co Tipperary 97.11
- 4 Ballyfin Demesne, Co Laois 96.97
- 5 Carton House, A Fairmont Managed Hotel, Co Kildare 96.57
- 6 The Morrison Dublin, Curio Collection by Hilton 96.23
- 7 The Killarney Park, Co Kerry 96.09
- 8 Kilkea Castle, Co Kildare 96.00

- 9 Glenlo Abbey Hotel & Estate, Co Galway 95.32
- 10 Lough Eske Castle, Co Donegal 95.00
- 11 The G Hotel & Spa, Co Galway 94.69
- 12 Park Hotel Kenmare, Co Kerry 93.81

FLORENCE

- 1 PORTRAIT FIRENZE 97.40
- 2 The Social Hub Florence 96.36
- 3 Villa La Massa 96.20
- 4 Sina Villa Medici, Autograph Collection 95.08
- 5 Four Seasons Hotel Firenze 95.00

ROME

- 1 HASSLER ROMA 98.80
- 2 W Rome 96.74
- 3 Anantara Palazzo Naiadi Rome Hotel 95.71
- 4 Rome Cavalieri, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel 95.36
- 5 The Fifteen Keys Hotel 94.34
- 6 Hotel de Russie, A Rocco Forte Hotel 92.50
- 7 Hotel Villa Pamphili Roma 92.25
- 8 Palazzo Ripetta 91.45
- 9 Grand Hotel Palatino 90.91
- 10 Hotel de la Ville, A Rocco Forte Hotel 90.49

VENICE

- 1 SAN CLEMENTE PALACE KEMPINSKI VENICE 99.20
- 2 Hotel Cipriani, A Belmond Hotel, Venice 96.80
- 3 The Gritti Palace, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Venice 94.91
- 4 Aman Venice 94.42
- 5 Splendid Venice – Starhotels Collezione 94.04

REST OF ITALY

- 1 COMO CASTELLO DEL NERO, BARBERINO TAVARNELLE 99.58
- 2 Anantara Convento di Amalfi Grand Hotel 98.04
- 3 Hotel Il Pellicano, Porto Ercole 97.47
- 4 Caruso, A Belmond Hotel, Amalfi Coast 96.86
- 5 Il San Pietro di Positano 96.03
- 6 Park Hyatt Milano 95.82
- 7 Il Falconiere, Cortona 95.12
- 8 Caesar Augustus, Capri 94.88
- 9 Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni, Lake Como 94.56
- 10 Il Sereno, Lake Como 94.31
- 11 Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria, Sorrento 94.11

- 12 Villa d'Este, Lake Como 94.09
- 13 Grand Hotel Timeo, A Belmond Hotel, Taormina 93.69
- 14 Grand Hotel Tremezzo, Lake Como 93.14
- 15 Borgo Egnazia, Puglia 93.11
- 16 Villa Sant'Andrea, A Belmond Hotel, Taormina Mare 92.31
- 17 Grand Hotel Miramare, Santa Margherita Ligure 91.88
- 18 Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como 91.85
- 19 Le Sirenuse, Positano 91.00
- 20 Splendido, A Belmond Hotel, Portofino 90.97

In France, the delightfully unstuffy **Domaine des Etangs** in Aquitaine scored highest for rooms, design and cleanliness (not always easy in a voluminous 11th-century château lined with artworks), while it was what chef Arnaud Donckele calls his “firework of flavours” that dished up top marks for cuisine at **Cheval Blanc St-Tropez**. The French capital is home to Europe’s top-rated hotel this year: the palatial **Shangri-La Paris**, with high scores for its Chi spa and culinary options. In Greece, the box-fresh **Dolli** – opened in January – gave the classics a dusting to reach second place, while in Amsterdam the **Sir Albert** gained top marks for its contemporary design to secure the rest of Europe title.



SPAIN & PORTUGAL

- 1 FINCA CORTESIN, CASARES, SPAIN 97.91
- 2 Rosewood Villa Magna, Madrid, Spain 97.90
- 3 Torralbenc, Menorca, Spain 97.86
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Madrid, Spain 97.85
- 5 The Madrid Edition, Spain 97.80
- 6 NH Collection Barcelona Gran Hotel Calderón, Spain 97.55
- 7 São Lourenço do Barrocal, Alentejo, Portugal 97.46
- 8 Hotel Arts Barcelona, Spain 97.32
- 9 Urso Hotel & Spa, Madrid, Spain 97.10
- 10 Savoy Palace, Madeira, Portugal 96.74
- 11 AlmaLusa Comporta, Portugal 96.45
- 12 Generator Madrid, Spain 96.43
- 13 The Yeatman Hotel, Porto, Portugal 95.23
- 14 Hotel Vermelho, Melides, Portugal 95.03
- 15 Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona, Spain 94.67

TURKEY

- 1 MANDARIN ORIENTAL BOSPHORUS, ISTANBUL 98.53
- 2 Fairmont Quasar Istanbul 98.11
- 3 Raffles Istanbul 97.02
- 4 Park Hyatt Istanbul – Maçka Palas 96.85
- 5 Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul 96.47

REST OF EUROPE

- 1 SIR ALBERT HOTEL, AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS 99.02
- 2 Beau-Rivage Genève, Switzerland 98.73
- 3 Hotel d'Angleterre, Geneva, Switzerland 98.72
- 4 Kimpton De Witt, Amsterdam, The Netherlands 98.17
- 5 Grand Hôtel, Stockholm, Sweden 98.00
- 6 Park Hyatt Vienna, Austria 97.94
- 7 Hotel Sacher Vienna, Austria 97.54
- 8 Nimb Hotel, Copenhagen, Denmark 96.92
- 9 The Dylan Amsterdam, The Netherlands 96.59
- 10 Waldorf Astoria Amsterdam, The Netherlands 96.58
- 11 The Phoenicia Malta 96.57
- 12 D'Angleterre, Copenhagen, Denmark 96.32
- 13 Rosewood Vienna, Austria 96.30
- 14 Aria Hotel Budapest by Library Hotel Collection, Hungary 96.24
- 15 Suvretta House, St Moritz, Switzerland 96.14
- 16 Pulitzer Amsterdam, The Netherlands 96.07
- 17 Andaz Munich Schwabinger Tor, Germany 96.05
- 18 Anantara Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky Amsterdam, The Netherlands 95.91
- 19 The Dolder Grand, Zürich, Switzerland 95.62
- 20 Hotel de Rome, A Rocco Forte Hotel, Berlin, Germany 95.50
- 21 Mandarin Oriental, Prague, Czech Republic 95.46
- 22 Gstaad Palace, Switzerland 95.33
- 23 The Charles Hotel, A Rocco Forte Hotel, Munich, Germany 95.27
- 24 Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin, Germany 95.20
- 25 Park Hotel Vitznau, Switzerland 94.95
- 26 Anantara New York Palace Budapest Hotel, Hungary 94.95
- 27 Mandarin Oriental, Munich, Germany 94.94
- 28 Hotel Continental, Oslo, Norway 94.89
- 29 Andaz Vienna Am Belvedere, Austria 94.79
- 30 Mandarin Oriental Palace, Luzern, Switzerland 94.70

METHODOLOGY

The *Condé Nast Traveller* Readers' Choice Awards survey was made available through a secure website at cntraveller.com/vote. This year's tabulation of results from thousands of respondents who submitted ratings during the period of 1 April to 30 June 2023 was done by Condé Nast. The questionnaire contained lists of candidates in various categories (hotels, resorts, airlines, cities, islands, etc). Candidates must have received a required minimum number of responses and a minimum overall rating to be eligible for a Readers' Choice Award. Candidates are judged on a set of criteria relevant to their category, based on a standard five-point scale converted to a percentage: excellent, very good, good, fair and poor. The average of these ratings determined their final score based on four decimal points, with two decimal points being published. For example, a score of 95.90 for Claridge's hotel in London represents the average ratings it received from respondents for all criteria relevant: rooms, service, food, design, location and activities/facilities – as well as cleanliness, community, concierge, experience, safety, accessibility and remote working. EDITED IN THE UK BY RICK JORDAN

Familiar big-hitters went head-to-head Down Under, with **Park Hyatts** in Auckland and Sydney battling it out for best location and best activities and facilities, joined on the list this year by **The Langham, Gold Coast** – the group’s first beachside hotel, which opened in 2022. As did the eco-pioneering **Caravan by Habitas Agafay**, which debuted on the Morocco list, while South Africa’s family-owned **Last Word** collection made inroads there. You rated **Kasbah Tamadot** for its rooms and experiences, and **The Plettenberg** for rooms and location, but not enough to keep **La Mamounia** and **Babylonstoren** from the number one spots in their regions. In the Middle East, **The Ritz-Carlton, Doha**, and **The Jaffa** vied for the most polished service.

AUSTRALASIA

- 1 THE FULLERTON HOTEL SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA** 99.08
- 2 Park Hyatt Auckland**, New Zealand 99.06
- 3 The Langham, Sydney**, Australia 97.95
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Sydney**, Australia 97.46
- 5 Park Hyatt Sydney**, Australia 97.31
- 6 Como The Treasury**, Perth, Australia 96.85
- 7 The Ritz-Carlton, Perth**, Australia 96.57
- 8 The Langham, Gold Coast**, Surfers Paradise, Australia 96.52
- 9 The Tasman, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Hobart**, Australia 96.50
- 10 The Langham, Melbourne**, Australia 96.14

AFRICA

- ### NORTHERN
- 1 LA MAMOUNIA MARRAKECH, MOROCCO** 99.38
 - 2 Kasbah Tamadot**, Asni, Morocco 99.05
 - 3 Angsana Riads Collection**, Marrakech, Morocco 98.19
 - 4 The Oberoi, Marrakech**, Morocco 98.07
 - 5 Fairmont Tazi Palace Tangier**, Morocco 98.01
 - 6 La Sultana Marrakech**, Morocco 97.60
 - 7 Caravan by Habitas Agafay**, Morocco 95.67
 - 8 Royal Mansour Marrakech**, Morocco 94.94
 - 9 Selman Marrakech**, Morocco 93.52
 - 10 La Maison Arabe**, Marrakech, Morocco 93.51

EASTERN & SOUTHERN

- 1 BABYLONSTOREN, SIMONDIUM, SOUTH AFRICA** 98.55
- 2 The Plettenberg**, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa 98.54
- 3 Le Quartier Français**, Franschhoek, South Africa 98.52
- 4 Gibb’s Farm**, Karatu, Tanzania 98.50
- 5 Leeu Estates**, Franschhoek, South Africa 98.41
- 6 Last Word Franschhoek**, South Africa 97.95
- 7 La Residence**, Franschhoek, South Africa 97.92
- 8 Mount Nelson, A Belmont Hotel, Cape Town**, South Africa 97.66
- 9 The Old Rectory Hotel & Spa**, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa 97.37
- 10 Last Word Constantia**, South Africa 97.21
- 11 Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel**, Cape Town, South Africa 96.71
- 12 Ellerman House**, Cape Town, South Africa 96.54
- 13 The Cellars-Hohenort**, Cape Town, South Africa 96.50
- 14 Last Word Long Beach**, Cape Town, South Africa 96.43
- 15 One&Only Cape Town**, South Africa 96.29

THE MIDDLE EAST

- 1 THE RITZ-CARLTON, DOHA, QATAR** 99.42
- 2 W Doha**, Qatar 99.21
- 3 The Jaffa, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Tel Aviv**, Israel 98.18
- 4 Grand Hyatt Amman**, Jordan 98.01
- 5 Burj Al Arab Jumeirah**, Dubai, UAE 97.88
- 6 Park Hyatt Dubai**, UAE 97.41
- 7 The St Regis Doha**, Qatar 97.30
- 8 Conrad Dubai**, UAE 97.13
- 9 David Citadel Hotel**, Jerusalem 96.92
- 10 Mandarin Oriental Jumeira**, Dubai, UAE 96.51
- 11 Waldorf Astoria Dubai International Financial Centre**, UAE 96.46
- 12 The Norman Tel Aviv**, Israel 96.22
- 13 The Abu Dhabi Edition**, UAE 96.15
- 14 The American Colony Hotel Jerusalem** 96.14
- 15 Hilton Tel Aviv**, Israel 96.04



YOUR MOST OUTSTANDING HOTEL IN THE MIDDLE EAST:
THE RITZ-CARLTON, DOHA



BEST FOR FRIENDLINESS FIJI

IN PRAISE OF THE ISLAND NATION’S INCOMPARABLE CONVIVIALITY

If you’ve been gorging a box set of *Lost* recently, or seen *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery*, you’ll know that there can be a little trepidation in stepping off the quayside and onto an island. Disconnected from the rest of the world, you need to adjust your watch and sensitivities to local time. But out on no-hurry-no-worry Fiji, with its South Pacific paint-set palette of emerald-green forest and aquamarine waters, there’s always a warm welcome. “Bula” is the word that’s been heard repeatedly by visitors since tourists started coming here in the 1960s – a friendly greeting that isn’t a Hollywood myth but stems from a deep-rooted village culture built on communal connection and cooperation, which markedly improves happiness. Inviting strangers home to dinner is standard practice. This friendliness extends to the environment too, with a new underwater sculptural project on Nacula Island helping to grow the coral reef, visitors rolling up their sleeves and getting involved in planting mangroves and a 30-mile-wide shark corridor forming a marine reserve all around the islands. Bula great white shark! RICK JORDAN

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HOTELS

In Asia, the big story in 2023 was Hong Kong's return to the global check-in desk after three years. During that time, many hotels – such as the **Mandarin Oriental** – took the opportunity to refresh themselves, while properties that had launched just before – such as the **Rosewood** – will feel brand-new to visitors. But you rated the venerable **Peninsula**, which opened its doors in 1928, for its Victoria Harbour location, helping make it best Asian hotel overall, while **The Upper House** had the upper hand for its minimalist design. Elsewhere, you liked the **Suiran** for its riverside location in Kyoto, **Villa Samadhi Singapore** for its upcycled rooms and **St Regis Bangkok** for its in-the-thick-of-it setting near Lumpini Park. In India, **Fairmont Jaipur's** location appealed, while regal scores across the board, especially for cuisine, rooms and design, took **Jodhpur's** magnificent **Umaid Bhawan Palace** into first place.



ASIA

INDIA

- UMAID BHAWAN PALACE, JODHPUR** 98.97
- The Leela Palace Udaipur** 97.01
- Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur** 96.38
- The Imperial, New Delhi** 96.15
- The Oberoi Rajvillas, Jaipur** 96.00
- The Leela Palace New Delhi** 96.00
- The Oberoi, New Delhi** 95.69
- ITC Maurya, a Luxury Collection Hotel, New Delhi** 95.62
- Taj Nadesar Palace, Varanasi** 94.99
- Mihir Garh, Rajasthan** 94.71
- The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra** 94.61
- The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur** 94.43
- Fairmont Jaipur** 94.40
- The Oberoi, Bengaluru** 94.39
- The Leela Palace Bengaluru** 94.26
- The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai** 94.23
- The Leela Palace Jaipur** 93.96
- The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata** 93.39
- Suryagarh, Jaisalmer** 93.21
- The Lodhi, New Delhi** 93.10
- The Temple House, Chengdu** 97.20
- Waldorf Astoria Beijing** 97.05
- The Sanya Edition** 96.50
- The Middle House, Shanghai** 96.37
- Raffles Shenzhen** 96.32
- Waldorf Astoria Xiamen** 96.15
- The Ritz-Carlton Shanghai, Pudong** 95.88
- Mandarin Oriental Wangfujing, Beijing** 95.84
- Conrad Shenyang** 94.12
- The Langham, Shanghai, Xintiandi** 92.87
- InterContinental Chengdu Global Center, an IHG Hotel** 92.78
- Grand Hyatt Shenzhen** 91.82
- 1 Hotel Haitang Bay Sanya** 89.87

HONG KONG & MACAU

- THE PENINSULA HONG KONG** 99.62
- The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong** 98.40
- The Upper House, Hong Kong** 97.95
- The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong** 97.26
- The Langham, Hong Kong** 97.23
- Rosewood Hong Kong** 97.16
- JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong** 97.06
- Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong** 96.09
- Conrad Hong Kong** 95.45
- The St Regis Macao** 94.25

CHINA

- HOTEL ECLAT BEIJING** 98.86
- Hyatt Regency Beijing Wangjing** 98.63
- Grand Hyatt Guangzhou** 98.57
- Banyan Tree Shanghai On The Bund** 97.74
- The Sukhothai Shanghai** 97.41
- Mandarin Oriental, Guangzhou** 97.29
- Park Hyatt Beijing** 97.23

JAPAN

- SUIRAN, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, KYOTO** 98.24
- The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko** 97.78
- Hoshinoya Tokyo** 96.92
- Conrad Tokyo** 96.89
- Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills** 96.56
- Park Hyatt Kyoto** 96.37
- Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Otemachi** 96.31
- Hotel The Mitsui Kyoto, a Luxury Collection Hotel & Spa** 96.27
- The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo** 96.01
- Hoshinoya Kyoto** 90.33

SINGAPORE

- VILLA SAMADHI SINGAPORE** 97.31
- Raffles Singapore** 96.51
- Shangri-La Singapore** 96.49
- InterContinental Singapore Robertson Quay, an IHG Hotel** 96.19
- Swissôtel The Stamford** 96.08
- Andaz Singapore** 95.22
- The Ritz-Carlton, Millenia Singapore** 94.28
- The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore** 94.00
- Capella Singapore** 93.83
- The Fullerton Hotel Singapore** 89.86

SOUTHEAST ASIA

- THE ST REGIS BANGKOK, THAILAND** 97.75
- Park Hyatt Siem Reap, Cambodia** 97.30
- Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, Siem Reap, Cambodia** 96.99
- Kimpton Maa-Lai Bangkok, Thailand** 96.21
- Shangri-La Bangkok, Thailand** 95.94
- Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** 95.83
- Rosewood Phnom Penh, Cambodia** 95.78
- Hotel Tugu Lombok, Indonesia** 95.68
- La Résidence Phou Vao, A Belmond Hotel, Luang Prabang, Laos** 95.62
- The Standard, Bangkok Mahanakhon, Thailand** 95.50

REST OF ASIA

- SIGNIEL SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA** 98.89
- JW Marriott Dongdaemun Square Seoul, South Korea** 98.37
- Four Seasons Hotel Seoul, South Korea** 97.51
- Shangri-La Far Eastern, Taipei, Taiwan** 97.31
- Sofitel Ambassador Seoul, South Korea** 96.87

While seasoned favourites lassoed top spots in Mexico (**Hotel Matilda**) and South America (**Faena Hotel Buenos Aires**), and Toronto's urbane **Hazelton** headed Canada's list for the first time, in the USA you were smitten by several new kids on the block. **Virgin Hotels New York City** got a high five for its service, and the nearby **Ritz-Carlton** in NoMad rated well for its rooms and food, as did the **Downtown LA Proper**. Best for location? **The New York Edition** on Madison Avenue and California's scene-stealing **Colony Palms**, the highest-ranking hotel in the Americas.

THE AMERICAS

MEXICO

- HOTEL MATILDA, SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE** 97.28
- Casa de Sierra Nevada, A Belmond Hotel, San Miguel de Allende** 97.12
- Four Seasons Hotel Mexico City** 96.99
- Hotel Bardo, Tulum** 96.47
- La Casa de la Playa, Riviera Maya** 95.79
- Paradero Todos Santos** 95.51
- Nômade, Tulum** 95.37
- Rosewood San Miguel de Allende** 95.32
- Las Alcobas, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Mexico City** 94.31
- Nobu Hotel Los Cabos** 93.01

SOUTH AMERICA

- FAENA HOTEL BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA** 97.78
- W Santiago, Chile** 97.25
- Rosewood São Paulo, Brazil** 97.08
- Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena, Colombia** 95.96
- W Bogota, Colombia** 95.83
- Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel, Lima, Peru** 95.50
- Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Cusco, Peru** 95.38
- Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, Aguas Calientes, Peru** 95.24
- Copacabana Palace, A Belmond Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil** 95.20
- Palacio Duhau – Park Hyatt Buenos Aires, Argentina** 95.00
- Fasano Rio de Janeiro, Brazil** 94.84
- The Singular Santiago Lastarria Hotel, Chile** 94.58
- Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana, Brazil** 94.30
- Mandarin Oriental, Santiago, Chile** 93.11
- Hotel das Cataratas, A Belmond Hotel, Iguassu Falls, Brazil** 92.27

USA

NEW YORK CITY

- THE RITZ-CARLTON NEW YORK, NOMAD** 99.23
- Hôtel Barrière Fouquet's New York** 98.90
- The Chatwal – The Unbound Collection by Hyatt** 98.44
- Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown** 97.83
- Mandarin Oriental, New York** 96.89
- Ink 48 Hotel** 96.77
- The New York Edition** 96.64
- The Carlyle, A Rosewood Hotel** 96.59
- Virgin Hotels New York City** 96.30
- The Plaza** 96.22

LOS ANGELES

- SLS HOTEL, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, BEVERLY HILLS** 97.06
- Sofitel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills** 96.99
- Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel** 96.92
- Downtown LA Proper Hotel** 96.88
- Mondrian Los Angeles** 96.85
- Conrad Los Angeles** 96.82
- Hotel Per La** 96.60
- Hotel Figueroa – The Unbound Collection by Hyatt** 96.32
- The London West Hollywood At Beverly Hills** 96.06
- 1 Hotel West Hollywood** 95.99

REST OF THE USA

- COLONY PALMS HOTEL, PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA** 99.94
- The Venetian Resort Las Vegas, Nevada** 99.90
- InterContinental the Willard Washington DC, an IHG Hotel,** 99.88
- The Union Station Nashville Yards, Autograph Collection, Tennessee** 99.68
- The Peninsula Chicago, Illinois** 99.57
- LondonHouse Chicago, Curio Collection by Hilton, Illinois** 99.50
- Hotel Crescent Court, Dallas, Texas** 99.41
- The Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection, Newport, Rhode Island** 99.38
- The Liberty, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts** 99.21

WALDORF ASTORIA CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

- Waldorf Astoria Chicago, Illinois** 99.11
- The Windsor Court, New Orleans, Louisiana** 99.04
- InterContinental New Orleans, an IHG Hotel, Louisiana** 99.04
- Four Seasons Hotel at The Surf Club, Surfside, Florida** 99.01
- Sagamore Pendry Baltimore, Maryland** 98.99
- Conrad Washington, DC** 98.98
- Blackberry Farm, Walland, Tennessee** 98.96
- The Whitley, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Atlanta Buckhead, Georgia** 98.92
- Kimpton Aertson Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee** 98.82
- Hotel Jerome, Auberge Resorts Collection, Aspen, Colorado** 98.79
- The Pearl Hotel, Rosemary Beach, Florida** 98.79

CANADA

- THE HAZELTON HOTEL, TORONTO** 99.64
- Hôtel Place d'Armes, Montreal** 98.67
- Fogo Island Inn, Newfoundland and Labrador** 98.65
- JW Marriott Parq Vancouver** 97.90
- Four Seasons Hotel Montreal** 97.43
- Fairmont Waterfront, Vancouver** 96.54
- Wedgewood Hotel & Spa, Vancouver** 96.22
- Loden Hotel, Vancouver** 96.11
- Fairmont Pacific Rim, Vancouver** 96.03
- Auberge Saint-Antoine, Québec City** 95.97



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