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# These are the 100 Best Hotels in the World

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## These 100 Hotels Were Voted Best in the World by T+L Readers—and 18 of Them Are in the U.S.

Hotels in 33 countries across five continents are represented in our annual “World’s Best Awards” survey for 2025.

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Sundowners at andBeyond Bateleur Camp. Credit:

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*Travel + Leisure* readers don't need destination dupes—they're here for the greatest hits. Our reader-voted 100 best hotels of 2025 list boasts properties in 33 countries across five continents. From resorts that date back to the 19th century to the newly opened swish boutiques that shot straight to the top, these are the 100 best hotels of 2025 across the globe, according to our readers.

## • How Voting Works

Every year for our World's Best Awards survey, T+L asks readers to weigh in on travel experiences around the globe—to share their opinions on the top hotels, resorts, cities, islands, cruise ships, spas, airlines, and more. Nearly 180,000 T+L readers completed the 2025 survey. A total of more than 657,000 votes were cast across over 8,700 properties (hotels, cities, cruise lines, etc.).

Hotels were classified as either resort hotel, city hotel, inn, or safari lodge based on their location and amenities, and they were specifically rated on

the criteria below:

- Rooms/facilities
- Location
- Service
- Food
- Value

For each characteristic, respondents could choose a rating of excellent, above average, average, below average, or poor. The final scores are averages of these responses.

- **What Readers Loved**

As T+L readers search for hotels that draw them in—with a rich backstory, entrancing interiors, and authentic, local experiences—they don't shy from trying a new stay: seven of the 100 best hotels of 2025 opened in the last two years. And yet, it's the [exceptional service](#) at tried-and-true favorites that turns curious travelers into return guests.

For the second year in a row, only one U.S. hotel cracked the top 10, which is otherwise dominated by safari lodges (No. 1 [andBeyond Bateleur Camp](#) and No. 3 [Mfuwe Lodge, The Bushcamp Company](#)), as well as far-flung island resorts ([Joali Maldives](#) at No. 7 and newcomer Nay Palad in the tenth spot).

Among the top 100 favorites from T+L readers, there are 18 U.S. hotels on this year's list, up from the 16 that placed last year. Of the U.S. stays, sprawling, remote resorts stood out—like [Primland Resort, Auberge Resorts Collection](#), the 12,000-acre stay in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains (No. 8), and Wildflower Farms, Auberge Resorts Collection (No. 54) in New York's bucolic Hudson Valley. But in the heart of Carmel-by-the-Sea, a charming Northern California town, Villa Mara (No. 40) came back to once again rank in the top 50—a rarity for a relatively new and independently owned boutique hotel.

As the U.S. winners hint, Auberge Resorts Collection had a phenomenal

year, with eleven resorts on the list. Capella, voted the best hotel brand for the third year in a row, had three winners; Oberoi, also a favorite hotel brand among readers, received four nods. And yet, it's a luxury safari outfitter with 29 lodges and camps that nabbed the top spot in this fiercely competitive World's Best Awards category.

Read on for a closer look at the top 100 hotels in the world, according to T+L readers.



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### **andBeyond Bateleur Camp**

Maasai Mara National Reserve, Kenya

Situated on a private concession in Kenya's Masai Mara, this 19-tent property is a luxe base for seeking out the Big Five. The tents are perhaps the first draw, with indoor and outdoor showers, locally sourced furniture inspired by the surroundings, and private decks, perfect for listening to the distant roar of lions or the chorus of insects. Then there's the caring staff, who help provide access to memorable experiences like al fresco meals on the banks of the Mara River and hot-air balloon rides over the Great Migration.

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99.91

### **Raffles Istanbul**



## Istanbul, Turkey

A frequent World's Best winner since it opened in 2014, this quietly elegant oasis, situated on a hill with sweeping views of the city and the Bosphorus, has 185 rooms and suites paired with round-the-clock butler service. This year, it tops the Istanbul list of hotels, too.

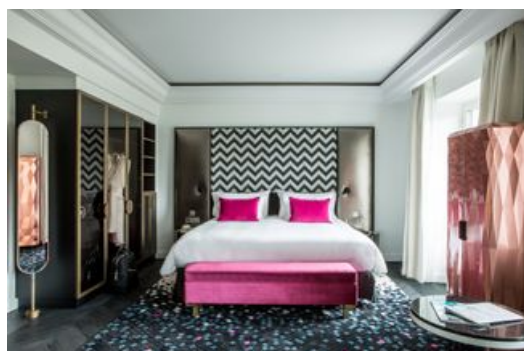


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## Mfuwe Lodge, the Bushcamp Company

South Luangwa National Park, Zambia

Scenic views of the Mfuwe Lagoon, on-property elephant sightings between late October and mid-December, and 18 modern, air-conditioned lodges led this property to one of the highest scores on this year's list. But what really caught the attention of our readers was its team. "It has the most wonderful staff and is the most well-run property in Africa," one reader claimed.



99.53

## Fauchon L'Hôtel

Paris, France

Since the 1880s, the Fauchon brand has been associated with the pinnacle of French gastronomy—the company is one of the most renowned fine delicatessens in France. Set on the Place de la Madeleine, Fauchon's first hotel carries on that tradition, with a focus on excellent

food and drink, and decor that riffs on the company's signature magenta color scheme.



99.5

### **Kilindi Zanzibar**

Zanzibar, Tanzania

Originally built for ABBA band member Benny Andersson, this resort from the Elewana Collection sits on 50 acres of lush gardens and features 15 domed suites, each with a plunge pool and views over the Indian Ocean.



99.5

### **The Vines Resort & Spa**

Mendoza, Argentina

Just 21 villas—donned with soaking tubs, rooftop terraces, and panoramic views of the Andes—create an intimate retreat, perfect for wine-lovers. A favorite experience for readers? Getting their hands dirty by harvesting grapes and making custom wine at the on-site vineyards.



99.46

**Joali Maldives**

Raa Atoll, Maldives

Traditional luxury experiences, such as water activities and a high-end spa, pair perfectly with the soulful nature of this 73-villa resort. And while many hotels on the Raa atoll are adults-only, children are more than welcome at Joali, where activities like pottery classes and treasure hunts draw interest.



99.4

**La Casa de la Playa**

Playa del Carmen, Mexico

La Casa de la Playa snagged a spot in the top 10, with readers flocking to the 63-suite-only hotel for access to the larger Grupo Xcaret campus, restaurants by acclaimed chefs, an ocean-view spa, and an on-site chocolate shop. “The rooms are spectacular,” added one reader of the butler-serviced quarters adorned with local art.



99.4

**Primland Resort, Auberge Resorts Collection**

Meadows of Dan, Virginia

“One of the nicest resorts on the East Coast,” said one reader of this

12,000-acre bucolic escape in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Travelers come to this coveted Auberge Resorts Collection property for horseback riding and hiking through the incomparable scenery.



99.37

### **Nay Palad Hideaway**

Siargao Island, Philippines

This Philippines all-inclusive, which opened in 2023 and was named one of the best new hotels in the world in T+L's 2024 It List, has only 10 villas, each outfitted with a private patio and outdoor shower. Set in the surfing capital of the Philippines, this beachfront resort is within easy walking distance of the isle's downtown.



99.36

### **Susurros del Corazón, Auberge Resorts Collection**

Punta de Mita, Mexico

Occupying a nearly 2,000-square-foot-long beach, Susurros del Corazon is one of the Auberge Resorts Collection's newest Mexico hotels. The interiors celebrate the country's craftwork—textiles from Oaxaca, wooden headboards sourced from Guadalajara—and the on-site experiences highlight another phenomenal Mexican export: the wine.







99.27

### **The Inn at Mattei's Tavern, Auberge Resorts Collection**

Los Olivos, California

In the Santa Ynez Valley, a charming central California wine region, The Inn at Mattei's Tavern is a gorgeous reimagining of a 19th-century hotel within walking distance of 27 tasting rooms in downtown Los Olivos. One reader cited the “relaxing vibe” at the intimate hotel as a major draw.



99.18

### **Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve**

Bali, Indonesia

There are only eight Ritz-Carlton Reserve properties in the world, all of which offer an over-the-top stay with luxe accommodations, phenomenal dining, and a true sense of place. Mandapa is built into the rice paddies of Ubud, and from the private pool villas lining the Ayung River, guests can hear the water rushing past.



99.1

### **Regent Hong Kong**

## Hong Kong, China

For the second year in a row, this fixture of Hong Kong has secured the No. 1 spot on our list of Asia city hotels, following a thoughtful renovation that added touches of understated glamour, such as Lasvit glass bricks in the entryway. But it's the location, right in the heart of the city, that really drew readers in.



99.04

## Shangri-La Bosphorus

Istanbul, Turkey

Housed in a historic 1930s building, this hotel from Hong Kong-based Shangri-La lives up to the brand's expected luxury, from the service to the dining options. But one element of the stay stood out to readers: "The location is ideal for exploring Istanbul, offering a tranquil escape in the heart of the city," said one reader, referring to the site's spot in the Beşiktaş district, a short walk from key monuments in Istanbul.

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## Grace Hotel, Auberge Resorts Collection

Imerovigli, Greece

Overlooking Santorini's famed Caldera, Grace Hotel has some of the best sunset views on the island. The Imerovigli hotel showcases classic

Cycladic design—white-washed walls set against a bright blue pool—and a restaurant by award-winning chef Lefteris Lazarou.



98.94

### Castelfalfi

Montaione, Italy

With its own winery, lake, and medieval village, as well as the largest golf course in Tuscany, this hotel is the perfect getaway in the Italian countryside. The village dates back to 700 AD, but the resort is often refreshed: penthouse suites designed by Stefano Ricci were recently unveiled.



98.89

### Hacienda AltaGracia, Auberge Resorts Collection

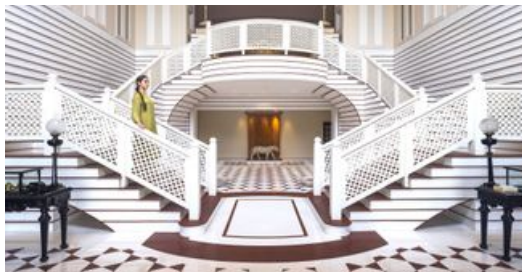
Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica

“In the Talamanca Mountains, this sanctuary offers the perfect blend of adventure, wellness, and luxury,” said one reader of this Costa Rican retreat. Hacienda AltaGracia is one of 11 Auberge Resorts Collection resorts on our list of top 100 hotels and stands out as an inclusive property with rates that include access to a compa, short for compa<sup>ñ</sup>ero, who can help customize your itinerary.

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98.87

**The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra**

Agra, India

With private balconies in many of its rooms, candlelit dining options, personal butler services, and manicured gardens to explore, it's no surprise that this resort, steps from the Taj Mahal, is frequently touted as a romantic escape.



98.77

**Shangri-La Boracay**

Boracay, Philippines

On the lush island of Boracay, the Shangri-La skirts a cove with crystal-clear water, 219 accommodations, including stunning standalone villas, and a spa with Filipino-inflected treatments. Another standout for readers? The “superb service,” said one.



98.76

## San Ysidro Ranch

Montecito, California

In Southern California's idyllic Montecito, San Ysidro Ranch sits on 550 acres with views of the Pacific Ocean and the Channel Islands. Guests staying in any of the 38 cottages will be reluctant to leave the lounge-lined pool, crackling fireplace in the main living room, fresh California fare at the Stonehouse Restaurant, and the 15,500-bottle wine cellar.



98.73

## EQ Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Located in the heart of the city, with easy access to attractions like the Petronas Twin Towers, this hotel, situated on the top few floors of a city skyscraper, has a rooftop infinity pool, seven dining venues from award-winning chefs, and 440 elegantly designed guest rooms.



98.73

## The Cape, a Thompson Hotel

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

The Cape feels like a boutique hotel—but with the Thompson stamp of approval, your Hyatt points can score you a room here. The hotel has the artsy feel of a San Jose del Cabo stay, but with the views of the Pacific Ocean and El Arco that only a Cabo San Lucas address can offer. Best of

all? The on-site restaurant, Manta, is run by chef Enrique Olvera.



98.72

## The Mulia

Bali, Indonesia

Attentive butler service, suites with private lagoons, and direct access to the area's white sand beaches are some of the highlights at this Bali resort. Plus, its family-friendly offerings, such as stand-up paddleboarding excursions, an open-air game space, and a splash pool with waterslides, are a hit with its youngest guests.



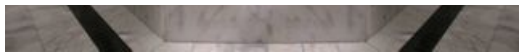
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## Baoase Luxury Resort Curaçao

Willemstad, Curaçao

An oceanside escape built around a private cove, this family-owned property has cossetting accommodations and a house yacht for trips around the island. But the real draw for our readers is the staff's ability to "anticipate our needs before we even knew we had them," said one.





98.67

**Anantara The Palm Dubai Resort**

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

This getaway—with primarily overwater villas, a rarity in Dubai—evokes the feeling of true escape, with its three swimming lagoons, Asian- and Arabian-inspired spa, and private beach. Bring the kids, too—custom spa treatments curated especially for them elevate the family-friendly offerings here.



98.64

**The Langham, Shanghai, Xintiandi**

Shanghai, China

Situated in a neighborhood known for its vibrant shopping and dining, this elegant Langham stay blends traditional Chinese design with contemporary touches. This is the first win on T+L's World's Best List for this behemoth of a property, which spans 28 stories and 357 rooms.



98.64

**The Ritz-Carlton, Bali**

Bali, Indonesia

With 313 suites and villas, this resort is one of the largest in the Nusa Dua



region of Bali. However, its size does not compromise the exceptional service expected at any Ritz-Carlton outpost. Private plunge pools, a spa with Balinese-inspired remedies, and five culinary offerings, each with stunning views of the Indian Ocean, led one reader to note, “The Ritz-Carlton, Bali provided a one-stop escape.”

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98.6

### **Meliá Ho Tram Beach Resort**

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Personalization is essential at this 238-key, oceanside resort outside of Ho Chi Minh City, one of two hotels from Meliá making this year’s list for the first time. For a memorable stay, book a Level Villa, equipped with a private lounge, access to concierge service, and an individual plunge pool.



98.59

### **Taj Mahal, New Delhi**

New Delhi, India

While it's been open for nearly 50 years, a recent refresh blends traditional Mughal-inspired architecture with modern luxury, continuing to attract a roster of famous personalities—and anyone looking for five-star service.





98.5

**Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi**

South Malé Atoll, Maldives

This luxe Waldorf Astoria resort has been named among the top 100 by our readers for six years in a row, thanks to its can't-miss spa, palatial villas, and 11 restaurants. And to take it up a notch, there's the recently unveiled private island—a sprawling getaway for up to 24 guests.



98.48

**Hôtel Crillon le Brave**

Crillon Le Brave, France

Set at the foot of Mount Ventoux, this Provençal property, decorated with earth tones and red-tiled floors, pays homage to its bucolic setting in the south of France. Its stone buildings dating back over four centuries, spa housed in former 18th-century vaulted stables, and plush countryside-inspired guest rooms only add to the pastoral scene.



98.44

**Hôtel de Crillon, a Rosewood Hotel**

Paris, France

“Simply wonderful,” is how one reader described her experience at this swanky Parisian staple on Place de la Concorde. While the Rosewood-style, hyper-personalized service was praised by voters, it’s the luxurious touches, such as the gold-tiled pool and opulent Bar Les Ambassadeurs, that set this chic hotel apart.



98.43

**Rosewood Bangkok**

Bangkok, Thailand

It’s the central location that keeps readers coming back to this Rosewood hotel (“the best location ever,” said one reader). The 30-story tower soars in the downtown central business district, near great shopping and the Ploenchit Skytrain Station.



98.4

**Regent Beijing**

Beijing, China

This 496-room hotel is a behemoth of a property in mainland China. Helping it achieve high marks are a prime location near the Forbidden



City, a wide variety of top-notch restaurants, and attentive service from the staff.

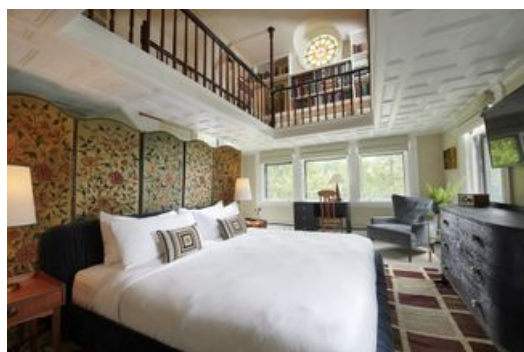


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### **Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay**

Bali, Indonesia

Sitting in the Bukit Peninsula, this 32-year-old resort is a staple in this region of the island, offering some of the most lush landscapes around, all paired with the genuine service of the Four Seasons brand. And its newest offering, the cocktail bar Telu, has already racked up multiple awards.



98.33

### **The Norumbega**

Camden, Maine

With just 11 guest rooms, this recently restored inn on the midcoast of Maine has caught our readers' attention for a second consecutive year. The distinctly styled rooms—one spanning two stories and a library—impeccable attention to detail from staff, old-world grandeur, and prime location on Camden Harbor, a short walk from downtown, have kept it on our top 100 list.





98.32

**Mandarin Oriental**

Bangkok, Thailand

This 331-key Bangkok staple has been on the list for more than a decade, but the story goes far beyond that: Its history dates back nearly 150 years as the city's first luxury hotel. To keep up with the needs of today's travelers, it has undergone multiple renovations and added contemporary amenities, including a dozen restaurants and bars, curated excursions, and a world-class spa.



98.32

**Quisisana Resort**

Center Lovell, Maine

For nearly a century, this lakeside resort has brought joy to its many repeat guests, mostly in the form of live entertainment from its talented staff, many of whom are professionally trained actors. The setting, pristinely cared for cabins, and culinary program are a highlight for readers. However, the main draw of this all-inclusive that has attracted several readers for nearly 40 years is the staff, which, according to one voter, "feels like an extension of the greatest aspects of family."

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98.26

**Villa Mara Carmel**

Carmel-by-the-Sea, California

“The owners treated us like VIP guests,” gushed one reader. “Villa Mara is a place where time slows down and every moment feels special,” added another. Here, the beauty is in the details; owner Dev Patel has handpicked every feature that makes this Carmel gem’s idyllic living room—with a dark blue bar and a dancing fireplace—one of the coziest spots in California.



98.25

**The St. Regis Istanbul**

Istanbul, Turkey

Nestled in the residential quarter of Nişantaşı, this St. Regis property—one of just two featured on this year’s list—offers modern comforts ideal for a city vacation. A key attraction? The Bentley suite, a 1,345-square-foot room coated in marble and memorabilia from the luxury car brand.



98.2

**Triple Creek Ranch**

## Darby, Montana

“The staff thought of satisfying every need before we could even verbalize it,” is how one reader recalled their experience at this adults-only, all-inclusive resort in the Bitterroot Mountains. Add to that the Relais & Châteaux-approved cuisine and the 800 acres perfect for cattle working rides or scenic river floats, and the mood is set.



98.13

## Montage Kapalua Bay

Maui, Hawaii

A centerpiece of Montage's luxury resort portfolio, this coastal enclave has excellent snorkeling, championship-caliber golf courses, and a spa offering al fresco massages. “It’s the perfect place to bring the family,” said one reader of this oceanside property that has officially landed on the hall of fame this year.



98.13

## Solio Lodge

Laikipia, Kenya

A first-timer to the World’s Best Awards, this lodge set on a 45,000-acre reserve affords its guests direct access to excellent wildlife sightings, especially of the 200 black and white rhinos that live on the surrounding land.







98.1

### **Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa**

Champagne, France

This 47-room property is an idyllic countryside retreat, set among the scenic Champagne hills. It charms readers with its modern design, Michelin-starred restaurant, and outstanding spa with a hammam, two infinity pools, and quality services creating a wellness sanctuary in its own right.

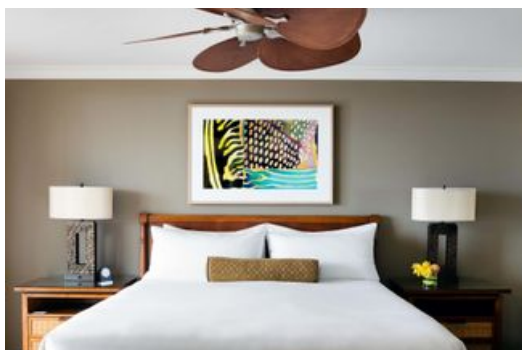


98.06

### **The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur**

Jaipur, India

This palace-inspired escape near the heart of Jaipur is so over the top that peacocks can be seen roaming around its grounds. But that's really just a nice perk on top of the in-room private plunge pools, long list of treatments at the guest-only spa, and "exceptional service," as one reader put it.



98.01

**Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui**

Maui, Hawaii

With villas boasting over 1,500 square feet of space each, private courtyards, plunge pools, and gourmet kitchens, this Fairmont resort is ideal for families. Its most recent addition is the new cultural center, Hale Kukuna, which hosts community events like hula and Hawaiian language classes for all visitors and residents of Maui, not just hotel guests.



98

**Étéreo, Auberge Resorts Collection**

Punta Maroma, Mexico

One of Auberge Resorts Collection's newest entries in Mexico, Étéreo, stuns on the Riviera Maya with an inviting spa—the hospitality brand is known for its phenomenal wellness programs—and an elevated walkway that takes guests from the hotel, hovering above mangroves, to a white sandy beach.



98

**Hotel Xcaret Mexico**

Playa del Carmen, Mexico

One of three hotels from the Xcaret brand featured on this year's top 100,

this entity takes the meaning of “all inclusive” to a whole new level, due to its massive size—there are 900 suites and eight theme and water parks. And the fun will continue later this year when the property debuts new casas specifically designed for families.

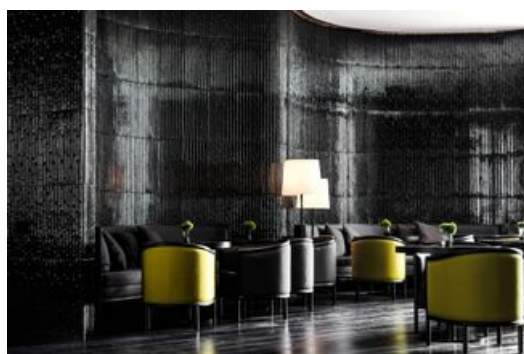


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### **Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai**

Shanghai, China

The cosmopolitan city of Shanghai is getting a lot of attention on this year's list of the top 100 hotels—there are four hotels represented. This Mandarin Oriental stay—with 362 rooms and suites, elegant tea service, and “warm hospitality,” according to readers—takes the No. 2 spot on our list of the best hotels in the city for 2025.



98

### **The Middle House**

Shanghai, China

Since its opening in 2017, The Middle House has attracted an aesthetically-minded crowd, from the art world to the fashion industry, with its elegantly minimalist design—think floor-to-ceiling windows and a mix of traditional Chinese and contemporary Italian furnishings. The intuitive service from boutique Swire Hotels Group is a nice touch, too.







98

### Waldorf Astoria Las Vegas

Las Vegas, Nevada

“Every detail is meticulously designed for comfort and elegance,” said one reader about this Sin City staple, adding, “The rooftop pool deck provides a serene escape with panoramic vistas, while the award-winning dining options elevate the culinary experience.” The hotel is constantly improving, and most recently added Peacock Alley, the Hilton luxury brand’s signature gathering spot, and Hard Shake, a luxe cocktail bar.

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97.95

### The Jefferson, Washington DC

Washington D.C.

Made for history lovers, this reader-favorite is set in a 1920s-era beaux-arts building, just blocks away from the White House. Within the property, you’ll find nods to the past, such as original mailboxes and a restored skylight in the lobby, all paired with top-notch modern service that continues to impress.





97.94

### **Wildflower Farms, Auberge Resorts Collection**

Gardiner, New York

When our readers stay at Wildflower Farms, which opened in the Hudson Valley in the fall of 2022, their highlights include hand-picking eggs that the chef then scrambles into an omelet for breakfast. There are few better ways to describe the confluence of Auberge Resorts Collection's laid-back luxury paired with the region's rustic charm that continues to attract attention from major hospitality brands (a One&Only property is expected in the coming years).

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97.93

### **Taj Lands End, Mumbai**

Mumbai, India

The name doesn't lie: Taj Lands End really is at the southwestern tip of Mumbai, near the famed Bandra Fort, overlooking the Arabian Sea—a view that can be seen from many of the hotel's 486 guest rooms, three restaurants, and three bars. In addition to the setting, readers consistently raved about the service, with one noting it is “one of the best five-star hotels in India, and it truly stands to its brand name.”

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97.92

### Rosewood Phnom Penh

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

T+L readers love a Rosewood hotel—there are five properties from the brand on this list, which is particularly impressive considering there are only 57 in the entire portfolio. This vertical resort is part of the Cambodian capital's skyline, inhabiting the top floors of a 39-story steel-and-glass tower that overlooks the Mekong River.



97.92

### The Dunlin, Auberge Resorts Collection

Johns Island, South Carolina

The Dunlin was also named to T+L's 2025 It List of best new hotels—it's the newest Auberge Resorts Collection to open in the U.S. On a serene island, but just a 40-minute drive from downtown Charleston, the hotel's "nostalgic interior design pairs the natural beauty of the coast with a fresh take on a classic Lowcountry aesthetic, complete with plenty of pretty pastels, wicker, and gingham," according to Elizabeth Rhodes, T+L's senior editor who recently reviewed the property.

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97.89

## Nayara Tented Camp

Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica

Named the No. 1 resort in Central America for the last four years, Nayara has 38 stunning tents built into the Costa Rican jungle. Each accommodation, designed by Luxury Frontiers, the architects behind some of the most lauded safari lodges in the world, has a private pool overlooking the national park where the resort is located.



97.88

## Rosewood San Miguel de Allende

San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

Steps away from key monuments of the city like Parque Benito Juárez, this Rosewood hotel, set in a 16th-century building, entices travelers with attentive service, hand-carved wooden furniture, and bold design reflective of the surrounding city.



97.87

## Capella Hanoi

Hanoi, Vietnam

One of three Capella hotels on this list, the Hanoi outpost entices guests with opulent, Gilded Age-reminiscent interiors and a Michelin-starred restaurant, Backstage. The hospitality group—named the best in the world by T+L readers for the third year in a row—is described by one



reader as “a hotel brand that embraces the culture, art, and culinary of the destination.”



97.87

### **Le Bristol**

Paris, France

This Oetker Collection hotel celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025—and our readers have been its regular guests on Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré in the eighth arrondissement. A recent reason to book a stay: the newly opened Le Jardin Français, a serene, tucked-away patio, surrounded by lush green flora, serving afternoon tea and evening tapas.



97.87

### **Villa Le Corail, a Gran Meliá Hotel**

Nha Trang, Vietnam

Opened in 2023, this coastline newcomer to the list has caught the attention of readers for its attentive service. “The staff really went an extra mile to make sure we were happy,” said one voter. The hotel leans on Spanish and Vietnamese influences, which really come to fruition in the food at Hispania, helmed by Michelin-starred chef Marcos Morán.





97.84

**Las Ventanas al Paraíso, a Rosewood Resort**

San José del Cabo, Mexico

There's no shortage of luxury resorts to choose from in the Los Cabos region of Mexico—there are four on this list alone—but this 27-year-old Rosewood hotel overlooking the Sea of Cortez continues to set itself apart. Highlights for T+L readers include the complimentary butler service, locally-inspired guest rooms, and La Botica, the 1920s-style hidden speakeasy where guests can salsa into the night.

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97.83

**Madeline Hotel & Residences, Auberge Resorts Collection**

Telluride, Colorado

Guests at this all-season resort in Telluride's Mountain Village can expect pampering from its knowledgeable staff, whether they are headed to the ski slopes or on fly fishing forays. And according to one voter, whose family has been returning to the property for a decade, “The customer experience just continues to elevate.”



97.83

**Solage, Auberge Resorts Collection**

Calistoga, California

Solage really captures the Auberge Resorts Collection's essence: it's luxurious, but also playful and delightfully unstuffy. The hotel is known for its spa—the Calistoga mud bath treatments are particularly impressive—but the standalone bungalow accommodations, with private patios and laid-back, California-chic trappings, are fantastic, too. The latest on-site addition is the poolside Picobar, serving zippy Mexican food.

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97.8

**Sofitel Legend Casco Viejo**

Panama City, Panama

The Sofitel Legend brand is an unsung hotel hero; there are only six in the world, and they are a cut above the rest of the Sofitel portfolio. Casco Viejo opened in 2022 and is the newest addition to the Legend brand, though it inhabits a stunning, history-steeped landmark building that dates back to the Belle Époque.



97.78

**W Santiago**



## Santiago, Chile

The W's first foray into South America, this 190-key hotel in the sky has continued to garner interest from visitors and locals, too. The dining options are what truly caught our readers' attention, specifically the colorful NoSo that showcases traditional Chilean ingredients like octopus



97.68

## The Oberoi Vanyavilas Wildlife Resort, Ranthambhore

### Ranthambhore, India

The Oberoi, named the best hotel brand in our 2022 World's Best Awards, has 13 hotels in India, and four of them landed on this list. The Vanyavilas Wildlife Resort in Ranthambhore, a national park in the Indian state of Rajasthan known for Bengal tigers, has stunning tented accommodations and game drives. One reader called it "one of the best leisure wildlife properties," while another said the tents are "so beautiful."

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97.68

## The St. Regis Bali Resort

### Bali, Indonesia

In the beachfront enclave of Nusa Dua, this resort has 41 villas with private pools, floating, shaded gazebos, and a Pan-Asian fine-dining restaurant overlooking the Indian Ocean. "It's truly a very special place

with very special people,” said one reader, recalling how the staff met their every need.



97.66

### **Hotel Belmar**

Monteverde, Costa Rica

Family-owned by the Belmar family since 1985, this carbon-neutral, boutique hotel is one of the oldest continually operated eco-lodge in the town of Monteverde. Readers praised the guest rooms with a luxe treehouse feel, as well as the food, sourced directly from the on-site gardens and the ocean.



97.66

### **Palace Hotel Tokyo**

Tokyo, Japan

It's hard to beat the location of this 284-room hotel, just steps from the Imperial Palace. It is a favorite of T+L's discerning readers; “We always stay here: great location, great rooms, great ambience,” said one return visitor.





97.58

**Lebua at State Tower**

Bangkok, Thailand

“I’ve never experienced such attentive, detail-oriented, and personalized service,” said one reader of this hotel that made its way back in the World’s Best rankings for the first time since 2020. Lebua at State Tower has some of the most impressive views over Bangkok, not only from its sky-high suites, but also from the 64th-floor Sirocco, the world’s highest outdoor restaurant.

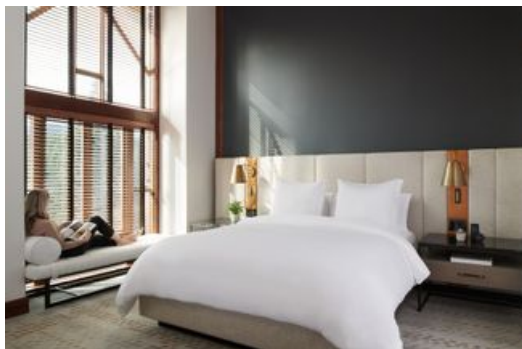


97.58

**Secret Bay**

Dominica, Caribbean

With just over two dozen nature-inspired villas and the ability to gracefully coexist with the surrounding jungle on Dominica’s northwest side, it’s no surprise that this masterclass in eco-luxury is a longtime favorite of T+L readers. One voter summed it up best: “Secret Bay is in a league of its own.”



97.52

**Four Seasons Resort & Residences Whistler**

## Whistler, Canada

This outpost in British Columbia has become a true four-season destination, with a restorative spa, e-bikes, and a heated outdoor pool. And as a result, repeat visitors are now the norm.



97.5

## Anantara Quy Nhon Villas

Quy Nhon, Vietnam

Anantara took two spots on our World's 100 Best hotels this year—and it's not difficult to see why this retreat in the coastal city of Quy Nhon captivated our readers' attention. The villas—some multi-bedroom, some multi-level—are outfitted with glistening private pools. To cap it off, travelers can hop on The Vietage, a train by Anantara, which traverses the Vietnamese coast.



97.47

## Matetsi Victoria Falls

Matetsi Private Game Reserve, Zimbabwe

“Absolutely magical and exceptional in every way,” is how one voter described this family-owned hotel sitting on the banks of the Zambezi River, not far from the largest waterfall on Earth, Victoria Falls. The 18 standalone suites are the perfect return from long game drives; book the villa for extra seclusion and care, as it comes with a private chef and



butler, swimming pool, and fireplace.

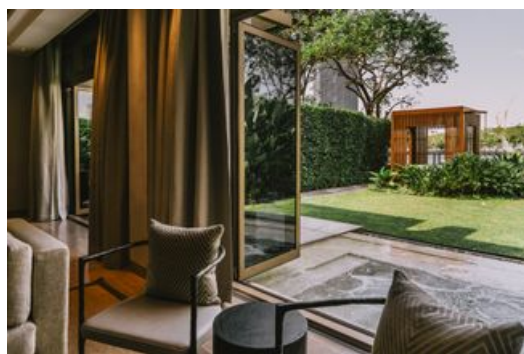


97.44

### **Wentworth Mansion**

Charleston, South Carolina

A winner on the list for the last nine consecutive years, this 21-room, Gilded Age getaway has can't-miss views of the Holy City's historic district, all while being tucked away in a secluded neighborhood. Inside, original Tiffany & Co. glass panels add to the wow factor. Plus, several readers touted the on-site restaurant, Circa 1886, with one calling it “extraordinary.”



97.43

### **Capella Bangkok**

Bangkok, Thailand

Since its opening at the end of 2021, this Capella outpost along the Chao Phraya River has drawn people in with its villas set on the riverfront, ultra-luxurious yet understated interiors, and unparalleled service. The brand's concierge team, referred to as “culturists,” can set guests up with any number of niche experiences, like meditation sessions with a local monk.







97.41

### **andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve Lodges**

Phinda Private Game Reserve, South Africa

An iconic name in the luxury safari business, andBeyond is a favorite among T+L readers, with two of its 29 lodges making this list of the world's top hotels. (andBeyond Bateleur Camp claimed the No. 1 spot.) Not to be overlooked, andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve Lodges, sits on nearly 74,000 protected acres in KwaZulu-Natal, and is home to six separate camps.



97.4

### **The Leela Palace New Delhi**

New Delhi, India

Travelers and locals adore the outstanding service that The Leela hotels have become synonymous with. The Leela Palace, with 260 spacious rooms in the capital city's Diplomatic Enclave (or Chanakyapuri), is an easy choice for first-time visitors to Dilli. Readers rave about its on-site restaurant, Megu—one local guest touted it as their “favorite restaurant and truly one of the most outstanding in the country.”

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97.39

**Rancho Santana**

Rivas, Nicaragua

Returning to the World's Best top 100 hotels after a three-year hiatus, Rancho Santana overlooks Lake Nicaragua in the city of Rivas. The 2,700-acre resort just keeps getting better—a new executive chef from Brazil sources many ingredients from the on-site farm and garden—but the resort's mainstays, including three pools, a sea turtle sanctuary, and a sprawling spa in the jungle, are what keep readers coming back.

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97.38

**Capella Shanghai**

Shanghai, China

Capella has held down the coveted title of the Best Hotel Brand in the World for the third year in a row. The Shanghai hotel is a jewel in the company's eight-property crown, with exceedingly charming details, such as Cake of the Day, on offer every afternoon in The Living Room, restaurants by celebrated French chef Pierre Gagnaire, and an award-winning spa.



97.36

## The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur

Udaipur, India

Udaipur as a destination and The Oberoi as a hospitality group are both favorites among luxury travelers to India, which makes The Oberoi Udaivillas something of a slam dunk. Ranking among the top resorts in India for seven of the last 10 years, the majestic Indian castle has gardens overlooking Lake Pichola that can easily rival those in Versailles.



97.33

## Giraffe Manor

Nairobi, Kenya

This boutique hotel in Nairobi is one of the most Instagram-famous stays in the world, and it's no wonder: Giraffes can be seen among the grounds at all hours of the day, even peeking through your hotel room window if it's left open. Its most recent addition, The Retreat, offers a respite from the action, with a pool, luxurious bar, and a spa room for couples.



97.33

## Hotel Du Cap-Eden-Roc

Cap d'Antibes, France

Cap d'Antibes, the peninsula on the French Riviera, is one of the most scenic destinations in Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur—and Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc only adds to its allure. The Oetker Collection hotel has been

named among the best resorts in France for the last nine years, thanks to its luxurious Dior Spa and stunning waterfront pool and bar.



97.33

### **Hyatt Regency Danang Resort & Spa**

Danang, Vietnam

One of many Hyatt resorts that made the list this year, this sprawling beachfront escape is known for its family-friendly offerings, like the Petit Chef dining experience that includes projections onto diners' plates, and its Vie Spa. At the latter, guests are pampered with traditional Vietnamese treatments in private villas, in addition to the cold plunge, sauna, and lush gardens.



97.3

### **Grand Hotel du Palais Royal**

Paris, France

Located just steps from the Louvre and the Tuileries Gardens, this chic bolthole puts you in the heart of the City of Light, without compromising comforts. Guest rooms are awash in a soothing palette of pastels, and for even more calming energies, guests can retreat to the wellness area, equipped with a hammam, hot tub, and products from Parisian brand Holidermie.





97.3

## Raffles Grand Hotel D'Angkor

Siem Reap, Cambodia

An exquisite stay in Cambodia's second-largest city, Raffles has a French art deco inflection that guests feel throughout the 119 rooms and suites. T+L readers, of course, travel to Siem Reap to see Angkor's beautiful temples, including Angkor Wat, and Raffles offers a slate of coveted experiences, including a private, candlelit dinner within one of the UNESCO Heritage-protected temples.

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97.27

## Hotel Hartness

Greenville, South Carolina

Greenville, South Carolina, is gaining interest from T+L readers—it made our list of best cities in the U.S. for the first time this year—and this family-owned hotel is the perfect home base for exploring it. Having just opened in 2023, the hotel, set on nearly 500 acres of rolling pastures, features expansive suites and the luxurious Spa H, where rejuvenating treatments and views of a scenic pond melt away stress.

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97.27

**Villa d'Este**

Lake Como, Italy

Returning to the list for the first time since 2014, this charming 19th-century Cernobbio classic is housed in a waterfront Renaissance palace. With sophisticated wellness and beauty spaces, spectacular gardens, and 152 rooms and suites, Villa d'Este has been the go-to spot for A-listers and T+L readers for years.



97.26

**Atlantis The Royal Dubai**

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Newly opened as of February 2023, this monumental six-building megaresort is the focal point of Palm Jumeirah Island and the sibling resort to the Atlantis The Palm. With 795 guest rooms, a massive spa, and 15 restaurants, including the Michelin-starred Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, it is a study in opulence; Beyoncé famously played the multimillion-dollar opening party.



97.25

## Hotel Calimala

Florence, Italy

“It had a really classic atmosphere,” said one reader of this newcomer to the list that opened in 2019. Voters favored the eclectic design of the property, which occupies a 16th-century palazzo, with art deco flourishes and contemporary artwork within the public spaces.



97.25

## The Ranch at Laguna Beach

Laguna Beach, California

Occupying 87 acres in the verdant Aliso Canyon, The Ranch at Laguna Beach is a short walk from one of the most idyllic beaches in Southern California. The Ranch, which also frequently ranks among the top California resorts, has nightly live music, 97 elegant guest rooms, including a two-bedroom tree house, and luscious treatments at Sycamore Spa.



97.24

## Jade Mountain

St. Lucia, Caribbean

The St. Lucia resort that also graced our T+L 500 list is best known for its exceptional views of the Piton mountains and the Caribbean Sea. Of the 600-acre retreat on Anse Chastanet, one reader said, “There should be a

rating beyond excellent for this amazing property!”



97.23

### **Waldorf Astoria Los Cabos Pedregal**

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

“The crown jewel of luxury hospitality,” noted one voter about this 112-key resort situated between the dramatic cliffs and the Pacific Ocean in Cabo San Lucas. In addition to the breathtaking views that come from its rare location, readers praised the impeccable service, delicious food, and serene atmosphere as reasons for a visit.



97.18

### **La Residencia, a Belmond Hotel, Mallorca**

Mallorca, Spain

Artistic inspiration is easy to find at this picture-perfect Belmond bolthole, situated in the foothills of the Tamanuntana Mountains near the village of Deiá. What’s more than the setting? The top-notch experiences, like tastings of olive oil pressed from the property’s own trees or the complimentary boat tours, departing from nearby Port de Sóller.





97.18

**Santa Marina, a Luxury Collection Resort**

Mykonos, Greece

Part of Marriott's Luxury Collection, Santa Marina claims a coveted piece of real estate near Ornos Bay, which places its guests on a serene side of the island that's still close enough to its lively capital town. For a superlative room choice, look no further than the suites with private pools or the collection of 12 stone villas.



97.12

**Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection**

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

Exceptional service is a hallmark across the Auberge Resorts Collection portfolio, and this 57-key, intimate Cabo escape is no exception. This is its eighth consecutive year on the World's Best Awards, with one voter noting: "It's somewhere I consistently return despite the urge to explore."



97.12

**Hotel Xcaret Arte**

Playa del Carmen, Mexico

This adults-only Playa del Carmen stay raises the bar for all-inclusive resorts, with its high-concept design, celebrating Mexican art and craftsmanship, and 10 impressive dining experiences, including a tasting menu and an Oaxacan-inspired restaurant.



97.07

## Shangri-La The Shard

London, England

In a capital city with its fair share of luxury hotels, the Shangri-La, which opened in 2014, is housed in the tallest building in the U.K. It continues to impress readers with attentive service, a swanky bar, an indoor infinity pool hovering 52 stories above London, and unparalleled views of the English capital.

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## T+L Hotel Values

At *Travel + Leisure*, we know a hotel can make or break a trip. We love checking into a room with a fluffy white bed and a balcony with a view as much as our readers do. However, we also know a lot more than that goes into making a hotel experience truly special. The best hotels provide personalized service and thoughtful amenities, and have authentic interactions with their communities. Below, see all of the categories we consider when choosing a hotel to feature in a T+L article—and what our readers consider when voting in the World's Best Awards. Your vacation is as important to us as our own, and these are the same criteria we use when searching for hotel stays for ourselves. As your trusted travel source, we hope to help you find your new favorite home away from home.

## Rooms



A great hotel room feels luxurious and stylish, but also functional (think: power outlets next to the bed, a full-length mirror, and a well-positioned TV). Since we don't like to feel cramped on vacation, space also wins us over: we want plenty of room to unpack and spread out—and we love a sizable bathroom (especially with a bathtub or rain shower). We expect cleanliness all around, and a comfortable bed that tempts us to stay a while. Of course, outdoor space and a great view go a long way.

## **Amenities**

We believe hotel guests should feel pampered, not nickel and dimed. We prefer hotels with thoughtful amenities aimed at making our days and nights easier, like filtered water, Wi-Fi, and a good iron or steamer. We love when hotels go the extra mile and provide a stocked minibar, a welcome gift, and an outdoor shower or Jacuzzi. Extras like on-site laundry, a spa and gym, and a great concierge are likely to secure a spot on our lists.

## **Location**

We look for hotels with locations that are convenient or spectacular (or both!), whether they're walking distance from a city's top sights or on a remote island with access to a pristine private beach. We always take the destination into account and think about our readers' intent — and try to pinpoint the ultimate home base in every travel situation.

## **Service**

When it comes to connecting with a hotel and destination, personalized service is key. We love a knowledgeable local concierge who's excited to share insider recommendations and a welcoming staff that tends to every detail of a stay from start to finish. Above all, we want to make sure guests feel welcomed and taken care of.

## **Food**

A good hotel restaurant can be a destination in its own right, and we're constantly on the lookout for notable chefs, buzzy collaborations, local ingredients, and downright delicious food that can be enjoyed without leaving the premises. Give us a room service option that maintains quality and we're there (no soggy waffles, even from bed, please). Figurative bonus points are awarded to hotel restaurants that add something new

and exciting to a destination's existing culinary scene.

## **Value**

While we often cover five-star, luxury hotels, we're also always thinking about value for the money spent at any price point. Will guests feel like they got what they paid for? Are valuable extras included in the fee? If there is a way to maximize a stay with rewards points or a chance to save on your booking, we'll tell you about it.

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