



THE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS

WHO GETS TO DECIDE WHICH TRAVEL EXPERIENCES, DESTINATIONS AND COMPANIES ARE TRULY SUPERLATIVE? YOU DO. EVERY YEAR, WE ASK THE T+L AUDIENCE TO RATE AIRLINES, CRUISE SHIPS, CITIES, ISLANDS, HOTELS AND MORE FROM THEIR RECENT TRAVELS. THE RESULTS ARE A PICTURE OF THE VERY BEST IN TRAVEL NOW. FOR THIS, OUR 23RD EDITION OF THE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF READERS TOOK PART IN SELECTING THE WINNERS. AS ALWAYS, THEY SURPRISED US—AND INSPIRED SOME SERIOUS WANDERLUST.

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NEAR MOUNT BROMO, JAVA—THIS YEAR'S TOP-RATED ISLAND—DEFINITELY HAS ITS HEAD IN THE CLOUDS.

Top 100 Hotels

Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan, a 60-room retreat near Ubud, got your vote as the No. 1 Hotel in the World. It was one of 27 properties in Asia that made the Top 100 list, the most of any region this year.

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| <p>1 Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan Indonesia 98.22</p> <p>2 Ballyfin County Laois, Ireland 98.00</p> <p>3 Frangipani Beach Resort Anguilla 97.88</p> <p>4 Inkaterra La Casona Cuzco, Peru 97.87</p> <p>4 Inverlochy Castle Hotel Torlundy, Scotland 97.87</p> <p>6 The Mulia Bali, Indonesia 97.81</p> <p>7 Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa Torres del Paine, Chile 97.38</p> <p>8 Temple House Chengdu, China 97.26</p> <p>9 Nihi Sumba Island Indonesia 97.06</p> <p>10 Nayara Springs Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 97.04</p> <p>11 Oberoi Amarvilas Agra, India 97.02</p> <p>12 Amandari Bali, Indonesia 96.96</p> <p>13 Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa 96.95</p> <p>14 Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba Sacred Valley, Peru 96.84</p> <p>14 Six Senses Douro Valley Lamego, Portugal 96.84</p> <p>16 Eolo - Patagonia's Spirit El Calafate, Argentina 96.71</p> | <p>17 Oberoi Rajvilas Jaipur, India 96.69</p> <p>18 Gibb's Farm Karatu, Tanzania 96.62</p> <p>19 La Residence Franschoek, South Africa 96.57</p> <p>20 La Réserve—Hôtel & Spa Paris 96.44</p> <p>20 Viceroy Riviera Maya Playa del Carmen, Mexico 96.44</p> <p>22 The Oberoi Mumbai 96.42</p> <p>23 Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru 96.36</p> <p>24 Rambagh Palace Jaipur, India 96.33</p> <p>25 The Lowell New York City 96.27</p> <p>25 Taj Lake Palace Udaipur, India 96.27</p> <p>27 Huka Lodge Taupo, New Zealand 96.20</p> <p>28 Taj Exotica Goa, India 96.18</p> <p>29 Saxon Hotel, Villas & Spa Johannesburg, South Africa 96.13</p> <p>30 Cala de Mar Resort & Spa Ixtapa, Mexico 96.11</p> <p>31 Mandarin Oriental Bangkok 96.07</p> <p>32 The Peninsula Paris 96.00</p> <p>32 The Peninsula Tokyo 96.00</p> <p>32 Resort at Pedregal Cabo San Lucas, Mexico 96.00</p> | <p>35 Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa Sacred Valley, Peru 95.88</p> <p>36 Lodge at Edgewood Tahoe Lake Tahoe, Nevada 95.78</p> <p>37 Six Senses Yao Noi, Thailand 95.75</p> <p>38 Rancho Santana Rivas, Nicaragua 95.74</p> <p>39 Cavas Wine Lodge Mendoza, Argentina 95.73</p> <p>40 Montage Kapalua Bay Maui, Hawaii 95.72</p> <p>41 Hotel Wailea Maui, Hawaii 95.64</p> <p>41 St. Regis Bora Bora Resort French Polynesia 95.64</p> <p>43 Borgo Egnazia Savellietri di Fasano, Italy 95.62</p> <p>44 Fogo Island Inn Newfoundland 95.61</p> <p>45 Las Ventanas al Paraíso, a Rosewood Resort San José del Cabo, Mexico 95.60</p> <p>45 Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch Saratoga, Wyoming 95.60</p> <p>47 The Oberoi New Delhi 95.58</p> <p>47 Southern Ocean Lodge Kangaroo Island, Australia 95.58</p> | <p>49 Il San Pietro di Positano Positano, Italy 95.48</p> <p>50 Sheen Falls Lodge County Kerry, Ireland 95.47</p> <p>51 Rosewood San Miguel de Allende, Mexico 95.36</p> <p>52 Twin Farms Barnard, Vermont 95.36</p> <p>53 Nayara Resort, Spa & Gardens Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 95.35</p> <p>54 The Oberoi Gurgaon, India 95.33</p> <p>54 Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve Lodges Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa 95.33</p> <p>56 Jade Mountain St. Lucia 95.32</p> <p>57 Le Meurice Paris 95.29</p> <p>57 Taj Bangalore, India 95.29</p> <p>59 Badrutts Palace Hotel St. Moritz, Switzerland 95.23</p> <p>60 La Mamounia Marrakesh, Morocco 95.22</p> | <p>61 Banyan Tree Cabo Marqués Acapulco, Mexico 95.20</p> <p>61 Hacienda AltaGracia, Auberge Resorts Collection Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica 95.20</p> <p>61 Palace Hotel Tokyo 95.20</p> <p>61 Spectator Hotel Charleston, South Carolina 95.20</p> <p>65 Carlton Hotel St. Moritz, Switzerland 95.14</p> |
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WHAT MAKES THE FOUR SEASONS RESORT BALI AT SAYAN SO SPECIAL? THE LUSH AYUNG RIVER VALLEY SETTING, DRAMATIC ARCHITECTURE AND IMMERSIVE LOCAL EXPERIENCES. THE IN-HOUSE FARM IS A CALM SETTING FOR MEDITATIVE WELLNESS AND THE SPA WORKS WITH SPIRITUAL HEALERS.

- 66 Singular Patagonia Puerto Bories, Chile 95.11
- 67 The Alpina Gstaad, Switzerland 95.06
- 68 Post Ranch Inn Big Sur, California 95.01
- 69 Nizuc Resort & Spa Cancún, Mexico 95.00
- 70 Primland Meadows of Dan, Virginia 94.88
- 71 Raffles Singapore 94.83
- 72 Chileno Bay Resort, Auberge Resorts Collection Cabo San Lucas, Mexico 94.82
- 73 Rosewood Mayakoba Playa del Carmen, Mexico 94.80
- 74 C Lazy U Ranch Grand County, Colorado 94.77
- 75 InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa French Polynesia 94.75
- 75 J.K. Place Capri, Italy 94.75
- 77 Wickaninnish Inn Tofino, British Columbia 94.74
- 78 Taj Diplomatic Enclave New Delhi 94.73
- 79 Triple Creek Ranch Darby, Montana 94.70
- 80 Amanpuri Phuket, Thailand 94.67
- 80 Farm at Cape Kidnappers Hawke's Bay, New Zealand 94.67
- 80 Katikies Santorini, Greece 94.67
- 80 Qualia Hamilton Island, Australia 94.67
- 84 The Beekman, a Thompson Hotel New York City 94.64
- 85 Aman Venice 94.64
- 86 Pendry San Diego 94.62
- 87 The Setai Miami Beach 94.60
- 88 The Cloister Sea Island, Georgia 94.53
- 89 Four Seasons Resort the Nam Hai Hoi An, Vietnam 94.43
- 90 Hewing Hotel Minneapolis 94.42
- 91 The Lanesborough London 94.40
- 91 Sol y Luna Sacred Valley, Peru 94.40
- 93 Alila Manggis Bali, Indonesia 94.39
- 94 Planters Inn Charleston, South Carolina 94.37
- 95 Four Seasons Resort Koh Samui, Thailand 94.36
- 96 Brewery Gulch Inn Mendocino, California 94.35
- 97 Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection Cabo San Lucas, Mexico 94.33
- 98 Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo Taormina, Italy 94.21
- 99 Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai, Thailand 94.19
- 100 Hotel Maria Cristina, a Luxury Collection Hotel San Sebastián, Spain 94.18

HALL OF FAME
On the list for the past 10 years.

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Indicates a true tie.

IN CHENGDU, TEMPLE HOUSE WRAPS MODERN AND TRADITIONAL DESIGNS INTO ONE TO FORM A VIBRANT HOTEL IN THIS HISTORIC CITY.



Asia

Crowd-pleasing islands in Indonesia and a romantic, palace-rich city in India scored big—as did the many great hotels that call these places home.

TOP 10 CITIES

- 1 **Udaipur** India 89.31
- 2 **Ubud** Indonesia 88.74
- 3 **Kyoto** Japan 88.42
- 4 **Luang Prabang** Laos 88.20
- 5 **Hoi An** Vietnam 88.09
- 6 **Chiang Mai** Thailand 87.93
- 7 **Tokyo** 86.96
- 8 **Bangkok** 86.71
- 9 **Siem Reap** Cambodia 86.54
- 10 **Thimphu** Bhutan 86.23

TOP 10 ISLANDS

- 1 **Java** Indonesia 95.28
- 2 **Bali** Indonesia 94.06
- 3 **Lombok** Indonesia 93.88
- 4 **Maldives** 90.48
- 5 **Palawan** Philippines 90.04
- 6 **Cebu** Philippines 89.10
- 7 **Phuket** Thailand 86.14
- 8 **Boracay** Philippines 86.14
- 9 **Koh Samui** Thailand 85.07
- 10 **Koh Lanta** Thailand 82.50

TOP 10 RESORT HOTELS

- 1 **Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan** Indonesia 98.22
- 2 **The Mulia** Bali, Indonesia 97.81
- 3 **Nihi Sumba Island** Indonesia 97.06
- 4 **Oberoi Amarvilas** Agra, India 97.02
- 5 **Amandari** Bali, Indonesia 96.96
- 6 **Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa** 96.95
- 7 **Oberoi Rajvilas** Jaipur, India 96.69

- 8 **Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru** 96.36
- 9 **Rambagh Palace** Jaipur, India 96.33
- 10 **Taj Lake Palace** Udaipur, India 96.27

TOP 10 CITY HOTELS

- 1 **Temple House** Chengdu, China 97.26
- 2 **The Oberoi** Mumbai 96.42
- 3 **Mandarin Oriental** Bangkok 96.07
- 4 **The Peninsula** Tokyo 96.00
- 5 **The Oberoi New** Delhi 95.58
- 6 **The Oberoi** Gurgaon, India 95.33
- 7 **Taj** Bangalore, India 95.29
- 8 **Palace Hotel** Tokyo 95.20
- 9 **Raffles** Singapore 94.83
- 10 **Taj Diplomatic Enclave** New Delhi 94.73

TOP 5 HOTELS HONG KONG

- 1 **The Peninsula** 92.60
- 2 **JW Marriott Hotel** 92.42
- 3 **Four Seasons Hotel** 89.86
- 4 **Mandarin Oriental** 89.33
- 5 **Grand Hyatt** 87.40

BYGONE BANGKOK

The Mandarin Oriental Bangkok (*mandarinoriental.com*; doubles from US\$500), voted the best hotel in the city this year, has a history as illustrious as its guest list, which has included W. Somerset Maugham, Eleanor Roosevelt and Mick Jagger. Built in 1876 as "the Oriental," the first luxury hotel in the Kingdom of Siam, the riverside property has evolved into a sprawling oasis; its romantic Bamboo Bar remains the place for gin and tonics. Throughout the Thai capital, you can find similarly atmospheric venues. Don't miss the Jim Thompson House (*jimthompsonhouse.com*), a collection of six teak bungalows built in 1959 by the architect turned silk magnate. A museum showing Thompson's furniture and Southeast Asian antiques, the houses beautifully encapsulate Thai craftsmanship. At the Art Deco-inspired Scala Theatre (*apexsiam-square.com*), arched ceilings and a sweeping double staircase recall the cinemas of yesteryear. Moviegoers are still issued handwritten tickets and escorted in by attendants in sharp jackets and bow ties.

TOP 5

HOTELS BANGKOK

- 1 **Mandarin Oriental** 96.07
- 2 **The Peninsula Hotel** 93.17
- 3 **Banyan Tree** 90.67
- 4 **Shangri-La Hotel** 90.40
- 5 **JW Marriott Hotel** 85.71

TOP 5

HOTELS SINGAPORE

- 1 **Raffles** 94.83
- 2 **Four Seasons Hotel** 93.28
- 3 **Ritz-Carlton, Millenia** 92.96
- 4 **Capella** 92.32
- 5 **Grand Hyatt** 88.43

TOP 5

HOTELS TOKYO

- 1 **The Peninsula** 96.00
- 2 **Palace Hotel** 95.20
- 3 **Ritz-Carlton** 93.33
- 4 **Mandarin Oriental** 93.04
- 5 **Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Marunouchi** 91.37

TOP 5

RESORT HOTELS INDIA

- 1 **Oberoi Amarvilas Agra** 97.02
- 2 **Oberoi Rajvilas Jaipur** 96.69
- 3 **Rambagh Palace Jaipur** 96.33
- 4 **Taj Lake Palace Udaipur** 96.27
- 5 **Taj Exotica Goa** 96.18

TOP 5

RESORT HOTELS INDONESIA

- 1 **Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan** 98.22
- 2 **The Mulia Bali** 97.81
- 3 **Nihi Sumba Island** 97.06
- 4 **Amandari Bali** 96.96
- 5 **Alila Manggis Bali** 94.39

GUESTS AT SIX SENSES YAO NOI, IN THAILAND, CAN HEAD FOR THE BEACH OR SIMPLY LOUNGE IN THEIR VILLAS; ALL COME WITH PRIVATE POOLS, AND MOST OVERLOOK THE LIMESTONE KARSTS IN PHANG NGA BAY, WHICH MAKE FOR A GREAT DAY OF ISLAND-HOPPING.

TOP 10

RESORT HOTELS SOUTHEAST ASIA

- 1 **Six Senses Yao Noi Thailand** 95.75
- 2 **Amanpuri** Phuket, Thailand 94.67
- 3 **Four Seasons Resort the Nam Hai** Hoi An, Vietnam 94.43
- 4 **Four Seasons Resort** Koh Samui, Thailand 94.36
- 5 **Four Seasons Resort** Chiang Mai, Thailand 94.19
- 6 **Banyan Tree** Phuket, Thailand 93.60
- 7 **137 Pillars House** Chiang Mai, Thailand 92.95
- 8 **Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort** Chiang Rai, Thailand 92.67
- 9 **Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle** Chiang Rai, Thailand 91.29
- 10 **Belmond La Résidence Phou Vao** Luang Prabang, Laos 91.16

