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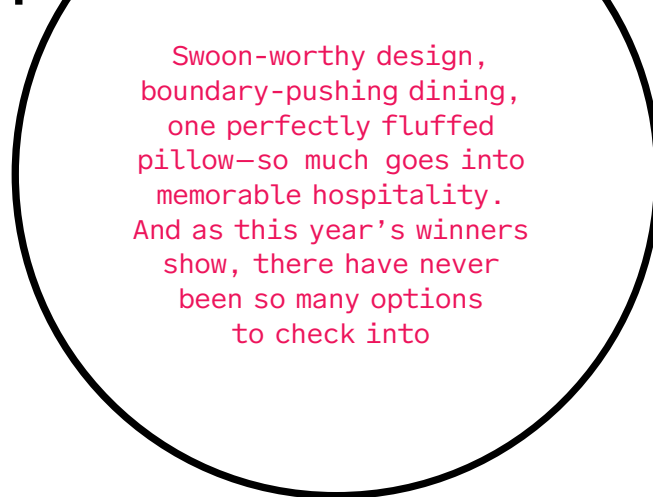
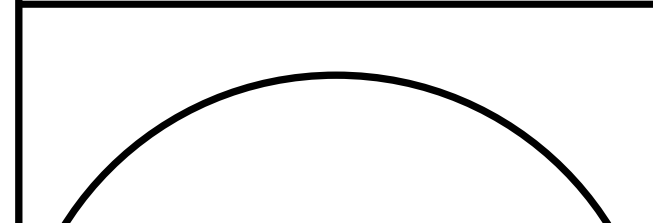
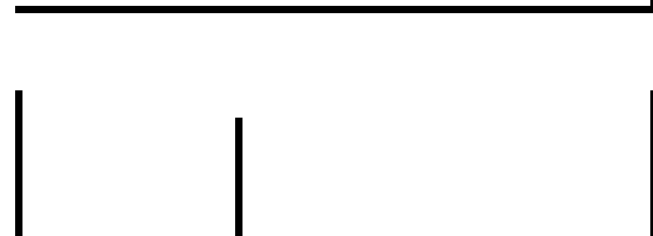
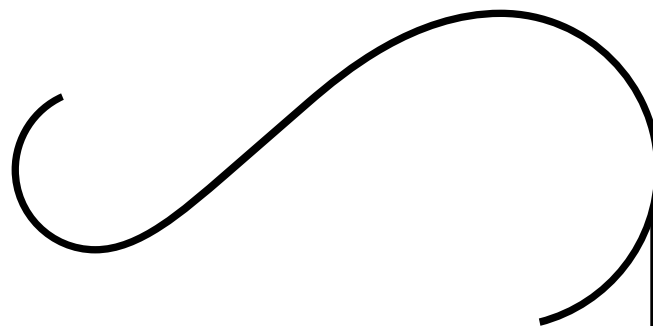
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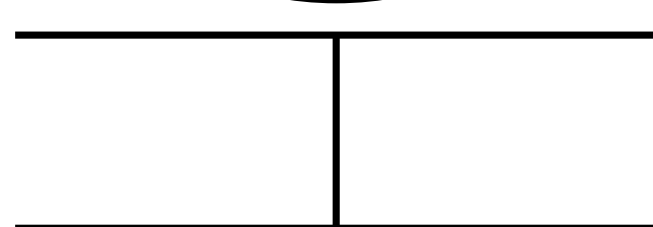
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READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

This year you traveled farther and deeper, seeking out remote properties; sailing on smaller, more intimate ships; and prioritizing destinations you've been waiting years to visit. At least that's what a staggering 526,518 of you told us in our 36th annual Readers' Choice Awards survey. After reopening its borders, New Zealand regained a place in your top five countries, and the outdoorsy resort brand Under Canvas had its best showing ever—a testament to your adventurous spirit. But you also told us how much you appreciate the titans of the industry, from Delta, your favorite US airline, to the classic European hotels that encapsulate all that you love about the Continent. Now you can use the following pages to decide where you're going next.



Swoon-worthy design,
boundary-pushing dining,
one perfectly fluffed
pillow—so much goes into
memorable hospitality.
And as this year's winners
show, there have never
been so many options
to check into





UNITED STATES

NEW YORK CITY

- 1 The Ritz-Carlton New York, NoMad 99.23
- 2 Hôtel Barrière Fouquet's New York 98.90
- 3 The Chatwal, New York 98.44
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown 97.83
- 5 Mandarin Oriental, New York 96.89
- 6 Ink 48 Hotel 96.77
- 7 The New York Edition 96.64
- 8 The Carlyle, A Rosewood Hotel 96.59
- 9 Virgin Hotels New York City 96.30
- 10 The Plaza 96.22

BOSTON

- 1 The Liberty, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Boston 99.21
- 2 InterContinental Boston, an IHG Hotel 97.98
- 3 Mandarin Oriental, Boston 97.95
- 4 The Boxer 97.38
- 5 Four Seasons Hotel One Dalton Street, Boston 97.23

WASHINGTON, DC

- 1 InterContinental The Willard Washington D.C., an IHG Hotel 99.88
- 2 Conrad Washington, DC 98.98
- 3 InterContinental Washington D.C.—The Wharf, an IHG Hotel 98.55
- 4 Riggs Washington DC 97.91
- 5 Viceroy Washington DC 97.77

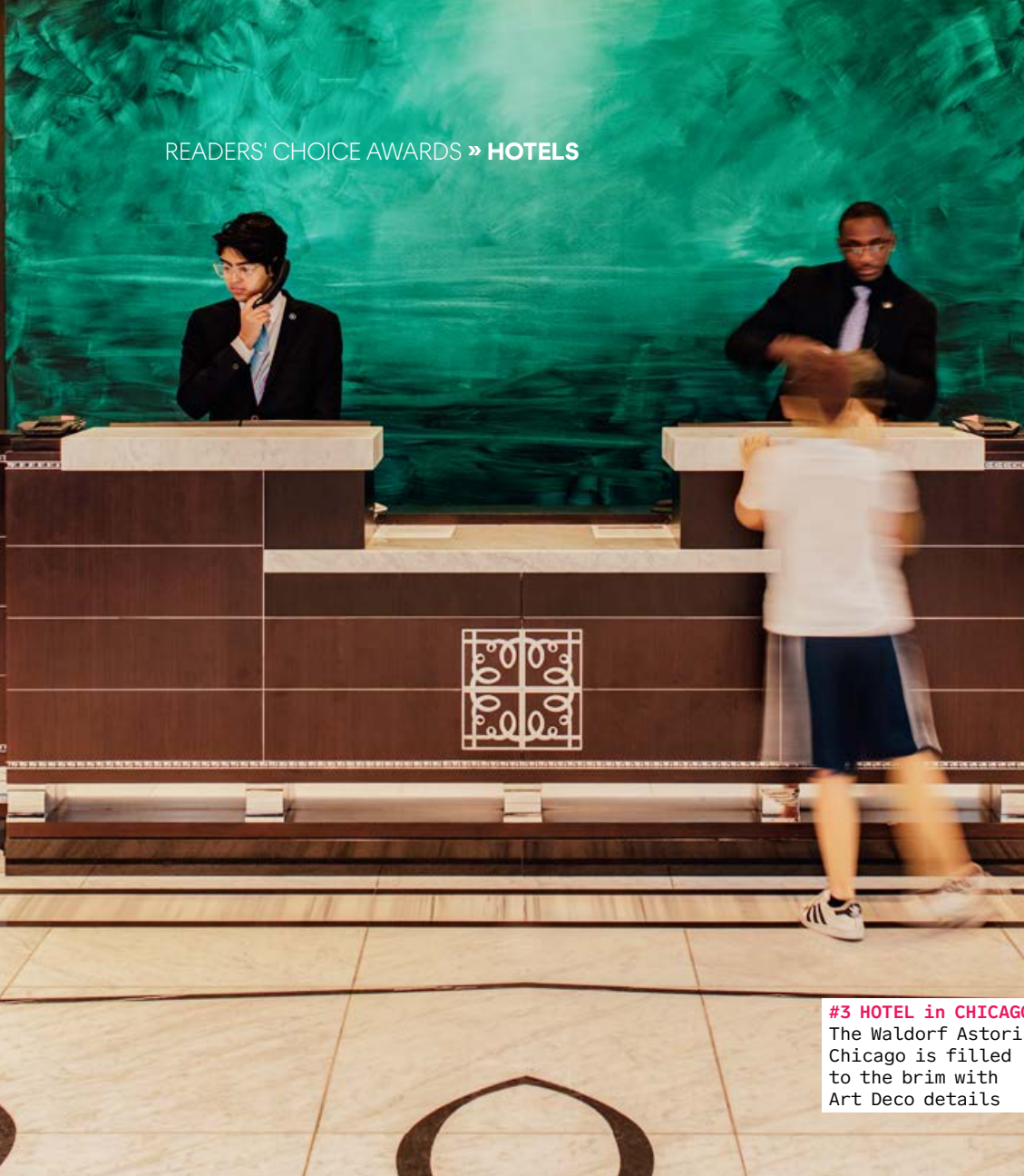
CHARLESTON, S.C.

- 1 Hotel Bennett 98.33
- 2 The Palmetto Hotel 97.86
- 3 The Pinch 97.44
- 4 The Charleston Place 96.16
- 5 French Quarter Inn 96.15

MIAMI

- 1 Faena Hotel Miami Beach 98.34
- 2 Eden Roc Miami Beach 98.20
- 3 Nobu Hotel Miami Beach 98.10
- 4 The Ritz-Carlton Key Biscayne, Miami 98.09
- 5 The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach 97.87
- 6 The Ritz-Carlton Coconut Grove, Miami 97.54
- 7 1 Hotel South Beach 97.15
- ← 8 The Setai Miami Beach 96.24
- 9 Mayfair House Hotel & Garden 95.64
- 10 Mandarin Oriental, Miami 94.59

#8 HOTEL in MIAMI
At The Setai Miami Beach, guests can dip in and out of three separate infinity pools



At Your Service

Precision, discretion, and round-the-clock dedication are the hotel standards that make travelers feel not just taken care of, but at home

At the best hotels, staffers have a magician-like ability to anticipate guest needs before guests even know they have them. Among the properties that scored 100 percent for their service, three weave this skill into their hospitality with the grace of an orchestra conductor. At the storied **Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc** on the French Riviera (page 46), all 450 staff—retrained each season—use the hotel's own customized tech, named Glitch, to respond to guest frustrations; if a late-night steak is sent back, for example, the kitchen immediately notifies a manager, who will swoop in with a bottle of Champagne. **The Ritz London** (page 44), famous for its old-school dedication to quality, gets to know its customers so well that impromptu, personalized gifts appear in rooms: a favorite bottle of rare whiskey, perhaps, or an item from a cherished Savile Row shop embroidered with their initials. And the team at the **Waldorf Astoria Chicago** (above) continues its eagle-eye attention past checkout, with personal concierges who will pack up guests' luggage and ship it home for them, helping smooth the pain of reentry. LALE ARIKOGLU

CHICAGO

- 1 The Peninsula Chicago 99.57
- 2 LondonHouse Chicago, Curio Collection by Hilton 99.50
- ← 3 **Waldorf Astoria Chicago** 99.11
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Chicago 98.72
- 5 The Langham, Chicago 98.60

NEW ORLEANS

- 1 The Windsor Court 99.04
- 2 InterContinental New Orleans, an IHG Hotel 99.04
- 3 Virgin Hotels New Orleans 97.91
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel New Orleans 97.49
- 5 Ace Hotel New Orleans 95.75

NASHVILLE

- 1 The Union Station Nashville Yards, Autograph Collection 99.68
- 2 Kimpton Aertson Hotel 98.82
- 3 JW Marriott Nashville 98.74
- 4 Thompson Nashville 98.51
- 5 The Joseph, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Nashville 97.13

SEATTLE

- 1 Thompson Seattle 98.26
- 2 Kimpton Palladian Hotel 97.90
- 3 Fairmont Olympic Hotel, Seattle 97.29
- 4 Lotte Hotel Seattle 96.71
- 5 Four Seasons Hotel Seattle 96.69

LOS ANGELES

- 1 SLS Hotel, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Beverly Hills 97.06
- 2 Sofitel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills 96.99
- 3 Beverly Wilshire, A Four Seasons Hotel 96.92
- 4 Downtown L.A. Proper Hotel 96.88
- 5 Mondrian Los Angeles 96.85
- 6 Conrad Los Angeles 96.82
- 7 Hotel Per La 96.60
- 8 Hotel Figueroa—The Unbound Collection by Hyatt 96.32
- 9 The London West Hollywood at Beverly Hills 96.06
- 10 1 Hotel West Hollywood 95.99

SAN FRANCISCO

- 1 The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco 98.71
- 2 Inn at the Presidio 98.67
- 3 Palace Hotel, a Luxury Collection Hotel, San Francisco 98.66
- 4 The Westin St. Francis San Francisco on Union Square 97.57
- 5 Hyatt Regency San Francisco 97.29



#1 HOTEL in LAS VEGAS: Though it's steps from The Venetian's casino floor, the Rosina Cocktail Lounge feels surprisingly intimate

LAS VEGAS

- 1 **The Venetian Resort Las Vegas** ↑ 99.90
- 2 **Waldorf Astoria Las Vegas** 98.00
- 3 **The Palazzo at The Venetian Resort** 96.48
- 4 **Virgin Hotels Las Vegas, Curio Collection by Hilton** 95.38
- 5 **Resorts World Las Vegas** 95.25
- 6 **Trump International Hotel Las Vegas** 94.38
- 7 **Wynn and Encore Las Vegas** 94.33
- 8 **Four Seasons Hotel Las Vegas** 94.00
- 9 **Delano Las Vegas** 92.90
- 10 **The Mirage Las Vegas** 91.19

THE NORTHEAST

- 1 **The Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection**, Newport, R.I. 99.38
- 2 **The Wauwinet**, Nantucket, Mass. 98.34
- 3 **Delamar Greenwich Harbor**, Conn. 97.81
- 4 **Portland Harbor Hotel**, Maine 97.59
- 5 **White Barn Inn, Auberge Resorts Collection**, Kennebunk, Maine 97.54
- 6 **The Beatrice**, Providence 96.59
- 7 **Weekapaug Inn**, Westerly, R.I. 96.48
- 8 **Ocean House**, Watch Hill, R.I. 96.47
- 9 **Harraseeket Inn**, Freeport, Maine 96.02
- 10 **Chatham Inn**, Mass. 95.99

THE MID-ATLANTIC

- 1 **Sagamore Pendry Baltimore** 98.99
- 2 **AKA Rittenhouse Square**, Philadelphia 98.39
- 3 **The Logan Philadelphia, Curio Collection by Hilton** 98.19
- 4 **Four Seasons Hotel Baltimore** 97.90
- 5 **Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia at Comcast Center** 97.80

Ask a Local

As the wine director and sommelier at Matteo's Ristorante Italiano at **The Venetian Resort Las Vegas**, **Pascal Bolduc** has a nose for the best things to do in and out of town

» Herbs and Rye

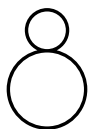
"All of the sommeliers at restaurants on the Strip get off around midnight. We're a tight-knit group, and we'll meet after work for a drink—anything but wine. Our spot for classic cocktails is Herbs and Rye. From the outside it looks like nothing special, but inside it feels like a cozy speakeasy, with red wallpaper and leather booths."

» Bouchon

"Although I've been in Vegas for almost two decades, I'm originally from Montreal. When I'm missing home and craving a good baguette and real butter, I go to Thomas Keller's French bistro Bouchon in the Venetian. I like it for brunch and always order the quiche Florentine and a simple green salad dressed with a perfect mustardy vinaigrette."

» Mount Charleston

"Las Vegas has two seasons: hot and not hot. One of my favorite parts of living here is that there is great nature nearby—many visitors don't know this. When it's 100 degrees in town, I'll drive 40 minutes northwest to Mount Charleston, where it's a solid 30 degrees cooler. It's a beautiful place to hike or picnic."



Number of miles
Blackberry Farm
lies from Tennessee's
Great Smoky Mountains
National Park

THE MIDWEST

- 1 JW Marriott Indianapolis 97.88
- 2 The Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee 95.84
- 3 Detroit Foundation Hotel 95.72
- 4 Saint Kate—The Arts Hotel, Milwaukee 95.65
- 5 Ironworks Hotel Indy, Indianapolis 95.59

THE SOUTH

- 1 Blackberry Farm, Walland, Tenn. 98.96
- 2 The Whitley, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Atlanta Buckhead 98.92
- 3 Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta 98.62
- 4 JW Marriott Charlotte, N.C. 98.46
- 5 The Starling Atlanta Midtown, Curio Collection by Hilton 98.29
- 6 The Alida, Savannah, A Tribute Portfolio Hotel 97.32
- 7 The Candler Hotel Atlanta, Curio Collection by Hilton 97.28
- 8 River Inn of Harbor Town, Memphis 97.14
- 9 InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta, an IHG Hotel 96.62
- 10 106 Jefferson Huntsville, Curio Collection by Hilton, Ala. 96.57

FLORIDA

- 1 Four Seasons Hotel at The Surf Club, Surfside, Florida 99.01
- 2 The Pearl Hotel, Rosemary Beach 98.79
- 3 The Breakers Palm Beach 98.00
- 4 The Tampa Edition 97.99
- 5 Lake Nona Wave Hotel, Orlando 97.20
- 6 The Colony Hotel, Palm Beach 96.90
- 7 The Don CeSar, St. Pete Beach 96.31
- 8 The Brazilian Court Hotel, Palm Beach 96.17
- 9 The Alford Inn, Winter Park 96.04
- 10 Casa Monica Resort & Spa, Autograph Collection, St. Augustine 95.15



#9 HOTEL in TEXAS

It's hard to believe that San Antonio's Hotel Emma, home to one of the city's best rooftops, was once a brewery

TEXAS

- 1 Hotel Crescent Court, Dallas 99.41
- 2 JW Marriott Houston Downtown 98.74
- 3 Thompson San Antonio—Riverwalk 98.51
- 4 Hall Arts Hotel, Dallas 98.49
- 5 Virgin Hotels Dallas 98.36
- 6 Commodore Perry Estate, Auberge Resorts Collection, Austin 97.91
- 7 Thompson Austin 97.66
- 8 JW Marriott Austin 97.40
- 9 Hotel Emma, ↑ San Antonio 96.88
- 10 Austin Proper Hotel 96.45

THE WEST & SOUTHWEST

- 1 L'Auberge de Sedona, Ariz. 98.36
- 2 The Hermosa Inn, Paradise Valley, Ariz. 98.13
- 3 Caldera House, Teton Village, Wyo. 98.08
- 4 Goldener Hirsch, Auberge Resorts Collection, Deer Valley, Utah 97.98
- 5 W Scottsdale 97.86

COLORADO

- 1 Hotel Jerome, Auberge Resorts Collection, Aspen 98.79
- 2 The Art Hotel Denver, Curio Collection by Hilton 97.77
- 3 Hotel Teatro, Denver 97.50
- 4 Gravity Haus Breckenridge 97.40
- 5 The Little Nell, Aspen 97.23
- 6 Thompson Denver 97.11
- 7 Austria Haus Hotel, Destination by Hyatt, Vail 97.04
- 8 The Sebastian—Vail 97.02
- 9 Madeline Hotel & Residences, Auberge Resorts Collection, Telluride 96.81
- 10 Halcyon, a Hotel in Cherry Creek, Denver 96.71



**#4 HOTEL in
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**
Madera, the restaurant
at Rosewood Sand Hill,
showcases the region's
agricultural bounty

Straight From the Source

Many of you have spent the past year traveling for food—and at hotel restaurants, you've been prioritizing sustainable gastronomical practices

Dim sum in a sleek Art Deco dining hall. Modern meze beneath walls of Turkish marble. A whole roast pig in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. All of these unforgettable meals can be had at hotels that received perfect scores for dining. But what goes on behind the scenes matters just as much. At the **Peninsula Hong Kong** (page 56), sommeliers scout and source from organic wine operations like Domaine Rougeot Père et Fils and harvest precious honey from nearby Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden to use as an ingredient in their private-label beer. For **Fairmont Quasar Istanbul's Aila** (page 52)—newly added to the Michelin Guide—the choice to stock the kitchens with spices and charcuterie from the city's bazaars and fish markets is about putting money in the pockets of local vendors as much as packing the dishes with regional flavors. That's just as true at the renowned Madera at **Rosewood Sand Hill** (above), where culinary director Seamus Mullen takes full advantage of the produce in his edenic Bay Area surroundings—and offers cooking classes where guests can learn how to use it too. **CHARLIE HOBBS**

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

- 1 Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa 98.41
- 2 Portola Hotel & Spa at Monterey Bay 98.34
- 3 Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur 98.00
- ← 4 **Rosewood Sand Hill, Menlo Park 97.49**
- 5 Auberge du Soleil, Auberge Resorts Collection, Napa Valley 97.27
- 6 Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa 96.67
- 7 La Playa Carmel 96.17
- 8 MacArthur Place, Sonoma 96.02
- 9 The Farmhouse Inn, Sonoma 95.89
- 10 The Lodge at Bodega Bay 95.43

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- 1 Colony Palms Hotel and Bungalows, Palm Springs 99.94
- 2 Hotel Californian, Santa Barbara 98.29
- 3 Temecula Creek Inn 98.14
- 4 Viceroy Santa Monica 97.48
- 5 Pendry San Diego 97.09
- 6 Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, Santa Monica 96.86
- 7 Hotel del Coronado, Curio Collection by Hilton 96.74
- 8 Shutters on the Beach, Santa Monica 95.75
- 9 Malibu Beach Inn 95.47
- 10 L'Auberge Del Mar 95.08

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

- 1 The Nines, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Portland, Ore. 98.65
- 2 The Allison Inn & Spa, Newberg, Ore. 98.58
- 3 The Historic Davenport, Autograph Collection, Spokane 97.89
- 4 Cannery Pier Hotel & Spa, Astoria, Ore. 97.69
- 5 Canopy by Hilton Portland Pearl District, Ore. 97.03

HAWAII

- 1 The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Waikiki Beach, Oahu 97.45
- 2 Trump International Hotel Waikiki, Oahu 96.70
- 3 Halekulani, Oahu 94.91
- 4 The Kahala Hotel & Resort, Oahu 94.12
- 5 Outrigger Kā'anapali Beach Resort, Maui 93.97

#1 HOTEL in THE UNITED KINGDOM

Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa remains a favorite, thanks to its bucolic Cotswolds location and Michelin-starred restaurant



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

UNITED KINGDOM

- 1 **Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa, ↑ Cotswolds 97.06**
- 2 The Balmoral, A Rocco Forte Hotel, Edinburgh 96.87
- 3 Fife Arms, Braemar 96.70
- 4 Dormy House Hotel & Spa, Cotswolds 96.48
- 5 Waldorf Astoria Edinburgh – The Caledonian 96.36
- 6 The Newt in Somerset 96.30
- 7 Grantley Hall, Yorkshire 95.97
- 8 Lime Wood, Hampshire 95.91
- 9 The Fish Hotel & Retreat, Cotswolds 95.87
- 10 Foxhill Manor, Cotswolds 95.66

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

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 Aïnelles Château de Versailles, Le Grand Contrôle 96.06
- 9 Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme 95.73
- 10 Le Meurice, Dorchester Collection 95.69

FRANCE

- 1 **Domaine des Etangs, Auberge Resorts Collection, → Massignac 99.44**
- 2 Hôtel Le Coucou Méricel 97.79
- 3 Armancette, Mont Blanc 96.72
- 4 Hôtel Chais Monnet & Spa, Cognac 96.06
- 5 Hôtel Royal, Évian-les-Bains 95.76
- 6 Hôtel Du Palais Biarritz—The Unbound Collection by Hyatt 95.01
- 7 Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa 94.62
- 8 Hôtel Barrière Le Normandy Deauville 93.99
- 9 Château de Sacy 93.45
- 10 Hôtel Barrière L'Hermitage La Baule 92.94

FRANCE (SOUTH) & MONACO

- 1 Hôtel Barrière Le Majestic Cannes 98.73
- 2 Cheval Blanc St-Tropez 98.65
- 3 Hôtel Métropole, Monte-Carlo 98.32
- 4 Le Moulin, Lubéron 98.29
- 5 Capelongue, Bonnieux 97.46
- 6 Carlton Cannes, a Regent Hotel 97.36
- 7 Hôtel Lou Pinet Saint-Tropez 97.34
- 8 Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Antibes 96.78
- 9 Hôtel Crillon le Brave 96.63
- 10 Les Roches Rouges, Saint-Raphaël 94.79

17,600

Number of gold tiles laid within the Hôtel de Crillon pool



#1 HOTEL in FRANCE
Domaine des Etangs, a restored 11th-century castle, draws visitors with its eclectic art collection and history



PHOTOGRAPHS: ANA LUI



#4 HOTEL in VENICE
Aman Venice has its own private jetty, from which cicerones lead private boat tours of the city

Ask a Local

For more than a decade, **Alessandro Di Bello** has spirited guests of the **Aman Venice** around the city's storied waterways—but to the cicerone, who was born on the island of Giudecca, being on the water is in his DNA

» Ostaria La Rosa

"I like to take my boat to Pellestrina, a barrier island beyond Venice. This restaurant has been there in some form since the '50s. It actually used to be a disco club, and before that, a hotel—you can still see traces of it in the back. They work mainly with seasonal products and serve local dishes like sautéed clams and sardines. It's an easygoing place. The owner used to be the DJ. On Sundays, at the end of the main course, he'll put on some music and thank everybody for being there."

» Torcello

"You can go year-round, but winter is the best on this island because it's not crowded at all. It's also one of the areas in Venice where fireplaces are still allowed, so there's this fantastic smell of burning wood."

» Caffé Lavena

"After my shift, I'll sometimes go to Piazza San Marco. Caffé Lavena is well-known—one of the oldest in the square. They make a fantastic spritz. In the Jewish Ghetto, the fondamenta, a walkway along the canal, is lined with lots of small bars offering cicchetti, or finger foods. Go at aperitivo time—it's charming."

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

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

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

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Centuries the medieval walls of **COMO Castello Del Nero** have stood in the Chianti countryside

AMSTERDAM

- 1 Sir Albert Hotel 99.02
- 2 Kimpton De Witt 98.17
- 3 The Dylan 96.59
- 4 Waldorf Astoria Amsterdam 96.58
- 5 Pulitzer Amsterdam 96.07

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 Milan 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

SWITZERLAND

- 1 Beau Rivage Genève 98.73
- 2 Hotel d'Angleterre Geneva 98.72
- 3 Suvretta House, St. Moritz 96.14
- 4 The Dolder Grand, Zurich 95.62
- 5 Gstaad Palace 95.33

PORTUGAL

- 1 **São Lourenço do Barrocal**, → Alentejo 97.46
- 2 Savoy Palace, Madeira 96.74
- 3 AlmaLusa Comporta 96.45
- 4 The Yeatman Hotel, Porto 95.23
- 5 Hotel Vermelho Melides 95.03
- 6 Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon 94.23
- 7 Palácio Principe Real, Lisbon 93.92
- 8 Bairro Alto Hotel, Lisbon 93.57
- 9 Vila Joya, Algarve 93.40
- 10 AlmaLusa Baixa/Chiado, Lisbon 92.71



#1 HOTEL in PORTUGAL
Guests of the venerable São Lourenço do Barrocal will find olive groves and an on-site winery



PHOTOGRAPH: ALEX REYTO



#2 HOTEL in CENTRAL EUROPE & SOUTHERN EUROPE

Readers love the Hotel Sacher Vienna for its old-world opulence

SPAIN

- 1 Finca Cortesin, Casares 97.91
- 2 Rosewood Villa Magna, Madrid 97.90
- 3 Torralbenc, Menorca 97.86
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Madrid 97.85
- 5 The Madrid Edition 97.80

- 6 NH Collection Barcelona Gran Hotel Calderón 97.55
- 7 Hotel Arts Barcelona 97.32
- 8 Urso Hotel & Spa, Madrid 97.10
- 9 Generator Madrid 96.43
- 10 Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona 94.67

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

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
- 6 The Ritz-Carlton, Istanbul 96.39
- 7 Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus 96.02
- 8 Shangri-La Bosphorus, Istanbul 95.82
- 9 Conrad Istanbul Bosphorus 95.19
- 10 The Peninsula Istanbul 94.74

CENTRAL & SOUTHERN EUROPE

- 1 Park Hyatt Vienna 97.94
- ← 2 Hotel Sacher Vienna 97.54
- 3 The Phoenicia Malta 96.57
- 4 Rosewood Vienna 96.30
- 5 Aria Hotel Budapest by Library Hotel Collection 96.24
- 6 Mandarin Oriental, Prague 95.46
- 7 Anantara New York Palace Budapest Hotel 94.95
- 8 Andaz Vienna Am Belvedere 94.79
- 9 Viceroy Kopaonik Serbia 93.80
- 10 Four Seasons Hotel Prague 92.72

NORTHERN EUROPE

- 1 Grand Hôtel, Stockholm 98.00
- 2 Nimb Hotel, Copenhagen 96.92
- 3 d'Angleterre, Copenhagen 96.32
- 4 Andaz Munich Schwabinger Tor 96.05
- 5 Hotel de Rome, A Rocco Forte Hotel, Berlin 95.50
- 6 The Charles Hotel, A Rocco Forte Hotel, Munich 95.27
- 7 Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin 95.20
- 8 Mandarin Oriental, Munich 94.94
- 9 Hotel Continental, Oslo 94.89
- 10 Hotel Bristol, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Warsaw 94.40



#3 HOTEL in TOKYO
An ikebana display at Hoshinoya Tokyo, a tranquil escape steps away from the city's frenetic thrum

Ask a Local

As one of **Hoshinoya Tokyo's** Edo Meisters—a concierge specializing in the history of the Kanda, Nihonbashi, and Ningyocho neighborhoods—**Ryota Onaka** knows his hometown. His ideal day exploring our readers' No. 1 Large International City involves craft, tempura, and sweet treats

» Tenmo

"Stepping inside this restaurant feels like you're traveling back in time. It has a beautiful atmosphere and a long history: It started as a food stall in 1885. Ask the chef to prepare butterbur-sprout tempura or the sweetfish if you visit in the spring."

» Eitaro Sohono

"This confectionery is famous for its traditional Japanese treats, but its most popular item is kintsuba: red bean paste wrapped in wheat-flour dough. Most kintsuba in Tokyo is square because it's easier to make, but Eitaro still does the classic round version—the shape it's supposed to be. Order a hot coffee or tea, and watch the cooks bake them in front of you."

» Ubukeya

"The store is originally from Osaka but opened an outpost in Tokyo in the 1800s and still sells daily essentials like scissors, tweezers, and knives. All the items are made by hand, and each product is really special. Part of the name means 'baby hair' because their blades are so thin and sharp."

REST OF THE WORLD

JAPAN

- 1 Suiran, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Kyoto 98.24
- 2 The Ritz-Carlton, Nikko 97.78
- 3 **Hoshinoya Tokyo 96.92 ↑**
- 4 Conrad Tokyo 96.89
- 5 Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills 96.56
- 6 Park Hyatt Kyoto 96.37
- 7 Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Otemachi 96.31
- 8 Hotel The Mitsui Kyoto, a Luxury Collection Hotel & Spa 96.27
- 9 The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo 96.01
- 10 Hoshinoya Kyoto 90.33

CHINA

- 1 Grand Hyatt Guangzhou 98.57
- 2 Mandarin Oriental, Guangzhou 97.29
- 3 The Temple House, Chengdu 97.20
- 4 The Sanya Edition 96.50
- 5 Raffles Shenzhen 96.32

SHANGHAI

- 1 Banyan Tree Shanghai On the Bund 97.74
- 2 The Sukhothai Shanghai 97.41
- 3 The Middle House 96.37
- 4 The Ritz-Carlton Shanghai, Pudong 95.88
- 5 The Langham, Shanghai, Xintiandi 92.87

BEIJING

- 1 Hotel Éclat Beijing 98.86
- 2 Hyatt Regency Beijing Wangjing 98.63
- 3 Park Hyatt Beijing 97.23
- 4 Waldorf Astoria Beijing 97.05
- 5 Mandarin Oriental Wangfujing, Beijing 95.84

HONG KONG & MACAO

- 1 The Peninsula Hong Kong 99.62
- 2 The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong 98.40
- 3 The Upper House, Hong Kong 97.95
- 4 The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong 97.26
- 5 The Langham, Hong Kong 97.23
- 6 Rosewood Hong Kong 97.16
- 7 JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong 97.06
- 8 Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong 96.09
- 9 Conrad Hong Kong 95.45
- 10 The St. Regis Macao 94.25

READERS' CHOICE AWARDS » HOTELS

#1 HOTEL in INDIA

With peacock-populated gardens and opulent decor, Jodhpur's hilltop Umaid Bhawan Palace continues to seduce



SINGAPORE

- 1 Villa Samadhi Singapore 97.31
- 2 Raffles Singapore 96.51
- 3 Shangri-La Singapore 96.49
- 4 InterContinental Singapore Robertson Quay, an IHG Hotel 96.19
- 5 Swissôtel The Stamford 96.08

BANGKOK

- 1 The St. Regis Bangkok 97.75
- 2 Kimpton Maa-Lai Bangkok 96.21
- 3 Shangri-La Bangkok 95.94
- 4 The Standard Bangkok Mahanakhon 95.50
- 5 Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok 95.00

SOUTHEAST ASIA

- 1 Park Hyatt Siem Reap, Cambodia 97.30
- 2 Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, Siem Reap, Cambodia 96.99
- 3 Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 95.83
- 4 Rosewood Phnom Penh, Cambodia 95.78
- 5 Hotel Tugu Lombok, Indonesia 95.68

NORTHERN ASIA

- 1 Signiel Seoul 98.89
- 2 JW Marriott Dongdaemun Square Seoul 98.37
- 3 Four Seasons Hotel Seoul 97.51
- 4 Shangri-La Far Eastern, Taipei 97.31
- 5 Sofitel Ambassador Seoul Hotel & Serviced Residences 96.87

INDIA

- 1 **Umaid Bhawan Palace, ↑ Jodhpur 98.97**
- 2 The Leela Palace Udaipur 97.01
- 3 Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur 96.38
- 4 The Imperial, New Delhi 96.15
- 5 The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur 96.00
- 6 The Leela Palace New Delhi 96.00
- 7 The Oberoi, New Delhi 95.69
- 8 ITC Maurya, A Luxury Collection Hotel, New Delhi 95.62
- 9 Taj Nadesar Palace, Varanasi 94.99
- 10 Mihir Garh, Rajasthan 94.71

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

- 1 The Fullerton Hotel Sydney 99.08
- 2 Park Hyatt Auckland 99.06
- 3 The Langham, Sydney 97.95
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Sydney 97.46
- 5 Park Hyatt Sydney 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



#4 HOTEL in SOUTHERN AFRICA

When it comes to wine experiences, few properties can compete with the family-run Leeu Estates

AFRICA (NORTHERN)

- 1 **La Mamounia**, Marrakech 99.38
- 2 **Kasbah Tamadot**, Asni, Morocco 99.05
- 3 **Angsana Riads Collection**, Morocco, Marrakech 98.19
- 4 **The Oberoi**, Marrakech 98.07
- 5 **Fairmont Tazi Palace**, Tangier, Morocco 98.01

AFRICA (EASTERN)

- 1 **Gibb's Farm**, Karatu, Tanzania 98.50
- 2 **Giraffe Manor**, Nairobi, Kenya 95.03
- 3 **Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam**, The Kilimanjaro, Tanzania 93.78
- 4 **Park Hyatt Zanzibar**, Tanzania 89.44
- 5 **The Residence Zanzibar**, Tanzania 88.55

AFRICA (SOUTHERN)

- 1 **Babylonstoren**, Simondium 98.55
- 2 **The Plettenberg**, Plettenberg Bay 98.54
- 3 **Le Quartier Français**, Franschhoek 98.52
- 4 **Leeu Estates**, ↑ Franschhoek 98.41
- 5 **Last Word Franschhoek** 97.95

Ask a Local

Eben February, the tasting manager of **Leeu Estate's** Wine Studio, knows a thing or two about the best sips—and scenery—in Franschhoek and the Cape Winelands

» Franschhoek Wine Tram

"This vintage train gives you a nice overview of different farms. Ride the top level because it has a better view. The orange line stops at Anura, Babylonstoren—you can spend half a day just walking in the gardens—and my favorite, Vrede en Lust. For people who love red wine, their Boet Erasmus is a perfect one."

» Delaire Graff Restaurant

"The setting at Delaire Graff Restaurant is very romantic. In the summer you can sit outside on the terrace overlooking the whole Banghoek Valley—the vineyards, the mountains."

» The Wine Glass

"My favorite wine bar in Stellenbosch has over 130 different wines on the menu. De Toren Private Cellar makes one of the best Bordeaux blends you'll find; last time we drank the De Toren Fusion V. It's not on the menu, but they'll bring out a special bottle for you."

» Krom River Hike

"About 45 minutes from Franschhoek, there's a roughly seven-kilometer hike along the riverbank. You'll walk among the trees, and close to the end there are two waterfalls. A lot of people jump off the cliff into the water. It's freezing cold but crystal clear. If it's hot, you can stop, have a swim, and hike farther."



#3 HOTEL in EASTERN CANADA
Located on an isolated strip of Newfoundland, the Todd Saunders-designed Fogo Island Inn has its own contemporary art gallery

The Eye Has to Travel

This trio of distinguished properties, each of which received perfect design scores, achieves the ideal marriage of style and substance

What makes a hotel experience transportive? It starts with great design. After all, what we see around us shows us that we've left our everyday. At **Hotel Il Pellicano** (page 50), which the entrepreneur Marie-Louise Sciò runs out of a pair of burnt umber palazzi on Tuscany's Argentario coast, even the subtlest details—lithe Gio Ponti chairs, wrought-iron patio furniture stacked with striped cushions—evoke the easy glamour of the hotel's midcentury origins. Newfoundland's **Fogo Island Inn** (above), which celebrated its 10th anniversary this summer with the opening of a new restaurant, The Storehouse, continues to draw guests with its blend of striking good looks and sustainability cred: Its X-shaped frame, perched on stilts (a tribute to the traditional fishing shacks nearby), is light on the land, using solar heating and filtered rainwater. South of Tel Aviv, the ancient port city of Jaffa has been enjoying a rebirth, embodied by the five-year-old hotel that bears its name. British architect John Pawson preserved many 19th-century details at **The Jaffa** (page 64), like stained glass windows and intricate moldings—which you can now contemplate from one of Pierre Paulin's Oyster chairs. **BETSY BLUMENTHAL**

CANADA (EASTERN)

- 1 **The Hazelton Hotel Toronto** 99.64
- 2 **Hôtel Place d'Armes**, Montreal 98.67
- ← 3 **Fogo Island Inn**, Newfoundland 98.65
- 4 **Four Seasons Hotel Montreal** 97.43
- 5 **Auberge Saint-Antoine**, Québec City 95.97
- 6 **Park Hyatt Toronto** 95.84
- 7 **The Royal Hotel**, Pictou 95.63
- 8 **Le Germain Charlevoix Hotel & Spa**, Baie-Saint-Paul 95.53
- 9 **Le Germain Hotel Montréal** 95.16
- 10 **Le Germain Hotel Québec** 95.14

CANADA (WESTERN)

- 1 **JW Marriott Parq Vancouver** 97.90
- 2 **Fairmont Waterfront**, Vancouver 96.54
- 3 **Wedgewood Hotel & Spa**, Vancouver 96.22
- 4 **Loden Hotel**, Vancouver 96.11
- 5 **Fairmont Pacific Rim**, Vancouver 96.03
- 6 **Opus Vancouver** 95.14
- 7 **The Oak Bay Beach Hotel** 95.09
- 8 **Shangri-La Vancouver** 94.92
- 9 **Rosewood Hotel Georgia**, Vancouver 94.64
- 10 **Fairmont Empress**, Victoria 94.30

MEXICO

- 1 **Hotel Matilda**, San Miguel de Allende 97.28
- 2 **Casa de Sierra Nevada, A Belmond Hotel**, San Miguel de Allende 97.12
- 3 **Four Seasons Hotel Mexico City** 96.99
- 4 **Hotel Bardo**, Tulum 96.47
- 5 **La Casa de la Playa**, Riviera Maya 95.79
- 6 **Paradero Todos Santos** 95.51
- 7 **Nômade**, Tulum 95.37
- 8 **Rosewood San Miguel de Allende** 95.32
- 9 **Las Alcobas, a Luxury Collection Hotel**, Mexico City 94.51
- 10 **Nobu Hotel Los Cabos** 93.01

CARIBBEAN & CENTRAL AMERICA

- 1 **S Hotel Jamaica**, Montego Bay 99.33
- 2 **Calabash**, Grenada 96.60
- 3 **Condado Vanderbilt Hotel**, San Juan, Puerto Rico 96.19
- 4 **Hotel Grano de Oro**, San José, Costa Rica 95.38
- 5 **JW Marriott Panama**, Panama City 95.10



#1 HOTEL in THE MIDDLE EAST
Smack in the middle of Doha, The Ritz-Carlton has renovated rooms with sweeping views of the Qatari capital

SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **Faena Hotel Buenos Aires** 97.78
- 2 **W Santiago**, Chile 97.25
- 3 **Rosewood São Paulo** 97.08
- 4 **Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena**, Colombia 95.96
- 5 **W Bogota** 95.83
- 6 **Miraflores Park, A Belmond Hotel**, Lima 95.50
- 7 **Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel**, Cusco, Peru 95.38
- 8 **Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel**, Aguas Calientes, Peru 95.24
- 9 **Copacabana Palace, A Belmond Hotel**, Rio de Janeiro 95.20
- 10 **Palacio Duhau—Park Hyatt Buenos Aires** 95.00

THE MIDDLE EAST

- 1 **The Ritz-Carlton, Doha**, ↑ Qatar 99.42
- 2 **W Doha**, Qatar 99.21
- 3 **Grand Hyatt Amman**, Jordan 98.01
- 4 **Burj Al Arab Jumeirah**, Dubai, United Arab Emirates 97.88
- 5 **Park Hyatt Dubai**, United Arab Emirates 97.41
- 6 **The St. Regis Doha**, Qatar 97.30
- 7 **Conrad Dubai**, United Arab Emirates 97.13
- 8 **Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai**, United Arab Emirates 96.51
- 9 **Waldorf Astoria Dubai International Financial Centre**, United Arab Emirates 96.46
- 10 **The Abu Dhabi Edition**, United Arab Emirates 96.15

ISRAEL

- 1 **The Jaffa, a Luxury Collection Hotel**, Tel Aviv 98.18
- 2 **David Citadel Hotel**, Jerusalem 96.92
- 3 **The Norman Tel Aviv** 96.22
- 4 **The American Colony Hotel Jerusalem** 96.14
- 5 **Hilton Tel Aviv** 96.04

Ask a Local

For **Dalma Garello**, the concierge at the **Ritz-Carlton, Doha**, the perfect weekend is a mix of adrenaline-spiking adventure and tranquil spaces

» Tropicana 360

"After work, I go to this bar on the 48th floor of the Dusit Doha Hotel in West Bay. You can see everything—the Corniche, the towers. Having a beer or a cosmopolitan here is the perfect start to the weekend."

» Sealine Beach

"It's an hour drive to this beach in the south, where the magic of the desert dunes meets the peaceful waves. You can sandboard, ride camels, go scuba diving, and experience a desert camp with a traditional tent where they invite you to drink karak tea."

» The Pearl Island

"The neighborhood is like Venice in the middle of the desert: It's very colorful, and you can take a boat along a canal. The best coffee I've ever tried in my life is at Aspro café—you're drinking coffee from a coconut sitting in Qatar, but at the same time you're in Italy!"

» Education City Mosque

"This is one of my Doha secrets. It's a peaceful place, with lots of green parks, and not many people go there—mostly local people studying. The mosque is very unique and futuristic, with letters and phrases from the Quran in 3D. It's the perfect mix between water, nature, and architecture."

**#1 SMALL CITY in
THE UNITED STATES**

Charleston's
Lowcountry
appeal helped
earn its familiar
place at the top

When it came
to urban travel
in the States,
you were
captivated by
Southern charm,
while overseas
the high-energy
metropolises
of Asia came
to the fore

UNITED STATES

LARGE CITIES

(Population over 350,000)

- 1 **Chicago** 92.88
- 2 **San Diego** 87.97
- 3 **Milwaukee** 87.58
- 4 **New Orleans** 86.03
- 5 **San Francisco** 85.74

SMALL CITIES

(Population under 350,000)

- ← 1 **Charleston, S.C.** 92.42
- 2 **Santa Fe** 91.25
 - 3 **Alexandria, Va.** 90.82
 - 4 **Greenville, S.C.** 89.71
 - 5 **Savannah** 88.42

REST OF THE WORLD

LARGE CITIES

(Population over 500,000)

- 1 **Singapore** 90.46
- 2 **Tokyo** 89.99
- 3 **Seoul** 89.47
- 4 **Cape Town** 89.21
- 5 **Sydney** 88.98

SMALL CITIES

(Population under 500,000)

- 1 **Victoria, B.C., Canada** 91.67
- 2 **San Sebastián, Spain** 90.54
- 3 **San Miguel de Allende, Mexico** 89.41
- 4 **Puerto Vallarta, Mexico** 88.00
- 5 **Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala** 85.63



A Softer Side of Singapore

The city's denizens have spent the last few years getting reacquainted with their home. Now a new energy—and sense of identity—is emerging

IN MY TINY home country of Singapore, we're all obsessed with overseas travel. Our closets are stuffed with a baffling quantity of winterwear, considering we live in year-round tropical heat. Supermarkets stack suitcases for sale next to carts of durians. Grocery runs to neighboring Malaysia are weekly affairs. A study by Visa once ranked Singaporeans the most frequent leisure travelers in the world. But when the 2020 lockdown happened, we were

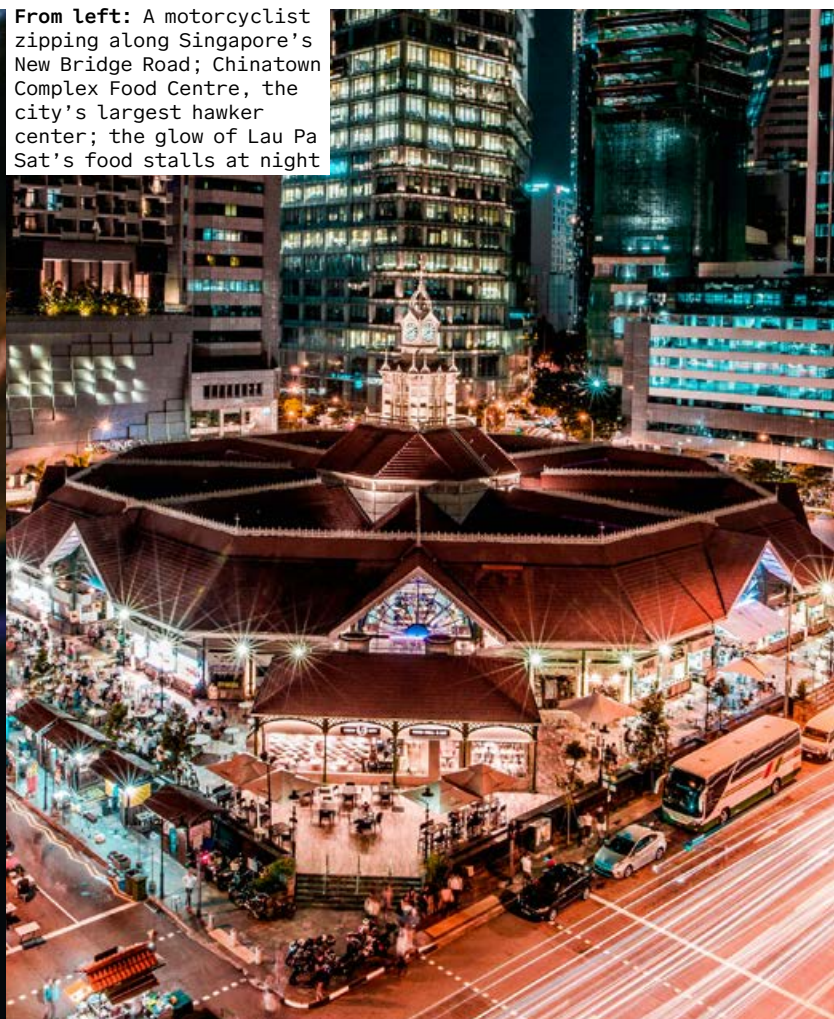
forced to do something we'd never done before: look inward and consider what our own 280 square miles had to offer.

The result of this introspection? Our collective soul has risen to the surface. With borders closed, local entrepreneurs had time and space to grow their passion projects, in some cases ushering into life entire new subcultures around them. Along Orchard Road, best known for its hulking malls and twinkly designer boutiques, throngs of young street musicians play to swooning fans they have won over on TikTok—an unexpected phenomenon in a nation that has never looked at music as a viable career. Indoors, the next big thing in a country crazy about eating is private-home dining—where you pay for a meal at someone's home—with some waiting lists longer than those at a Michelin-starred restaurant. Le Cordon Bleu-trained Rishi Arora recently fed my family a flurry of dishes prepared at Part Thai, as he has dubbed his cozy flat in the Clementi neighborhood: pad thai made with crispy wonton skins instead of noodles, a fiery red

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From left: A motorcyclist zipping along Singapore's New Bridge Road; Chinatown Complex Food Centre, the city's largest hawker center; the glow of Lau Pa Sat's food stalls at night



curry sweetened with fresh lychees, and slices of juicy rib-eye steak on perfectly chewy sticky rice. The meal was a creative ode to Arora's Singaporean Thai heritage, served with relish as his elderly beagle quietly looked on.

All over this compact, gleaming metropolis, a softer side is emerging. One morning, seeking a break from the chaotic city, I visited the new Bird Paradise, a designated sanctuary in the freshly carved-out Mandai Wildlife Reserve—among several recently opened nature-focused spaces. From the top of an aviary I saw a sight rarer than the endangered straw-headed bulbul warbling next to me: a lushly forested horizon, unpierced by a single building.

Greenery is creeping its way into our hospitality spaces too. The Pan Pacific Orchard, an imposing, futuristic landmark by the local architecture firm WOHA, brings nature into the heart of the city with its foliage-clad columns and sustainable features, like a system that turns food waste into cleaning water. And while the storied Raffles is the world-famous symbol of Singapore's

past, several hotels are staking a claim to represent its future: The new COMO Orchard—a vibrant complex made up of the sleek COMO Metropolitan Singapore hotel, a wellness facility, and first-in-town eateries like a Cédric Grolet patisserie—contains many of Singaporeans' favorite pastimes. And next year, Raffles will unveil a new face with Raffles Sentosa Resort & Spa, Singapore's first all-villa property—a poetic return to the coast of the South China Sea for the brand whose flagship property overlooked what was then the shoreline when it opened in 1887.

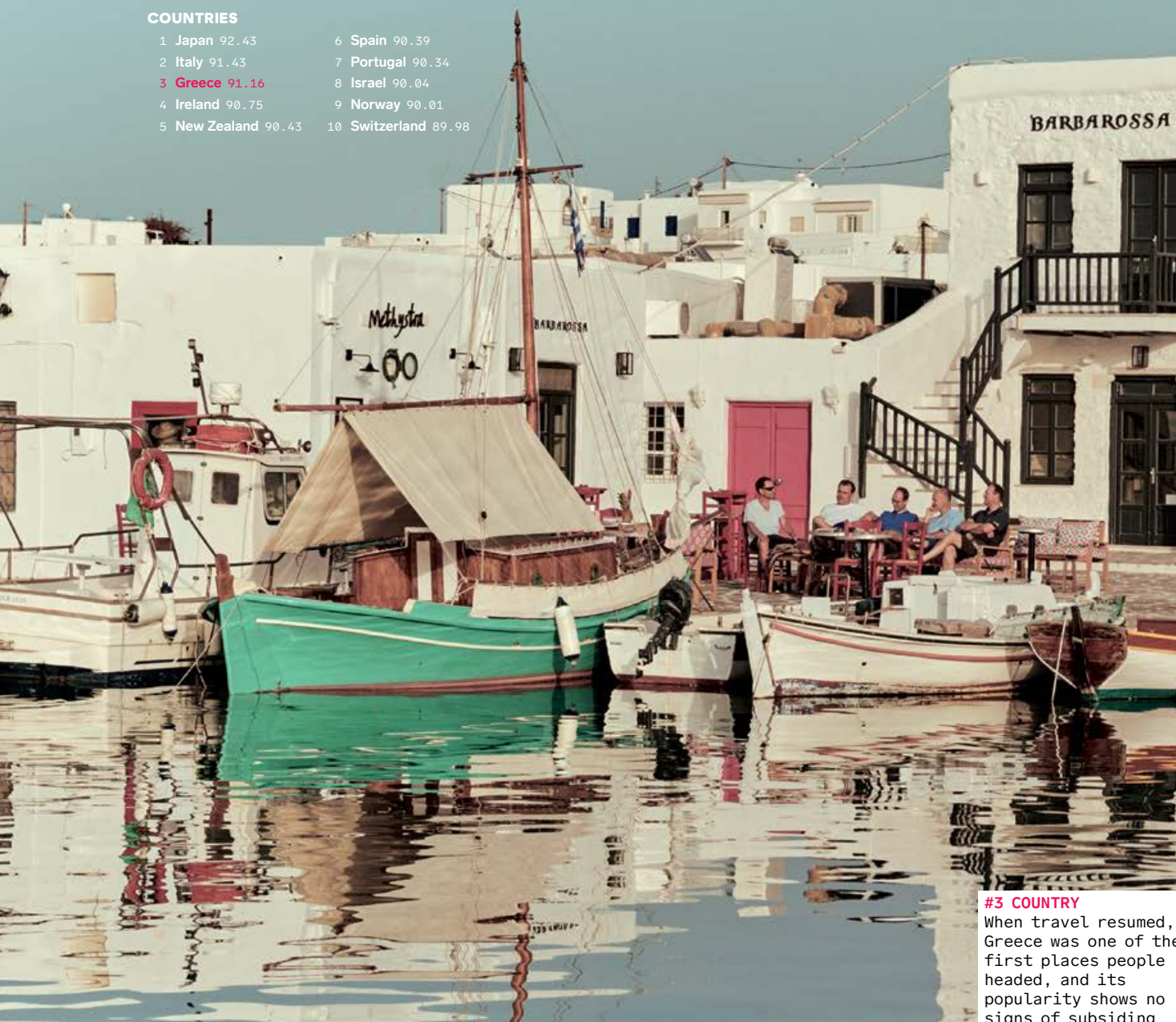
Of course, everything readers know and love about Singapore is still here: the marriage of East and West that makes this place at once so foreign and so familiar; the pristine, tree-lined streets; the buzzy hawker centers filled with the smoke-kissed aroma of char kway teow and the scraping clang of wooden spatulas against iron woks. Only now, more than ever, there's a palpable sense of identity crackling through. Truly, Singapore is coming alive. AUDREY PHOON

COUNTRIES

Perennial European favorites still hold strong in this category, just as our Instagram feeds would suggest. But a few long-haul destinations show that really big trips are back

COUNTRIES

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Japan 92.43 | 6 Spain 90.39 |
| 2 Italy 91.43 | 7 Portugal 90.34 |
| 3 Greece 91.16 | 8 Israel 90.04 |
| 4 Ireland 90.75 | 9 Norway 90.01 |
| 5 New Zealand 90.43 | 10 Switzerland 89.98 |



#3 COUNTRY

When travel resumed, Greece was one of the first places people headed, and its popularity shows no signs of subsiding

Wonder Land

New Zealand has long been an outdoors destination for adventurous travelers, but a string of new hotel openings and experiences is making its rugged terrain more accessible than ever

AFTER NEW ZEALAND reopened to visitors in July 2022, the first traveler I met was a fresh-faced Belgian who had come to buy my camper van. I was beside myself with excitement. International travelers were returning—and they were ready for adventure. And so, in addition to the keys, I also passed along as much knowledge as I could press upon him: Make sure you drive the Surf Highway 45 around Taranaki; head out to East Cape to watch the sunrise; drive down to the West Coast and visit Ōkārito. Shut behind closed borders, I had thrown myself into exploring my own country with gusto, and now I wanted others to connect with our wild spaces too.

New Zealand is a nation of nature lovers. Hiking is our national pastime, shoes are often optional, and in summer the cities empty out as everyone camps on the beach for weeks at a time. The past few years have seen that passion intensify. Our Great Walks, a network of 10 multiday hiking trails, were in such high demand earlier this year, the Department of Conservation's booking system crashed.

And in 2021 the Lake Dunstan Cycle Trail opened to flocks of cyclists, skirting the lake via dramatic platforms clipped to granite outcrops and running conveniently past the region's storied wineries.

These kinds of trails have long been the domain of the hardest adventurers, but the arrival of new remote cabins throughout the wilderness is making the backcountry more accessible—and less daunting—for the rest of us. Take PurePods, for example, a series of 12 luxury glass eco-cabins secreted away in areas like forested Rakiura (Stewart Island) off the bottom of South Island and rugged Central Otago near Queenstown. The concept has proved so popular, five new cabins have opened in the past twelve months. Canopy Camping Escapes, meanwhile, curates glamping getaways around the country, often on working farms or rural properties where owners host guests on private paddocks in reconfigured buildings like a converted shearers shed or barrel cabin.

Newly constructed accommodations are also reflecting the



Readers have dived back into New Zealand's spectacular landscapes, thanks in part to new accommodations curated by Flockhill Lodge

nation's deepening respect for nature, designed to blend in with the landscape rather than disrupt it—part of an effort to meet travelers' desires for lower-impact stays and to align with Tourism Industry Aotearoa's aim to see every New Zealand tourism business committed to sustainability by 2025. Flockhill Lodge, a 36,000-acre high-country sheep station that opened in the Southern Alps in late 2022, adapts to its dramatic valley location with weather-battered stonework and a pitched timber roof—a subtle nod to farm sheds found in the region—and invites visitors to experience what lodge manager Andrew Cullen calls a “refined wilderness.” Guests don gum boots to shift sheep, pick wild watercress for dinner cooked by a private chef, and hike to a secluded waterfall for yoga sessions. “We like to say there’s nothing manufactured here, because what we do is really what we do,” says Cullen. The desire to lose ourselves in nature is extending to our night skies: At the beginning of 2023, the Wairarapa region in the lower North Island became New Zealand’s second

official Dark Sky Reserve—another step toward an ambitious long-term goal of becoming a dark-sky nation. Other stargazing properties are cropping up across the country. Skylark Cabin, for instance, opened in 2020 in the foothills of the Ben Ohau Range in the South Island. More recently, the Galaxy Boutique Hotel arrived on Lake Tekapo in the Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve, where guests can sleep under skylights opening up to the stars.

Recently, I laced up my hiking boots and spent a day slogging through Fiordland mud along the South Island’s Hump Ridge Track, which is slated to become a Great Walk. With each step through the mossy trunks of the native forest, I saw incredible sights: a Fiordland penguin, with its trademark yellow eyebrows, dashing across the path; deserted beaches strewn with opal-colored paua shells bigger than my cupped hands; the rounded fins of Hector’s dolphins rising from slate-gray waves. Once again, I felt that sense of wonder. PETRINA DARRAH

CRUISE

The biggest theme in the surge of cruise bookings over the last few years? Ships that go big on experiences—both onboard and off

MEGA SHIPS

(More than 4,000 passengers)

- 1 Norwegian Cruise Line 86.72
- 2 Royal Caribbean International 86.69
- 3 Carnival Cruise Line 85.35

LARGE SHIPS

(2,500–4,000 passengers)

- 1 Virgin Voyages 94.07 →
- 2 Disney Cruise Line 92.21
- 3 Cunard 89.55
- 4 Princess Cruises 89.42
- 5 Celebrity Cruises 88.57
- 6 Costa Cruises 87.95
- 7 Holland America Line 87.79
- 8 Norwegian Cruise Line 86.41
- 9 Royal Caribbean International 84.31
- 10 MSC Cruises 83.77

MEDIUM SHIPS

(500–2,499 passengers)

- 1 Viking 94.98
- 2 Disney Cruise Line 92.92
- 3 Seabourn 91.67
- 4 Regent Seven Seas Cruises 91.07
- 5 Oceania Cruises 87.99
- 6 Silversea Cruises 87.74
- 7 Azamara 87.50
- 8 Celebrity Cruises 86.68
- 9 Holland America Line 86.42
- 10 Cunard 86.33

#1 LARGE SHIP

Last year, Virgin Voyages brought its unique brand of onboard entertainment to a second vessel, *Valiant Lady*

SMALL SHIPS

(Fewer than 500 passengers)

- 1 Emerald Cruises 95.27
- 2 Paul Gauguin Cruises 92.94
- 3 American Cruise Lines 92.88
- 4 Sea Cloud Cruises 91.94
- 5 Windstar Cruises 91.87
- 6 Ponant 91.45
- 7 Seabourn 91.34
- 8 Silversea Cruises 89.93
- 9 SeaDream Yacht Club 89.66
- 10 Variety Cruises 86.75

RIVER

- 1 Viking 97.32
- 2 American Cruise Lines 96.66
- 3 Tauck 96.14
- 4 Oberoi 95.91
- 5 Les Bateaux Belmond 95.90
- 6 Grand Circle Cruise Line 95.69
- 7 Pandaw 95.28
- 8 Uniworld River Cruises 93.24
- 9 Sanctuary Retreats 93.14
- 10 AmaWaterways 93.09

EXPEDITION

- 1 Viking 96.52
- 2 UnCruise Adventures 96.41
- 3 Aqua Expeditions 95.97
- 4 Ecoventura 95.82
- 5 Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours 95.80

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Days it takes Viking's new Longitudinal World Cruise II to reach the frozen expanses of Antarctica

Hotels at Sea

On the heels of trailblazing Virgin Voyages, more brands are setting sail with luxury mega-yachts where the five-star treatment travels from port to port



With its debut yacht, *Evrima*, Ritz-Carlton hopes to lure its loyal customers onto the open water

VIRGIN TOOK A GAMBLE when it entered the cruise space in 2021, but it clearly paid off: Virgin Voyages ranked as your No. 1 Large Ship this year, thanks to its sultry Roman and Williams—co-designed interiors and memorable touches like an onboard tattoo parlor. Now other beloved hospitality brands are following its lead in smaller spaces, transporting their signature amenities and distinctive design ethos to more intimate mega-yachts on the high seas.

Take the Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection (No. 11 in Small Ships; see online for complete list), which debuted *Evrima* in October 2022. Once aboard, Ritz-Carlton loyalists are surrounded by familiar details like sleek design and mindful spa therapies. The yacht's 149 staterooms have the same cloudlike Frette linens found in the hotels, and the double-vanity bathrooms are stocked with Diptyque toiletries. Restaurants also pay homage to the brand's celebrated culinary offerings: The menu at S.E.A., for instance, is masterminded by chef Sven Elverfeld, who helms the three-Michelin-starred restaurant at Germany's Ritz-Carlton, Wolfsburg. A second yacht, *Ilma*, will launch next year, followed by another in 2025.

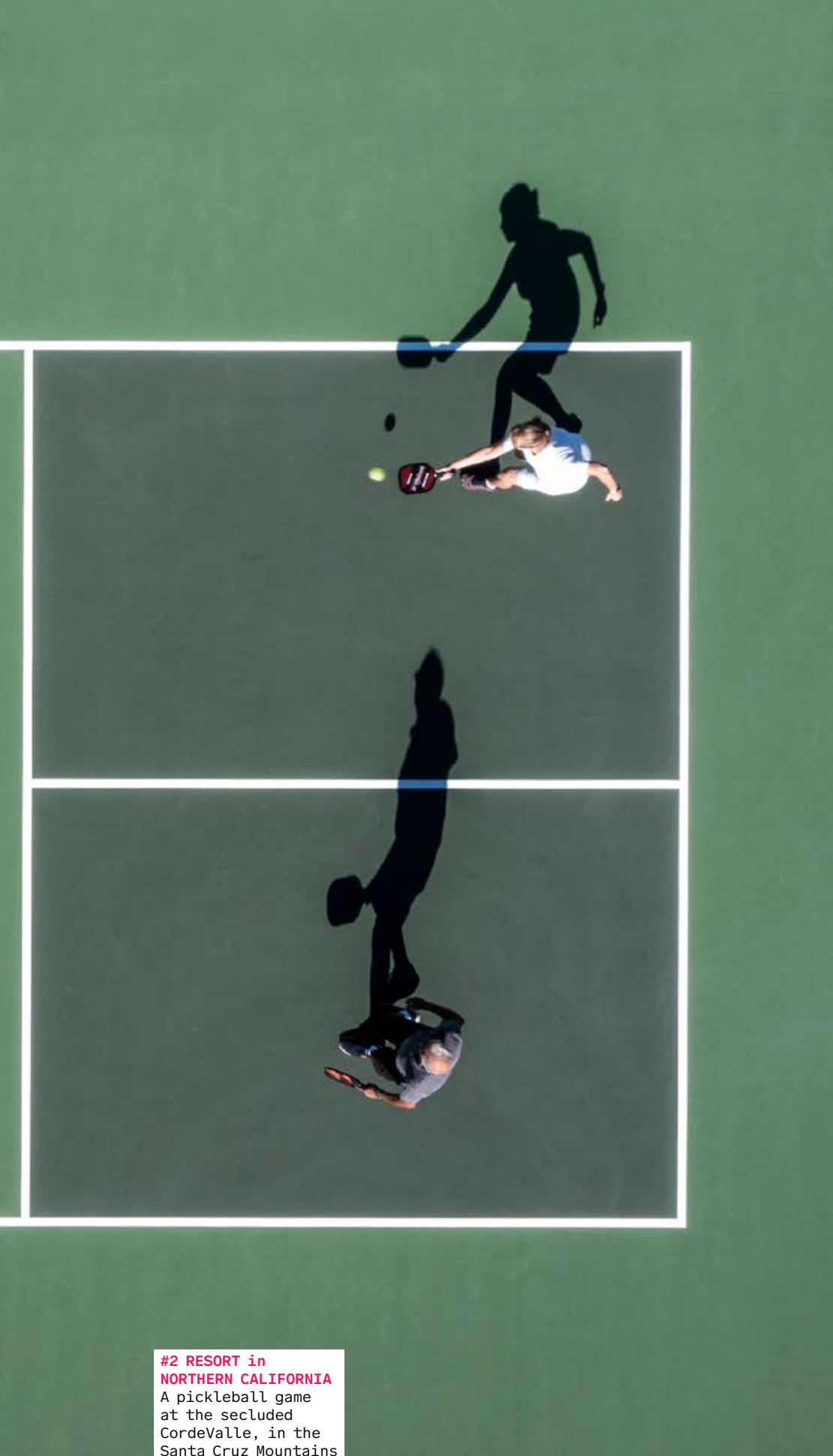
While Belmond has long been a player in the river-cruise space with its Les Bateaux Belmond boats in France (a swish new barge, *Coquelicot*, *A Belmond Boat*, began plying waterways in Champagne this summer), Ritz's venture is transforming the ocean-travel experience, allowing guests to feel as if they're holidaying on a private vessel. Voyages call upon fewer ports—guests jaunt through yachting playgrounds like Bodrum, Turkey; Malta; Dominica; and Guadeloupe—but linger in each setting. These slower-paced routes are a fresh way for hotel groups to expand to destinations where a property doesn't already—and may never—exist, giving guests access to new regions with all the hospitality of the brand they love.

And there's much more to come: Four Seasons Yachts sets sail in 2025 with 95 suites; the largest, at 9,600 square feet, will have a spa and a wading pool. In 2026, all eyes will be on Aman as it launches a sleek seafaring extension of its tranquil resorts in the form of a vessel that, for now, is being referred to by only the intriguing moniker Project Sama. The 50-suite yacht will accommodate just 100 guests and have a Japanese garden, a swim club, and—of course—a luxe spa.

What matters most to discerning travelers is that these yachts are as exclusive and bespoke as their favorite properties on shore. No detail is too niche for private concierges to tackle with aplomb—whether it be unpacking your suitcase just so or making sure your favorite cocktail magically appears in your suite. The amenities extend to land, with customizable excursions awaiting guests in port—though no one would blame them if they ended up choosing to stay onboard. JESSICA PUCKETT



PHOTOGRAPH:
PAUL DYER/CORDEVALLE



**#2 RESORT in
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

A pickleball game
at the secluded
CordeValle, in the
Santa Cruz Mountains

Seventy-five percent of you told us that you used up all your vacation days, often to take longer, immersive trips—the kind that resorts on distant plains or stamp-size islands are well-equipped to deliver

UNITED STATES

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

- 1 Solage, Auberge Resorts Collection, Calistoga 98.08
- ← 2 CordeValle, San Martin 97.96
- 3 Alila Ventana Big Sur 97.90
- 4 The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay 97.70
- 5 Montage Healdsburg 97.64

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- 1 L'Horizon Resort & Spa, Palm Springs 99.93
- 2 Hermann Bungalows, Palm Springs 99.02
- 3 Rosewood Miramar Beach, Montecito 98.79
- 4 Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club, Dana Point 97.80
- 5 Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa 97.44

FLORIDA

- 1 Four Seasons Resort Palm Beach 99.11
- 2 Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa 98.54
- 3 The Boca Raton 98.01
- 4 Ponte Vedra Inn & Club 97.83
- 5 The St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort 97.32
- 6 The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island 96.23
- 7 Acqualina Resort & Residences on the Beach, Sunny Isles Beach 96.16
- 8 Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, Bonita Springs 95.99
- 9 Omni Amelia Island Resort 95.94
- 10 Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach 95.65



#5 RESORT in MOUNTAIN WEST
A kids' tent at Under Canvas Bryce Canyon, which opened last year

Into the Wild

With travelers craving wide-open spaces in hard-to-reach places, a memorable resort stay often means total immersion in the natural world—right down to where you sleep

A glass dome sparkling on a remote expanse of white snow. A tent with a plush king-size bed dropped into a national park. Aerie-like thatched-roof suites with a bird's-eye view of hippos ambling along a reed-lined riverbank. If the three properties that scored 100 percent for experiences are any indication, readers are seeking seamless integration with nature. A pioneer in Antarctica travel, **White Desert** (No. 8 in South American Resorts; complete list online) unveiled its new Echo camp last year; six fiberglass sky pods in the Drygalski mountain range promise unrivaled access to the continent's interior—where fat-biking, snowmobiling, and ice-climbing in the Henriksen Nunataks await. At **Under Canvas Bryce Canyon** (above), a 50-tent camp in a juniper forest in southwestern Utah, a new hiking excursion sends guests rappelling through Dunham Slot Canyon before returning for s'mores by the firepit. Meanwhile, game viewing at the striking **Lolebezi** (page 88), in Zambia's Lower Zambezi National Park, caters to adventurous families—aspiring trackers can learn to spot wildlife, cool off with slushy-making lessons, and bead colorful keepsakes to bring home. SARAH KHAN

FLORIDA KEYS

- 1 **The Marker Harbor Resort**, Key West 96.98
- 2 **Playa Largo Resort & Spa**, Autograph Collection, Key Largo 96.62
- 3 **Southernmost Beach Resort**, Key West 96.48
- 4 **Baker's Cay Resort Key Largo**, Curio Collection by Hilton 95.38
- 5 **Bungalows Key Largo** 95.09

ORLANDO

- 1 **JW Marriott Orlando**, Grande Lakes 99.28
- 2 **The Ritz-Carlton**, Orlando Grande Lakes 98.95
- 3 **JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort & Spa** 98.62
- 4 **Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort** 97.02
- 5 **Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress** 96.40

HAWAII

- 1 **Sensei Lanai, A Four Seasons Resort** 99.55
- 2 **Four Seasons Resort Lanai** 99.02
- 3 **The Ritz-Carlton**, Kapalua, Maui 98.85
- 4 **1 Hotel Hanalei Bay**, Kauai 98.62
- 5 **Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria Resort**, Maui 96.86
- 6 **Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection**, Big Island 96.61
- 7 **Andaz Maui at Wailea Resort** 96.08
- 8 **Montage Kapalua Bay**, Maui 95.97
- 9 **Wailea Beach Resort - Marriott**, Maui 95.92
- 10 **Turtle Bay Resort**, Oahu 95.77

MOUNTAIN WEST

- 1 **Bishop's Lodge, Auberge Resorts Collection**, Santa Fe, 99.34
- 2 **Vermejo**, Raton, N.M. 98.56
- 3 **Montage Big Sky**, Mont. 98.10
- 4 **Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa**, Colo. 98.09
- ↑ 5 **Under Canvas Bryce Canyon**, Utah 98.00

THE NORTHEAST & MID-ATLANTIC

- 1 **Mohonk Mountain House**, New Paltz, N.Y. 99.04
- 2 **The Point**, Saranac Lake, N.Y. 98.92
- 3 **Troutbeck**, Amenia, N.Y. 98.27
- 4 **Wildflower Farms, Auberge Resorts Collection**, Gardiner, N.Y. 98.04
- 5 **Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina**, Cambridge, Md. 97.46



#1 RESORT in NEW ENGLAND
Nestled within 300 acres of Vermont birch forest, Twin Farms occupies a farmhouse once owned by novelist Sinclair Lewis

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

- 1 Tetherow Lodges, Bend, Ore. 98.99
- 2 Salish Lodge & Spa, Snoqualmie, Wash. 98.81
- 3 Headlands Coastal Lodge & Spa, Pacific City, Ore. 96.26
- 4 Brasada Ranch, Powell Butte, Ore. 94.38
- 5 Sunriver Resort, Ore. 94.01

THE MIDWEST

- 1 Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Mich. 95.87
- 2 Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island, Mich. 95.07
- 3 Wild Rice Retreat, Bayfield, Wis. 94.90
- 4 Under Canvas Mount Rushmore, Keystone, S.D. 94.69
- 5 Madden's on Gull Lake, Brainerd, Minn. 94.48

THE SOUTH

- 1 Montage Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C. 99.20
- 2 Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort, S.C. 99.03
- 3 Blackberry Mountain, Walland, Tenn. 98.94
- 4 The Beach Club at Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 98.46
- 5 The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, S.C. 97.99
- 6 The Tides Inn, Irvington, Va. 97.93
- 7 Château Élan, Braselton, Ga. 97.55
- 8 The Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N.C. 97.17
- 9 Primland, Auberger Resorts Collection, Meadows of Dan, Va. 96.54
- 10 Barnsley Resort, Adairsville, Ga. 95.96

THE SOUTHWEST

- 1 La Cantera Resort & Spa, San Antonio 99.13
- 2 JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa 99.04
- 3 Andaz Scottsdale Resort & Bungalows 98.08
- 4 Fairmont Scottsdale Princess 97.99
- 5 Rancho de los Caballeros, Wickenburg, Ariz. 97.91
- 6 Enchantment Resort, Sedona, Ariz. 97.85
- 7 Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa, Austin 97.31
- 8 Arizona Biltmore, A Waldorf Astoria Resort, Phoenix 96.53
- 9 Tanque Verde Ranch, Tucson 96.02
- 10 Boulders Resort & Spa Scottsdale, Curio Collection by Hilton 95.90

NEW ENGLAND

- 1 **Twin Farms, ↑ Barnard, Vt. 99.77**
- 2 Wentworth by the Sea, New Castle, N.H. 99.60
- 3 Chatham Bars Inn, Mass. 99.35
- 4 Cliff House Maine, Cape Neddick, Maine 97.66
- 5 Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, Vt. 96.21
- 6 Woodstock Inn & Resort, Vt. 96.17
- 7 Wequassett Resort and Golf Club, Harwich, Mass. 96.14
- 8 Inn by the Sea, Cape Elizabeth, Maine 96.11
- 9 The Lodge at Spruce Peak, Stowe, Vt. 96.03
- 10 Hidden Pond, Kennebunkport, Maine 95.85

REST OF THE WORLD

CANADA

- 1 Nita Lake Lodge, Whistler 98.38
- 2 Fairmont Tremblant, Mont Tremblant 97.90
- 3 The Wickaninnish Inn, Tofino 97.22
- ← 4 **Fairmont Banff Springs** 97.00
- 5 Fairmont Chateau Whistler 96.96
- 6 Four Seasons Resort and Residences Whistler 96.92
- 7 Cabot Cape Breton, N.S. 96.33
- 8 Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise 95.94
- 9 Brentwood Bay Resort, B.C. 92.71
- 10 Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Alberta 90.00

MEXICO (EASTERN)

- 1 Fairmont Mayakoba 97.04
- 2 Conrad Tulum Riviera Maya 97.00
- 3 Kempinski Hotel Cancún 96.73
- 4 Rosewood Mayakoba 96.63
- 5 Banyan Tree Mayakoba 96.32

MEXICO (WESTERN)

- 1 Chileno Bay Resort & Residences, Auberge Resorts Collection, Cabo San Lucas 99.19
- 2 The St. Regis Punta Mita Resort 99.11
- 3 One&Only Mandarin, Riviera Nayarit 99.03
- 4 Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita, Mexico 98.91
- 5 Zadún, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, San José del Cabo 98.03

#4 RESORT in CANADA

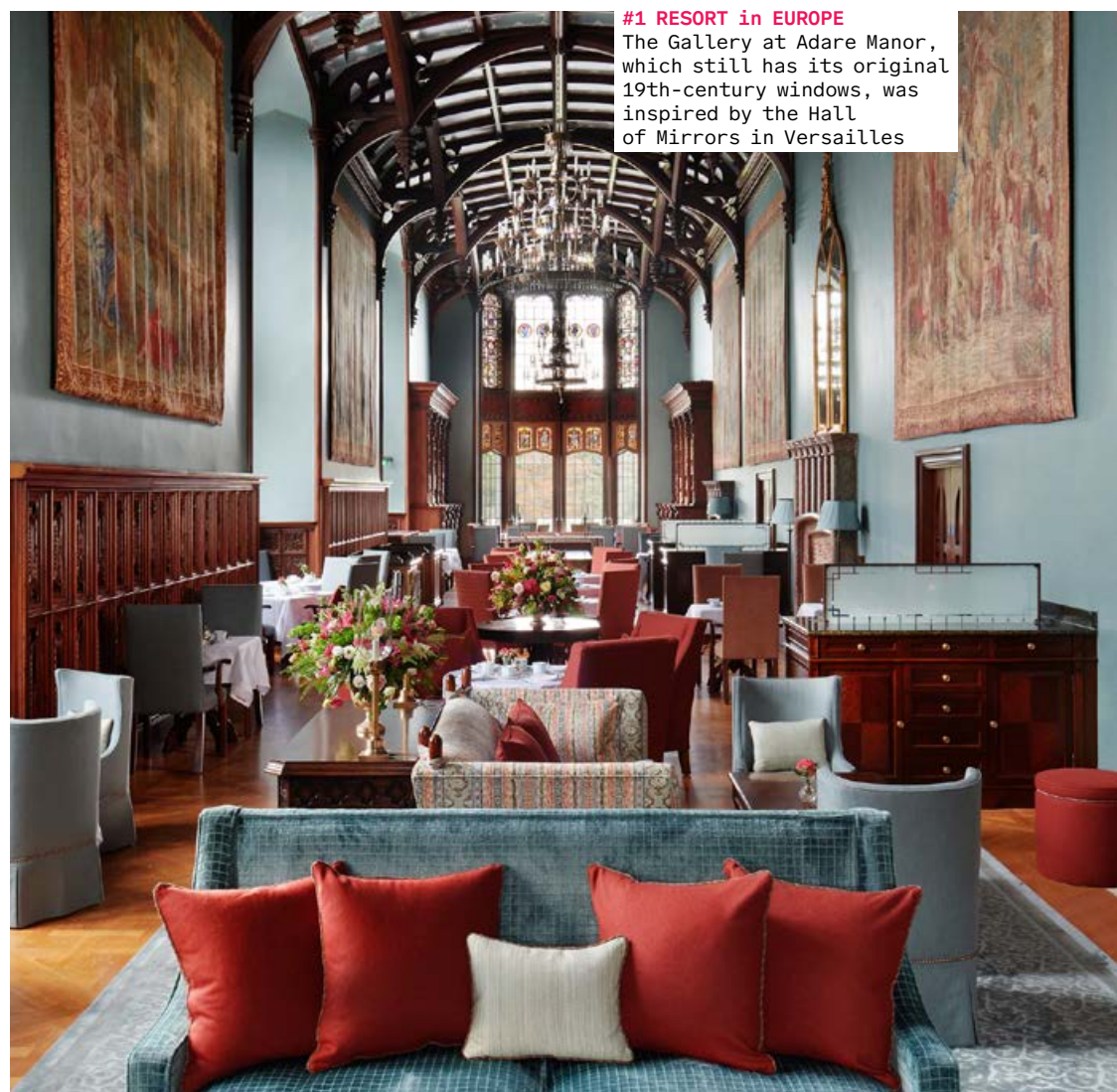
The storied 137-year-old Fairmont Banff Springs offers unparalleled access to Banff National Park

CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

- 1 **Eden Rock—St. Barths**, 98.22
- 2 **Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa**, St. Barths 98.01
- 3 **Sandy Lane**, Barbados 97.28
- 4 **Baoase Luxury Resort**, Curaçao 97.07
- 5 **Le Toiny St. Barth** 96.99
- 6 **Paradise Beach Nevis** 96.56
- 7 **Eden Roc Cap Cana**, Dominican Republic 96.31
- 8 **Rosewood Little Dix Bay**, B.V.I. 96.13
- 9 **Dorado Beach, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve**, Puerto Rico 96.10
- 10 **Half Moon**, Jamaica 96.00
- 11 **Jumby Bay Island**, Antigua 95.99
- 12 **Guana Island**, B.V.I. 95.98
- 13 **Ladera Resort**, St. Lucia 95.75
- 14 **Jade Mountain**, St. Lucia 95.54
- 15 **Curtain Bluff**, Antigua 95.47
- 16 **Bitter End Yacht Club**, B.V.I. 95.37
- 17 **Secret Bay**, Dominica 95.34
- 18 **Round Hill Hotel and Villas**, Jamaica 95.15
- 19 **Cap Maison**, St. Lucia 95.05
- 20 **Sugar Beach, A Viceroy Resort**, St. Lucia 95.03

ATLANTIC ISLANDS

- 1 **Rosewood Baha Mar**, Bahamas 96.83
- 2 **Seven Stars Resort & Spa**, Turks and Caicos 96.72
- 3 **Hamilton Princess & Beach Club—A Fairmont Managed Hotel**, Bermuda 96.59
- 4 **The Ocean Club, A Four Seasons Resort**, Bahamas 96.55
- 5 **Ambergris Cay**, Turks and Caicos 96.28
- 6 **Rosewood Bermuda** 95.66
- 7 **The Shore Club Turks and Caicos** 95.26
- 8 **The Cove at Atlantis**, Paradise Island, Bahamas 94.81
- 9 **Kamalame Cay**, Bahamas 93.93
- 10 **Sandals Emerald Bay**, Bahamas 93.91
- 11 **Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa**, Bermuda 93.17
- 12 **COMO Parrot Cay**, Turks and Caicos 92.02
- 13 **SLS Baha Mar**, Bahamas 92.00
- 14 **Atlantis Paradise Island Bahamas** 91.92
- 15 **Sandals Royal Bahamian**, Bahamas 91.90



#1 RESORT in EUROPE

The Gallery at Adare Manor, which still has its original 19th-century windows, was inspired by the Hall of Mirrors in Versailles

CENTRAL AMERICA

- 1 **Hacienda AltaGracia, Auberge Resorts Collection**, Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica 97.89
- 2 **Nayara Springs**, Arenal, Costa Rica 97.50
- 3 **Nayara Tented Camp**, Arenal, Costa Rica 97.43
- 4 **The Inn at Rancho Santana**, Popoyo, Nicaragua 97.30
- 5 **Alaia Belize, Autograph Collection**, San Pedro 97.29

SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **Uxua Casa Hotel & Spa**, Trancoso, Brazil 99.89
- 2 **Mashpi Lodge**, Pichincha, Ecuador 97.99
- 3 **Finch Bay Galapagos Hotel**, Ecuador 97.77
- 4 **Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort**, Paracas, Peru 96.47
- 5 **The Singular Patagonia**, Chile 96.22

EUROPE

- 1 **Adare Manor**, ↑ Co. Limerick, Ireland 97.22
- 2 **JW Marriott Venice Resort & Spa**, Italy 97.20
- 3 **Terre Blanche Hôtel Spa Golf Resort**, Provence, France 97.15
- 4 **Ashford Castle**, Co. Mayo, Ireland 96.86
- 5 **Ikos Andalusia**, Spain 96.72
- 6 **Parklane, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa**, Limassol, Cyprus 96.44
- 7 **Mandarin Oriental**, Bodrum, Turkey 96.11
- 8 **The Lodge at Ashford Castle**, Co. Mayo, Ireland 95.92
- 9 **The Europe Hotel & Resort**, Co. Kerry, Ireland 95.73
- 10 **Gleneagles**, Auchterarder, United Kingdom 95.51

GREECE

- 1 **W Costa Navarino** 98.67
- 2 **Amanzoe**, Porto Heli 97.45
- 3 **Santa Marina, a Luxury Collection Resort**, Mykonos 96.66
- 4 **Blue Palace Elounda, a Luxury Collection Resort**, Crete 96.43
- 5 **Sani Resort**, Halkidiki 96.41

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Number of chic canvas tents with views of the Arenal Volcano at Nayara Tented Camp, Costa Rica

#1 RESORT in THE INDIAN OCEAN

The 45-villa Cheval Blanc Randheli sits on the tiny Noonu Atoll in the Maldives



ASIA

- 1 The Ritz-Carlton, Langkawi, Malaysia 99.13
- 2 El Nido Resorts (Lagen, Miniloc & Pangulasian), Philippines 98.65
- 3 Shangri-La Boracay, Philippines 97.91
- 4 The Datai Langkawi, Malaysia 97.65
- 5 Amankora, Thimphu, Bhutan 97.45
- 6 Taj Aravali Resort & Spa, Udaipur, India 97.12
- 7 Four Seasons Resort The Nam Hai, Hoi An, Vietnam 96.42
- 8 Anantara Hoi An Resort, Vietnam 96.27
- 9 Ceylon Tea Trails Hatton, Sri Lanka 96.21
- 10 The Oberoi Vanyavilas Wildlife Resort, Ranthambore, India 95.71

INDONESIA

- 1 Alila Villas Uluwatu, Bali 98.82
- 2 The Ritz-Carlton, Bali 97.30
- 3 Raffles Bali 96.05
- 4 Sofitel Bali Nusa Dua Beach Resort 96.02
- 5 The St. Regis Bali Resort 95.95

THAILAND

- 1 Banyan Tree Vaya Phuket 99.16
- 2 Vana Belle, a Luxury Collection Resort, Koh Samui 97.39
- 3 Phulay Bay, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, Krabi 97.37
- 4 Banyan Tree Krabi 96.09
- 5 Banyan Tree Samui 95.95

INDIAN OCEAN

- 1 Cheval Blanc Randheli, ↑ Maldives 99.01
- 2 The Nautilus Maldives 98.15
- 3 Dusit Thani Maldives 98.02
- 4 Huva Fen Fushi, Maldives 97.59
- 5 Soneva Fushi, Maldives 97.35
- 6 Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi 96.92
- 7 Taj Coral Reef Resort & Spa, Maldives 96.81
- 8 COMO Cocoa Island, Maldives 96.60
- 9 Saii Lagoon Maldives, Curio Collection by Hilton 96.47
- 10 The St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort 96.00

AUSTRALIA & SOUTH PACIFIC

- 1 Wharekauhau Country Estate, New Zealand 98.38
- 2 Kittawa Lodge, Tasmania, Australia 98.17
- 3 Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort Fiji 98.11
- 4 Shangri-La Yanuca Island, Fiji 97.65
- 5 Namale, Fiji 97.24
- 6 The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, New Zealand 97.08
- 7 Turtle Island, Fiji 96.67
- 8 Six Senses Fiji 96.48
- 9 Nanuku Resort Fiji 95.82
- 10 Royal Davui Island Resort, Fiji 95.80

CENTRAL & EASTERN AFRICA

- 1 Elewana Elsa's Kopje Meru, Kenya 99.42
- 2 Cottar's 1920s Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya 99.34
- 3 Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge, Tanzania 99.23
- 4 Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp Masai Mara, Kenya 98.97
- 5 Sanctuary Olonana, Masai Mara, Kenya 98.59

SOUTH AFRICA

- 1 Londolozi Game Reserve, Sabi Sand 99.49
- 2 Ulusaba Private Game Reserve, Sabi Sand 98.29
- 3 Molori Safari Lodge, Madikwe 98.12
- 4 Lion Sands Game Reserve, Sabi Sand 96.80
- 5 andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve, KwaZulu-Natal 96.57

REST OF AFRICA

- 1 Lolebezi, Jeki, Zambia 99.30
- 2 Wilderness DumaTau Camp, Linyanti, Botswana 97.61
- 3 Wilderness Vumbura Plains, Okavango Delta, Botswana 97.47
- 4 Kuyenda, The Bushcamp Company, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia 97.08
- 5 Puku Ridge, Luangwa Valley, Zambia 96.86

THE MIDDLE EAST

- 1 One&Only The Palm, Dubai 97.12
- 2 Raffles The Palm Dubai 96.62
- 3 Four Seasons Resort Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt 96.51
- 4 Six Senses Ziggy Bay, Oman 96.28
- 5 Atlantis The Palm, Dubai 95.63
- 6 The Oberoi Beach Resort, Al Zorah, United Arab Emirates 95.55
- 7 Qasr al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara, Liwa Desert, United Arab Emirates 95.10
- 8 Taj Exotica Resort & Spa, The Palm, Dubai 94.84
- 9 One & Only Royal Mirage, Dubai 94.64
- 10 Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort, Oman 94.34



#3 SPA RESORT, REST OF THE WORLD

At Ananda in the Himalayas, daily yoga classes take place on the terrace of a former maharaja's palace

UNITED STATES

- 1 **Winvian Farm**, Litchfield Hills, Conn. 98.11
- 2 **Lake Austin Spa Resort**, Tex. 97.66
- 3 **Mii amo**, Sedona, Ariz. 97.31
- 4 **Canyon Ranch**, Woodside, Calif. 96.83
- 5 **Miraval Austin Resort & Spa**, Tex. 96.76
- 6 **Miraval Arizona Resort & Spa**, Tucson 96.49
- 7 **Miraval Berkshires Resort & Spa**, Lenox, Mass. 96.38
- 8 **Canyon Ranch Tucson** 95.90
- 9 **Sensei Porcupine Creek**, Rancho Mirage, Calif. 95.69
- 10 **The American Club**, Kohler, Wis. 95.66

REST OF THE WORLD

- 1 **Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa**, Cotswolds, United Kingdom 97.06
- 2 **Palazzo Fuggi**, Italy 97.02
- ← 3 **Ananda in the Himalayas**, Narendra Nagar, India 97.00
- 4 **Lanserhof Lans**, Innsbruck, Austria 96.77
- 5 **Andronis Concept Wellness Resort**, Santorini, Greece 96.36
- 6 **The Original FX Mayr**, Maria Wörth, Austria 96.14
- 7 **BodyHoliday**, St. Lucia 96.09
- 8 **Joali Being**, Maldives 96.02
- 9 **Six Senses Laamu**, Maldives 95.90
- 10 **Heckfield Place**, Hampshire, United Kingdom 95.62

SPA RESORTS

The wellness category keeps growing, as evidenced by how far you're willing to go for it—from the deserts of Arizona to the atolls of the Maldives

AIRLINES



Despite the challenges air travel has faced lately, your top brands keep delivering high standards of service and launching exciting new routes

DOMESTIC

- 1 Delta Air Lines 80.93
- 2 Hawaiian Airlines 80.60
- 3 Tradewind Aviation 80.52
- 4 JetBlue 80.02
- 5 Alaska Airlines 78.68

INTERNATIONAL

- 1 Singapore Airlines 87.51
- 2 Qatar Airways 86.87
- 3 Turkish Airlines 86.48
- 4 Emirates 86.27
- 5 Virgin Atlantic 83.19

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MILLION

Number of checked bags
flown around the US by
Delta Air Lines last year

PHOTOGRAPH: BRANDON DILL

LUGGAGE

Your favorites run the gamut in style, from the subtle polish of Arlo Skye to the timeless chic of Louis Vuitton. But all share one essential quality: durability.

From top down:

Louis Vuitton
Vanity Joaillerie
(price upon request;
louisvuitton.com);
Rimowa Essential
Check-in L in cedar brown
(\$1,150; rimowa.com);
Louis Vuitton
Cotteville 40 (\$8,100;
louisvuitton.com);
Away the Trunk in black
(\$475; awaytravel.com)

- 1 Arlo Skye 94.75
- 2 Béis 93.13
- 3 Briggs & Riley 93.09
- 4 Travelpro 92.76
- 5 Monos 91.24
- 6 Away 90.75
- 7 Tumi 88.45
- 8 Delsey Paris 88.32
- 9 Bric's 87.61
- 10 Rimowa 86.17
- 11 Samsonite 84.98
- 12 American Tourister 80.29
- 13 Calpak 79.53
- 14 Paravel 79.33
- 15 Eagle Creek 78.50
- 16 Solgaard 78.04
- 17 July 77.75
- 18 Antler 75.94
- 19 Louis Vuitton 73.44
- 20 Hartmann 73.36



TIPS

Hilton Head Island, Brazil's Fernando de Noronha, and Isla Holbox, Mexico, all held firm at No. 1 this year—but in Europe a storied Italian island known for its ancient ruins and azure waters has climbed to the top

PHOTOGRAPH: JODY MACDONALD



#1 ISLAND in AFRICA & THE INDIAN OCEAN
The shoreline of Mozambique's Bazaruto Archipelago, which has become a laboratory for ocean conservation

AFRICA & THE INDIAN OCEAN

- ← **1 Bazaruto Archipelago, Mozambique** 91.95
- 2 **Maldives** 90.92
- 3 **Mauritius** 90.61
- 4 **Seychelles** 88.09
- 5 **Mnemba Island, Tanzania** 87.59

ASIA

- 1 **Bali, Indonesia** 91.08
- 2 **Koh Samui, Thailand** 91.07
- 3 **Boracay, Philippines** 90.74
- 4 **Phuket, Thailand** 90.33
- 5 **Langkawi, Malaysia** 90.19

AUSTRALIA & THE SOUTH PACIFIC

- 1 **Fiji** 89.77
- 2 **Bora Bora, French Polynesia** 88.78
- 3 **Moorea, French Polynesia** 87.42
- 4 **Whitsunday Islands, Australia** 86.78
- 5 **Tahiti, French Polynesia** 85.98

THE CARIBBEAN & THE ATLANTIC

- 1 **Bermuda** 90.14
- 2 **St. Barts** 90.02
- 3 **Anguilla** 89.71
- 4 **St. Lucia** 89.34
- 5 **Turks and Caicos** 88.95
- 6 **Nevis** 88.93
- 7 **Puerto Rico** 88.32
- 8 **Jamaica** 88.05
- 9 **Barbados** 87.97
- 10 **Cayman Islands** 87.82

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **Fernando de Noronha, Brazil** 89.18
- 2 **Islas Secas, Panama** 87.95
- 3 **San Andrés & Providencia, Colombia** 85.42
- 4 **Galápagos Islands, Ecuador** 84.23
- 5 **Ambergris Caye, Belize** 82.34

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Roughly the number of minutes it takes to walk the entire circumference of Tanzania's Mnemba Island

EUROPE

- 1 **Sardinia, Italy** 88.08
- 2 **Mykonos, Greece** 87.35
- 3 **Ibiza, Spain** 87.07
- 4 **Crete, Greece** 86.95
- 5 **Sicily, Italy** 85.92
- 6 **Jersey & Guernsey, United Kingdom** 85.85
- 7 **The Azores, Portugal** 85.36
- 8 **Santorini, Greece** 84.71
- 9 **Menorca, Spain** 84.42
- 10 **Hvar, Croatia** 83.86

UNITED STATES

- 1 **Hilton Head Island, S.C.** 95.60
- 2 **Kiawah Island, S.C.** 95.11
- 3 **Amelia Island, Fla.** 93.76
- 4 **Maui, Hawaii** 92.19
- 5 **Nantucket, Mass.** 91.32
- 6 **Sanibel Island, Fla.** 90.69
- 7 **Oahu, Hawaii** 89.28
- 8 **Mackinac Island, Mich.** 89.08
- 9 **Kauai, Hawaii** 89.06
- 10 **Big Island, Hawaii** 89.01

REST OF NORTH AMERICA

- 1 **Isla Holbox, Mexico** 92.42
- 2 **Cape Breton, N.S., Canada** 90.35
- 3 **Isla Mujeres, Mexico** 88.80
- 4 **Vancouver Island, B.C., Canada** 86.98
- 5 **Cozumel, Mexico** 83.78

METHODOLOGY The Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards survey was made available through a secure website at cntraveler.com/vote. This year's tabulation of results from hundreds of thousands of respondents who submitted ratings during the sweepstakes period of April 1 through June 30, 2023, was done by Condé Nast. The questionnaire contained lists of candidates in various categories (Cities, Hotels, etc.). Candidates must receive 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 determines the final score based on four decimal points, with two decimal points being published. For example, the score of 98.99 for The Dorchester, Dorchester Collection, the number one hotel in London, represents the average of ratings that the hotel received from respondents for all criteria relevant: rooms, service, food, design, location, and activities/facilities—plus, this year, cleanliness, community, concierge, experience, safety, accessibility, and remote work.

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