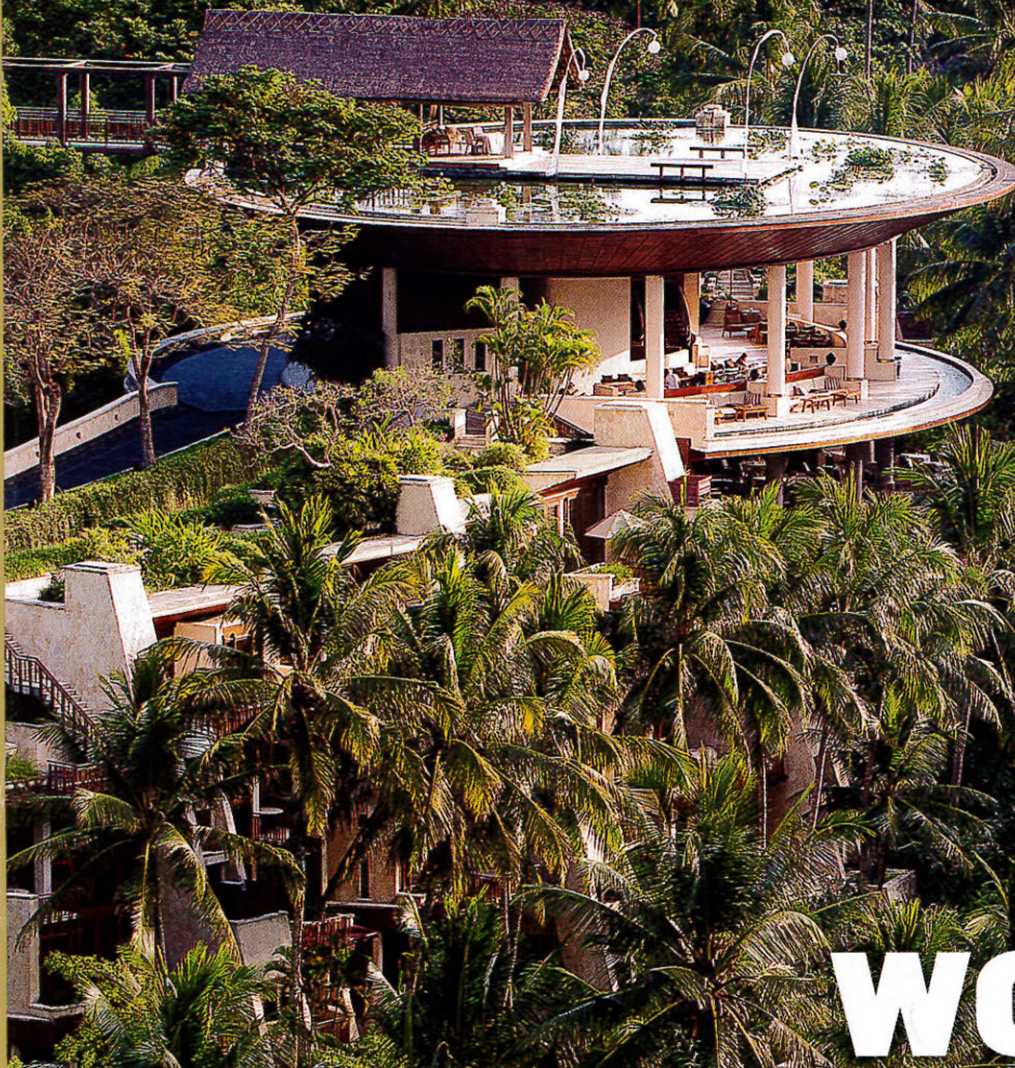


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THE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS 2018

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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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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.

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





What makes the Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan so special? The lush Ayung River Valley setting and dramatic architecture: guests can stay in multi-bedroom villas with meditation areas and plunge pools.

- 65** Carlton Hotel
St. Moritz,
Switzerland 95.14
- 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** Soly 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

Mexico & Central & South America

Peru had a strong showing this year, with a combined total of nine city and resort hotels ranking among the World's Best.

More than a million visitors a year take in the colonial architecture of Cuzco, the gateway to Machu Picchu.



WINNER SPOTLIGHT

A PERFECT DAY IN SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE



For the second year in a row, this colonial city was voted the best in the world. San Miguel's compact size means you can pack in a lot, even within the course of a single day. Check in to the **Rosewood San Miguel de Allende** (rosewoodhotels.com; doubles from \$430), a quick walk from the main square, El Jardín, and voted the No. 1 city hotel in Mexico. The 67 rooms are spacious, with such atmospheric details as exposed-beam ceilings and hand-carved furniture; don't miss sunset cocktails at the Luna Rooftop Tapas Bar. Across the way is the **Historical Museum of San Miguel de Allende** (casadeallende.inah.gob.mx), where you can get acquainted with the city's past. When hunger strikes, grab a terrace seat at nearby **Atrio** (3 Cuna de Allende; 52-415-688-1405; entrées \$5-\$30) for a lunch of soft-shell-crab tacos. From there, it's about a 15-minute cab ride to **Fábrica La Aurora** (fabricalaaurora.com), a former fabric mill that now houses 50-plus galleries, studios, and antiques shops. Come dinnertime, head to **Trazo 1810** at Casa 1810 Hotel Boutique (casa1810.com; entrées \$7-\$22), where chef Alan Carías mixes the flavors of Mexico, the Mediterranean, and Asia. Ready for a nightcap? A block away, the candlelit **La Mezcalería** (47A Calle de Correo; 52-415-121-5354) is a go-to for small-batch mezcals and cucumber-and-cilantro margaritas.

TOP 5

CITIES CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **Cuzco**
Peru 85.29*
- 2 **Rio de Janeiro**
82.60
- 3 **Antigua**
Guatemala 82.49
- 4 **Buenos Aires**
81.22*
- 5 **Bogotá** Colombia
80.49

TOP 5

CITIES MEXICO

- 1 **San Miguel de Allende** 91.94
- 2 **Oaxaca** 90.52
- 3 **Mexico City** 87.65*
- 4 **Mérida** 85.81
- 5 **Guadalajara** 84.56

TOP 5

CITY HOTELS MEXICO

- 1 **Rosewood San Miguel de Allende** 95.36
- 2 **St. Regis**
Mexico City 93.33
- 3 **Four Seasons Hotel** Mexico City
91.33
- 4 **Belmond Casa de Sierra Nevada**
San Miguel de Allende 89.17
- 5 **W** Mexico City 88.91

TOP 5

ISLANDS MEXICO & CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **Galápagos Islands**
Ecuador 88.53*
- 2 **Easter Island**
Chile 86.67
- 3 **Isla Mujeres**
Mexico 83.00*
- 4 **Caye Caulker**
Belize 82.86
- 5 **Ambergris Caye**
Belize 80.38*

TOP 10

RESORT HOTELS MEXICO

- 1 **Viceroy Riviera Maya** Playa del Carmen 96.44
- 2 **Cala de Mar Resort & Spa** Ixtapa 96.11
- 3 **Resort at Pedregal** Cabo San Lucas 96.00
- 4 **Las Ventanas al Paraíso, a Rosewood Resort** San José del Cabo 95.60
- 5 **Banyan Tree** Cabo Marqués Acapulco 95.20
- 6 **Nizuc Resort & Spa** Cancún 95.00
- 7 **Chileno Bay Resort, Auberge Resorts Collection** Cabo San Lucas 94.82
- 8 **Rosewood** Mayakoba Playa del Carmen 94.80
- 9 **Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection** Cabo San Lucas 94.33
- 10 **One&Only Palmilla** San José del Cabo 93.35

TOP 10

CITY HOTELS CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **Inkaterra La Casona** Cuzco, Peru 97.87
- 2 **Sofitel Legend Santa Clara** Cartagena, Colombia 93.28
- 3 **Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel** Cuzco, Peru 92.79
- 4 **Hotel Casa San Agustín** Cartagena, Colombia 92.62
- 5 **JW Marriott El Convento** Cuzco, Peru 92.00
- 6 **Belmond Copacabana Palace** Rio de Janeiro 91.56
- 7 **Belmond Hotel Monasterio** Cuzco, Peru 91.30*
- 8 **Algodon Mansion** Buenos Aires 91.20
- 8 **Hotel B** Lima, Peru 91.20
- 10 **Casa Gangotena** Quito, Ecuador 90.71

TOP 5

RESORT HOTELS CENTRAL AMERICA

- 1 **Nayara Springs Arenal Volcano National Park,** Costa Rica 97.04
- 2 **Rancho Santana** Rivas, Nicaragua 95.74
- 3 **Nayara Resort, Spa & Gardens** Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 95.35
- 4 **Hacienda AltaGracia, Auberge Resorts Collection** Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica 95.20
- 5 **Mukul, Auberge Resorts Collection** Rivas, Nicaragua 93.05

TOP 10

RESORT HOTELS SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa** Torres del Paine, Chile 97.38
- 2 **Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba** Sacred Valley, Peru 96.84
- 3 **Eolo - Patagonia's Spirit** El Calafate, Argentina 96.71
- 4 **Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa** Sacred Valley, Peru 95.88
- 5 **Cavas Wine Lodge** Mendoza, Argentina 95.73
- 6 **Singular Patagonia** Puerto Bories, Chile 95.11
- 7 **Soly Luna** Sacred Valley, Peru 94.40
- 8 **Vines Resort & Spa** Mendoza, Argentina 93.22
- 9 **Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel** Peru 93.07
- 10 **Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa** San Pedro de Atacama, Chile 92.83