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THE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS 2018

The No. 1 Hotel
in the World. Turn
to page 25 to find
out what it is.

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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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OPEN THE GATEFOLD FOR OUR MAP OF THE NO. 1 HOTELS IN 96 CITIES 

Continental United States

Whether this year's top hotels have been open for one year (the Lodge at Edgewood Tahoe) or 26 (Post Ranch Inn), all share a common thread: discreet service, timeless design, and a true sense of place.

TOP 10

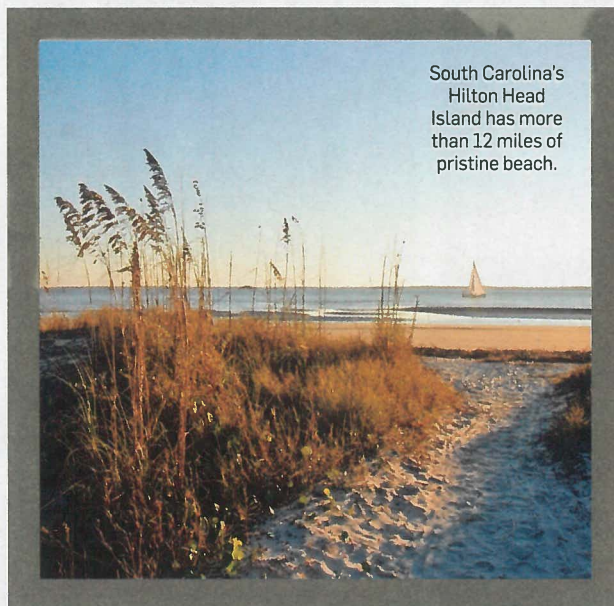
CITIES

- 1 **Charleston**
South Carolina
87.79*
- 2 **New Orleans**
85.71
- 3 **Savannah**
Georgia 85.48
- 4 **Santa Fe**
New Mexico
85.06*
- 5 **New York City**
83.38*
- 6 **Chicago** 83.07*
- 7 **San Antonio**
Texas 81.62
- 8 **Asheville**
North Carolina
81.54
- 9 **Nashville** 81.22
- 10 **Honolulu** 81.04

TOP 10

ISLANDS

- 1 **Hilton Head Island**
South Carolina
85.99
- 2 **Golden Isles**
(Jekyll Island,
Little St. Simons
Island, Sea Island,
St. Simons Island)
Georgia 85.24
- 3 **Kiawah Island**
South Carolina
85.10
- 4 **Mount Desert
Island** Maine
85.00
- 5 **San Juan Islands**
Washington
83.10
- 6 **Amelia Island**
Florida 82.97



South Carolina's Hilton Head Island has more than 12 miles of pristine beach.

- 7 **Florida Keys**
81.91
- 8 **Nantucket**
Massachusetts
81.71
- 9 **Outer Banks**
North Carolina
81.63
- 10 **Longboat Key**
Florida 80.88

TOP 15

CITY HOTELS

- 1 **The Lowell**
New York City
96.27
- 2 **Spectator Hotel**
Charleston,
South Carolina
95.20
- 3 **The Beekman,
a Thompson Hotel**
New York City
94.64
- 4 **Pendry** San Diego
94.62
- 5 **Hewing Hotel**
Minneapolis 94.42
- 6 **Planters Inn**
Charleston,
South Carolina
94.37

- 7 **Viceroy L'Ermitage**
Beverly Hills
California 94.00
- 8 **London West**
Hollywood at
Beverly Hills
California 93.57
- 9 **Inn of the Five
Graces** Santa Fe,
New Mexico 93.44
- 10 **The Jefferson**
Washington, D.C.
93.25
- 11 **French Quarter Inn**
Charleston, South
Carolina 93.13
- 12 **Waldorf Astoria**
Beverly Hills,
California 93.00
- 13 **The Langham**
Chicago 92.84
- 14 **XV Beacon**
Boston 92.83
- 15 **Hotel 50 Bowery**
New York City
92.80

TOP 15

RESORT HOTELS

- 1 **Lodge at
Edgewood Tahoe**
Lake Tahoe,
Nevada 95.78
- 2 **Lodge & Spa at
Brush Creek Ranch**
Saratoga, Wyoming
95.60
- 3 **Twin Farms**
Barnard, Vermont
95.36
- 4 **Post Ranch Inn**
Big Sur, California
95.01
- 5 **Primland**
Meadows of Dan,
Virginia 94.88
- 6 **C Lazy U Ranch**
Grand County,
Colorado 94.77
- 7 **Triple Creek Ranch**
Darby, Montana
94.70
- 8 **The Setai**
Miami Beach 94.60
- 9 **The Cloister**
Sea Island, Georgia
94.53
- 10 **Brewery Gulch Inn**
Mendocino,
California 94.35

- 11 **The Swag**
Waynesville,
North Carolina
94.14
- 12 **Stephanie Inn**
Cannon Beach
Oregon 93.90
- 13 **Rabbit Hill Inn**
Lower Waterl
Vermont 93.8
- 14 **Chanler at
Cliff Walk**
Newport,
Rhode Island
93.76
- 15 **Little Nell**
Aspen, Color
93.71



The terrace of the Garden Suite at the Lowell, an apartment-style room that also has a wood-burning fireplace.



TOP 5 HOTELS GREATER LOS ANGELES

- 1 **Viceroy L'Ermitage**
Beverly Hills 94.00
- 2 **London West**
Hollywood at
Beverly Hills 93.57
- 3 **Waldorf Astoria**
Beverly Hills 93.00
- 4 **The Peninsula**
Beverly Hills
91.88
- 5 **Mr. C** Beverly Hills
90.59

TOP 5 HOTELS CHICAGO

- 1 **The Langham** 92.84
- 2 **The Peninsula**
92.71
- 3 **The Thompson**
90.92
- 4 **Talbot Hotel** 90.24
- 5 **Chicago Athletic**
Association Hotel
89.26

TOP 5 HOTELS WASHINGTON, D.C.

- 1 **The Jefferson**
93.25
- 2 **The Hay-Adams**
91.66
- 3 **Sofitel Washington**
D.C. Lafayette
Square 88.21
- 4 **Ritz-Carlton**
87.85
- 5 **Melrose**
Georgetown Hotel
87.60

TOP 5 HOTELS CHARLESTON

- 1 **Spectator Hotel**
95.20
- 2 **Planters Inn** 94.37
- 3 **French Quarter Inn**
93.13
- 4 **Zero George** 92.57
- 5 **The Dewberry**
92.13

TOP 10 HOTELS NEW YORK CITY

- 1 **The Lowell** 96.27
- 2 **The Beekman,**
a Thompson Hotel
94.64
- 3 **Hotel 50 Bowery**
92.80
- 4 **Archer Hotel** 92.72
- 5 **The Quin** 92.71
- 6 **The Iroquois**
92.00
- 7 **The Knickerbocker**
91.83
- 8 **Hotel Ellysée**
90.75
- 9 **Langham,**
New York,
Fifth Avenue 90.67
- 10 **The Chatwal, a**
Luxury Collection
Hotel
90.56

TOP 10 RESORT HOTELS NORTHEAST

- 1 **Twin Farms**
Barnard, Vermont
95.36
- 2 **Rabbit Hill Inn**
Lower Waterford,
Vermont 93.89
- 3 **Chanler at Cliff**
Walk Newport,
Rhode Island 93.76
- 4 **Nantucket**
Hotel & Resort
Massachusetts
93.50
- 5 **Wequassett**
Resort & Golf Club
Harwich,
Massachusetts
92.17
- 6 **Lake Placid Lodge**
Lake Placid,
New York 91.91
- 7 **Inn at Hastings**
Park Lexington,
Massachusetts
91.73
- 8 **White Elephant**
Nantucket,
Massachusetts
91.71
- 9 **Hidden Pond**
Kennebunkport,
Maine 91.43
- 10 **Harborside Hotel**
Bar Harbor, Maine
91.17

TOP 10 RESORT HOTELS GREATER MIAMI BEACH

- 1 **The Setai**
Miami Beach 94.60
- 2 **The Betsy**
South Beach 93.39
- 3 **Palms Hotel & Spa**
Miami Beach 91.48
- 4 **Four Seasons Hotel**
at the Surf Club
Surfside 91.11
- 5 **Soho Beach House**
Miami Beach 90.12
- 6 **The Standard**
Miami Beach 90.00
- 7 **Acqualina**
Resort & Spa
Sunny Isles 87.55
- 8 **COMO Metropolitan**
Miami Beach 87.33
- 9 **W South Beach**
86.96
- 10 **Faena Hotel**
Miami Beach 86.95

TOP 10 RESORT HOTELS FLORIDA

- 1 **The Pearl Hotel**
Rosemary Beach
93.47
- 2 **Little Palm Island**
Resort & Spa
Little Torch Key
93.41
- 3 **Henderson, a**
Salamander
Beach & Spa Resort
Destin 93.40
- 4 **Opal Sands Resort**
Clearwater Beach
92.81
- 5 **Sunset Key**
Cottages
Key West
92.24
- 6 **Ritz-Carlton**
Golf Resort
Naples 91.40
- 7 **Ritz-Carlton**
Amelia Island
90.99
- 8 **Gasparilla Inn**
& Club
Boca Grande 90.83
- 9 **Sandpearl Resort**
Clearwater Beach
90.51
- 10 **Resort at Longboat**
Key Club
Longboat Key
90.35



WINNER SPOTLIGHT IN THE LOWELL'S NEIGHBORHOOD

There's no better ambassador for the Upper East Side—that old-school, old-money part of Manhattan—than the **Lowell** (lowellhotel.com; doubles from \$885), known for its lavish flowers and glamorous interiors by Michael S. Smith, who redid the public spaces in 2016. Stay at this property, voted the No. 1 city hotel in the U.S., to experience the neighborhood's secrets and famous attractions. A similar vibe pervades the **Simone** (*entrées* \$39–\$46), a classic French restaurant on East 82nd Street where the handwritten menus feature throwback dishes such as crisp sweetbreads—and the owners politely ask guests to put away their phones. For New York's finest black-and-white cookie, visit **William Greenberg Desserts** (wmgreenbergdesserts.com), in business since 1946. Bibliophiles will love the collectible tomes at **Ursus Books & Gallery** (ursusbooks.com). Many of the heavy-hitter museums are up here—including the **Metropolitan Museum of Art** and the **Met Breuer** (metmuseum.org), the **Frick Collection** (frick.org), and the **Guggenheim** (guggenheim.org)—but don't neglect the often overlooked **Museum of the City of New York** (mcny.org), which has 750,000 objects detailing the history of Gotham.