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 99 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
   85.11

3. Savannah
   Georgia 85.46

4. Santa Fe
   New Mexico
   85.06

5. New York City
   83.90

6. Chicago 83.07

7. San Antonio
   Texas 81.87

8. Asheville
   North Carolina
   81.54

9. Nashville 81.22

10. Honolulu 81.04

TOP 10 ISLANDS

1. Hilton Head Island
   South Carolina
   84.99

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

7. Florida Keys
   81.91

8. Nantucket
   Massachusetts
   82.71

9. Outer Banks
   North Carolina
   81.63

10. Longboat Key
    Florida
    80.88

TOP 15 CITY HOTELS

1. The Lowell
   New York City
   96.20

2. Spectator Hotel
   Charleston, South Carolina
   95.20

3. The Beekman, a Thompson Hotel
   New York City
   94.64

4. Pendry
   San Diego
   94.82

5. Hewing Hotel
   Minneapolis
   94.82

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
   83.57

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
   95.70

2. Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch
   Saratoga, Wyoming
   95.60

3. Twin Farms
   Barnard, Vermont
   95.38

4. Post Ranch Inn
   Big Sur, California
   95.01

5. Primland
   Meadows of Dan, Virginia
   94.88

6. C Lazy U Ranch
   Granby, Colorado
   94.77

7. Triple Creek Ranch
   Darby, Montana
   94.70

8. The Ocean Key
   Marathon, Florida
   89.60

9. The Cloister
   Sea Island, Georgia
   94.53

10. Brewery Gulch Inn
    Mendocino, California
    94.37

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On the list for the past 10 years.
The terrain of the Garden Suite at the Lowell, an apartment-style room that also has a wood-burning fireplace.

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 redefined 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 (wmgreenberg.com); in business since 1946. Bibliophiles will love the collectible tomes at Urus Books & Gallery (urusbooks.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 (mcity.org), which has 375,000 objects detailing the history of Gotham.

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3. Hotel 50 Bowery at 50 Bowery
4. Archer Hotel at 92 7th Ave
5. The Quin at 92 7th Ave
6. The Iroquois at 92 7th Ave
7. The Knickerbocker at 91 8th Ave
8. Hotel Elysee at 91 8th Ave
9. Langham, New York, Fifth Avenue at 59 8th Ave
10. The Chatwal, a Luxury Collection Hotel at 59 8th Ave

**TOP 10 HOTELS GREATER MIAMI BEACH**

1. The Setai Miami Beach at 94 30th St
2. The Betsy South Beach at 93 39th St
3. Palms Hotel & Spa at 94 39th St
4. Four Seasons Hotel at the Surf Club at 95 39th St
5. Soho Beach House Miami Beach at 90 30th St
6. The Standard Miami Beach at 90 30th St
7. Acqualina Resort & Spa at 95 39th St
8. CONO Metropolitan at 95 39th St
9. W South Beach at 90 30th St
10. Fane Hotel at 90 30th St

**TOP 10 HOTELS NORTHEAST**

1. Twin Farms at 93 35th St
2. Rabbit Hill Inn at 93 35th St
3. Chanler at Cliff Walk at 93 35th St
4. Nantucket Hotel & Resort at 93 35th St
5. Wequassett Resort & Golf Club at 93 35th St
6. Lake Placid Lodge at 93 35th St
7. Inn at Hastings Park at 93 35th St
8. White Elephant Nantucket at 93 35th St

**TOP 10 HOTELS WASHINGTON, D.C.**

1. The Jefferson at 93 25th St
2. The Hay-Adams at 93 25th St
4. Ritz-Carlton at 93 25th St
5. Metrolis at 93 25th St
6. Spectator Hotel at 93 25th St
7. Planter's Inn at 93 25th St
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9. Zero George at 93 25th St
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6. Ritz-Carton Golf Resort at 93 25th St
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