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Sun-kissed reverie on Crete, one of readers' favorite islands in Europe.

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Luxury creates discriminating critics. This year's Readers' Choice survey scores range from a lofty 99.2 for South Africa's La Residence and New Zealand's Lodge at Kauri Cliffs to a lowly 14.7 for Transavia airline. Luxury also seduces. Nearly 80,000 of you—far more than ever before—took part in the survey, casting 1.3 million votes. No destination was too remote: Both Tibet and Rwanda debut with hotels. None was too small: Four of your favorite cities have fewer than 10,000 citizens. And no hotel was too new: Seven that opened last year are here, from Montreal to Beijing. As always, you praise quality where it thrives, and find it where it emerges. And so we begin with the best of the best, the Top 100. . . .



ALL THE AWARD-WINNING HOTELS IN THIS ISSUE, AS WELL AS MANY OF THE TOP-RATED CITIES AND ISLANDS, ARE FEATURED IN DETAIL AT CONDENASTTRAVELER.COM/READERS-CHOICE-AWARDS. AND BE SURE TO DOWNLOAD OUR DIGITAL EDITION, WHICH THIS MONTH FEATURES A BONUS LOOK AT THE 237 READERS' CHOICE WINNERS THAT HAVE ALSO APPEARED ON OUR ANNUAL HOT LIST OF NEW HOTELS.

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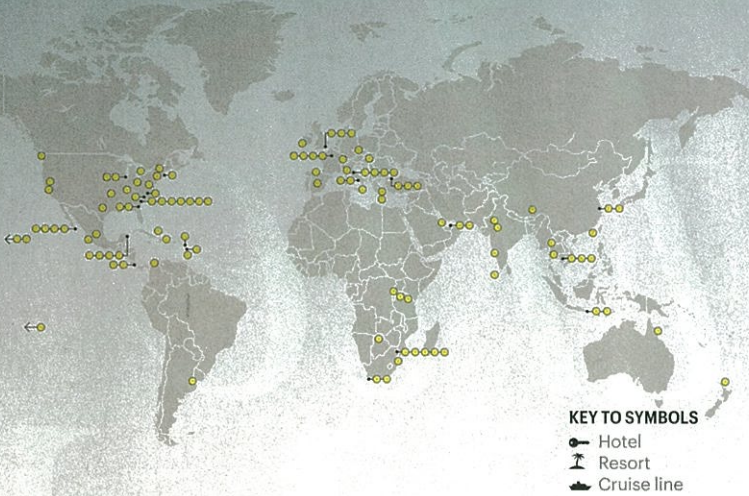
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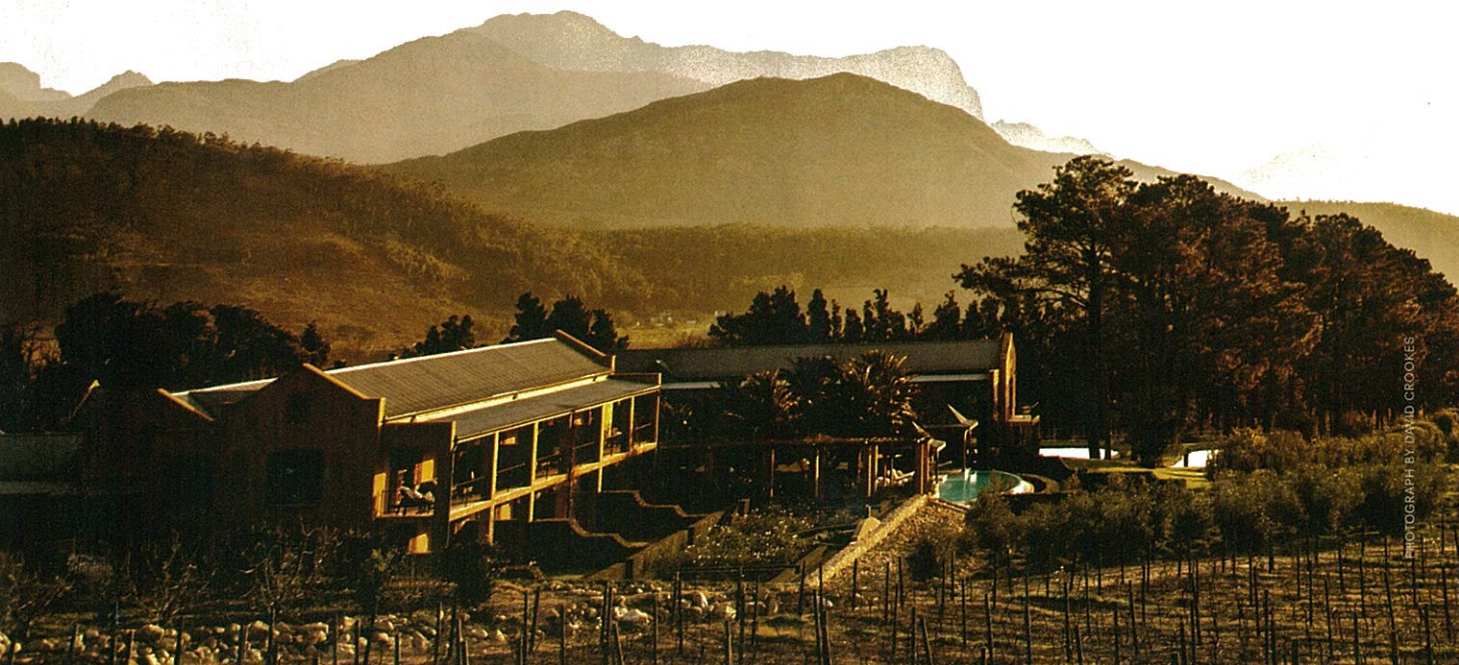
**BEST
IN THE
WORLD
2013**

TOP 100

The 100 highest-scoring winners around the globe and across all categories include Spain's oldest parador (No. 25) and an Arkansas hotel that opened in April (No. 75).



- 1 La Residence, Franschhoek, South Africa 99.2 ●
- 1 Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, Matauri Bay, N.Z. 99.2 ⌋
- 3 Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve, South Africa 98.9 ⌋
- 3 Singita Sabi Sand, South Africa 98.9 ⌋
- 5 Grand Hotel Timeo, Sicily 98.7 ●
- 6 Perivolos, Santorini 98.5 ●
- 7 Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace Budapest 98.1 ●
- 7 One&Only The Palm, Dubai 98.1 ⌋
- 9 Ritz-Carlton Shanghai Pudong 98.0 ●
- 10 Peninsula House, Samaná, Dominican Republic 97.8 ●
- 11 21C Museum Hotel, Cincinnati 97.7 ●
- 11 Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C. 97.7 ⌋
- 11 Lion Sands, Sabi Sand, South Africa 97.7 ⌋
- 14 Waldorf Astoria Chicago 97.6 ●
- 15 Rosewood Mayakoba, Yucatán 97.5 ⌋
- 15 St. Regis Lhasa 97.5 ●
- 15 Villa San Michele, Florence 97.5 ●
- 18 Amankila, Bali 97.4 ●
- 18 The Chedi, Chiang Mai 97.4 ⌋
- 20 Jumby Bay (Rosewood), Antigua 97.3 ●
- 20 Lodge at Doonbeg, Co. Clare 97.3 ⌋
- 22 Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora 97.2 ⌋
- 22 One&Only Palmilla, San José del Cabo 97.2 ⌋
- 22 Phinda Private Game Reserve, South Africa 97.2 ⌋
- 25 Le Meurice, Paris 97.1 ●
- 25 Parador Santiago de Compostela, Spain 97.1 ●
- 25 Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve, South Africa 97.1 ⌋
- 28 Hôtel Plaza Athénée, Paris 97.0 ●
- 28 XV Beacon, Boston 97.0 ●
- 30 Ciragan Palace Kempinski, Istanbul 96.9 ●
- 31 The Lodge, Sea Island, Ga. 96.8 ⌋
- 31 Qualia, Great Barrier Reef 96.8 ⌋
- 33 Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley 96.7 ●
- 33 Four Seasons Hotel Firenze 96.7 ●
- 35 Gleneagles Hotel, Auchterarder, Scotland 96.6 ⌋
- 35 Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge, Rwanda 96.6 ⌋



- 35 Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra 96.6
- 38 Le Bristol Paris 96.5
- 38 Rosewood San Miguel de Allende 96.5
- 38 Singita Grumeti, Tanzania 96.5
- 41 Blue Palace Resort (Luxury Coll.), Crete 96.4
- 41 Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan 96.4
- 41 St. Regis Florence 96.4
- 41 Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena 96.4
- 41 Twin Farms, Barnard, Vt. 96.4
- 46 21C Museum Hotel, Louisville 96.3
- 46 Blantyre, Lenox, Mass. 96.3
- 46 Las Alcobas, Mexico City 96.3
- 46 Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur 96.3
- 50 La Résidence d'Angkor, Siem Reap 96.2
- 51 Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas 96.1
- 52 Banyan Tree Mayakoba, Yucatán 96.0
- 52 Conrad Maldives Rangali Island 96.0
- 52 Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris 96.0
- 52 Las Casitas del Colca, Peru 96.0
- 52 Rambagh Palace (Taj), Jaipur 96.0
- 52 Singita Kruger, South Africa 96.0
- 52 Wickaninnish Inn, Vancouver Island 96.0
- 59 The Connaught, London 95.9
- 60 Hotel Villa Magna, Madrid 95.8
- 60 Le Sirenuse, Positano 95.8
- 60 Mandarin Oriental, Prague 95.8
- 63 Capella Pedregal, Cabo San Lucas 95.7
- 63 The Cloister, Sea Island, Ga. 95.7
- 63 Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus 95.7
- 63 Jade Mountain, St. Lucia 95.7
- 63 Langdon Hall Country House, Ontario 95.7
- 63 Maroma Resort & Spa, Yucatán 95.7
- 63 **Nayara Hotel, Spa & Gardens, Costa Rica 95.7**
- 70 Castello di Casole, Tuscany 95.6
- 70 El Dorado Maroma, Yucatán 95.6
- 70 Gibb's Farm, Tanzania 95.6
- 70 Las Ventanas al Paraíso (Rosewood), San José del Cabo 95.6
- 70 PuLi Hotel and Spa, Shanghai 95.6
- 75 21C Museum Hotel, Bentonville, Ark. 95.5
- 75 CordeValle, San Martin, Calif. 95.5
- 75 Fearrington House Inn, Pittsboro, N.C. 95.5
- 75 Park Hyatt Dubai 95.5
- 75 The Peninsula, Bangkok 95.5
- 75 Sanctuary Hotel at Kiawah Island, S.C. 95.5
- 75 Wentworth Mansion, Charleston, S.C. 95.5
- 82 41, London 95.4
- 82 Four Seasons Resort Hualalai at Historic Ka'upulehu, Big Island 95.4
- 82 Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai 95.4
- 85 Capella Ixtapa 95.3
- 85 Four Seasons Resort Lana'i, the Lodge at Koele 95.3
- 85 Hotel Splendido & Splendido Mare, Portofino 95.3
- 85 Palazzo Avino, Ravello 95.3
- 85 Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, Siem Reap 95.3
- 85 Soho Hotel, London 95.3
- 91 Camp Okavango, Botswana 95.2
- 91 Four Seasons Istanbul at Sultanahmet 95.2
- 91 Grand Circle Cruise Line 95.2
- 91 The Willcox, Aiken, S.C. 95.2
- 95 Inn at Perry Cabin, St. Michaels, Md. 95.1
- 95 The Peninsula, Chicago 95.1
- 95 Rosalie Bay Resort, Dominica 95.1
- 95 Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel, Interlaken 95.1
- 99 Four Seasons Hotel Doha 95.0
- 99 Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo 95.0
- 99 John Rutledge House Inn, Charleston, S.C. 95.0
- 99 Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp, Tanzania 95.0
- 99 Mokara Hotel & Spa, San Antonio 95.0
- 99 Old Edwards Inn and Spa, Highlands, N.C. 95.0
- 99 Primland Resort, Blue Ridge Mountains, Va. 95.0

NO. 1 Scoring 99.2 out of 100, South Africa's La Residence and New Zealand's Lodge at Kauri Cliffs tie for this year's best. With 11 suites, La Residence (pictured) is a near-private enclave in the Cape Winelands.

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AUSTRALIA & PACIFIC ISLANDS

Bora Bora claims half of the top resorts, but New Zealand's **Lodge at Kauri Cliffs** holds No. 1. **Sydney** shows strong as favorite city.

TOP 10 ISLANDS

- 1 Bora Bora 89.3
- 2 Moorea 88.5
- 3 Great Barrier Reef Islands 87.8
- 4 Tasmania 86.0
- 5 Whitsunday Islands 85.7
- 6 Huahine 82.5
- 7 Raiatea 81.6
- 8 Galápagos Islands 81.5
- 8 Rangiroa and the Tuamotus 81.5
- 10 Palau 81.3

TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 Sydney 81.2
- 2 Melbourne 80.8
- 3 Queenstown 78.5
- 4 Auckland 78.0
- 5 Wellington 77.2

Resorts

TOP 15

- 1 Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, New Zealand 99.2
- 2 Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora 97.2
- 3 Qualia, Great Barrier Reef 96.8
- 4 InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa 94.2
- 5 Huka Lodge, Taupo, New Zealand 93.3
- 6 Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort & Spa 92.9
- 7 InterContinental Le Moana Bora Bora 92.3
- 8 Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort and Spa 91.7

- 9 Huahine Te Tiare Beach Resort 90.7
- 10 St. Regis Bora Bora Resort 90.1
- 11 Hilton Bora Bora Nui Resort & Spa 89.6
- 12 Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort and Spa, Queensland 89.1
- 13 Le Taha'a Island Resort, French Polynesia 88.7
- 14 Le Méridien Bora Bora 87.7
- 15 Moorea Pearl Resort & Spa 87.5

Hotels

TOP 10

- 1 Park Hyatt Sydney 90.5
- 2 Sofitel Queenstown Hotel and Spa 86.3
- 3 Four Seasons Hotel Sydney 85.8
- 4 Hotel DeBrett, Auckland 85.6
- 5 Westin Sydney 84.9
- 6 InterContinental Sydney 84.8
- 7 The Langham, Melbourne 84.7
- 8 Grand Hyatt Melbourne 84.3
- 9 Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney 82.2
- 9 Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel at Circular Quay 82.2

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

For the tenth straight year, **Buenos Aires** is No. 1, but **Cartagena** debuts at No. 3 and its **Sofitel Legend** is best in South America. Kudos to Costa Rica, which has nine of the Top 15 resorts.

TOP 5 CITIES

- 1 Buenos Aires 74.2
- 2 Cuzco 73.1
- 3 Cartagena 70.7
- 4 Paraty, Brazil 70.6
- 5 Antigua Guatemala 70.3

Hotels

CENTRAL AMERICA

TOP 5

- 1 Finca Rosa Blanca Coffee Plantation & Inn, Santa Bárbara, Costa Rica 93.3
- 2 Casa Santo Domingo, Antigua Guatemala 88.3
- 3 Trump Ocean Club International Hotel & Tower Panama, Panama City 87.7
- 4 Gaia Hotel and Reserve, Manuel Antonio National Park, Costa Rica 86.4
- 5 Hotel Grano de Oro, San José 82.8

SOUTH AMERICA

TOP 25

- 1 Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena 96.4
- 2 Las Casitas del Colca, Peru 96.0
- 3 Fasano Hotel, São Paulo 94.8
- 4 Park Hyatt Palacio Duhau, Buenos Aires 94.4
- 5 Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires 94.3
- 6 Copacabana Palace, Rio de Janeiro 93.5
- 7 Alvear Palace Hotel, Buenos Aires 92.8
- 8 Fasano Hotel, Rio de Janeiro 91.9
- 9 Hotel Monasterio, Cuzco 91.1
- 10 JW Marriott Hotel Bogotá 90.3
- 11 Sofitel Buenos Aires 90.1
- 12 Hotel Paracas (Luxury Coll.), Peru 89.2
- 13 Country Club Hotel, Lima 87.8
- 14 Aranwa Sacred Valley, Peru 87.3
- 15 Loi Suites Recoleta, Buenos Aires 86.8

- 16 Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel 86.7
- 17 Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel 85.5
- 18 Park Tower, Buenos Aires 85.4
- 19 JW Marriott Hotel Lima 85.2
- 20 Grand Hyatt Santiago 85.0
- 21 Swissôtel Lima 84.7
- 22 Hotel das Cataratas, Iguazu, Brazil 84.3
- 23 Ritz-Carlton, Santiago 84.2
- 24 Casa Andina Valle Sagrado, Peru 84.1
- 25 Palacio del Inka (Luxury Coll.), Cuzco 83.7

Resorts

TOP 15

- 1 Nayara Hotel, Spa & Gardens, Costa Rica 95.7
- 2 Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo 95.0
- 3 Lapa Rios Ecolodge, Costa Rica 92.6
- 4 Tambo del Inka Resort & Spa (Luxury Collection), Peru 92.3
- 5 Four Seasons Carmelo, Uruguay 90.0
- 6 Hamanasi Adventure & Dive Resort, Hopkins Village, Belize 89.8
- 7 Hotel Punta Islita, Costa Rica 89.7
- 8 Park Hyatt Mendoza Hotel, Casino & Spa, Argentina 89.2
- 9 Liao Liao Resort, San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina 88.8
- 10 Arenas del Mar, Manuel Antonio National Park, Costa Rica 85.8
- 11 Los Suenos Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort, Puntarenas, Costa Rica 85.7
- 12 Arenal Springs Resort, Costa Rica 85.0
- 13 Tabacón Grand Spa Thermal Resort, Arenal, Costa Rica 84.8
- 14 Turtle Inn at Placencia, Belize 83.5
- 15 Westin Golf Resort & Spa, Playa Conchal, Costa Rica 82.8

NO. 3, SOUTH AMERICA HOTELS
São Paulo's Fasano Hotel is in the Jardim Paulista neighborhood.

