



Virtuoso seeking the Best of the Best

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Virtuoso has revealed the properties and hoteliers in the running for its prestigious Best of the Best awards as the network celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

This year's 55 contenders in 11 categories were selected by the Virtuoso network and the editors of Virtuoso Life magazine.

Virtuoso's travel advisors will vote for their favorites over the next few weeks. Their winning selections will be revealed during Virtuoso Travel Week's Hotels & Resorts Dinner taking place Aug. 16, 2017, at Bellagio Resort & Casino in Las Vegas.

The nominees for 2017 are:

Best Achievement in Design

- Baoase Luxury Resort, Willemstad, Curaçao
- Park Hyatt Mallorca, Majorca, Spain
- Six Senses Douro Valley, Lamego, Portugal
- The Strand Yangon, Yangon, Myanmar
- The William Vale, Brooklyn, New York, U.S.

Best Dining Experience

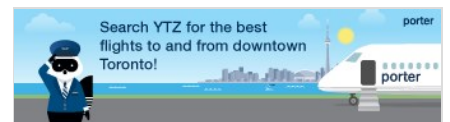
- Le Louis XV – Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Monte Carlo, Monaco
- La Terrazza – Hotel Eden, Rome, Rome, Italy
- Meo Modo – Relais Borgo Santo Pietro, Siena, Italy
- Manta – The Cape, A Thompson Hotel, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- Majorelle – The Lowell, New York, New York, U.S.

Best Bar

- The Blue Bar – The Berkeley, London, UK
- Aquarium Bar – Castelbrac Hotel, Dinard, France
- Saxony – Faena Hotel Miami Beach, Miami Beach, Florida, U.S.
- Bar Hemingway – Ritz Paris, Paris, France
- The Long Bar – Waldorf Astoria Shanghai on the Bund, Shanghai, China

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Best Family Program

- Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, Oxford, UK
- Hotel Castello at Forte Village Resort, Santa Margherita di Pula, Italy
- Hotel Sacher Wien, Vienna, Austria
- The Reef Atlantis, Nassau, Bahamas
- The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, Naples, Florida, U.S.

Best Wellness Program

- Canyon Ranch, Tucson, Arizona, U.S.
- Golden Door Luxury Resort & Spa, San Marcos, California, U.S.
- Kempinski Hotel Berchtesgaden, Berchtesgaden, Germany
- Rosewood San Miguel de Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- SHA Wellness Clinic, Alicante, Spain

Best Virtuoso Experience

- Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort, Tangalle, Sri Lanka
- Hotel Solar de las Animas, Tequila, Mexico
- The Mark, New York, New York, U.S.
- São Lourenço do Barrocal, Monsaraz, Portugal
- Andaz Mayakoba Resort Riviera Maya, Playa del Carmen, Mexico

Sustainable Tourism Leadership

- Cavallo Point – the Lodge at Golden Gate, Sausalito, California, U.S.
- CuisinArt Golf Resort & Spa, Rendezvous Bay, Anguilla
- Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley, Wolgan Valley, Australia
- Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, Machu Picchu Pueblo, Peru
- UXUA Casa Hotel & Spa, Trancoso, Brazil

Best Virtuoso Newcomer

- Amanemu, Shima, Japan
- Chablé Resort and Spa, Chocholá, Mexico
- Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown, New York, New York, U.S.
- Park Hotel Vitznau, Vitznau, Switzerland
- The St. Regis Langkawi, Langkawi, Malaysia

Best Virtuoso Ambassador

- Kees Hogetoorn – AccorHotels
- Leslie Dodson – AccorHotels
- Tets Kato – Banyan Tree Mayakoba
- Gillian Greenwood – InterContinental Hotel Group
- Janet Kato White – Montage Hotels

Hotelier of the Year

- Taparahi Tibble – Aman Sveti Stefan, Sveti Stefan, Montenegro
- Eric Boonstoppel – Cheval Blanc Courchevel, Courchevel, France
- Timothy Ananiadis – Hotel Grand Bretagne, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Athens, Athens, Greece
- Frank Marrenbach – Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa, Oetker Collection, Baden-Baden, Germany
- Susanne Hatje – Mandarin Oriental, New York, New York, New York, U.S.

Hotel of the Year

- Four Seasons Resort Lana'i, Lanai City, Hawaii, U.S.
- Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok, Bangkok, Thailand
- Palazzo Seneca, Norcia, Italy
- The Peninsula Beijing, Beijing, China
- The Lanesborough, Oetker Collection, London, UK

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Bangkok - Kanchanaburi - Ayutthaya - Pattaya

10 Day Fam Tour

Oct 28 - Nov 06, 2017

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D1/ Oct 28 Home Town-Bangkok
Fly over night to Bangkok.

D2/ Oct 29 Arrive in Bangkok
Touch down in Bangkok, Thailand's capital city. Upon arrival, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel.

D3/ Oct 30 Bangkok City Tour (B/D)
Bangkok captures modernity with a deep root in Buddhist tradition. After breakfast, explore the city starting with the imposing Wat Phnom, a signature night-illuminated building. Take a stroll by Chao Phraya, and visit the largest local wholesale flower market at Ratchabasi. In the afternoon, take a boat ride along the Chao Phraya River and cruise by a royal speed boat. Visit Wat Arun, the Temple of Dawn, one of Thailand's best known landmarks, built in the 19th century by King Rama III. Enjoy a welcome Thai dinner while watching classical dance at the Man Village Restaurant.

D4/ Oct 31 Bangkok (B/L)
After breakfast, enjoy a Bangkok Day Tour & Boat Ride along the River of the King. During the optional tour we visit the Grand Palace and the Emerald Buddha Temple, regarded as the most sacred Buddha temple in Thailand. The ornate Buddha housed in the temple is a potent religious symbol and the protector of the society. You will board a royal barge to measure through another itinerary along the Chao Phraya river and optional on the river side, lunch will be served at local Thai restaurant.

D5/ Nov 1 Bangkok-Kanchanaburi (B/D)
This morning, after breakfast, transfer to the city of Kanchanaburi. Along the way, visit the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market with a boat trip along the small canal. You will have some free time to browse through the vendors. Continue the journey to the provincial capital Kanchanaburi. Upon arrival, visit a WWII cemetery site and the bridge at the Izo no Tera, and ride a mini train over the bridge. Learn about history at the Death Railway Museum at 8999 War Memorial.

D6/ Nov 2 Kanchanaburi-Ayutthaya (B/L/D)
Depart Kanchanaburi for the historic city of Ayutthaya, the second Siam capital after Sukhothai for over 400 years, once the largest city in Southeast Asia. Start the city tour by visiting the Ayutthaya Historical Park in the city center, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. The remains, characterized by the military towers and spire-like structures, give an idea of its glorious past. Immerse in the past and splendor after an optional visit to the Ayutthaya Floating Market and a boat ride through the ancient town. After lunch, continue to the Chao Watanaam Temple, built by King Prajadhipit, a monarch who contributed the previous king and took his throne. Here, you can enjoy the peaceful and tranquil surroundings of Siam before dinner.

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