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READERS'
CHOICE
AWARDS

Quiet. Small. Subdued. This is what travelers seem to be craving this year. How do we know? Well, once the surveys start pouring in—this year there were more than 429,000 of them—we become Tom Cruise in *Minority Report*, analyzing behaviors and locations, fitting together pieces of a puzzle until a full snapshot of where and how you travel emerges. This year it was all about comfort. You stayed closer to home than ever before, pushing more cities like Chicago, Charleston, and now Nashville to the top of our lists. You favored the Caribbean—even Hawaii felt far—and islands like Hilton Head, Amelia, and Kiawah. The properties that impressed you most were smaller and less flashy than in years past (the Sagamore Pendry Baltimore was your favorite hotel in the U.S.), and our small-cruise-ship list is longer than it's ever been, suggesting that the right kind of less is more. It's also been a year of self-care: Five spa resorts ranked higher than ever. The world has changed in ways no one could have predicted—fallen media moguls, an American president cozying up to dictators—and so it stands to reason that how we get away from it all would too.



Nº 10 HOTEL IN ITALY *La Posta Vecchia, Ladispoli (page 88).*

HOTELS

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— RCA HOTELS —

Nº 10 HOTEL IN SOUTH AMERICA *Alvear Palace Hotel, Buenos Aires.*

THE CARIBBEAN & CENTRAL AMERICA TOP 10

- 1 **Hotel Capitán Suizo**, Tamarindo, Costa Rica 97.29
- 2 **Hotel Grano de Oro**, San José, Costa Rica 97.14
- 3 **Condado Vanderbilt Hotel**, San Juan, Puerto Rico 96.75
- 4 **Crystal Cove Hotel**, Fitts Village, Barbados 95.54
- 5 **Kanopi House**, Port Antonio, Jamaica 95.27
- 6 **Casa Palopó**, Lake Atitlán, Guatemala 94.39
- 7 **Rosedon Hotel**, Hamilton, Bermuda 94.08
- 8 **Hotel El Convento**, San Juan, Puerto Rico 88.39
- 9 **The Bristol Panama**, Panama City 96.43
- 10 **Tribal Hotel**, Granada, Nicaragua 96.28

SOUTH AMERICA TOP 30

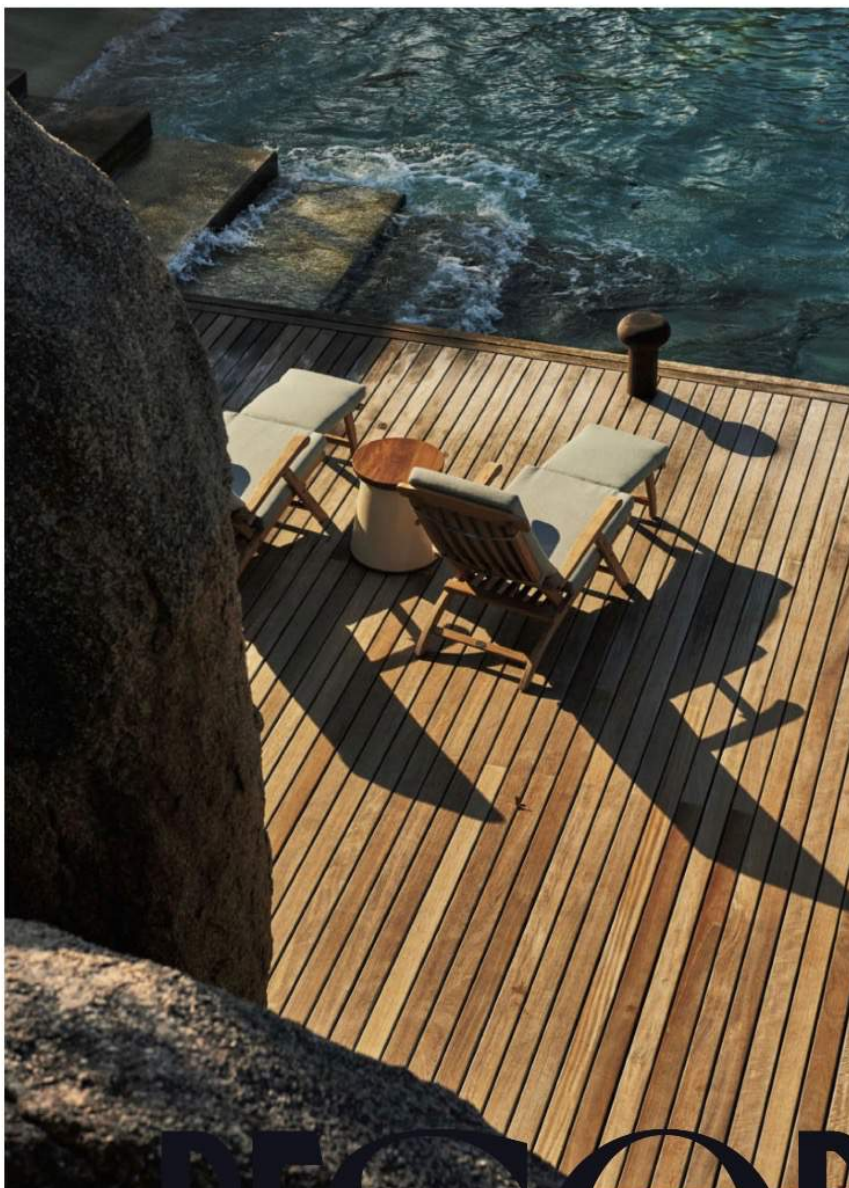
- 1 **Sofitel Legend Santa Clara**, Cartagena, Colombia 99.43
- 2 **Belmond Palacio Nazarenas**, Cuzco, Peru 99.40
- 3 **Inkaterra La Casona**, Cuzco, Peru 99.08
- 4 **JW Marriott El Convento Cusco**, Peru 98.98
- 5 **Aranwa Cusco Boutique Hotel**, Peru 98.95
- 6 **Hotel Unique**, São Paulo 98.57
- 7 **Viña Vik**, Millahue, Chile 98.45
- 8 **Belmond Hotel das Cataratas**, Iguassu National Park, Brazil 98.21
- 9 **Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel**, Aguas Calientes, Peru 98.13
- 10 **Alvear Palace Hotel**, Buenos Aires 97.86
- 11 **Country Club Lima Hotel** 97.34
- 12 **Belmond Hotel Monasterio**, Cuzco, Peru 97.14

"The Kimpton Rowan Palm Springs takes you back to the golden era of Hollywood, when stars fled to the desert for an elegant escape."

—Tristanp, reader

CHINA TOP 20

- 1 **The Ritz-Carlton Shanghai, Pudong** 99.49
- 2 **The Temple House**, Chengdu 99.05
- 3 **The Murray**, Hong Kong 97.98
- 4 **The Peninsula Hong Kong** 97.76
- 5 **Rosewood Beijing** 96.97
- 6 **The Upper House**, Hong Kong 96.71
- 7 **Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong** 96.43
- 8 **Banyan Tree Shanghai on the Bund** 96.41
- 9 **Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel, Cotai Central**, Macau 96.11
- 10 **Banyan Tree Tianjin Riverside** 96.00
- 11 **The Opposite House**, Beijing 95.71
- 12 **Fairmont Peace Hotel**, Shanghai 94.39
- 13 **Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong** 93.01
- 14 **Grand Hyatt Hong Kong** 92.86
- 15 **JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong** 92.14
- 16 **Island Shangri-La**, Hong Kong 90.27
- 17 **Kowloon Shangri-La**, Hong Kong 90.18
- 18 **Regent Beijing** 86.96
- 19 **InterContinental Hong Kong** 86.57
- 20 **The Peninsula Beijing** 85.71



**NO. 19 RESORT
IN THE INDIAN
OCEAN**
*Six Senses Zil
Pasyon, Seychelles
(page 116).*

RESORTS

UNITED STATES



TOP 10 OVERALL

1. **L'Horizon Resort & Spa**, Palm Springs, Calif. 99.70
2. **Triple Creek Ranch**, Darby, Mont. 99.40
3. **Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch**, Saratoga, Wyo. 99.28
4. **The Ranch at Rock Creek**, Philipsburg, Mont. 99.18
5. **Rosewood CordeValle**, San Martin, Calif. 99.11
6. **Sanderling Resort**, Duck, N.C. 98.93
7. **The Lodge at Pebble Beach**, Calif. 98.81
8. **Salish Lodge & Spa**, Snoqualmie, Wash. 98.63
9. **Stein Eriksen Lodge Deer Valley**, Park City, Utah 98.45
10. **Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort**, Fla. 98.35

NEW ENGLAND TOP 50

- 1 **Hidden Pond**, Kennebunkport, Me. 98.00
- 2 **Winnetu Oceanside Resort**, Martha's Vineyard, Mass. 97.45
- 3 **Spruce Point Inn Resort & Spa**, Boothbay Harbor, Me. 97.39
- 4 **Ocean House**, Watch Hill, R.I. 96.75
- 5 **Wentworth by the Sea**, New Castle, N.H. 96.43
- 6 **Weekapaug Inn**, Westerly, R.I. 96.43
- 7 **Trapp Family Lodge**, Stowe, Vt. 96.41
- 8 **Wequassett Resort and Golf Club**, Harwich, Mass. 96.32
- 9 **Cliff House Maine**, Cape Neddick, Me. 96.27
- 10 **Cape Arundel Inn & Resort**, Kennebunkport, Me. 96.27
- 11 **Topnotch Resort**, Stowe, Vt. 96.15

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- 13 **Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa**, Bermuda 92.50
- 14 **The Cove**, Eleuthera, Bahamas 92.16
- 15 **French Leave Resort, Autograph Collection**, Eleuthera, Bahamas 91.48
- 16 **Rosewood Bermuda** 90.91
- 17 **West Bay Club**, Turks and Caicos 90.91
- 18 **COMO Parrot Cay**, Turks and Caicos 87.91
- 19 **The Loren at Pink Beach**, Bermuda 87.14
- 20 **Fairmont Southampton**, Bermuda 85.71
- 21 **Valentines Residences, Resort & Marina**, Harbour Island, Bahamas 84.69
- 22 **The Cove at Atlantis**, Paradise Island, Bahamas 83.75
- 23 **Beaches Turks & Caicos Resort Villages & Spa** 82.14
- 24 **Atlantis, Paradise Island**, Bahamas 81.70
- 25 **SLS Baha Mar**, Nassau, Bahamas 80.10

CENTRAL AMERICA TOP 12

- 1 **El Silencio Lodge & Spa**, Bajos del Toro, Costa Rica 98.42
- 2 **Nekupe Sporting Resort and Retreat**, Nandaime, Nicaragua 97.80
- 3 **Matachica Resort & Spa**, Ambergris Caye, Belize 97.40
- 4 **Nayara Springs**, Arenal, Costa Rica 96.96
- 5 **Nayara Resort, Spa & Gardens**, Arenal, Costa Rica 96.53
- 6 **Andaz Costa Rica Resort at Peninsula Papagayo** 96.36
- 7 **Mukul Beach, Golf & Spa**, Guacalito de La Isla, Nicaragua 96.03
- 8 **Tabacón Thermal Resort & Spa**, Arenal, Costa Rica 95.24
- 9 **Hacienda AltaGracia, An Auberge Resort**, Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica 95.07
- 10 **Hamanasi Adventure & Dive Resort**, Hopkins Village, Belize 94.51
- 11 **Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo** 94.33
- 12 **Cayo Espanto**, Ambergris Caye, Belize 91.21

SOUTH AMERICA TOP 20

- 1 **Bahia Vik José Ignacio**, Uruguay 99.46
- 2 **Inkaterra Reserva Amazónica**, Puerto Maldonado, Peru 99.45
- 3 **Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción**, Puerto Maldonado, Peru 99.12
- 4 **Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa**, San Pedro de Atacama, Chile 99.11
- 5 **Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba**, Sacred Valley, Peru 99.03
- 6 **Uxua Casa Hotel & Spa**, Trancoso, Brazil 98.93
- 7 **Explora Patagonia**, Torres del Paine National Park, Chile 98.51

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The number of leaded windows at Ireland's recently renovated Adare Manor. Add to that 52 ornate chimneys, four towers, and seven stone pillars, symbolizing the days, weeks, and seasons in a year, and the number of days in a week.

- 8 **Explora Rapa Nui**, Easter Island, Chile 98.39
- 9 **Tambo del Inka, A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Valle Sagrado**, Sacred Valley, Peru 97.80
- 10 **Explora Atacama**, San Pedro de Atacama, Chile 97.77
- 11 **Vines Resort & Spa**, Tunuyan, Argentina 97.73
- 12 **Explora Valle Sagrado**, Sacred Valley, Peru 97.64
- 13 **Patagonia Camp**, Torres del Paine National Park, Chile 97.50
- 14 **Unique Garden Hotel & Spa**, Mairiporã, Brazil 97.45
- 15 **Tierra Chiloe Adventure and Spa Hotel**, Chiloe Island, Chile 97.38
- 16 **Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa**, Torres del Paine National Park, Chile 97.21
- 17 **EcoCamp Patagonia**, Torres del Paine National Park, Chile 97.20
- 18 **The Singular Patagonia**, Puerto Bories, Chile 96.43
- 19 **Hotel Paracas, A Luxury Collection Resort, Paracas**, Peru 96.77
- 20 **Playa Vik José Ignacio**, Uruguay 95.54

EUROPE TOP 25

- 1 **Borgo Santo Pietro**, Palazzetto, Italy 98.66
- 2 **Belmond Castello di Casole**, Casole d'Elsa, Italy 98.57
- 3 **Renaissance Tuscany Il Ciocco Resort & Spa**, Barga, Italy 98.56
- 4 **Adare Manor**, Co. Limerick, Ireland 98.53
- 5 **Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco**, Montalcino, Italy 98.47
- 6 **Blue Palace, A Luxury Collection Resort and Spa**, Crete, Greece 98.47
- 7 **Bio-Hotel Stanglwirt**, Going am Wilden Kaiser, Austria 98.43
- 8 **Six Senses Douro Valley**, Portugal 97.96
- 9 **Terre Blanche Hôtel Spa Golf Resort**, Tournettes, France 97.86
- 10 **Trump International Golf Links and Hotel Doonbeg**, Co. Clare, Ireland 97.51
- 11 **Myconian Imperial Resort**, Mykonos, Greece 97.40
- 12 **Ashford Castle**, Co. Mayo, Ireland 97.24
- 13 **Lefay Resort & Spa Lago di Garda**, Gargnano, Italy 96.91
- 14 **Anantara Vilamoura Algarve Resort**, Portugal 96.43
- 15 **Santa Marina, A Luxury Collection Resort**, Mykonos, Greece 96.40
- 16 **Chewton Glen Hotel & Spa**, New Milton, United Kingdom 96.04



Nº 3 RESORT IN SOUTH AMERICA
Inkaterra Hacienda Concepción, Puerto Maldonado, Peru.

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