

**9 PERFECT DAYS
IN TURKEY**

Step-by-Step Itinerary

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LITTLE GEM**

A Town to Love

**EUROPE'S
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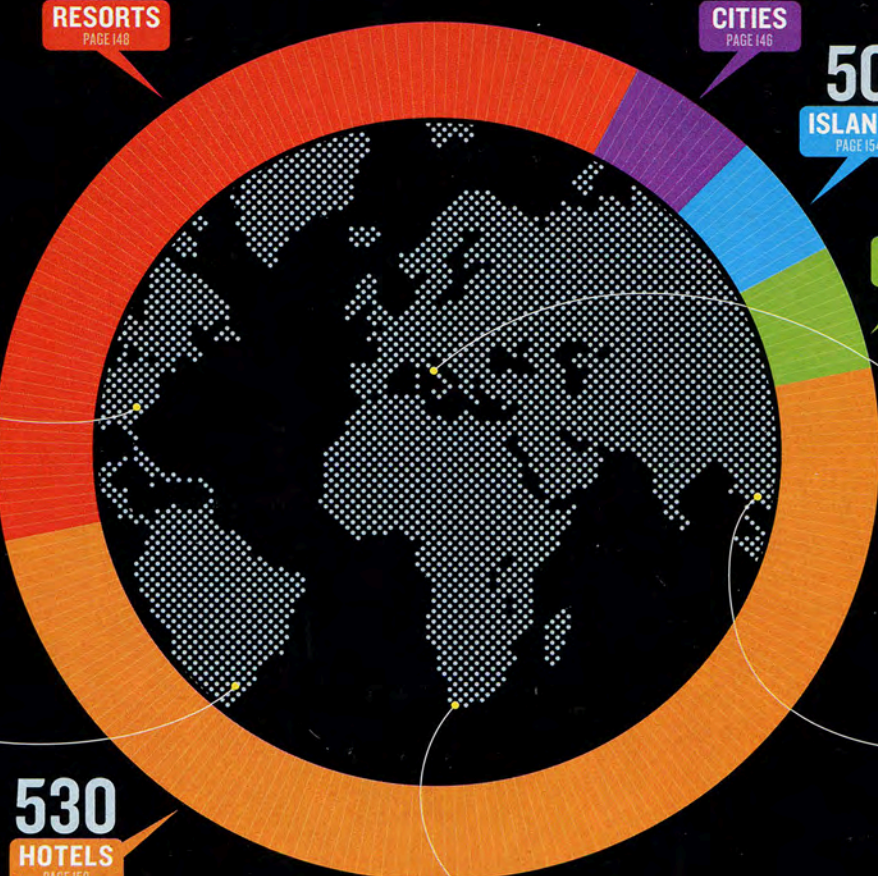
Perfection is rare in the world, but you found it. Our 23rd annual Readers' Choice Awards include 1,060 winners, elected by 25,916 readers whose passion is travel. The ratings are stratospheric: 281 places and properties achieve scores of 90.0 or above, from Art Nouveau palaces to South Pacific bungalows to one perfect jungle camp in Thailand

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The friendliest city in the United States is Charleston, South Carolina (89.7).

Seven of the top 15 hotels in South America are in Argentina, 6 of them in Buenos Aires.

Vatican City has the world's highest culture/sites score—a whopping 97.5. The second highest? Rome, with a 97.2.

Hong Kong and Bangkok are this year's retail champs, earning the top two shopping scores among overseas cities.

Cape Town, South Africa, has the world's highest score for lodgings (87.0). So it's no surprise that the city is home to nine Readers' Choice Award winners.

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HOTELS
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TOP 100

SKY-HIGH SCORES AND PLANET-WIDE CHOICES DELIVER THE WORLD'S BEST



Bellissime Stanze rooms at the Kenwood Inn and Spa, Sonoma, a Top 100 property, come with private patios.



- 1 Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai, Thailand 100 🏠
- 2 Peninsula House, Las Terrenas, D.R. 98.6 🏠
- 3 Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, Northland, New Zealand 98.4 🏠
- 3 Mombo and Little Mombo Camps, Botswana 98.4 🏠
- 5 Safari Lodges at Phinda Game Reserve, South Africa 98.1 🏠
- 6 21c Museum Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky 97.7 🏠
- 7 The Peninsula, Tokyo 97.5 🏠
- 8 Singita Sabi Sand, South Africa 97.3 🏠
- 9 Il San Pietro di Positano 97.2 🏠
- 9 Pudong Shangri-La, Shanghai 97.2 🏠
- 11 King Pacific Lodge (Rosewood), British Columbia 97.0 🏠
- 12 Westin Riverfront Resort at Beaver Creek, Colo. 96.9 🏠
- 13 Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok 96.8 🏠
- 14 Hotel Fasano, São Paulo 96.7 🏠
- 15 Oberoi Vanyavilas, Rajasthan 96.5 🏠
- 16 The Peninsula, Chicago 96.4 🏠
- 17 Four Seasons Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt 96.3 🏠
- 18 Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp, Tanzania 96.2 🏠
- 18 Mandarin Oriental Dhara Devi, Chiang Mai 96.2 🏠
- 20 Mandarin Oriental, Boston 96.1 🏠
- 20 Oberoi Udaivilas, Rajasthan 96.1 🏠
- 22 Amandari, Bali 96.0 🏠
- 22 Le Franschhoek Hotel & Spa, South Africa 96.0 🏠
- 22 Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Beach 96.0 🏠
- 25 Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet 95.9 🏠
- 25 Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra 95.9 🏠
- 27 Milestone Hotel, London 95.8 🏠
- 27 Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur 95.8 🏠
- 29 Keswick Hall at Monticello 95.6 🏠
- 29 Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort 95.6 🏠
- 31 Huka Lodge, Taupo, New Zealand 95.5 🏠
- 31 The Peninsula, Hong Kong 95.5 🏠
- 33 Hôtel de Paris, Monte Carlo 95.4 🏠
- 33 The Peninsula, Bangkok 95.4 🏠
- 35 Four Seasons Resort, Chiang Mai 95.3 🏠
- 35 Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan 95.3 🏠
- 35 Perivolos, Santorini 95.3 🏠
- 38 Palacio Duhau Park Hyatt, Buenos Aires 95.2 🏠
- 38 Raffles Beijing 95.2 🏠
- 40 Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris 95.1 🏠
- 40 Le Sirenuse, Positano 95.1 🏠
- 42 Amanpuri, Phuket 95.0 🏠
- 42 Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace Budapest 95.0 🏠
- 42 Four Seasons Resort Langkawi, Malaysia 95.0 🏠
- 42 Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea 95.0 🏠
- 42 The Peninsula, Beverly Hills 95.0 🏠
- 47 Villa San Michele, Fiesole, Tuscany 94.9 🏠
- 48 Emerald Lake Lodge, Alberta 94.7 🏠
- 48 Kenwood Inn and Spa, Sonoma 94.7 🏠
- 48 The Saxon, Johannesburg 94.7 🏠
- 51 Beau-Rivage Palace, Lausanne 94.6 🏠
- 51 Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach 94.6 🏠
- 51 Portman Ritz-Carlton, Shanghai 94.6 🏠
- 51 Ritz-Carlton Beijing, Financial Street 94.6 🏠
- 55 Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley 94.5 🏠
- 55 Burj Al Arab, Dubai 94.5 🏠
- 55 Chanler at Cliff Walk, Newport 94.5 🏠
- 55 One&Only Palmilla, Los Cabos 94.5 🏠
- 59 BoBo Hotel, Buenos Aires 94.4 🏠
- 59 Chewton Glen, New Forest, Hampshire 94.4 🏠
- 59 **Fearrington House Country Inn, Pittsboro, N.C. 94.4 🏠**
- 59 Four Seasons Hotel Firenze, Florence 94.4 🏠
- 59 Hotel Hana-Maui and Honua Spa, Maui 94.4 🏠
- 59 Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve, South Africa 94.4 🏠
- 59 Singita Lebombo and Sweni, South Africa 94.4 🏠
- 59 Stephanie Inn, Cannon Beach, Oregon 94.4 🏠
- 59 Taj Lake Palace, Rajasthan 94.4 🏠
- 68 Jao Camp, Botswana 94.3 🏠
- 69 Rosewood Crescent Hotel, Dallas 94.2 🏠
- 70 Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Big Island 94.1 🏠
- 70 Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman 94.1 🏠
- 72 Hôtel Le Germain-Dominion, Quebec City 94.0 🏠
- 72 Park Hyatt Tokyo 94.0 🏠
- 74 Baur au Lac, Zurich 93.9 🏠
- 74 Four Seasons, Prague 93.9 🏠
- 76 Hotel Murano, Tacoma 93.8 🏠
- 76 Jade Mountain, St. Lucia 93.8 🏠
- 76 Madikwe Safari Lodge, South Africa 93.8 🏠
- 76 The Reefs, Bermuda 93.8 🏠
- 76 Regent Berlin 93.8 🏠
- 76 Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo 93.8 🏠
- 82 Nisbet Plantation Beach Club, Nevis 93.7 🏠
- 83 Amangani, Jackson Hole 93.6 🏠
- 83 Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek, Dallas 93.6 🏠
- 83 Sandibe Okavango Safari Lodge, Botswana 93.6 🏠
- 83 The Wauwinet, Nantucket 93.6 🏠
- 87 La Réserve de Beaulieu, Côte d'Azur 93.5 🏠
- 87 Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong 93.5 🏠
- 87 Mandarin Oriental, Prague 93.5 🏠
- 90 Four Seasons Resort Lana'i at Manele Bay 93.4 🏠
- 90 The Setai, Miami Beach 93.4 🏠
- 90 Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok 93.4 🏠
- 90 Stowe Mountain Lodge, Stowe, Vermont 93.4 🏠
- 90 Yachts of Seabourn 93.4 🏠
- 95 Casa Palmero, Pebble Beach 93.3 🏠
- 95 DumaTau Camp, Botswana 93.3 🏠
- 95 Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, Montreux 93.3 🏠
- 95 Lapa Rios Ecological, Costa Rica 93.3 🏠
- 99 Casa Santo Domingo, Antigua, Guatemala 93.2 🏠
- 99 Hotel Monasterio, Cuzco 93.2 🏠
- 99 Londolozi, South Africa 93.2 🏠
- 99 MalaMala Game Reserve, South Africa 93.2 🏠
- 99 Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, Dana Point, Calif. 93.2 🏠

KEY TO SYMBOLS 🚢 Cruise Line 🏠 Hotel 🏠 Resort

METHODOLOGY Every year since 1988, a select sample of *Condé Nast Traveler* readers have taken the Readers' Choice Survey. The questionnaire is available to all readers through a secure Web site. The final tabulations of 25,916 responses were done by Global Market Insight, Inc., of Boston. **Organization:** Poll categories (Cities, Hotels, etc.) are followed by the criteria for each. Questionnaires contained lists of candidates (individual cities, hotels, etc.), and write-ins were allowed. Only candidates that received a required minimum number of responses were deemed eligible for an award. **Evaluation:** Each candidate was rated, criterion by criterion, on a five-point scale: excellent, very good, good, fair, and poor. Criterion scores, which represent the percentage of respondents rating a candidate excellent or very good, were averaged to determine the final score. For example, in the Islands category, Maui's 90.7 is the average of its scores for Activities, Atmosphere/Ambience, Beaches, Friendliness, Lodging, Restaurants, and Scenery.

HOTELS



**BEST
IN THE
WORLD
2010**

- 17 Inverlochy Castle, Fort William 88.0
- 18 Egerton House Hotel, London 87.0
- 19 Hôtel d'Aubusson, Paris 86.0
- 19 Katikies, Santorini 86.0
- 21 Buckland Manor, Cotswolds 85.8
- 22 Ca' Pisani Hotel, Venice 85.2
- 24 Château Eza, Eze, Côte d'Azur 85.1
- 24 Parador de Granada 84.1
- 25 J. K. Place, Florence 84.0

**TOP
100
HOTELS**

UNITED STATES

- 1 21c Museum Hotel, Louisville 97.7
- 2 The Peninsula, Chicago 96.4
- 3 Mandarin Oriental, Boston 96.1
- 4 The Peninsula, Beverly Hills 95.0
- 5 Auberge du Soleil, Napa Valley 94.5
- 6 Stephanie Inn, Cannon Beach 94.4
- 7 Rosewood Crescent Hotel, Dallas 94.2
- 8 Hotel Murano, Tacoma 93.8
- 9 Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek, Dallas 93.6
- 10 The Setai, Miami Beach 93.4
- 11 Four Seasons, New York 93.1
- 11 Hotel Sorella, Houston 93.1
- 13 Eliot Hotel, Boston 92.8
- 13 Park Hyatt Chicago 92.8
- 15 Inn on Biltmore Estate, Asheville 92.7
- 16 Beverly Hills Hotel and Bungalows 92.3
- 16 Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park 92.3
- 18 Charleston Place, Charleston 92.2
- 19 Blackberry Farm, Great Smoky Mountains 92.1
- 19 Hotel 1000, Seattle 92.1
- 21 Watermark Hotel & Spa, San Antonio 91.8
- 22 Four Seasons, Chicago 91.1
- 23 Beverly Wilshire (Four Seasons), Beverly Hills 90.9
- 24 St. Regis, New York 90.8
- 25 Mandarin Oriental, New York 90.7
- 26 Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles 90.4
- 27 Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead 90.3
- 27 Ritz-Carlton (Four Seasons), Chicago 90.3
- 29 Four Seasons, Boston 90.2
- 30 St. Regis, Wash., D.C. 90.1
- 31 L'Auberge de Sedona, Sedona 89.7
- 31 Ventana Inn & Spa, Big Sur 89.7
- 33 Fairmont Olympic Hotel, Seattle 89.5
- 33 Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco 89.5
- 33 Trump International Hotel & Tower, New York 89.5

- 36 Four Seasons, Philadelphia 89.4
- 36 Inn at the Market, Seattle 89.4
- 38 Windsor Court, New Orleans 89.2
- 39 The Carlyle (Rosewood), New York 89.0
- 39 Wentworth by the Sea, New Castle, N.H. 89.0
- 41 Ritz-Carlton Georgetown 88.9
- 42 Four Seasons, San Francisco 88.7
- 42 French Quarter Inn, Charleston 88.7
- 42 Planters Inn, Charleston 88.7
- 45 JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek 88.6
- 46 The Hay-Adams, Wash., D.C. 88.4
- 47 Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills 88.3
- 47 Mandarin Oriental, Miami 88.3
- 49 Salish Lodge & Spa, Snoqualmie, Wash. 88.2
- 50 The Lowell, New York 88.1
- 50 Willard InterContinental, Wash., D.C. 88.1
- 52 Langham Huntington, Pasadena 88.0
- 53 Four Seasons, Seattle 87.9
- 53 Hotel Healdsburg, Sonoma County 87.9
- 53 Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco 87.9
- 56 Encantado, Santa Fe 87.6
- 57 Liberty Hotel, Boston 87.5
- 58 Four Seasons, Miami 87.4
- 58 Four Seasons, Wash., D.C. 87.4
- 60 Omni La Mansión del Rio, San Antonio 87.3
- 60 St. Julien Hotel & Spa, Boulder 87.3
- 62 Hotel Vitale, San Francisco 87.2
- 63 Hotel Burnham, Chicago 87.0
- 63 Hotel Valencia Riverwalk, San Antonio 87.0
- 63 InterContinental Buckhead 87.0
- 63 Sofitel Chicago Water Tower 87.0
- 67 Ritz-Carlton, Boston Common 86.9
- 67 Shutters on the Beach, Santa Monica 86.9
- 69 Hotel Icon, Houston 86.8
- 69 Omni Chicago Hotel 86.8
- 69 Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, McLean, Va. 86.8
- 69 W Fort Lauderdale 86.8
- 73 Bernardus Lodge & Winery, Carmel Valley 86.6
- 73 Inn at Perry Cabin, St. Michaels, Md. 86.6
- 75 The Blackwell, Columbus 86.5
- 75 Four Seasons, Austin 86.5
- 75 The Peninsula, New York 86.5
- 78 La Valencia Hotel, La Jolla 86.4
- 78 Mansion on Forsyth Park, Savannah 86.4
- 78 Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia 86.4
- 81 Hotel Valencia Santana Row, San Jose 86.3
- 81 Inn and Spa at Loretto, Santa Fe 86.3
- 81 Saint Paul Hotel 86.3
- 84 Atherton Hotel at OSU, Stillwater, Okla. 86.2

- 84 Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine 86.2
- 84 The Standard, New York 86.2
- 87 Fifteen Beacon Hotel, Boston 86.1
- 87 Four Seasons, Atlanta 86.1
- 87 Omni Fort Worth Hotel 86.1
- 87 Ritz-Carlton, Dallas 86.1
- 87 St. Regis, San Francisco 86.1
- 87 Wailea Beach Villas, Maui 86.1
- 93 Rittenhouse Hotel, Philadelphia 86.0
- 93 Ritz-Carlton, Wash., D.C. 86.0
- 93 Market Pavilion Hotel, Charleston 85.9
- 93 Mansion on Peachtree (Rosewood), Atlanta 85.8
- 93 Nine Zero Hotel, Boston 85.8
- 93 Rosewood Inn of the Anasazi, Santa Fe 85.8
- 93 Conrad Indianapolis 85.7
- 93 Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans 85.7

**TOP
40
SMALL
HOTELS***

UNITED STATES

*No more than 49 rooms

- 1 Chanler at Cliff Walk, Newport 94.5
- 2 Fearrington House Country Inn, Pittsboro, N.C. 94.4
- 3 The Wauwinet, Nantucket 93.6
- 4 Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur 93.1
- 5 Blantyre, Lenox, Mass. 93.0
- 6 Tu Tu' Tun Lodge, Gold Beach, Ore. 91.8
- 7 The Cottages, Nantucket 90.8
- 7 San Ysidro Ranch (Rosewood), Santa Barbara 90.8
- 9 Greyfield Inn, Cumberland Island 90.1
- 10 Pitcher Inn, Warren, Vt. 89.2
- 11 Château du Sureau, Oakhurst, Calif. 88.9
- 12 Inn at Little Washington, Washington, Va. 88.5
- 12 Marquesa Hotel, Key West 88.5
- 14 Gaige House, Sonoma County 88.3
- 14 Highlands Inn, Carmel 88.3
- 14 White Barn Inn & Spa, Kennebunkport 88.3
- 17 L'Auberge Carmel 88.2
- 17 Sundy House, Delray Beach 88.2
- 19 Inn at Montchanin Village, Brandywine Valley 87.9
- 20 Castle Hill Inn & Resort, Newport 87.7
- 20 Mayflower Inn & Spa, Washington, Conn. 87.7
- 22 John Rutledge House Inn, Charleston 87.4

- 23 Lavender Inn, Yountville, Napa Valley 87.0
- 24 Brass Key Guesthouse, Provincetown 86.8
- 25 Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club, Durham 86.7
- 26 Waters Edge Hotel, Tiburon, Marin County 85.3
- 27 Monmouth Plantation, Natchez 85.0
- 28 The Tides, Miami Beach 84.3
- 29 Hotel Lusso, Spokane 83.8
- 29 Old St. Francis School, Bend, Ore. 83.8
- 31 Hotel Iroquois on the Beach, Mackinac Island 83.7
- 32 Old Edwards Inn and Spa, Highlands, N.C. 83.6
- 33 Grove Isle Hotel & Spa, Miami 83.2
- 34 Gardens Hotel, Key West 82.9
- 34 Inn on Mt. Ada, Catalina Island 82.9
- 36 Casa Marina, Jacksonville Beach 82.7
- 37 Morrison House, Alexandria 82.6
- 38 Inn at Carnall Hall, Fayetteville, Ark. 82.4
- 39 La Mer Hotel & Dewey House, Key West 82.3
- 39 Wentworth Mansion, Charleston 82.3

**TOP
15
HOTELS**

SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 Hotel Fasano, São Paulo 96.7
- 2 Palacio Duhau Park Hyatt, Buenos Aires 95.2
- 3 BoBo Hotel, Buenos Aires 94.4
- 4 Hotel Monasterio, Cuzco 93.2
- 5 Alvear Palace Hotel, Buenos Aires 92.7
- 6 Four Seasons, Buenos Aires 92.4
- 7 Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel 89.3
- 8 Ritz-Carlton, Santiago 89.1
- 9 Sofitel Cartagena Santa Clara 88.6
- 10 JW Marriott Hotel Lima 88.3
- 11 Libertador Palacio del Inka Hotel Cusco 87.4
- 12 Sofitel Buenos Aires 85.9
- 13 Park Hyatt Mendoza Hotel, Casino & Spa, Argentina 85.8
- 14 Loi Suites Recoleta Hotel, Buenos Aires 84.1
- 15 Grand Hyatt Santiago 84.0

Smallest of Europe's small hotels, it has 10 guest rooms.

Smallest of the small, with only 6 rooms.

Brazil's best has 7 perfect rooms, for location and overall design.