

DEPARTURES

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Shades of Summer

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The Departures Survey

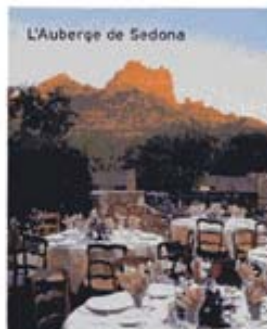
17. **ST. PAUL HOTEL**
Montreal 81.44
18. **SORRENTO HOTEL**
Seattle 60.77
19. **THE GASTONIAN**
Savannah 79.82
20. **RIVERPLACE HOTEL**
Portland, OR 79.29
21. **MAISON ORLEANS**
New Orleans 78.86
22. **THE INN AT IRVING PLACE**
New York 78.67
23. **KESWICK HALL AT MONTICELLO**
Charlottesville, VA 75.38
24. **THE LANCASTER**
Houston 74.62
25. **CITY CLUB HOTEL**
New York 73.90

COUNTRY HOTELS

1. **L'AUBERGE DE SEDONA**
Sedona, AZ **99.09**
Already at the top of its game, this is one of the most romantic retreats in the world, with 33 secluded luxe cottages and 21 lodge rooms, all with elegant

French country interiors. The new owners have plans to make it even better by adding a spa and wine tastings to the famed property. The executive chef, Australian-born Frank Brunacci, is already on board.

2. **POST RANCH INN**
Big Sur, CA 99.00
3. **SAN YSIDRO RANCH**
Santa Barbara, CA 98.57
4. **THE INN AT LITTLE WASHINGTON**
Washington, VA 96.33
- BERNARDUS LODGE**
Carmel Valley, CA 96.33
6. **THE AMERICAN CLUB**
Kohler, WI 95.04
7. **BLACKBERRY FARM**
Walland, TN 90.55
8. **SOOKE HARBOUR HOUSE**
Vancouver Island 88.74
9. **THE WHITE BARN INN**
Kennebunkport, ME 87.40
10. **LAKE PLACID LODGE**
Lake Placid, NY 86.88
11. **THE POINT**
Upper Saranac Lake, NY 86.02
12. **MONMOUTH PLANTATION**
Natchez, MS 85.07



13. **MAYFLOWER INN**
Washington, CT 84.69
14. **CASTLE ON THE HUDSON**
Tarrytown, NY 83.49
15. **VANDERBILT HALL HOTEL**
Newport, RI 80.87
16. **AUBERGE HATLEY**
North Hatley, Quebec 79.91
17. **KING PACIFIC LODGE**
North Vancouver 79.34
18. **WHEATLEIGH**
Lenox, MA 75.67
19. **KINGSBRAE ARMS**
St. Andrews, New Brunswick 72.66
20. **THE INN AT ESSEX**
Essex, VT 71.71
21. **CHATEAU DU SUREAU**
Daklurst, CA 70.56
22. **BLANTYRE** Lenox, MA 69.85
23. **THE FEARRINGTON HOUSE**
Pittsboro, NC 66.84
24. **THE INN AT SAWMILL FARM**
West Dover, VT 44.89
25. **TWIN FARMS**
Barnard, VT 60.93

SKI RESORTS

1. **THE LODGE AT VAIL**
Vail, CO **91.65**
The first hotel in the village—founded by two 10th Mountain Division soldiers after WWII—the Lodge does a good rendition of Alpine romance, without forgetting its Western roots or its privileged perch just steps from the lifts in central Vail. Don't worry about having to lug your skis even a foot; the hotel will store them on the mountain. You can go dogsledding, snowmobiling, and take a carriage ride. There's

also an outdoor heated pool. At the lodge's Wildflower restaurant (Vail's best) seasonal menus feature local beef and lamb.

2. **STEIN ERIKSEN LODGE**
Park City, UT 87.93
3. **THE LITTLE NELL**
Aspen, CO 87.83
4. **THE ST. REGIS ASPEN**
Aspen, CO 85.31
5. **PARK HYATT BEAVER CREEK RESORT AND SPA**
Avon, CO 83.64
6. **SNAKE RIVER LODGE & SPA**
Teton Village, WY 81.44
7. **THE RITZ-CARLTON, BACHELOR GULCH**
Avon, CO 78.39
8. **HOTEL JEROME**
Aspen, CO 74.33
9. **WYNDHAM PEAKS RESORT & GOLDEN DOOR SPA**
Telluride, CO 72.71
10. **INN AT LOST CREEK**
Telluride, CO 56.54

BEACH HOTELS

1. **SHUTTERS ON THE BEACH**
Santa Monica **99.3**
It's quite wonderful to drive all the way down Pico—until you hear the roar of the Pacific—to find the ideal hotel awaiting you. Since the beach in question belongs to a metropolis, the hotel has city-chic aspects, such as a sophisticated restaurant and an important art collection. Then there are the two ultra-minibars—one a private half-bottle wine cellar, the other a trove of bathroom treats. Yet the place still has the Malibu touch, with white shutters from bathroom to bedroom (as well as onto the private terraces or patios) and a fluffy pile of candy striped beach towels.
2. **HOTEL CASA DEL MAR**
Santa Monica 98.62
3. **THE BREAKERS**
Palm Beach 97.95
4. **THE CLOISTER**
Sea Island, GA 94.94
5. **DELANO HOTEL**
Miami Beach 93.80

