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# 10 *the* BEST of EVERYTHING

An ULTIMATE GUIDE *for* TRAVELERS

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Only 250 guests reside at Pangkor Laut at any given time. These lucky few are served by 400 staff, including 50 gardeners who make sure that every flower looks its best on the perfectly manicured grounds. This is the place to lounge in complete bliss.

## 5 – FEARRINGTON HOUSE

Pittsboro, North Carolina  
Tel: 919-542-2121, [www.fearringtonhouse.com](http://www.fearringtonhouse.com)

Located south of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fearrington House represents old-fashioned Southern hospitality. Built around a white clapboard farmhouse constructed in 1927, the inn has 33 rooms and suites, each individually decorated with antiques, original artwork, and fresh flowers. Afternoon tea and a full breakfast are included in the room rates.

## 6 – LE MANOIR AUX QUAT' SAISONS

Great Milton, Oxford, England  
Tel: 44-(0)-1844-278881, [www.manoir.com](http://www.manoir.com)

One reason many people come to this contemporary hotel is to take classes at the Raymond Blanc Cookery School. The chef has established a reputation as the maker of amazing dishes; many of the ingredients are grown right in the Manoir's magnificent gardens, where Blanc grows more than 90 varieties of vegetables and 70 types of herbs. The 32 rooms and suites are in the main house and garden wing; those in the main house are furnished in a more traditional style; those in the garden wing look more contemporary.

## 7 – THE POINT

Saranac Lake, New York  
Tel: 518-891-5674, <http://thepointresort.com>

This rambling lodge used to be a country estate for the

## SHIP WRECKED FOR A WEEKEND



**Oscars Waterfront Boutique Hotel**  
41b Gipps Street, Port Fairy, Australia  
Tel: 61-3-5568-3022  
[www.oscarswaterfront.com](http://www.oscarswaterfront.com)

You'll find this charming French provincial-style inn about three-and-a-half hours southwest of Melbourne in the historic village of Port Fairy, a best-kept secret that you dare not tell too many people for fear that the word will get out and the hoards will descend. The grandest place in a town of charming historic edifices, the hotel's cheery riverfront rooms overlook brightly colored fishing boats on the Moyne River. The gourmet breakfasts can be taken on the riverside veranda in warmer weather—some of the reasons guests keep returning are berry hotcakes and tomato bruschetta spread with basil butter.

There's plenty to do in Port Fairy itself, with a vibrant arts and music scene—a well-known folk festival takes place in March—unspoiled beaches, and an 18-hole golf course. Farther down Gipps Street you can walk across a footbridge to Griffiths Island and follow a trail to a mutton bird viewing point and a lighthouse.