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## 2005 WORLD'S BEST AWARDS

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# 2005 WORLD'S BEST HOTELS

- CONTINENTAL U.S. AND CANADA
- \$250 OR LESS

## TOP 15 \$250 OR LESS\*

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|---|---|
| 1 Aerie Resort, Malahat, Vancouver Island 89.77 (\$240)               | 9 Post Hotel, Lake Louise, Alberta 85.61 (\$240)  |
| 2 Tu Tu' Tun Lodge, Gold Beach, Oregon 89.34 (\$185)                  | 10 Conrad Centennial, Singapore 85.10 (\$170)   |
| 3 Monmouth Plantation, Natchez, Mississippi 88.32 (\$180)             | 11 Caesar Park, Buenos Aires 84.86 (\$245)  |
| 4 Domaine des Hauts de Loire, Onzain, France 87.74 (\$135)            | 12 Fearrington House Country Inn & Restaurant, Pittsboro, North Carolina 84.84 (\$220)                          |
| 5 La Bastide de Moustiers, Moustiers-Ste.-Marie, France 87.68 (\$221) | 13 Mirror Lake Inn Resort & Spa, Lake Placid 84.79 (\$175)<br>The U.S. has the most hotels on this list (four). |
| 6 Four Seasons Hotel, Bangkok 87.30 (\$250)                           | 14 Grand Hyatt, Bali 84.75 (\$155)  |
| 7 Ana Mandara Resort & Spa, Nha Trang, Vietnam 86.09 (\$216)          | 15 Grand Hyatt Erawan, Bangkok 84.67 (\$215)  |
| 8 Hôtel d'Europe, Avignon, France 85.61 (\$166)                       |   |

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| 1 Rusty Parrot Lodge & Spa, Jackson Hole, Wyoming 92.05<br>This region is one of the few in which a small hotel has not consistently been No. 1 in recent years. This year may mark a turning point, however: not only is Rusty Parrot (31 rooms) our winner, but 9 of the top 10 properties are small. | 12 The Peninsula, Chicago 87.84<br>Chicago's Peninsula was No. 1 last year.  | 28 Sooke Harbour House, Sooke, Vancouver Island 86.46  | 45 The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia 85.10  |
| 2 Blackberry Farm, Walland, Tennessee 91.24   | 13 Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles 87.74  | 29 Little Nell, Aspen, Colorado 86.45  | 46 Mayflower Inn, Washington, Connecticut 85.00<br>Connecticut's sole World's Best finalist has its best finish yet.   |
| 3 The Point, Upper Saranac Lake, New York 91.00   | 14 Mandarin Oriental, Miami 87.70  | 30 The Wauwinet, Nantucket 86.40   | 47 Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, Quebec City 84.99  |
| 4 The Peninsula, Beverly Hills 90.64<br>Readers named the Peninsula the region's top hotel in 2003.   | 15 XV Beacon, Boston 87.63<br>Massachusetts has a good year, with six hotels among the 100 best; XV Beacon is the top performer.                                   | 31 Little Palm Island Resort & Spa, Little Torch Key, Florida 86.40  | 48 Four Seasons Hotel, Philadelphia 84.85  |
| 5 Aerie Resort, Malahat, Vancouver Island 89.77<br>Among 2005's statistical coincidences: two small hotels on Vancouver Island rated within one hundredth of a point of each other.   | 16 Ritz-Carlton, Chicago (A Four Seasons Hotel) 87.39<br>The property with not one but two brand names came in first in 2001.                                      | 32 Regent Beverly Wilshire, Beverly Hills 86.30  | 49 American Club, Kohler, Wisconsin 84.84  |
| 6 Wickaninnish Inn, Tofino, Vancouver Island 89.76<br>Wickaninnish is the only Canadian property to have been our No. 1 (in 2002).  | 17 Four Seasons Hotel, Boston 87.24  | 33 The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs 86.16   | 50 Fearrington House Country Inn & Restaurant, Pittsboro, North Carolina 84.84   |
| 7 Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, California 89.44   | 18 Auberge du Soleil, Rutherford, California 87.16   | 34 Bellagio, Las Vegas 86.02   | 51 Mirror Lake Inn Resort & Spa, Lake Placid 84.79   |
| 8 Tu Tu' Tun Lodge, Gold Beach, Oregon 89.34  | 19 St. Regis Hotel, New York City 87.05<br>The St. Regis is New York's No. 1 property this year—the Big Apple has more top 100 hotels than any other city (eight). | 35 The Pierre (A Four Seasons Hotel), New York City 85.97  | 52 Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, Dana Point, California 84.71<br>This resort was No. 1 in 1999; Ritz-Carlton has more wins in the region (four) than any other company. |
| 9 Marquesa Hotel, Key West, Florida 89.03   | 20 Raffles L'Ermitage, Beverly Hills 87.03   | 36 Ritz-Carlton, Central Park, New York City 85.91   | 53 Enchantment Resort, Sedona, Arizona 84.68   |
| 10 Monmouth Plantation, Natchez, Mississippi 88.32<br>Monmouth is one of three top-10 hotels that ring in at less than \$250 a night; compare its \$180 price tag with No. 3 the Point's (\$1,250).   | 21 Four Seasons Hotel, San Francisco 87.02   | 37 Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Alberta 85.91   | 54 Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island, Florida 84.65  |
| 11 Windsor Court Hotel, New Orleans 87.97   | 22 Four Seasons Hotel, New York City 86.91   | 38 Four Seasons Hotel, Chicago 85.86   | 55 Sonnenalp Resort of Vail, Colorado 84.62  |
|   | 23 Lodge at Pebble Beach, California 86.84   | 39 Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills 85.76   | 56 Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 84.55  |
|   | 24 Four Seasons Hotel, Las Vegas 86.77   | 40 Four Seasons Resort, Whistler, British Columbia 85.71<br>Among properties making their World's Best debut in 2005 is Four Seasons' first Canadian resort. | 57 Wheatleigh, Lenox, Massachusetts 84.52  |
|   | 25 Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, California 86.74<br>This longtime favorite was the region's first winner, back in 1996.                                       | 41 St. Regis Resort, Aspen, Colorado 85.65   | 58 Campton Place Hotel, San Francisco 84.42  |
|   | 26 Mansion on Turtle Creek, A Rosewood Hotel, Dallas 86.74   | 42 Post Hotel, Lake Louise, Alberta 85.61  | 59 Stein Eriksen Lodge, Park City, Utah 84.38  |
|   | 27 Inn at Little Washington, Washington, Virginia 86.50  | 43 Ritz-Carlton, Naples, Florida 85.28<br>Ritz-Carlton's resort is the only property to have come in No. 1 more than once—in 1997, 1998, and 2000.           | 60 Royal Palms Resort & Spa, Phoenix 84.37   |
|   |  | 44 Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco 85.21   | 61 Four Seasons Resort, Santa Barbara 84.29  |
|   |  |  | 62 Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota, Florida 84.26   |

\* Prices are for a standard double room, either high-season (resorts) or published rack rates (city hotels).