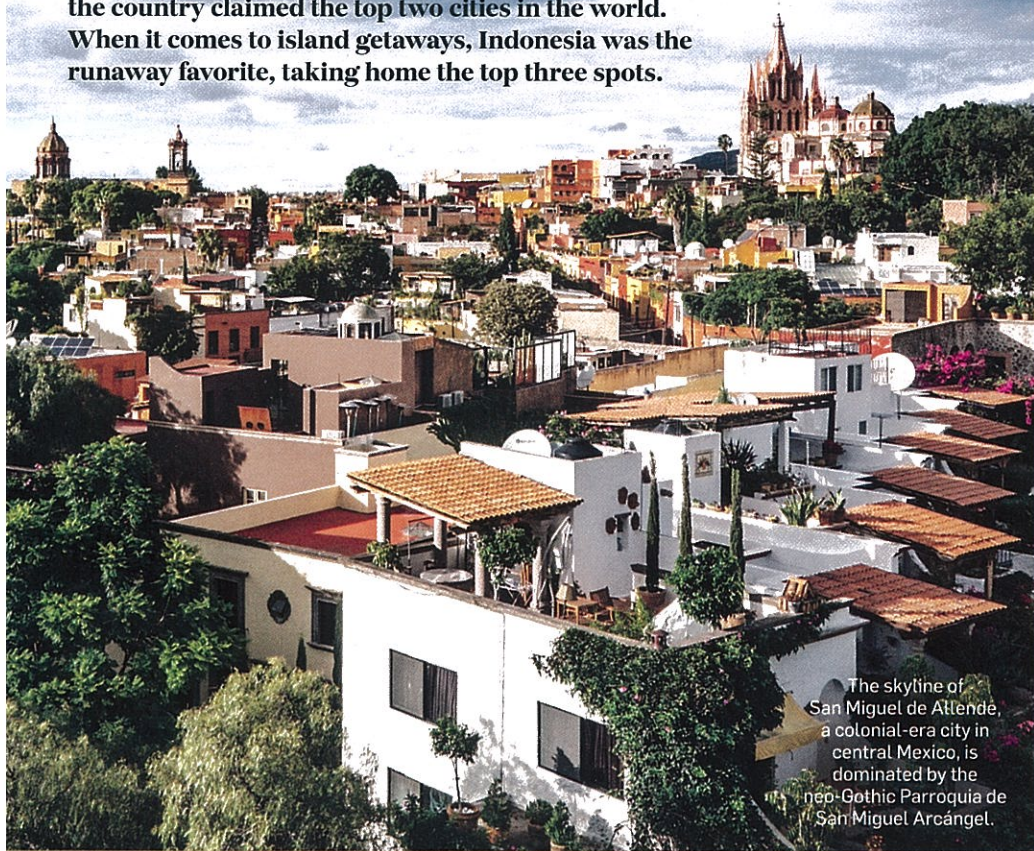


Cities & Islands

Viva Mexico! For the first time in our survey's history, the country claimed the top two cities in the world. When it comes to island getaways, Indonesia was the runaway favorite, taking home the top three spots.



The skyline of San Miguel de Allende, a colonial-era city in central Mexico, is dominated by the neo-Gothic Parroquia de San Miguel Arcángel.

HALL OF FAME

On the list for the past 10 years.

TIE

Indicates a true tie.

TOP 10

CITIES OVERALL

- San Miguel de Allende**
Mexico 91.94
- Oaxaca**
Mexico 90.52
- Udaipur**
India 89.31
- Ubud**
Indonesia 88.74
- Kyoto**
Japan 88.42
- Florence**
Italy 88.29*
- Luang Prabang**
Laos 88.20
- Hoi An**
Vietnam 88.09
- Chiang Mai**
Thailand 87.93
- Charleston**
South Carolina 87.79

TOP 10

ISLANDS OVERALL

- Java**
Indonesia 95.28
- Bali**
Indonesia 94.06*
- Lombok**
Indonesia 93.88
- Maldives**
90.48
- Waiheke Island**
New Zealand 90.21
- Palawan**
Philippines 90.04
- Mauritius** 90.00
- Cebu**
Philippines 89.10
- Páfos**
Greece 88.76
- Tasmania**
Australia 88.70

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Top 100 Hotels

Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan, a 60-room retreat near Ubud, got your vote as the No. 1 Hotel in the World. It was one of 27 properties in Asia that made the Top 100 list, the most of any region this year.

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| <p>1 Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan
Indonesia 98.22</p> <p>2 Ballyfin
County Laois, Ireland 98.00</p> <p>3 Frangipani Beach Resort
Anguilla 97.88</p> <p>4 Inkaterra La Casona
Cuzco, Peru 97.87</p> <p>4 Inverloch Castle Hotel
Tortlundy, Scotland 97.87</p> <p>6 The Mulia
Bali, Indonesia 97.81</p> <p>7 Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa
Torres del Paine, Chile 97.38</p> <p>8 Temple House
Chengdu, China 97.26</p> <p>9 Nihi Sumba Island
Indonesia 97.06</p> <p>10 Nayara Springs
Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 97.04</p> <p>11 Oberoi Amarvilas
Agra, India 97.02</p> <p>12 Amandari
Bali, Indonesia 96.96</p> <p>13 Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa
96.95</p> <p>14 Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba
Sacred Valley, Peru 96.84</p> <p>14 Six Senses Douro Valley
Lamego, Portugal 96.84</p> | <p>16 Eolo—Patagonia's Spirit
El Calafate, Argentina 96.71</p> <p>17 Oberoi Rajvillas
Jaipur, India 96.69</p> <p>18 Gibb's Farm
Karatu, Tanzania 96.62</p> <p>19 La Residence
Franschhoek, South Africa 96.57</p> <p>20 La Réserve—Hôtel & Spa
Paris 96.44</p> <p>20 Viceroy Riviera Maya
Playa del Carmen, Mexico 96.44</p> <p>22 The Oberoi
Mumbai 96.42</p> <p>23 Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru
96.36</p> <p>24 Rambagh Palace
Jaipur, India 96.33</p> <p>25 The Lowell
New York City 96.27</p> <p>25 Taj Lake Palace
Udaipur, India 96.27</p> <p>27 Huka Lodge
Taupo, New Zealand 96.20</p> <p>28 Taj Exotica
Goa, India 96.18</p> <p>29 Saxon Hotel, Villas & Spa
Johannesburg, South Africa 96.13</p> <p>30 Cala de Mar Resort & Spa
Ixtapa, Mexico 96.11</p> <p>31 Mandarin Oriental
Bangkok 96.07</p> | <p>32 The Peninsula
Paris 96.00</p> <p>32 The Peninsula
Tokyo 96.00</p> <p>32 Resort at Pedregal
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico 96.00</p> <p>35 Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa
Sacred Valley, Peru 95.88</p> <p>36 Lodge at Edgewood Tahoe
Lake Tahoe, Nevada 95.78</p> <p>37 Six Senses Yao Noi
Thailand 95.75</p> <p>38 Rancho Santana
Rivas, Nicaragua 95.74</p> <p>39 Cavas Wine Lodge
Mendoza, Argentina 95.73</p> <p>40 Montage Kapalua Bay
Maui, Hawaii 95.72</p> <p>41 Hotel Wailea
Maui, Hawaii 95.64</p> <p>41 St. Regis Bora Bora Resort
French Polynesia 95.64</p> <p>43 Borgo Egnazia
Savellettri di Fasano, Italy 95.62</p> <p>44 Fogo Island Inn
Newfoundland 95.61</p> <p>45 Las Ventanas al Paraíso, a Rosewood Resort
San José del Cabo, Mexico 95.60</p> <p>45 Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch
Saratoga, Wyoming 95.60</p> | <p>47 The Oberoi
New Delhi 95.58</p> <p>47 Southern Ocean Lodge
Kangaroo Island, Australia 95.58</p> <p>49 Il San Pietro di Positano
Positano, Italy 95.48</p> <p>50 Sheen Falls Lodge
County Kerry, Ireland 95.47</p> <p>51 Rosewood
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico 95.36</p> <p>52 Twin Farms
Barnard, Vermont 95.36</p> | <p>53 Nayara Resort, Spa & Gardens
Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 95.35</p> <p>54 The Oberoi
Gurgaon, India 95.33</p> <p>54 Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve Lodges
Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa 95.33</p> <p>56 Jade Mountain
St. Lucia 95.32</p> <p>57 Le Meurice
Paris 95.29</p> <p>57 Taj
Bangalore, India 95.29</p> | <p>59 Badrutt's Palace Hotel
St. Moritz, Switzerland 95.23</p> <p>60 La Mamounia
Marrakesh, Morocco 95.22</p> <p>61 Banyan Tree Cabo Marqués
Acapulco, Mexico 95.20</p> <p>61 Hacienda AltaGracia, Auberge Resorts Collection
Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica 95.20</p> <p>61 Palace Hotel
Tokyo 95.20</p> <p>61 Spectator Hotel
Charleston, South Carolina 95.20</p> |
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What makes the Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan so special? The lush Ayung River Valley setting and dramatic architecture: guests can stay in multi-bedroom villas with meditation areas and plunge pools.

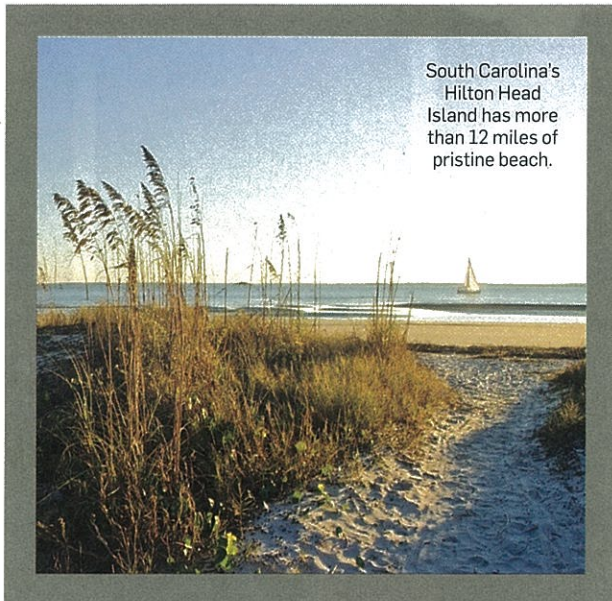
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| <p>Carlton Hotel
St. Moritz,
Switzerland 95.14</p> <p>Singular Patagonia
Puerto Bories,
Chile 95.11</p> <p>The Alpina Gstaad,
Switzerland
95.06</p> <p>Post Ranch Inn
Big Sur, California
95.01</p> <p>Nizuc Resort & Spa
Cancún, Mexico
95.00</p> <p>Primland
Meadows of Dan,
Virginia 94.88</p> <p>Raffles
Singapore
94.83</p> | <p>72 Chileno Bay
Resort, Auberge
Resorts
Collection
Cabo San Lucas,
Mexico
94.82</p> <p>73 Rosewood
Mayakoba
Playa del Carmen,
Mexico
94.80</p> <p>74 C Lazy U Ranch
Grand County,
Colorado
94.77</p> <p>75 InterContinental
Bora Bora Resort &
Thalasso Spa
French Polynesia
94.75</p> | <p>75 J.K. Place
Capri, Italy
94.75</p> <p>77 Wickaninnish Inn
Tofino, British
Columbia 94.74</p> <p>78 Taj Diplomatic
Enclave
New Delhi
94.73</p> <p>79 Triple Creek
Ranch
Darby, Montana
94.70</p> <p>80 Amanpuri
Phuket, Thailand
94.67</p> <p>80 Farm at Cape
Kidnappers
Hawke's Bay,
New Zealand 94.67</p> | <p>80 Katikies Santorini,
Greece 94.67</p> <p>80 Qualia Hamilton
Island, Australia
94.67</p> <p>84 The Beekman, a
Thompson Hotel
New York City 94.64</p> <p>85 Aman Venice 94.64</p> <p>86 Pendry
San Diego 94.62</p> <p>87 The Setai
Miami Beach 94.60</p> <p>88 The Cloister
Sea Island, Georgia
94.53</p> <p>89 Four Seasons
Resort the Nam Hai
Hoi An, Vietnam
94.43</p> | <p>90 Hewing Hotel
Minneapolis 94.42</p> <p>91 The Lanesborough
London 94.40</p> <p>91 Soly Luna
Sacred Valley, Peru
94.40</p> <p>93 Alila Manggis
Bali, Indonesia
94.39</p> <p>94 Planters Inn
Charleston, South
Carolina 94.37</p> <p>95 Four Seasons
Resort
Koh Samui,
Thailand 94.36</p> <p>96 Brewery Gulch Inn
Mendocino,
California 94.35</p> | <p>97 Esperanza,
Auberge Resorts
Collection
Cabo San Lucas,
Mexico
94.33</p> <p>98 Belmond Grand
Hotel Timeo
Taormina, Italy
94.21</p> <p>99 Four Seasons
Resort
Chiang Mai,
Thailand
94.19</p> <p>100 Hotel Maria
Cristina, a Luxury
Collection Hotel
San Sebastián,
Spain 94.18</p> |
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Continental United States

Whether this year's top hotels have been open for one year (the Lodge at Edgewood Tahoe) or 26 (Post Ranch Inn), all share a common thread: discreet service, timeless design, and a true sense of place.

TOP 10 CITIES

- 1 **Charleston**
South Carolina
87.79
- 2 **New Orleans**
85.71
- 3 **Savannah**
Georgia 85.48
- 4 **Santa Fe**
New Mexico
85.06
- 5 **New York City**
83.38
- 6 **Chicago** 83.07
- 7 **San Antonio**
Texas 81.62
- 8 **Asheville**
North Carolina
81.54
- 9 **Nashville** 81.22
- 10 **Honolulu** 81.04



South Carolina's Hilton Head Island has more than 12 miles of pristine beach.

TOP 10 ISLANDS

- 1 **Hilton Head Island**
South Carolina
85.99
- 2 **Golden Isles**
(Jekyll Island, Little St. Simons Island, Sea Island, St. Simons Island)
Georgia 85.24
- 3 **Kiawah Island**
South Carolina
85.10
- 4 **Mount Desert Island**
Maine
85.00
- 5 **San Juan Islands**
Washington
83.10
- 6 **Amelia Island**
Florida 82.97

- 7 **Florida Keys**
81.91
- 8 **Nantucket**
Massachusetts
81.71
- 9 **Outer Banks**
North Carolina
81.63
- 10 **Longboat Key**
Florida 80.88

TOP 15 CITY HOTELS

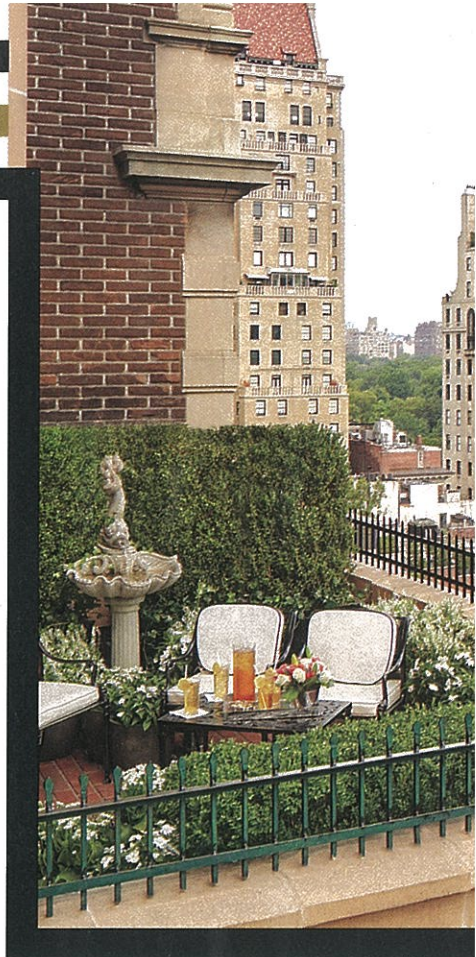
- 1 **The Lowell**
New York City
96.27
- 2 **Spectator Hotel**
Charleston,
South Carolina
95.20
- 3 **The Beekman,
a Thompson Hotel**
New York City
94.64
- 4 **Pendry** San Diego
94.62
- 5 **Hewing Hotel**
Minneapolis 94.42
- 6 **Planters Inn**
Charleston,
South Carolina
94.37

- 7 **Viceroy L'Ermitage**
Beverly Hills
California 94.00
- 8 **London West**
Hollywood at
Beverly Hills
California 93.57
- 9 **Inn of the Five
Graces** Santa Fe,
New Mexico 93.44
- 10 **The Jefferson**
Washington, D.C.
93.25
- 11 **French Quarter Inn**
Charleston, South
Carolina 93.13
- 12 **Waldorf Astoria**
Beverly Hills,
California 93.00
- 13 **The Langham**
Chicago 92.84
- 14 **XV Beacon**
Boston 92.83
- 15 **Hotel 50 Bowery**
New York City
92.80

TOP 15 RESORT HOTELS

- 1 **Lodge at Edgewood Tahoe**
Lake Tahoe,
Nevada 95.78
- 2 **Lodge & Spa at
Brush Creek Ranch**
Saratoga, Wyoming
95.60
- 3 **Twin Farms**
Barnard, Vermont
95.36
- 4 **Post Ranch Inn**
Big Sur, California
95.01
- 5 **Primland**
Meadows of Dan,
Virginia 94.88
- 6 **C Lazy U Ranch**
Grand County,
Colorado 94.77
- 7 **Triple Creek Ranch**
Darby, Montana
94.70
- 8 **The Setai**
Miami Beach 94.60
- 9 **The Cloister**
Sea Island, Georgia
94.53
- 10 **Brewery Gulch Inn**
Mendocino,
California 94.35

- 11 **The Swag**
Waynesville,
North Carolina
94.14
- 12 **Stephanie Inn**
Cannon Beach,
Oregon 93.90
- 13 **Rabbit Hill Inn**
Lower Waterford,
Vermont 93.89
- 14 **Chanler at
Cliff Walk**
Newport,
Rhode Island
93.76
- 15 **Little Nell**
Aspen, Colorado
93.71



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The terrace of the Garden Suite at the Lowell, an apartment-style room that also has a wood-burning fireplace.



DP 5
OTELS
GREATER
LOS ANGELES

- Viceroy L'Ermitage Beverly Hills** 94.00
- London West Hollywood** at Beverly Hills 93.57
- Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills** 93.00
- The Peninsula Beverly Hills** 91.88
- Mr. C Beverly Hills** 90.59

DP 5
OTELS
CHICAGO

- The Langham** 92.84
- The Peninsula** 92.71
- The Thompson** 90.92
- Talbot Hotel** 90.24
- Chicago Athletic Association Hotel** 89.26

TOP 5
HOTELS
WASHINGTON,
D.C.

- 1 The Jefferson** 93.25
- 2 The Hay-Adams** 91.66
- 3 Sofitel Washington D.C. Lafayette Square** 88.21
- 4 Ritz-Carlton** 87.85
- 5 Melrose Georgetown Hotel** 87.60

TOP 5
HOTELS
CHARLESTON

- 1 Spectator Hotel** 95.20
- 2 Planters Inn** 94.37
- 3 French Quarter Inn** 93.13
- 4 Zero George** 92.57
- 5 The Dewberry** 92.13

TOP 10
HOTELS
NEW YORK
CITY

- 1 The Lowell** 96.27
- 2 The Beekman, a Thompson Hotel** 94.64
- 3 Hotel 50 Bowery** 92.80
- 4 Archer Hotel** 92.72
- 5 The Quin** 92.71
- 6 The Iroquois** 92.00
- 7 The Knickerbocker** 91.83
- 8 Hotel Elysée** 90.75
- 9 Langham, New York, Fifth Avenue** 90.67
- 10 The Chatwal, a Luxury Collection Hotel** 90.56

TOP 10
RESORT HOTELS
NORTHEAST

- 1 Twin Farms Barnard, Vermont** 95.36
- 2 Rabbit Hill Inn** Lower Waterford, Vermont 93.89
- 3 Chanler at Cliff Walk** Newport, Rhode Island 93.76
- 4 Nantucket Hotel & Resort** Massachusetts 93.50
- 5 Wequassett Resort & Golf Club** Harwich, Massachusetts 92.17
- 6 Lake Placid Lodge** Lake Placid, New York 91.91
- 7 Inn at Hastings Park** Lexington, Massachusetts 91.73
- 8 White Elephant** Nantucket, Massachusetts 91.71
- 9 Hidden Pond** Kennebunkport, Maine 91.43
- 10 Harborside Hotel** Bar Harbor, Maine 91.17

TOP 10
RESORT HOTELS
GREATER
MIAMI BEACH

- 1 The Setai** Miami Beach 94.60
- 2 The Betsy** South Beach 93.39
- 3 Palms Hotel & Spa** Miami Beach 91.48
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel at the Surf Club** Surfside 91.11
- 5 Soho Beach House** Miami Beach 90.12
- 6 The Standard** Miami Beach 90.00
- 7 Acqualina Resort & Spa** Sunny Isles 87.55
- 8 COMO Metropolitan** Miami Beach 87.33
- 9 W South Beach** 86.96
- 10 Faena Hotel** Miami Beach 86.95

TOP 10
RESORT HOTELS
FLORIDA

- 1 The Pearl Hotel** Rosemary Beach 93.47
- 2 Little Palm Island Resort & Spa** Little Torch Key 93.41
- 3 Henderson, a Salamander Beach & Spa Resort** Destin 93.40
- 4 Opal Sands Resort** Clearwater Beach 92.81
- 5 Sunset Key Cottages** Key West 92.24
- 6 Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort** Naples 91.40
- 7 Ritz-Carlton** Amelia Island 90.99
- 8 Gasparilla Inn & Club** Boca Grande 90.83
- 9 Sandpearl Resort** Clearwater Beach 90.51
- 10 Resort at Longboat Key Club** Longboat Key 90.35



WINNER SPOTLIGHT
IN THE LOWELL'S
NEIGHBORHOOD

There's no better ambassador for the Upper East Side—that old-school, old-money part of Manhattan—than the **Lowell** (lowellhotel.com; doubles from \$885), known for its lavish flowers and glamorous interiors by Michael S. Smith, who redid the public spaces in 2016. Stay at this property, voted the No. 1 city hotel in the U.S., to experience the neighborhood's secrets and famous attractions. A similar vibe pervades the **Simone** (entrées \$39–\$46), a classic French restaurant on East 82nd Street where the handwritten menus feature throwback dishes such as crisp sweetbreads—and the owners politely ask guests to put away their phones. For New York's finest black-and-white cookie, visit **William Greenberg Desserts** (wmgreenbergdesserts.com), in business since 1946. Bibliophiles will love the collectible tomes at **Ursus Books & Gallery** (ursusbooks.com). Many of the heavy-hitter museums are up here—including the **Metropolitan Museum of Art** and the **Met Breuer** (metmuseum.org), the **Frick Collection** (frick.org), and the **Guggenheim** (guggenheim.org)—but don't neglect the often overlooked **Museum of the City of New York** (mcmny.org), which has 750,000 objects detailing the history of Gotham.