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In *Travel + Leisure's* 14th annual poll, we once again asked our readers to rate the best hotels, cruises, airlines, outfitters, cities, islands, and more.

The votes are in! Here, we spotlight this year's winners, as well as properties where you'll find great value now. **PLUS** What your favorite places reveal about ever-shifting travel trends.

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TURN AND OPEN FOR WINNERS >>

Continental U.S. and Canada



This year, for the first time, we've ranked properties based on size and type. And while California is the No. 1 destination in the region for resorts, New York won by a landslide for its city hotels. The good news for travelers to urban destinations? Twenty-eight percent of city hotels in the U.S. and Canada offer high-season rack rates of \$250 or less.

► RESORTS (40 ROOMS OR MORE)

1. **INN AT PALMETTO BLUFF** Bluffton, South Carolina 94.03
2. **AMANGANI** Jackson, Wyoming 91.42
3. **ENCHANTMENT RESORT** Sedona, Arizona 91.22
4. **SAN YSIDRO RANCH** Santa Barbara, California 90.59
4. **POST HOTEL & SPA** Lake Louise, Alberta 90.59
6. **THE CLOISTER AT SEA ISLAND** Georgia 89.54
7. **AUBERGE DU SOLEIL** Rutherford, California 89.36
8. **RITZ-CARLTON, BACHELOR GULCH** Beaver Creek, Colorado 88.45
9. **LITTLE NELL** Aspen, Colorado 88.27
10. **LODGE AT PEBBLE BEACH** California 88.11
11. **SOLAGE CALISTOGA** California 88.11
12. **LODGE AT SEA ISLAND** Georgia 88.06
13. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT JACKSON HOLE** Wyoming 87.97
14. **MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH** California 87.81
15. **WHITE ELEPHANT** Nantucket, Massachusetts 87.67
16. **SANCTUARY AT KIAWAH ISLAND GOLF RESORT** South Carolina 87.50
17. **FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE** Alberta 87.40
18. **CALISTOGA RANCH** California 87.22
19. **RITZ-CARLTON** Naples, Florida 87.16
20. **CORDEVALLE, A ROSEWOOD RESORT** San Martin, California 87.14
21. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT THE BILTMORE** Santa Barbara, California 86.88
22. **WHITEFACE LODGE RESORT & SPA** Lake Placid, New York 86.45
23. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT WHISTLER** British Columbia 86.39
24. **ST. REGIS** Aspen, Colorado 86.33
25. **RITZ-CARLTON, LAGUNA NIGUEL** Dana Point, California 86.23
26. **MIRROR LAKE INN RESORT & SPA** Lake Placid, New York 86.02
27. **HOTEL HEALDSBURG** California 85.94
28. **SONNENALP RESORT OF VAIL** Colorado 85.89
29. **GRAND DEL MAR** San Diego 85.80
30. **SANCTUARY ON CAMELBACK MOUNTAIN RESORT & SPA** Paradise Valley, Arizona 85.75
31. **THE BROADMOOR** Colorado Springs, Colorado 85.65
32. **HAWKS CAY RESORT** Duck Key, Florida 85.42
33. **THE LANGHAM, HUNTINGTON HOTEL & SPA** Pasadena, California 85.33
34. **WEQUASSETT RESORT & GOLF CLUB** Chatham, Massachusetts 85.28
35. **TIDES INN** Irvington, Virginia 85.05
36. **INN AT SPANISH BAY** Pebble Beach, California 85.05
37. **STEPHANIE INN** Cannon Beach, Oregon 84.79
38. **VENTANA INN & SPA** Big Sur, California 84.71
39. **PARK HYATT BEAVER CREEK RESORT & SPA** Colorado 84.68
40. **RANCHO VALENCIA RESORT & SPA** Rancho Santa Fe, California 84.67
41. **TOPNOTCH RESORT & SPA** Stowe, Vermont 84.61
42. **WICKANINNISH INN** Tofino, British Columbia 84.60
43. **RIMROCK RESORT HOTEL** Banff, Alberta 84.48
44. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT SCOTTSDALE AT TROON NORTH** Arizona 84.44
45. **PONTE VEDRA INN & CLUB** Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 84.40
46. **INN ON BILTMORE ESTATE** Asheville, North Carolina 84.23
47. **HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT RESORT & SPA** Bonita Springs, Florida 84.17
48. **RITZ-CARLTON, AMELIA ISLAND** Florida 83.99
49. **ROYAL PALMS RESORT & SPA** Phoenix 83.91
50. **STEIN ERIKSEN LODGE** Park City, Utah 83.89

► LARGE CITY HOTELS (100 ROOMS OR MORE)

1. **LONDON WEST HOLLYWOOD** California 92.07
2. **HOTEL NELLIGAN** Montreal 91.47
3. **PLACE D'ARMES HOTEL & SUITES** Montreal 91.06
4. **OMNI LA MANSIÓN DEL RIO** San Antonio, Texas 90.27
5. **ROSEWOOD MANSION ON TURTLE CREEK** Dallas 89.04
6. **THE CARLYLE, A ROSEWOOD HOTEL** New York 88.72
7. **THE PENINSULA** Chicago 88.35
8. **RAFFLES L'ERMITAGE BEVERLY HILLS** 88.27

9. **OMNI MANDALAY HOTEL AT LAS COLINAS** Irving, Texas 87.88
10. **THE PENINSULA** Beverly Hills 87.57
11. **ST. REGIS** San Francisco 87.35
12. **RITZ-CARLTON NEW YORK, CENTRAL PARK** 87.09
13. **WINDSOR COURT** New Orleans 87.06
14. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Chicago 87.06
15. **HOTEL OMNI MONT-ROYAL** Montreal 86.93
16. **HOTEL 1000** Seattle 86.81
17. **TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL & TOWER** New York 86.44
18. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Las Vegas 86.37
19. **RITZ-CARLTON (A FOUR SEASONS HOTEL)** Chicago 86.35
20. **ROSEWOOD CRESCENT HOTEL** Dallas 86.32
21. **OMNI SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL** 85.68
22. **CHARLESTON PLACE** South Carolina 85.67
23. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** New York 85.64
24. **THE HAY-ADAMS** Washington, D.C. 85.37
25. **OMNI CHICAGO HOTEL** 85.33
26. **WYNN LAS VEGAS** 85.31
27. **FAIRMONT VANCOUVER AIRPORT** 85.22
28. **LOEWS HOTEL VOGUE** Montreal 84.95
29. **THE PENINSULA** New York 84.88
30. **HÔTEL PLAZA ATHÉNÉE** New York 84.86
31. **HUNTINGTON HOTEL** San Francisco 84.85
32. **FAIRMONT OLYMPIC HOTEL** Seattle 84.82
33. **RITZ-CARLTON** San Francisco 84.73
34. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** San Francisco 84.72
35. **SOFITEL** Philadelphia 84.58
36. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT AVIARA** North San Diego 84.43
37. **SETAI SOUTH BEACH** Miami Beach 84.38
38. **SAINT PAUL HOTEL** Minnesota 84.34
39. **HOTEL CASA DEL MAR** Santa Monica, California 84.14
40. **RITZ-CARLTON** Philadelphia 84.13
41. **METROPOLITAN HOTEL** Vancouver 84.11
42. **FOUR SEASONS RESORT** Palm Beach, Florida 83.94
43. **BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL & BUNGALOWS** 83.88
44. **MANDARIN ORIENTAL** New York 83.88
45. **WILLARD INTERCONTINENTAL** Washington, D.C. 83.86
46. **HOTEL TEATRO** Denver 83.75
47. **CASA MONICA HOTEL** St. Augustine, Florida 83.71
48. **THE PALAZZO** Las Vegas 83.70
49. **BELLAGIO** Las Vegas 83.64
50. **ST. REGIS** New York 83.62

► SMALL CITY HOTELS (FEWER THAN 100 ROOMS)

1. **ELIOT HOTEL** Boston 93.40
2. **WATERMARK HOTEL & SPA** San Antonio, Texas 93.08
3. **AUBERGE SAINT-ANTOINE** Quebec City 87.08
4. **HOTEL BEL-AIR** Los Angeles 86.67
5. **XV BEACON** Boston 86.58
6. **WEDGEWOOD HOTEL & SPA** Vancouver 85.21
7. **BRAZILIAN COURT HOTEL & BEACH CLUB** Palm Beach 85.00
8. **PLANTERS INN** Charleston, South Carolina 84.83
9. **HÔTEL LE ST.-JAMES** Montreal 84.44
10. **MOSAIC HOTEL** Beverly Hills 84.43

► INNS (FEWER THAN 40 ROOMS)

1. **INN AT MANITOU** McKellar, Ontario 95.59
2. **RABBIT HILL INN** Lower Waterford, Vermont 91.19
3. **SOOKE HARBOUR HOUSE** Sooke, British Columbia 90.67
4. **RUSTY PARROT LODGE & SPA** Jackson Hole, Wyoming 89.87
5. **POST RANCH INN** Big Sur, California 89.49

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