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Who gets to decide which travel experiences, destinations, and companies are truly superlative? You do. Every year, we ask the T+L audience to rate airlines, cruise ships, cities, islands, hotels, and more from their recent travels. The results are a picture of the very best in travel now. For this, our 23rd edition of the World's Best Awards, hundreds of thousands of readers took part in selecting the winners. As always, they surprised us—and inspired some serious wanderlust.

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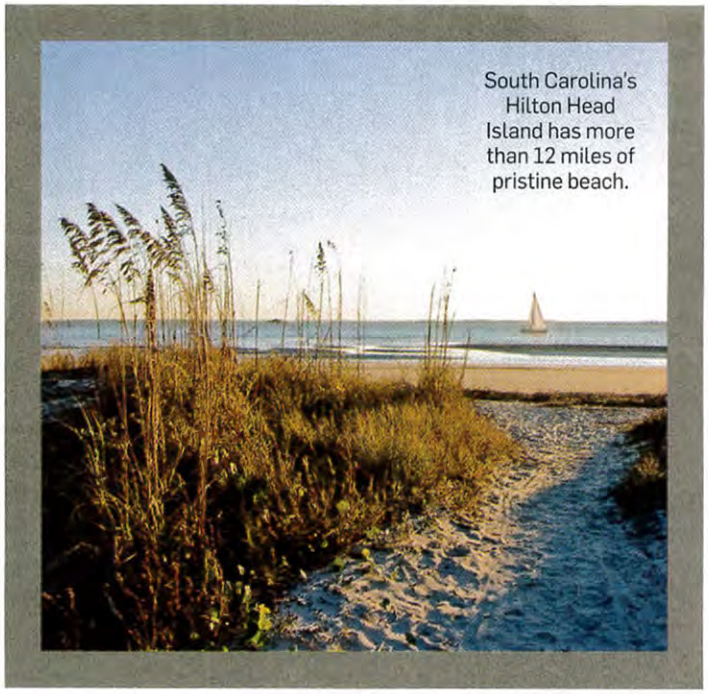
Continental United States

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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Located in the 122-acre Waianapanapa State Park, just north of the town of Hana, Honokalani is the most famous black-sand beach on Maui.

Hawaii

TOP 5

ISLANDS

1. **Maui** 88.42
2. **Kauai** 88.07
3. **Big Island** 86.17
4. **Oahu** 84.12
5. **Lanai** 79.49

TOP 15

RESORT HOTELS

1. **Montage Kapalua Bay** Maui 95.72
2. **Hotel Wailea** Maui 95.64
3. **Ko'a Kea Hotel & Resort** Kauai 94.11
4. **Four Seasons Resort** Lanai 92.94
5. **Fairmont Kea Lani** Maui 92.94
6. **Four Seasons Resort Hualalai** Big Island 92.70
7. **Trump International Hotel Waikiki** Oahu 92.38
8. **Travaasa Hana** Maui 92.00
9. **Four Seasons Resort Oahu at Ko Olina** 90.84
10. **Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea** 90.65
11. **Halekulani** Oahu 90.47
12. **Fairmont Orchid, Hawaii** Big Island 90.00
13. **Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua** Maui 89.69
14. **Westin Hapuna Beach Resort** Big Island 89.56
15. **Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows** Big Island 89.44

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TOP 10

RESORT HOTELS SOUTH

1. **Primland** Meadows of Dan, Virginia 94.88
2. **The Cloister** Sea Island, Georgia 94.53
3. **The Swag** Waynesville, North Carolina 94.14
4. **Inn at Willow Grove** Orange, Virginia 92.93
5. **Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort** South Carolina 92.91
6. **Old Edwards Inn & Spa** Highlands, North Carolina 92.22
7. **Blackberry Farm** Walland, Tennessee 92.00
8. **Lodge at Sea Island** St. Simons Island, Georgia 91.65
9. **Inn & Club at Harbour Town** Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 89.86
10. **The Willcox** Aiken, South Carolina 89.56

TOP 10

RESORT HOTELS WEST

1. **Lodge at Edgewood Tahoe** Lake Tahoe, Nevada 95.78
2. **Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch** Saratoga, Wyoming 95.60
3. **C Lazy U Ranch** Grand County, Colorado 94.77
4. **Triple Creek Ranch** Darby, Montana 94.70
5. **Stephanie Inn** Cannon Beach, Oregon 93.90
6. **Little Nell** Aspen, Colorado 93.71
7. **Stein Eriksen Lodge Deer Valley** Park City, Utah 93.08
8. **Resort at Paws Up** Greenough, Montana 92.70
9. **The Sebastian** Vail, Colorado 92.30
10. **Jenny Lake Lodge** Moose, Wyoming 91.87

TOP 10

RESORT HOTELS CALIFORNIA

1. **Post Ranch Inn** Big Sur 95.01
2. **Brewery Gulch Inn** Mendocino 94.35
3. **Solage, Auberge Resorts Collection** Calistoga 92.83
4. **Resort at Pelican Hill** Newport Beach 92.79
5. **Auberge du Soleil** Napa Valley 92.33
6. **Calistoga Ranch, Auberge Resorts Collection** Calistoga 92.14
7. **Ventana Big Sur, an Alila Resort** Big Sur 92.13
8. **San Ysidro Ranch** Santa Barbara 92.11
9. **Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa** San Diego 92.00
10. **Bardessono Hotel** Yountville 91.78

TOP 5

RESORT HOTELS MIDWEST

1. **Big Cedar Lodge** Ridgedale, Missouri 89.89
2. **American Club at Destination Kohler** Kohler, Wisconsin 87.47
3. **Grand Hotel** Mackinac Island, Michigan 87.23
4. **Sundara Inn & Spa** Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 86.95
5. **Hotel Iroquois** Mackinac Island, Michigan 85.86

WINNER SPOTLIGHT

FARM-TO-TABLE MAUI

There's more to the No. 1 Hawaiian island than the beaches. Maui's food scene continues to be another big draw for visitors, thanks to a crop of talented chefs and a growing appreciation for native produce. Don't miss chef Sheldon Simeon's **Tin Roof** *(tinroofmaui.com; entrées $7–$15)*, a buzzy, unassuming spot for noodles in Kahului. **Leoda's Kitchen & Pie Shop** *(leodas.com; entrées $10–$16)*, a popular stop on the drive from Lahaina to Wailea, is all about pies: try coconut cream, macnut choc, or savory Hamakua mushroom. At the atmospheric **Mill House** *(millhousemaui.com; entrées $16–$55)*, in rural Waikapu, chef Jeff Scheer sources many ingredients (avocados, carrots, papaya) from the restaurant's own 1,500-acre plantation, and the locally caught fish (mahi-mahi, snapper, ahi) is a standout.