





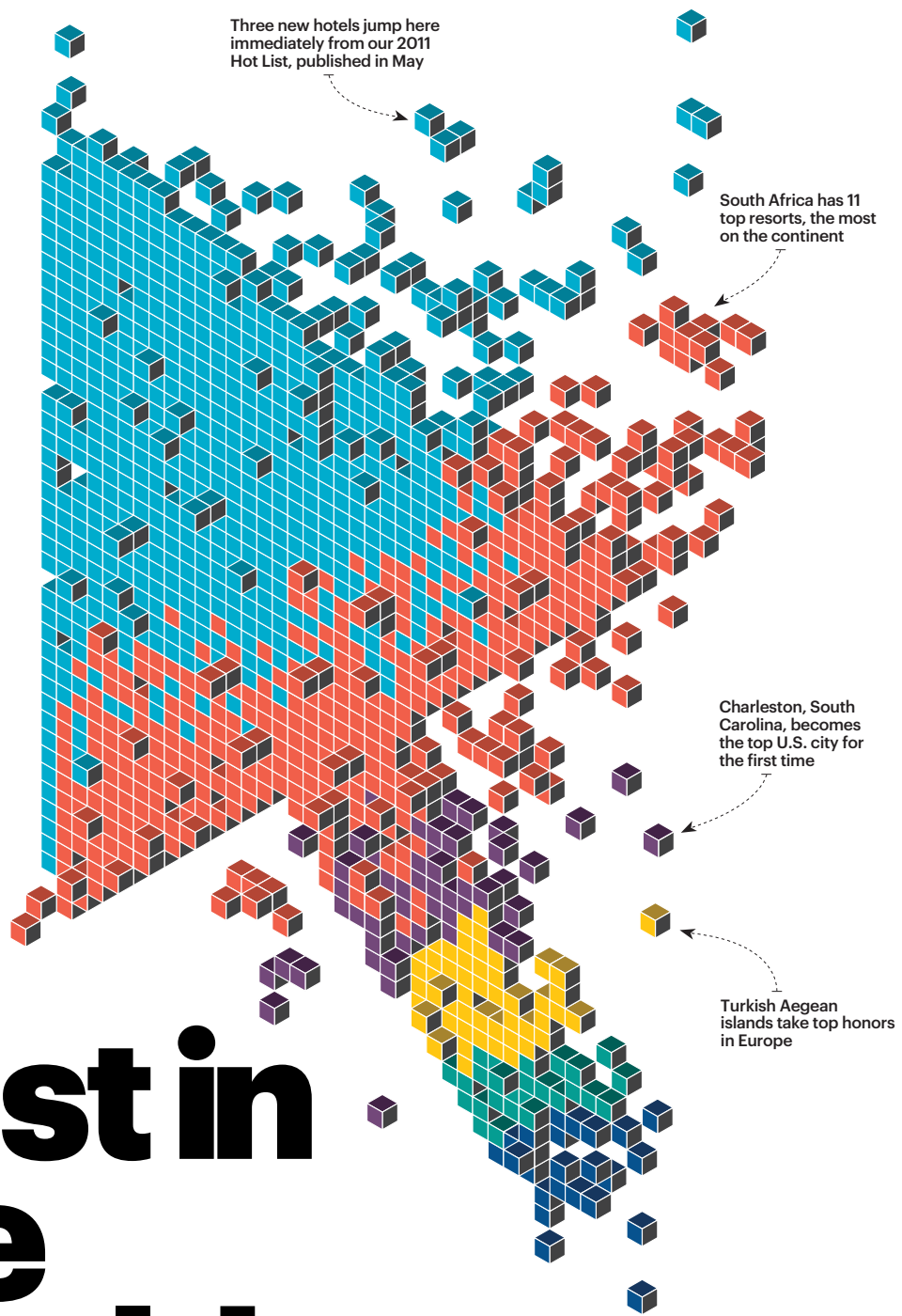


# 2011 Readers' Choice Awards

-  Hotels 665
-  Resorts 455
-  Cities 55
-  Islands 55
-  Airlines 30
-  Cruise Lines 25



# Best in the World

## Cities, Islands, Hotels, Resorts, Cruises, Airlines

Here they are, the final winners sifted from more than 8 million votes cast in our annual Readers' Choice Awards survey, swept up together to form travel's apex of excellence. Each cube represents one of the 1,285 top scorers who arrived at their allotted place on the following pages (color coded by category).

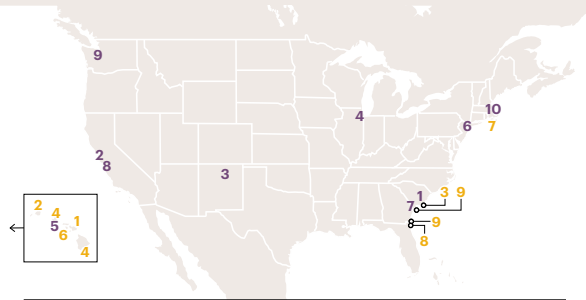
These awards reflect the combined opinions of 28,876 *Condé Nast Traveler* readers rating the cities, islands, and hotels they visited in the past year, and the airlines and cruise ships they traveled with. For its range and depth, the Readers' Choice Awards are a unique and trusted source of advice globally, and that is thanks to America's most discerning and demanding travelers—you.



Download our digital edition, debuting this month (see page 22 for more) and you'll find a photo gallery of the Top 100 winners (see next page) as well as detailed pages on all 1,120 top hotels and resorts.

# United States

It's a year of firsts on our domestic lists: A perennial top-ten U.S. city, Charleston grabs the No. 1 spot for the first time in a list dominated by coastal cities. Chicago's Elysian Hotel and Williamsburg's Colonial Houses each make their Readers' Choice Awards debuts as our nation's top hotels.



**TOP 10 CITIES**

- 1 Charleston, S.C. 84.7
- 2 San Francisco 83.7
- 3 Santa Fe 83.0
- 4 Chicago 82.2
- 5 Honolulu 80.9
- 6 New York 80.8
- 7 Savannah 79.1
- 8 Carmel, Calif. 78.5
- 9 Seattle 78.4
- 10 Boston 78.0

**TOP 10 ISLANDS**

- 1 Maui 92.1
- 2 Kauai 90.0
- 3 Kiawah, S.C. 86.6
- 4 Big Island 85.8
- 4 Oahu 85.8
- 6 Lanai 84.6
- 7 Nantucket 82.4
- 8 Amelia Island, Fla. 81.1
- 9 Cumberland Island, Ga. 80.2
- 9 Hilton Head, S.C. 80.2

## Resorts

**TOP 150**

**MAINLAND U.S.**

- 1 Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Coast, Calif. 96.3
- 2 Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa at Beaver Creek Mountain, Avon, Colo. 96.1
- 3 Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, S.C. 95.9
- 4 CordeValle (Rosewood), San Martin, Calif. 95.2
- 4 Hotel Terra, Jackson Hole 95.2
- 6 Lodge at Pebble Beach 95.0
- 7 Lodge & Club, Ponte Vedra, Fla. 94.8
- 8 Lodge at Woodloch, Hawley, Pa. 93.1
- 9 Stowe Mountain Lodge, Vt. 93.0
- 10 Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe 92.9
- 10 Whiteface Lodge, Lake Placid 92.9
- 12 LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort, Naples, Fla. 92.6
- 12 WaterColor Inn & Resort, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla. 92.6
- 14 Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach 92.5
- 15 Arrabelle at Vail Square 92.4
- 16 Montage Laguna Beach, Calif. 92.1
- 16 Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, Dana Point, Calif. 92.1
- 18 The Breakers, Palm Beach 91.9
- 19 The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs 91.6
- 20 Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, N.Y. 91.5
- 21 Miraval Resort & Spa, Tucson 91.3
- 21 Wynn Las Vegas 91.3
- 23 Enchantment Resort, Sedona 91.2
- 23 Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain, Tucson 91.2
- 25 Four Seasons Resort Jackson Hole 91.0
- 26 Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay, Calif. 90.8
- 26 Viceroy Snowmass, Colo. 90.8
- 26 Wequassett Resort and Golf Club, Cape Cod 90.8
- 29 The Phoenician and Canyon Suites (Luxury Collection), Scottsdale 90.4
- 30 Ritz-Carlton, Naples, Fla. 90.3
- 31 Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples, Fla. 90.2
- 31 St. Regis Monarch Beach, Dana Point, Calif. 90.2
- 33 Ocean Key Resort & Spa, Key West 90.0
- 33 Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain, Scottsdale 90.0
- 35 Barnsley Gardens Resort, Adairsville, Ga. 89.9
- 36 Stein Eriksen Lodge, Park City 89.7
- 37 Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch, Avon, Colo. 89.6
- 38 The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. 89.5
- 39 Palazzo Las Vegas 89.4
- 40 Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C. 89.3
- 41 Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa, Fla. 89.1

- 41 Solage Calistoga, Napa Valley 89.1
- 43 Waldorf Astoria Park City 89.0
- 44 Brazilian Court, Palm Beach 88.8
- 44 The Little Nell, Aspen 88.8
- 44 Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. 88.8
- 44 Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach 88.8
- 48 Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore, Santa Barbara 88.7
- 48 Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island 88.7
- 50 Ocean House, Watch Hill, R.I. 88.6
- 51 Inn at Bay Harbor, Little Traverse Bay, Mich. 88.4
- 52 The Cloister, Sea Island, Ga. 88.3
- 52 Inn at Harbour Town, Hilton Head 88.3
- 52 Rancho Valencia Resort, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. 88.3
- 55 Alderbrook Resort & Spa, Union, Wash. 88.1
- 55 Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, Ga. 88.1
- 55 Royal Palms Resort and Spa, Phoenix 88.1
- 55 Tulalip Resort Casino, Tulalip, Wash. 88.1
- 59 West Baden Springs Hotel, French Lick, Ind. 87.9
- 60 Canyon Ranch, Lenox, Mass. 87.6
- 60 Woodmark Hotel, Yacht Club & Spa, Kirkland, Wash. 87.6
- 62 Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North 87.4

- 63 Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale, Mo. 87.3
- 63 Chatham Bars Inn, Cape Cod 87.3
- 65 Sanderling Resort & Spa, Duck, N.C. 87.2
- 66 Costa d'Este, Vero Beach, Fla. 87.1
- 66 Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. 87.1
- 68 American Club, Kohler, Wis. 87.0
- 68 Cheeca Lodge & Spa, Islamorada, Fla. 87.0
- 68 Williamsburg Inn, Va. 87.0
- 71 St. Regis Deer Valley Resort, Park City 86.8
- 71 Sundance Resort, Utah 86.8
- 73 Disney's Wilderness Lodge, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. 86.7
- 73 El Monte Sagrado, Taos 86.7
- 73 La Torretta del Lago Resort & Spa, Montgomery, Tex. 86.7
- 73 The Sagamore, Lake George, N.Y. 86.7
- 73 St. Regis Aspen Resort 86.7
- 73 Teton Mountain Lodge & Spa, Jackson Hole 86.7
- 79 Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch 86.6
- 79 Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Carlsbad, Calif. 86.6
- 81 Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Golf Club, St. Petersburg, Fla. 86.5
- 82 Lodge at Torrey Pines, La Jolla 86.4
- 83 Willows Lodge, Woodinville, Wash. 86.3
- 83 W South Beach Hotel & Residences 86.3
- 85 ONE Bal Harbour Resort & Spa, Fla. 86.2
- 85 Resort at Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe 86.2
- 87 Ahwahnee Hotel, Yosemite 86.1
- 88 Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Mich. 86.0
- 88 Omphoy Ocean Resort, Palm Beach 86.0
- 90 Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. 85.9
- 90 Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa 85.9
- 92 Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, Asheville, N.C. 85.8
- 93 Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa, Jupiter, Fla. 85.7
- 93 Loews Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal, Orlando 85.7
- 93 Pines Lodge, Beaver Creek 85.7
- 96 Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota 85.5
- 97 Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables 85.4
- 97 Cave B Inn & Spa, Quincy, Wash. 85.4

California's Resort at Pelican Hill opened in 2008, appeared on our 2009 Hot List, emerged among top U.S. Mainland Resorts in 2010, and rises to No. 1 this year.



Jean-Michel Gathy and Kelly Wearstler contributed their vision and skills to Colorado's Viceroy Snowmass, which achieves a design score of 96.6, its highest score in any category.

**VINTAGE GLORY** Spanish revival at the Four Seasons Biltmore, Santa Barbara.



## United States

### Hotels

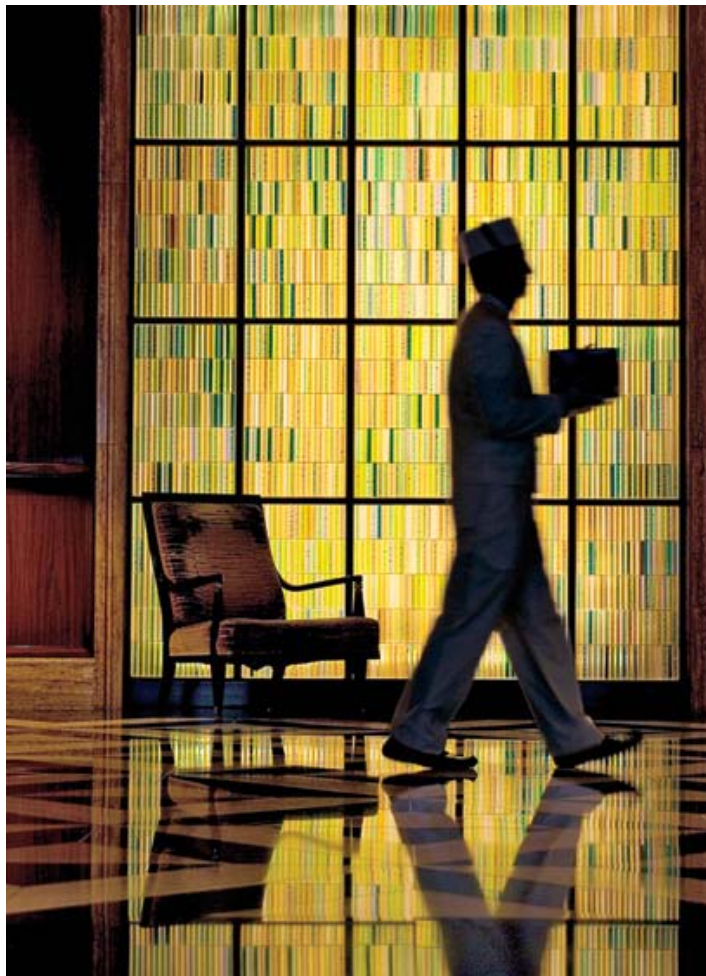
#### TOP 200

- 1 **Elysian Hotel**, Chicago 98.2
- 2 **21c Museum Hotel**, Louisville 97.8
- 3 **The Peninsula**, Chicago 95.9
- 4 **Mandarin Oriental**, Boston 95.3
- 5 **Ritz-Carlton, Charlotte**, N.C. 95.2
- 6 **Auberge du Soleil**, Napa Valley 95.0
- 7 **The Peninsula**, Beverly Hills 94.7
- 8 **Eliot Hotel**, Boston 94.6
- 9 **Rosewood Crescent Hotel**, Dallas 94.3
- 10 **Iron Horse Hotel**, Milwaukee 94.2
- 11 **Park Hyatt Chicago** 93.4
- 12 **Hotel Sorella CityCentre**, Houston 93.2
- 13 **Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek**, Dallas 93.1
- 14 **Hotel 1000**, Seattle 92.7
- 15 **French Quarter Inn**, Charleston, S.C. 92.6
- 16 **Hotel Burnham**, Chicago 92.6
- 17 **Bardessono Hotel, Restaurant & Spa**, Napa Valley 92.3
- 17 **The Carlyle** (Rosewood), New York 92.3
- 17 **Hotel Murano**, Tacoma 92.3
- 17 **Inn on Biltmore Estate**, Asheville, N.C. 92.3
- 17 **Waldorf Astoria Orlando** 92.3
- 22 **Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park** 92.1
- 23 **Blackberry Farm**, Great Smoky Mountains, Tenn. 92.0
- 23 **Mokara Hotel & Spa**, San Antonio 92.0
- 25 **Four Seasons**, New York 91.9
- 25 **Wentworth by the Sea Hotel and Spa**, New Castle, N.H. 91.9
- 27 **Inn and Spa at Loretto**, Santa Fe 91.4
- 27 **The Peninsula**, New York 91.4
- 27 **Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel** 91.4
- 30 **Charleston Place**, S.C. 91.3
- 30 **Four Seasons**, Chicago 91.3
- 32 **The Setai**, Miami Beach 91.1
- 32 **Trump International Hotel & Tower**, New York 91.1
- 34 **Beverly Hills Hotel & Bungalows** 91.0
- 34 **Four Seasons**, Las Vegas 91.0
- 36 **Halekulani Hotel**, Honolulu 90.9
- 36 **Renaissance Blackstone Chicago Hotel** 90.9
- 38 **Mandarin Oriental**, New York 90.7
- 38 **St. Regis**, New York 90.7
- 40 **Inn at the Market**, Seattle 90.4
- 41 **Inn at Perry Cabin**, St. Michaels, Md. 90.2
- 41 **Umstead Hotel and Spa**, Raleigh-Durham 90.2
- 43 **Omni La Mansion del Rio**, San Antonio 90.1
- 43 **St. Regis**, Washington, D.C. 90.1
- 45 **Encore Hotel**, Las Vegas 90.0
- 45 **The Nines** (Luxury Collection), Portland, Ore. 90.0
- 47 **Oxford Hotel**, Denver 89.9
- 47 **Ritz-Carlton** (Four Seasons), Chicago 89.9
- 47 **Ritz-Carlton Georgetown, Washington, D.C.** 89.9
- 50 **Epic Hotel**, Miami 89.8
- 50 **Hotel Bel-Air**, Los Angeles 89.8
- 52 **Planters Inn**, Charleston, S.C. 89.7
- 52 **Ventana Inn & Spa**, Big Sur 89.7
- 54 **Beverly Wilshire**, Beverly Hills 89.6
- 54 **Hotel Valencia Riverwalk**, San Antonio 89.6
- 56 **Allison Inn & Spa**, Willamette Valley, Ore. 89.5
- 56 **Andaz Wall Street**, New York 89.5
- 56 **Bellagio**, Las Vegas 89.5
- 56 **Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas** 89.5
- 60 **Hotel Contessa**, San Antonio 89.4
- 60 **The Plaza**, New York 89.4
- 62 **Fairmont Olympic Hotel**, Seattle 89.2
- 62 **Market Pavilion Hotel**, Charleston, S.C. 89.2
- 62 **Ritz-Carlton**, San Francisco 89.2
- 62 **Rosewood Sand Hill**, Menlo Park, Calif. 89.2
- 66 **Four Seasons**, Philadelphia 89.1
- 66 **Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead**, Atlanta 89.1
- 66 **The Venetian**, Las Vegas 89.1
- 66 **Willard InterContinental**, Washington, D.C. 89.1
- 70 **St. Regis**, San Francisco 89.0
- 71 **L'Auberge de Sedona**, Sedona 88.9
- 72 **Hotel Modera**, Portland, Ore. 88.8
- 72 **Sofitel Chicago Water Tower** 88.8
- 74 **Four Seasons**, Boston 88.6
- 75 **Mandarin Oriental**, Miami 88.4
- 75 **Salish Lodge & Spa**, Snoqualmie, Wash. 88.4
- 77 **Langham Huntington**, Pasadena 88.3
- 77 **Liberty Hotel** (Luxury Collection), Boston 88.3
- 77 **Mandarin Oriental**, Las Vegas 88.3
- 80 **Cavallo Point**, Sausalito 88.2
- 80 **Hotel Vitale**, San Francisco 88.2
- 80 **Inn at the Ballpark**, Houston 88.2
- 80 **Mansion on Peachtree** (Rosewood), Atlanta 88.2
- 80 **Windsor Court Hotel**, New Orleans 88.2
- 85 **Trump International Hotel & Tower**, Chicago 88.0
- 86 **Bernardus Lodge and Winery**, Carmel Valley 87.8
- 87 **Grand Bohemian Hotel Asheville** 87.8
- 87 **Omni Royal Orleans**, New Orleans 87.8
- 89 **Four Seasons**, Washington, D.C. 87.7

The Elysian, Chicago's 60-story Gold Coast skyscraper, emerges at No. 1 just two years after opening. The 188 guest rooms are joined by 52 private residences.

Custom fabrics, hardwood floors, Audubon prints—classic decor helps The Carlyle earn a 93.6 for rooms and the highest overall score, 92.3, in New York's competitive market.

**AFTERGLOW**  
Paul Housberg's multicolored stained glass installation in the lobby of The Peninsula Chicago greets hotel guests.



## United States

### Hotels (Continued)

- 89 Hotel Palomar, Philadelphia 87.7
- 91 Alluvian Hotel, Greenwood, Miss. 87.6
- 91 Avia Savannah 87.6
- 91 Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills 87.6
- 91 Four Seasons, San Francisco 87.6
- 91 Hyatt at Olive 8, Seattle 87.6
- 91 Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco 87.6
- 91 The Rittenhouse, Philadelphia 87.6
- 98 Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa, Ala. 87.5
- 98 Hotel Healdsburg, Sonoma County 87.5
- 100 Sunset Marquis, West Hollywood 87.4
- 101 Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront 87.2
- 101 Graves 601 Hotel, Minneapolis 87.2
- 103 Encantado, Santa Fe 87.1
- 103 The Hay-Adams, Washington, D.C. 87.1
- 105 MacArthur Place, Sonoma 87.0
- 106 Four Seasons, Miami 86.9
- 106 **Montage Beverly Hills 86.9**
- 106 Saint Paul Hotel 86.9
- 106 Shutters on the Beach, Santa Monica 86.9
- 110 Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, Va. 86.8
- 110 Trump SoHo, New York 86.8
- 112 La Bellasera Hotel & Suites, Paso Robles, Calif. 86.7
- 112 Omni Chicago Hotel 86.7
- 112 Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans 86.7
- 112 St Julien Hotel & Spa, Boulder 86.7
- 116 Four Seasons, Seattle 86.5
- 116 InterContinental Boston 86.5
- 116 Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia 86.5
- 119 Carneros Inn, Napa Valley 86.4
- 119 Royal Hawaiian (Luxury Collection), Honolulu 86.4
- 121 Driskill Hotel, Austin 86.2
- 121 Mansion on Forsyth Park, Savannah 86.2
- 121 Nine Zero Hotel, Boston 86.2
- 121 Ritz-Carlton, Boston Common 86.2
- 125 Four Seasons, Austin 86.1
- 125 JW Marriott Denver Cherry Creek 86.1
- 127 Hotel Commonwealth, Boston 86.0
- 127 Sherry-Netherland, New York 86.0
- 129 InterContinental Buckhead, Atlanta 85.9
- 129 L'Ermitage Beverly Hills Hotel 85.9
- 129 Ritz-Carlton, Washington, D.C. 85.9
- 132 The Jefferson, Washington, D.C. 85.8
- 132 The Mark, New York 85.8
- 132 The Pierre (Taj), New York 85.8
- 135 Rosewood Inn of the Anasazi, Santa Fe 85.7
- 136 Hermitage Hotel, Nashville 85.5
- 136 Renaissance Atlanta Midtown Hotel 85.5
- 138 Casa Monica Hotel, St. Augustine 85.4
- 138 Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta 85.4
- 138 Ritz-Carlton New York, Battery Park 85.4
- 141 Bohemian Hotel Celebration, Celebration, Fla. 85.3
- 141 La Valencia Hotel, La Jolla, Calif. 85.3
- 141 Omni San Diego Hotel 85.3
- 141 St. Regis, Atlanta 85.3
- 141 The Blackwell, Columbus, Ohio 85.3
- 146 Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, Santa Monica 85.2
- 146 Four Seasons, Atlanta 85.2
- 146 The Lowell, New York 85.2
- 146 New York Palace 85.2
- 150 Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City 85.0
- 150 Loews Atlanta Hotel 85.0
- 150 Orchard Hotel, San Francisco 85.0
- 153 Eventi Hotel, New York 84.9
- 153 London West Hollywood 84.9
- 155 Avia Napa 84.8
- 155 Fairmont San Francisco 84.8
- 155 Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, Me. 84.8
- 158 Omni Corpus Christi Hotel Marina Tower 84.7
- 159 Omni Fort Worth Hotel 84.6
- 160 Boston Harbor Hotel 84.5
- 161 The Joule (Luxury Collection), Dallas 84.4
- 161 W Fort Lauderdale 84.4
- 163 Hotel Monaco Baltimore 84.3
- 163 Ritz-Carlton, Dallas 84.3
- 165 Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa 84.2
- 165 Ritz-Carlton, Cleveland 84.2
- 165 Ritz-Carlton, Miami Beach 84.2
- 168 Heathman Hotel, Portland, Ore. 84.1
- 168 Inn on the Alameda, Santa Fe 84.1

One of the oldest hotels on the United States list, and located in our oldest city, Casa Monica first opened its doors in 1888, and reopened them in 1999 after an epic renovation.

Romanian-born architect and designer Adam Tihany is the man behind the rooms at Dallas's Joule, which debuts on the U.S. list with a lofty rooms score of 91.1.

**BED & BANQUET**  
The Alice Waters suite at Virginia's Inn at Little Washington is an homage to the founder of the Edible Schoolyard.



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