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YOUR PICK OF THE BEST ISLANDS, HOTELS, CITIES, AIRLINES, CRUISES, AND MORE

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No. 1 ISLAND IN EUROPE: HVAR IN CROATIA, HOME TO BEACHES SUCH AS POKONJI DOL

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Curiosity. That's what drives us all to seek out the best hotels and destinations, the most wonderful cities, the islands worth shouting about. We are always in touch with our network of writers and editors around the world about their new finds, the under-the-radar hangouts we think you need to know about. But we're also very aware that you, as the reader, love to travel, and get to all sorts of places, making all-new discoveries. And we're just as curious about where you go, what you loved, and who you went with. This is why we call on you year after year to let us know which places and players you admire the most. For our 32nd annual Readers' Choice Awards survey—yes, more than three decades—you were louder than ever. A record 600,000 registered voters weighed in, and your responses can be found across the following pages. Of nearly 10,000 hotels, resorts, and destination spas rated, barely 15 percent made the cut. Resorts in Greece earned their own list this year, and across the seas, tiny St. Barts and a very resilient Puerto Rico, post hurricanes, are your go-to places in the Caribbean once again. Crystal Cruises nabbed top spots in not one but three categories, competing against ships that float more than 4,000 passengers. Wellness retreats also got a category for the first time, as did luxury train journeys. As you continue to travel, we continue to listen: Here's what you loved most this year.

UNITED STATES

TOP 10 OVERALL

1. **SLS HOTEL, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, BEVERLY HILLS** 99.87
2. **1 Hotel West Hollywood** 99.61
3. **Four Seasons Hotel at The Surf Club,** Surfside, Fla. 99.57
4. **Inn of the Five Graces,** Santa Fe 99.20
5. **Hotel Casa del Mar,** Los Angeles 99.14
6. **21c Museum Hotel, Louisville,** Ky. 99.13
7. **Olema House Point Reyes,** Calif. 99.06
8. **North Block Hotel,** Yountville, Calif. 98.96
9. **21c Museum Hotel, Lexington,** Ky. 98.94
10. **The Pearl Hotel,** Rosemary Beach, Fla. 98.93

NEW YORK CITY

1. **THE LOWELL** 98.25
2. **Baccarat Hotel** 98.14
3. **The Chatwal, a Luxury Collection Hotel, New York City** 96.96
4. **The Peninsula New York** 96.70
5. **1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge,** Brooklyn 96.62
6. **The High Line Hotel** 96.40
7. **Park Hyatt New York** 96.20
8. **1 Hotel Central Park** 95.83
9. **The Surrey** 95.55
10. **Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown** 95.44
11. **Lotte New York Palace** 95.23
12. **The Mark** 95.00
13. **Gansevoort Meatpacking NYC Hotel** 94.71
14. **The Ritz-Carlton New York, Central Park** 94.67
15. **Gramercy Park Hotel** 94.59
16. **The Carlyle, A Rosewood Hotel** 94.14
17. **The James New York – SoHo** 93.85
18. **Trump International Hotel & Tower New York** 93.52
19. **The Standard, East Village** 93.50
20. **Roxy Hotel** 93.41
21. **The Ludlow** 93.38
22. **Mondrian Park Avenue** 93.29
23. **The Kimberly Hotel** 93.21
24. **Sofitel New York** 93.16
25. **The William Vale,** Brooklyn 93.12
26. **The St. Regis New York** 92.40
27. **The Langham, New York, Fifth Avenue** 92.26
28. **Refinery Hotel** 92.01
29. **Moxy NYC Downtown** 91.82
30. **The Beekman, A Thompson Hotel** 91.29

CHICAGO

1. **ACME HOTEL COMPANY** 98.89
2. **Virgin Hotels Chicago** 98.85
3. **Chicago Athletic Association Hotel** 98.36
4. **Waldorf Astoria Chicago** 98.18
5. **Viceroy Chicago** 98.05
6. **The Gwen, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Michigan Avenue Chicago** 97.93
7. **Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel** 97.08
8. **Thompson Chicago** 96.94
9. **The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago** 96.64
10. **The Langham, Chicago** 96.06
11. **The Blackstone, Autograph Collection** 95.94
12. **Conrad Chicago** 95.56
13. **theWit** 94.73
14. **St. Jane** 94.60
15. **The Peninsula Chicago** 94.25
16. **Four Seasons Hotel Chicago** 94.21
17. **Kimpton Gray Hotel** 94.13
18. **Kimpton Hotel Monaco Chicago** 93.98
19. **Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago** 93.42
20. **LondonHouse Chicago, Curio Collection by Hilton** 93.17

RESORTS

No. 1 RESORT IN THAILAND: SONEVA KIRI, KOH KOOD

REST OF THE WORLD

CANADA

1 **WICKANINNISH INN,** TOFINO, B.C. 98.86
2 **Brentwood Bay Resort & Spa,** B.C. 98.00
3 **The Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler,** B.C. 97.74
4 **Four Seasons Resort and Residences Whistler,** B.C. 96.57
5 **Fairmont Chateau Whistler,** B.C. 96.33
6 **Nita Lake Lodge,** Whistler, B.C. 95.78
7 **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise,** Alberta 95.41
8 **Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge,** Alberta 94.73
9 **Post Hotel & Spa,** Lake Louise, Alberta 93.83
10 **Fairmont Banff Springs,** Alberta 91.42

MEXICO (EASTERN)

1 **CHABLÉ MAROMA** 98.81
2 **Thompson Playa del Carmen** 98.36
3 **JW Marriott Cancun Resort & Spa** 98.18
4 **Vidanta Riviera Maya** 96.96
5 **Unico 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya** 96.94
6 **Rosewood Mayakoba** 96.81
7 **Banyan Tree Mayakoba** 96.60
8 **The Ritz-Carlton, Cancun** 96.50
9 **Chablé Resort & Spa,** Yucatán 96.44
10 **Casa Pueblo Tulum** 96.30
11 **Viceroy Riviera Maya** 96.12
12 **Nizuc Resort & Spa,** Cancún 96.03
13 **Andaz Mayakoba Resort Riviera Maya** 95.71
14 **Habitas Tulum** 95.62
15 **Hotel Esencia,** Xpu Há 95.44
16 **Excellence Playa Mujeres** 94.91
17 **Hard Rock Hotel Cancun** 94.80
18 **Belmond Maroma Resort & Spa** 94.76
19 **Mahekal Beach Resort,** Playa del Carmen 94.40
20 **Casa Malca,** Tulum 93.08

MEXICO (WESTERN)

1 **ESPERANZA, AUBERGE RESORTS COLLECTION,** CABO SAN LUCAS 99.41
2 **Chileno Bay Resort & Residences, Auberge Resorts Collection,** Cabo San Lucas 98.65
3 **Solaz, a Luxury Collection Resort, Los Cabos,** San José del Cabo 98.58
4 **Las Ventanas al Paraíso, A Rosewood Resort,** San José del Cabo 98.04
5 **Viceroy Los Cabos,** San José del Cabo 97.76
6 **One&Only Palmilla,** San José del Cabo 97.72
7 **Banyan Tree Cabo Marqués,** Acapulco 97.54
8 **The Resort at Pedregal,** Cabo San Lucas 97.47
9 **Cuixmala,** Costalegre 97.45
10 **The Cape, A Thompson Hotel,** Cabo San Lucas 97.19
11 **Pueblo Bonito Pacifica Golf & Spa Resort,** Cabo San Lucas 96.71
12 **W Punta de Mita** 96.50
13 **Hacienda Encantada Resort & Residences,** Cabo San Lucas 96.42
14 **Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach Golf & Spa Resort,** Cabo San Lucas 96.36
15 **Marquis Los Cabos All Inclusive Resort & Spa,** San José del Cabo 96.21
16 **Las Alamandas,** Costalegre 96.05
17 **Pueblo Bonito Mazatlán Beach Resort** 96.00
18 **The St. Regis Punta Mita Resort** 95.84
19 **Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay Resort & Spa,** Mazatlán 95.73
20 **Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita** 95.24

No. 1 RESORT IN THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS: DORADO BEACH, A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE, PUERTO RICO

CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

1 **DORADO BEACH, A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE,** PUERTO RICO 99.45
2 **Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa,** St. Barts 99.30
3 **Kimpton Seafire Resort & Spa,** Cayman Islands 99.13
4 **Manapany,** St. Barts 99.10
5 **Curtain Bluff,** Antigua 98.32
6 **Le Sereno,** St. Barts 98.16
7 **Casa de Campo Resort & Villas,** Dominican Republic 98.04
8 **Carlisle Bay,** Antigua 98.00
9 **Belmond Cap Juluca,** Anguilla 97.82

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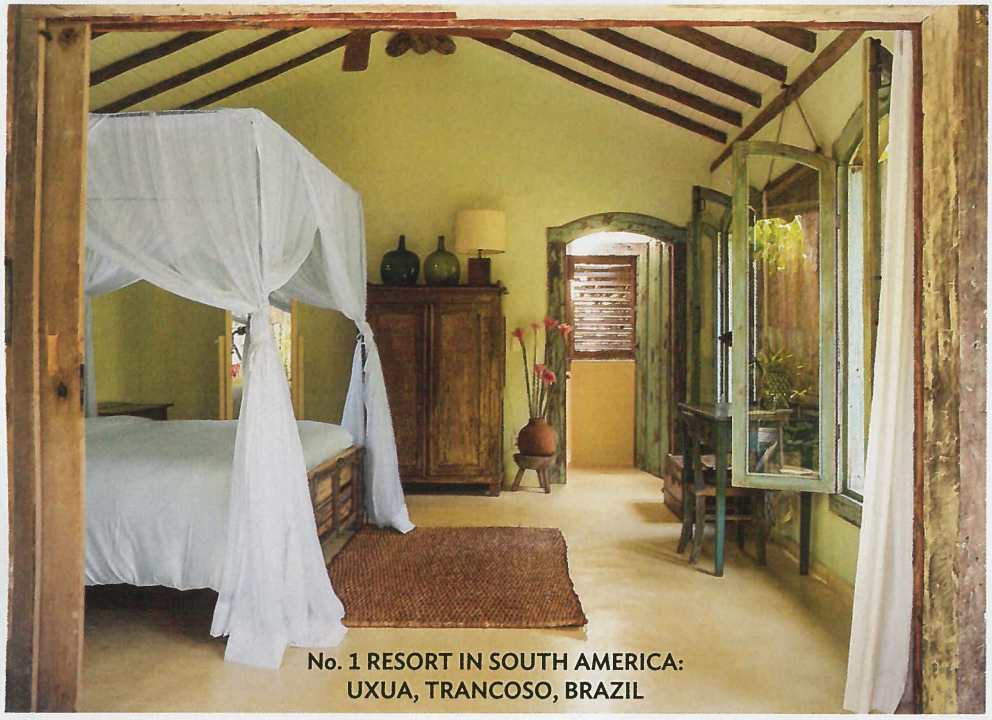

No. 1 RESORT IN SOUTH AMERICA: UXUA, TRANCOSO, BRAZIL

10 **Four Seasons Resort and Residences Anguilla** 97.74
11 **The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman,** Cayman Islands 97.54
12 **Hotel Le Toiny,** St. Barts 97.23
13 **Half Moon,** Jamaica 97.09
14 **Rockhouse,** Jamaica 96.94
15 **Jade Mountain,** St. Lucia 96.94
16 **Mallouhana, Auberge Resorts Collection,** Anguilla 96.86
17 **Sugar Beach, A Viceroy Resort,** St. Lucia 96.60
18 **Jumby Bay Island,** Antigua 96.59
19 **Petit St. Vincent Resort,** St. Vincent and the Grenadines 96.56
20 **Cap Maison,** St. Lucia 96.43
21 **Couples Tower Isle,** Jamaica 96.23
22 **The Buccaneer,** St. Croix, USVI 96.04
23 **GoldenEye,** Jamaica 95.93
24 **Jamaica Inn,** Jamaica 95.83
25 **Zemi Beach House Hotel & Spa,** Anguilla 95.81
26 **Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort,** Aruba 95.63
27 **Anse Chastanet Resort,** St. Lucia 95.46
28 **Couples Negril,** Jamaica 95.35
29 **Couples Sans Souci,** Jamaica 95.22
30 **Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino** 95.19
31 **Hotel Christopher,** St. Barts 95.11
32 **La Concha Renaissance San Juan Resort,** Puerto Rico 95.06
33 **Ladera Resort,** St. Lucia 94.67
34 **The Landings Resort and Spa,** St. Lucia 94.62
35 **Four Seasons Resort Nevis** 94.54
36 **Sanctuary Cap Cana,** Dominican Republic 94.28
37 **Royalton Punta Cana Resort & Casino,** Dominican Republic 94.23
38 **Hilton Rose Hall Resort & Spa,** Jamaica 94.18
39 **Couples Swept Away,** Jamaica 93.65
40 **Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall,** Jamaica 93.41
41 **Nisbet Plantation Beach Club,** Nevis 93.35
42 **Secret Bay,** Dominica 93.28
43 **Park Hyatt St. Kitts** 93.10
44 **Montpelier Plantation & Beach,** Nevis 93.04
45 **Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort Spa and Casino** 93.00
46 **Round Hill Hotel and Villas,** Jamaica 92.63
47 **Royalton Hicacos Resort & Spa,** Cuba 92.58
48 **Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino** 92.30
49 **Rendezvous,** St. Lucia 92.13
50 **The St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort,** Puerto Rico 92.00

ATLANTIC ISLANDS

1 **KAMALAME CAY,** BAHAMAS 99.20
2 **West Bay Club,** Turks and Caicos 99.03
3 **Point Grace,** Turks and Caicos 97.14
4 **Wymara Resort & Villas,** Turks and Caicos 97.09
5 **Seven Stars Resort & Spa,** Turks and Caicos 96.83
6 **Warwick Paradise Island Bahamas All-Inclusive Resort** 96.43
7 **The Ocean Club, A Four Seasons Resort, Bahamas,** Nassau 96.43
8 **Grace Bay Club,** Turks and Caicos 96.38
9 **The Shore Club Turks and Caicos** 96.17
10 **The Palms Turks and Caicos** 96.00
11 **Cambridge Beaches Resort & Spa,** Bermuda 95.70
12 **The Cove at Atlantis,** Paradise Island, Bahamas 95.05
13 **The Reefs Resort & Club,** Bermuda 94.83
14 **Rosewood Bermuda** 94.00
15 **The Cove,** Eleuthera, Bahamas 93.75
16 **Atlantis, Paradise Island,** Bahamas 93.28
17 **Rosewood Baha Mar,** Nassau, Bahamas 92.94
18 **Beaches Turks & Caicos Resort Villages & Spa** 92.94
19 **COMO Parrot Cay,** Turks and Caicos 92.19
20 **The Reef at Atlantis Paradise Island Bahamas** 92.03
21 **Royal Island,** Bahamas 89.60
22 **Grand Hyatt Baha Mar,** Nassau, Bahamas 89.08
23 **Hamilton Princess & Beach Club,** Bermuda 88.13
24 **SLS Baha Mar,** Nassau, Bahamas 88.06
25 **Fairmont Southampton,** Bermuda 87.71

CENTRAL AMERICA

1 **HACIENDA ALTAGRACIA, AUBERGE RESORTS COLLECTION,** PÉREZ ZELEDÓN, COSTA RICA 98.53
2 **Nayara Springs,** Arenal, Costa Rica 98.51
3 **The Inn at Rancho Santana,** Popoyo, Nicaragua 98.26
4 **Turneffe Island Resort,** Belize 98.22
5 **Casa Chameleon at Las Catalinas,** Guanacaste, Costa Rica 98.20
6 **Tabacón Thermal Resort & Spa,** Arenal, Costa Rica 97.73
7 **Nayara Resort, Spa & Gardens,** Arenal, Costa Rica 97.68
8 **Casa Chameleon at Mal Pais,** Costa Rica 97.59
9 **Hotel Punta Islita, Autograph Collection,** Guanacaste, Costa Rica 97.42
10 **Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo** 97.35

SOUTH AMERICA

1 **UXUA CASA HOTEL & SPA,** TRANCOSO, BRAZIL 99.34
2 **Pikaia Lodge,** Galápagos Islands, Ecuador 99.14
3 **Bahia Vik José Ignacio,** Uruguay 99.04
4 **Tierra Chiloé Adventure and Spa Hotel,** Chiloé Island, Chile 98.96
5 **Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Valle Sagrado,** Sacred Valley, Peru 98.95
6 **The Singular Patagonia,** Puerto Bories, Chile 98.66
7 **Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa,** Torres del Paine National Park, Chile 98.65

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