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A superlative hotel for every day of the year. Our latest findings yield 365 noteworthy hotels, more than ever before. The British Isles have the highest-scoring hotel in Readers' Choice history: **Buckland Manor**, a thirteenth-century Cotswolds hostelry with perfect scores for Rooms, Service, Food, and Location. For the highest-scoring hotel on the Continent, look east: The **Four Seasons Gresham Palace** in Budapest received 100s in Rooms, Service, Location, and Design.

This year's results boast both height (the scores) and breadth: The number of Asian properties has mushroomed to 75, led by Singapore's **Fullerton Hotel**. Both Africa and the Middle East continue to add top-notch properties: 10 world-class hotels in the Middle East this year and 15 in Africa, including the new **Four Seasons Cairo** at Nile Plaza. Meanwhile, at home, more than 100 U.S. mainland hotels score 85 or better: In the top five, famous Chicago and New York sites rub elbows with the **Watermark Hotel** in San Antonio and Portland's **Hotel Lucia**.



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Four Seasons Gresham Palace, Budapest 98.8 2. Château Les Crayères, Reims 97.8 3. Four Seasons George V, Paris 97.4 4. Palazzo Sasso, Ravello 96.6 5. Four Seasons, Istanbul 96.4 6. Ritz-Carlton, Istanbul 96.1 7. Il San Pietro di Positano, 95.3 7. La Bastide de Moustiers, Provence 95.3 9. Villa San Michele, Tuscany 95.0 10. Palace Luzern, Lucerne 94.9 11. Château de la Chèvre d'Or, Côte d'Azur 94.7 12. Le Meurice, Paris 94.1 12. Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme 94.1 14. Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski, Dresden 93.9 15. Beau-Rivage Palace, Lausanne 93.8 16. Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, Côte d'Azur 93.7 17. Ciragan Palace Kempinski, Istanbul 93.2 18. Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria, Sorrento 93.1 18. Hôtel de Paris, Monte Carlo 93.1 20. Hôtel Plaza Athénée, Paris 92.6 21. Katikies Hotel, Santorini 92.3 22. Hotel Santa Caterina, Amalfi 92.2 22. Hotel Villa Cipriani, Asolo 92.2 24. Hôtel d'Europe, Avignon 92.1 25. Hotel Cipriani, Venice 92.0 26. Château de Bagnols, Beaujolais 91.8 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 26. Le Sirenuse, Positano 91.8 28. Four Seasons, Milan 91.6 28. Grand Hotel de la Minerve, Rome 91.6 30. Hotel Savoy, Florence 91.5 30. King George II, Athens 91.5 30. La Réserve de Beaulieu, Côte d'Azur 91.5 33. Londra Palace, Venice 91.3 33. Ritz-Carlton, Berlin 91.3 35. Domaine des Hauts de Loire, Onzain 91.2 35. Luna Hotel Baglioni, Venice 91.2 37. La Colombe d'Or, Provence 91.1 37. Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel, Interlaken 91.1 39. Hotel Imperial, Vienna 90.8 39. Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal, Venice 90.8 39. Hotel Ritz, Madrid 90.8 42. Château Eza, Côte d'Azur 90.4 42. Mandarin Oriental, Munich 90.4 44. Raffles Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten, Hamburg 90.2 45. Westin Excelsior, Florence 89.9 46. Beau Rivage, Geneva 89.8 47. Hotel Hassler, Rome 89.7 47. San Domenico Palace, Sicily 89.7 49. Baur au Lac, Zürich 89.6 50. Tivoli Palácio de Seteais, Sintra, Portugal 89.5 51. Four Seasons, Prague 89.4 51. Hôtel Ritz, Paris 89.4 |
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53. **Hotel Alfonso XIII**, Seville 89.1
54. **Hotel Lungarno**, Florence 88.9
55. **Hotel Goldener Hirsch**, Salzburg 88.8
55. **Hotel Gritti Palace**, Venice 88.8
57. **Marriott Hotel**, Berlin 88.4
57. **Trianon Palace**, Versailles 88.4
59. **Hôtel de Crillon**, Paris 88.3
60. **Grand Hyatt**, Berlin 88.2
61. **Hotel Bauer & Bauer Il Palazzo**, Venice 88.0
62. **Hotel de Russie**, Rome 87.8
63. **Grand Hotel Quisisana**, Capri 87.7
64. **Hotel Kämp**, Helsinki 87.4
65. **Le Meridien**, Vienna 87.3
66. **Grand Hotel**, Florence 87.2
66. **Palais de la Méditerranée**, Nice 87.2
68. **Kempinski Hotel Corvinus**, Budapest 87.1
69. **Four Seasons Hotel Ritz**, Lisbon 87.0
70. **Hotel Arts**, Barcelona 86.9
71. **St. Regis Grand Hotel**, Rome 86.7
72. **The Grand Amsterdam** 86.6
72. **Westin Palace**, Madrid 86.6
74. **Principe di Savoia**, Milan 86.5
75. **Hotel Sacher**, Salzburg 86.2
75. **Rome Cavalieri Hilton** 86.2



1. **Rialto Hotel on Collins**, Melbourne 94.2
2. **Park Hyatt**, Sydney 92.5
3. **Lilianfels Blue Mountains**, Katoomba, Australia 91.1
4. **The George**, Christchurch, N.Z. 90.9
5. **Langham Hotel**, Melbourne 89.7
6. **Huka Lodge**, Taupo, N.Z. 89.3
7. **The Westin**, Sydney 88.9
8. **The InterContinental**, Sydney 87.4
9. **Millennium Hotel**, Christchurch, N.Z. 86.7
10. **Four Seasons**, Sydney 86.6
11. **The Observatory**, Sydney 86.1
12. **Grand Hyatt**, Melbourne 85.9
13. **Sheraton on the Park**, Sydney 85.1
14. **The Westin**, Melbourne 84.7
15. **Kilauea Lodge**, Big Island 82.4