Cities & Islands
San Miguel de Allende takes top honors as the best city in the world for the first time, while Palawan is the No. 1 island overall for the second year in a row.

**TOP 10 Cities Overall**

1. San Miguel de Allende
   Mexico 92.12
2. Charleston
   South Carolina 91.54
3. Chiang Mai
   Thailand 91.40
4. Kyoto
   Japan 91.13
5. Florence
   Italy 90.75
6. Oaxaca
   Mexico 90.41
7. Hoi An
   Vietnam 90.31
8. Cape Town
   South Africa 90.24
9. Ubud
   Indonesia 90.13
10. Luang Prabang
    Laos 90.10

**TOP 10 Islands Overall**

1. Palawan
   Philippines 93.15
2. Hilton Head Island
   South Carolina 90.83
3. Boracay Island
   Philippines 89.67
4. Galápagos Islands
   Ecuador 89.20
5. Santorini
   Greece 89.19
6. Maui
   Hawaii 89.17
7. Kauai
   Hawaii 88.72
8. Ischia
   Italy 88.53
9. Hvar and the Dalmatian Islands
   Croatia 87.75
10. Bali
    Indonesia 87.61

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**Hall of Fame**
On the list for the past 10 years.

Scores shown have been rounded to the nearest hundredth of a point; in the event of a true tie, winners share the same ranking.
TOP 15
Hotel Brands

1 Six Senses 96.15
2 Oetker Collection 96.09
3 Auberge Resorts 95.39
4 Alila Hotels & Resorts 94.71
5 Capella Hotels & Resorts 94.57
6 One&Only Resorts 93.95
7 The Peninsula Hotels 93.91
8 Oberoi Hotels & Resorts 93.74
9 Aman 93.72
10 The Leela Palaces, Hotels & Resorts 93.33
11 Rosewood Hotels & Resorts 93.19
12 Montage Hotels & Resorts 93.07
13 Rocco Forte Hotels 92.93
14 Thompson Hotels 92.90
15 Belmond 92.71

Winner’s Spotlight

SIX SENSES, A FEEL-GOOD FOCUS

World’s Best winner Six Senses, whose nine resort hotels around the globe—from Vietnam to Oman and the Seychelles—have wellness in their DNA. At the spas, guests can undergo a screening to measure stress levels, heart rate, and tissue oxygen uptake, among other markers; a personalized fitness and diet routine is created based on the results. Many of our readers raved about the brand’s practices. “Their wellness emphasis, plus the organic food, is over the top,” said one. “Very cool approach,” added another. “Six Senses is on the move and is pioneering in this space.”

All hotels want their guests to get a good night’s rest. But few properties go so far as to offer a dedicated team of on-call Sleep Ambassadors—whose mission is to make your room conducive to superior shut-eye—as well as a sleep-tracking app. These are just two of the amenities offered by first-time
Continental United States

Southern cities fared the best—claiming seven of the top 10 spots—while a luxury Wyoming ranch is the highest-ranking hotel in the country.

**TOP 10 Islands**

1. Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 90.83
2. Nantucket, Massachusetts 87.76
3. Mount Desert Island, Maine 86.69
4. Golden Isles (Jekyll Island, Little St. Simons Island, Sea Island, St. Simons Island) Georgia 85.60
5. Mackinac Island, Michigan 85.45
6. San Juan Islands, Washington 83.86
7. Florida Keys 83.49
8. Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts 83.34
9. Kiawah Island, South Carolina 83.22
10. Sanibel Island, Florida 82.43

**TOP 10 Cities**

1. Charleston South Carolina 91.54
2. Santa Fe, New Mexico 89.94
3. Savannah, Georgia 89.80
4. New Orleans 89.15
5. Nashville 85.50
6. Honolulu 85.29
7. New York City 84.86
8. Austin, Texas 84.72
9. Asheville, North Carolina 84.69
10. San Antonio, Texas 84.49

**TOP 18 Resort Hotels**

1. Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch, Saratoga, Wyoming 98.77
2. Triple Creek Ranch, Darby, Montana 98.23
3. Inn at Willow Grove, Orange, Virginia 98.13
4. Rosewood CordeValle, San Martin, California 98.00
5. Twin Farms, Barnard, Vermont 97.54
6. Rabbit Hill Inn, Lower Waterford, Vermont 97.67
7. Gasparilla Inn & Club, Boca Grande, Florida 96.43
8. The Willcox, Aiken, South Carolina 96.38
9. Blackberry Farm, Walland, Tennessee 96.37
10. Château du Sureau, Oakhurst, California 96.25
11. Gateway Canons Resort & Spa, Gateway, Colorado 96.24
12. Wauquasset Resort & Golf Club, Chatham, Massachusetts 96.21
13. Farmhouse Inn, Forestville, California 96.06
14. Old Edwards Inn & Spa, Highlands, North Carolina 95.89
15. Blantyre, Lenox, Massachusetts 95.83
16. Old 77 Hotel & Chandlery, New Orleans 94.50
17. The Peninsula, Chicago 94.44
18. Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas 94.35

**TOP 15 City Hotels**

1. The Surrey, New York City 96.09
2. Alford Inn, Orlando Area, Florida 96.00
3. 21c Museum Hotel, Oklahoma City 95.77
4. The Chatwal, New York City 95.57
5. Thompson, Seattle 95.15
6. Archer, New York City 95.13
7. Urban Cowboy, Nashville, Tennessee 95.11
8. 21c Museum Hotel, Bentonville, Arkansas 94.95
9. The Vendue, Charleston, South Carolina 94.88
10. Roxy Hotel, New York City 94.77
11. Hotel Elysee, New York City 94.67
12. Zero George, Charleston, South Carolina 94.52
13. The Surrey, New York City 96.09
14. Archer, New York City 95.13
15. Roxy Hotel, New York City 94.77
16. Hotel Elysee, New York City 94.67
17. The Peninsular, London 92.94
18. Lotte New York Palace, New York City 92.05

READEs SAY...
“Charleston is a fusion of the best of Southern culture and contemporary class. Whether you’re a foodie, an art lover, or a history buff, there is never a dull time in this city.”
TOP 5
Hotels
Washington, D.C.

1. The Jefferson 93.99
2. The Hay-Adams 92.29
3. Metropole Georgetown Hotel 91.02
4. Four Seasons Hotel 99.14
5. Sofitel Washington D.C. Lafayette Square 89.64

TOP 5
Hotels
Charleston

1. The Vendue 94.88
2. Zero George 94.52
3. The Spectator 94.18
4. French Quarter Inn 94.10
5. Wentworth Mansion 93.40

TOP 5
Resort Hotels
California

1. Rosewood CordeValle San Martin 98.00
2. Château du Sureau Oakhurst 96.25
3. Farmhouse Inn Forestville 96.06
4. Auberge du Soleil Rutherford 95.36
5. Calistoga Ranch, an Auberge Resort Calistoga 95.03

TOP 5
Hotels
Greater Los Angeles

1. Hotel Bel-Air
   Los Angeles 92.32
2. The Peninsula
   Beverly Hills 92.00
3. Viceroy L’Ermitage
   Beverly Hills 92.00
4. Petit Ermitage
   West Hollywood 91.32
5. The Redbury
   Los Angeles 90.97

TOP 5
Hotels
Florida

1. Gasparilla Inn & Club Boca Grande 96.43
2. Acqualina Resort & Spa Sunny Isles Beach 95.42
3. Little Palm Island Resort & Spa Little Torch Key 95.38
4. Biltmore Hotel Coral Gables 94.47
5. The Betsy Miami Beach 94.31

Winner’s Spotlight
THE PERFECT LONG WEEKEND IN CHARLESTON

How to spend three unforgettable days in America’s best city.

Friday
Check in to the Vendue (thевendue.com; doubles from $150), which is located on humming East Bay Street. Voted the No. 1 hotel in Charleston, this boutique property is known for its rotating art exhibits. Go for an evening stroll in Waterfront Park, then loop down to the historic Rainbow Row houses. Just up the street is McCrady’s Tavern, where celebrity chef Sean Brock’s escargot-stuffed marrow bone is an umami-rich dream (mccradystown.com; entrées $16–$32).

Saturday
Wake up with a Southern-style brunch at the Grocery (thegrocery charleston.com; entrées $12–$21). Then head south along King Street, which is packed with quality shops like Blue Bicycle Books (bluebicyclebooks.com). Follow shopping with a visit to one of the city’s many historic homes. For dinner, Le Farfalle serves unconventional Italian, like sorghum pappardelle, and the silkiest ricotta you’ve ever tasted (lefarfalle charleston.com; entrées $15–$43).

Sunday
Kick off your last morning with a classically Charlestonian brunch at Hominy Grill (hominygrill.com; entrées $5–$15) followed by a kayaking excursion into nearby swamps and waterways with Nature Adventures Outfitters (kayak charlestonoutfitters.com; rentals from $40). Before you leave, get a taste of home-style cooking to go at Nana’s Seafood & Soul. The deviled crab will have you planning your next trip (nanasseafoodandsoulsoul.com; entrées $2–$15).