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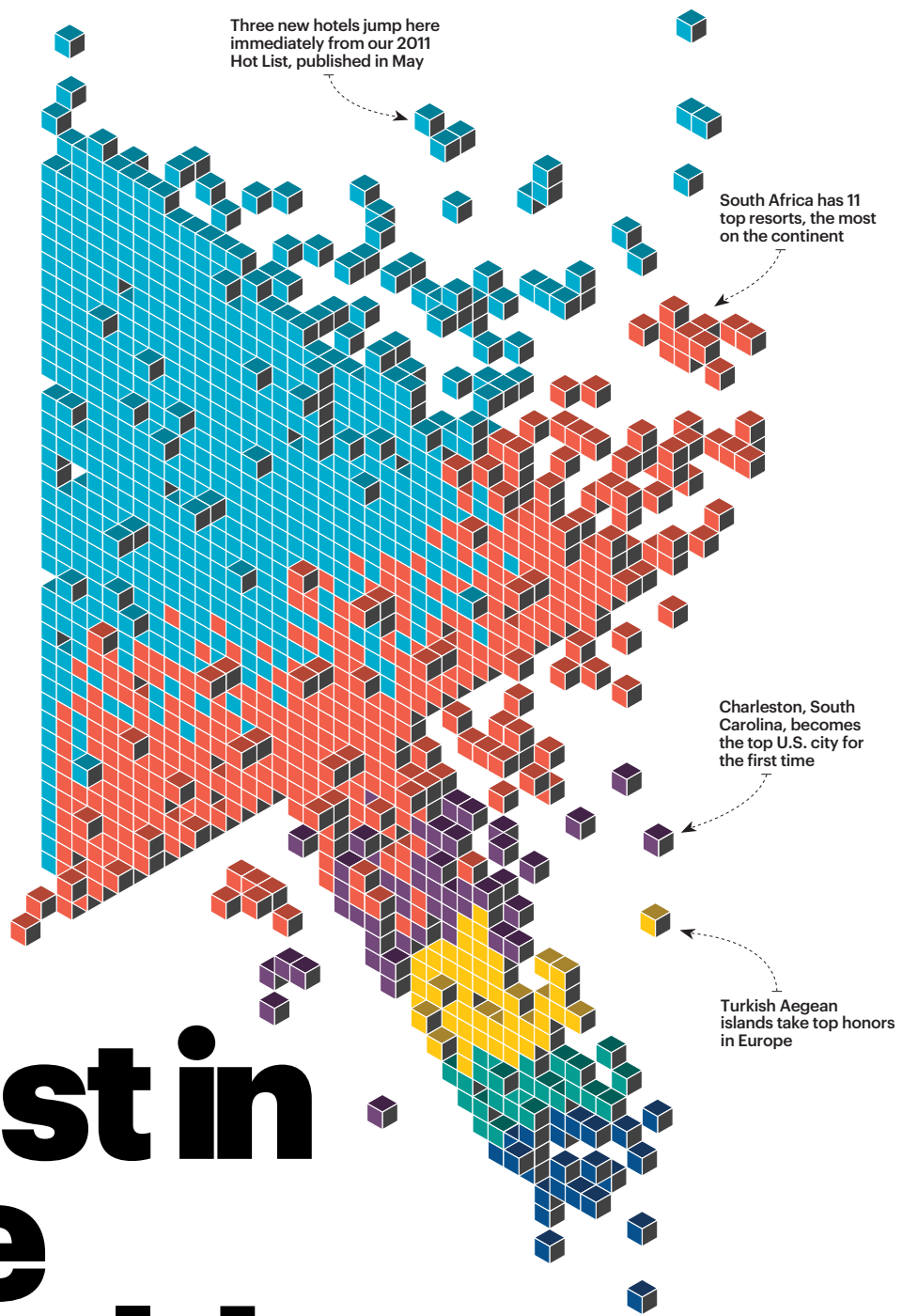
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-  Hotels 665
-  Resorts 455
-  Cities 55
-  Islands 55
-  Airlines 30
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Best in the World

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).

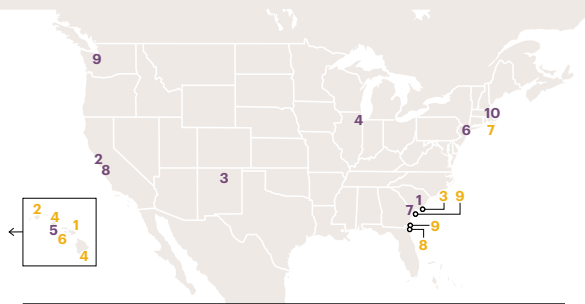
These awards reflect the combined opinions of 28,876 *Condé Nast Traveler* readers rating the cities, islands, and hotels they visited in the past year, and the airlines and cruise ships they traveled with. For its range and depth, the Readers' Choice Awards are a unique and trusted source of advice 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.

