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TOP **100** READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

THE **BEST** IN THE
WORLD

HOTELS, RESORTS, CRUISES, ISLANDS, CITIES

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Around the world in 100 wins

The 32,633 readers who participated in our annual survey are not the sort to buck tradition for the sheer fun of it. High ratings go to classics like the Peninsula Hong Kong and the Ritz Paris, but also to Shanghai's Hyatt on the Bund, which is just one year old. In the skies, Virgin America, launched last year, joins standard-setting Singapore Airlines as most-favored carriers.

More than 1,000 travel experiences are rated and ranked, headlined by the Top 100 on the next page—the hotels, resorts, and a single cruise line that achieve near perfection, with no score below 92.5. Including winners from Baden-Baden to Bora Bora, the Top 100 is truly global.

The 21st annual Readers' Choice Awards is really a double celebration: It is not only an award for the destinations, lodgings, and modes of transportation that manage to exceed our expectations, it is also a credit to the worldly expertise of *Condé Nast Traveler* readers—passionate travelers for whom no island is too remote, no city too challenging, no hotel too untested. Winners all!



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