

THE READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2021

YOUR PICK OF THE BEST HOTELS, RESORTS, CITIES, ISLANDS,
TOUR OPERATORS, VILLA FIXERS, AIRLINES, SPAS AND MORE

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CAPELLA UBUD IN BALI, YOUR No. 1 RESORT IN INDONESIA

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RESORTS



YOUR No. 1 RESORT IN CENTRAL AMÉRICA: HACIENDA ALTAGRACIA, COSTA RICA

It's tricky to pinpoint the exact moment a hotel first decided to flex its muscles, add another restaurant here and a catamaran there and become a resort. There were golf hotels at the turn of the 19th century, the safari camp made its debut in 1950 and Hotel Bora Bora pioneered the overwater bungalow in 1970. Right now, they look pretty appealing – all that space, a pool villa to yourself, enough social distance without missing out on people-watching... Understandable, then, that private-island resorts such as Fiji's **Kokomo** and **Naladhu** in the Maldives performed well this year. As did safari lodges including **Angama Mara** and **Singita Sabi Sand**, American ranches, and hard-to-get-to places such as Brazil's driftwood-luxe **Uxua Casa**, **Six Senses Bhutan** and the new **Sensei Lanai** in Hawaii. Elsewhere, **Rosewood Little Dix Bay** was the big Caribbean comeback, reopening in early 2020 after a post-Irma transformation, while **The Romanos** in Greece impressed with its sheer variety of activities (from a Sixties-themed teen hub to Bernard-Henri Lévy on democracy), as does the well-equipped **Gleneagles**, this year's highest-ranking UK resort, which first opened its doors back in 1924 but is now enjoying a new lease of life.

THE AMERICAS

MEXICO

- 1 **LIVE AQUA BEACH RESORT CUNCUN** 99.68
- 2 **Zadún, A Ritz-Carlton Reserve**, San José del Cabo 99.66
- 3 **One&Only Palmilla**, San José del Cabo 99.52
- 4 **Chablé Yucatán**, Chocholá 99.11
- 5 **Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection**, Cabo San Lucas 98.32
- 6 **The Cape, A Thompson Hotel**, Cabo San Lucas 98.31
- 7 **Montage Los Cabos**, Cabo San Lucas 98.25
- 8 **Chileno Bay Resort & Residences, Auberge Resorts Collection**, Cabo San Lucas 98.24
- 9 **Viceroy Riviera Maya** 97.73
- 10 **Cuixmala, Costalegre** 97.36
- 11 **Rosewood Mayakoba**, Riviera Maya 97.24
- 12 **Andaz Mayakoba Resort** Riviera Maya 97.00
- 13 **Fairmont Mayakoba** 96.75
- 14 **Four Seasons Resort Los Cabos at Costa Palmas** 96.65
- 15 **Chablé Maroma**, Riviera Maya 96.29

CENTRAL AMERICA

- 1 **HACIENDA ALTAGRACIA, AUBERGE RESORTS COLLECTION, PEREZ ZELEDON, COSTA RICA** 99.49
- 2 **Turneffe Island Resort**, Belize 98.90
- 3 **Hamanasi Adventure & Dive Resort**, Hopkins Village, Belize 98.37
- 4 **San Ignacio Resort Hotel**, Belize 98.10

- 5 **Gaia Riverlodge**, Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve, Belize 97.38
- 6 **Nayara Springs**, Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 96.80
- 7 **Nayara Tented Camp**, Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 96.69
- 8 **El Silencio Lodge & Spa**, Bajos del Toro, Costa Rica 95.21
- 9 **Turtle Inn**, Placencia, Belize 94.66
- 10 **Matachica Resort & Spa**, Ambergris Caye, Belize 94.65

SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **UXUA CASA HOTEL & SPA, TRANCOSO, BRAZIL** 99.99
- 2 **Mashpi Lodge**, Pichincha, Ecuador 99.88
- 3 **Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort**, Paracas, Peru 99.80
- 4 **Finch Bay Galapagos Hotel**, Santa Cruz Island, Ecuador 99.56
- 5 **Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa**, San Pedro de Atacama, Chile 99.44
- 6 **Estancia Vik José Ignacio**, Maldonado, Uruguay 98.99
- 7 **Explora Atacama**, San Pedro de Atacama, Chile 98.91
- 8 **Pikaia Lodge**, Santa Cruz Island, Galápagos Islands, Ecuador 98.87
- 9 **Aranwa Paracas Resort & Spa**, Peru 98.66
- 10 **Patagonia Camp**, Torres del Paine National Park, Chile 98.38
- 11 **Explora Rapa Nui**, Easter Island, Chile 98.05
- 12 **Puro Vik**, San Vicente, Chile 97.40
- 13 **Tierra Chiloé Adventure and Spa Hotel**, Chiloé Island, Chile 96.57
- 14 **The Singular Patagonia**, Puerto Bories, Chile 96.29
- 15 **The Vines Resort & Spa**, Tunuyan, Argentina 96.01



YOUR No. 1 SOUTH AMERICAN RESORT: UXUA CASA HOTEL & SPA, TRANCOSO, BRAZIL

USA

- 1 **L'HORIZON RESORT & SPA, PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA** 99.92
- 2 **Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch**, Saratoga, Wyoming 99.88
- 3 **Sensei Lanai, A Four Seasons Resort**, Hawaii 99.71
- 4 **Brasada Ranch**, Powell Butte, Oregon 99.52
- 5 **Four Seasons Resort Lanai**, Hawaii 99.50
- 6 **C Lazy U Ranch**, Granby, Colorado 99.37
- 7 **Triple Creek Ranch Darby Montana** 99.31
- 8 **Four Seasons Resort Vail**, Colorado 99.18
- 9 **Waldorf Astoria Park City**, Utah 98.66
- 10 **Bernardus Lodge & Spa**, Carmel Valley, California 98.61
- 11 **Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort**, Florida 98.35
- 12 **The Lodge at Pebble Beach**, California 98.33
- 13 **The Royal Hawaiian, a Luxury Collection Resort**, Waikiki, Oahu, Hawaii 98.33
- 14 **Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa**, San Diego, California 98.11
- 15 **Twin Farms**, Barnard, Vermont 98.04

- 16 **Montage Palmetto Bluff**, Bluffton, South Carolina 97.86
- 17 **Terranea**, Rancho Palos Verdes, California 97.85
- 18 **JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa**, Florida 97.75
- 19 **Meadowood Napa Valley**, St Helena, California 97.69
- 20 **San Ysidro Ranch**, Santa Barbara, California 97.63

CANADA

- 1 **FAIRMONT CHATEAU WHISTLER** 99.64
- 2 **Wickaninnish Inn**, British Columbia 99.06
- 3 **Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge**, Alberta 97.76
- 4 **Nita Lake Lodge**, Whistler 96.66
- 5 **Pan Pacific Whistler Mountainside** 95.00
- 6 **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**, Alberta 92.23
- 7 **Brentwood Bay Resort**, British Columbia 91.60
- 8 **Four Seasons Resort and Residences Whistler** 91.00
- 9 **Fairmont Tremblant**, Québec 90.92
- 10 **Fairmont Banff Springs**, Alberta 90.86

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THE CARIBBEAN & THE ATLANTIC

- ROSEWOOD LITTLE DIX BAY, VIRGIN GORDA, BVI** 99.74
- Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa, St Barth's** 99.74
- Amanyara, Turks and Caicos** 99.44
- Dorado Beach, A Ritz-Carlton Reserve, Puerto Rico** 99.39
- Rosewood Baha Mar, Bahamas** 98.59
- The Shore Club Turks and Caicos** 98.41
- La Samanna, A Belmond Hotel, St. Martin** 98.20
- Manapany, St Barth's** 98.06
- Secret Bay, Dominica** 98.01
- Ladera Resort, St Lucia** 98.01
- Jade Mountain, St Lucia** 97.82
- Kamalame Cay, Bahamas** 97.68
- Eden Rock - St Barths, St Barth's** 97.66
- Sandals Montego Bay, Jamaica** 97.58
- Silversands Grenada** 97.42

- Santa Marina, a Luxury Collection Resort, Mykonos** 96.44
- Ikos Dassia, Corfu** 95.78
- Nana Princess, Crete** 93.96
- Elivi Skiathos** 92.88
- Blue Palace, a Luxury Collection Resort and Spa, Crete** 92.06
- MarBella Corfu** 91.35
- Amanzoe, Porto Heli** 90.33

REST OF EUROPE

- CHEVAL BLANC COURCHEVEL, FRANCE** 99.49
- Airelles Courchevel, Les Airelles, France** 99.46
- Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa, Champillon, France** 99.41
- The Bodrum Edition, Turkey** 99.38
- Gleneagles, Scotland** 99.16
- Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco, Montalcino, Italy** 99.09
- Ashford Castle Hotel & Country Estate, Co. Galway, Ireland** 98.81
- Cristallo, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy** 98.67
- Six Senses Kaplankaya, Turkey** 98.63
- Chewton Glen Hotel & Spa, Hampshire, England** 98.50
- Adare Manor, Co. Limerick, Ireland** 98.42

- Four Seasons Hotel Hampshire, England** 98.33
- Airelles Gordes, La Bastide, Luberon, France** 98.29
- Hotel Romazzino, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Costa Smeralda, Italy** 98.21
- Anantara Vilamoura Algarve Resort, Portugal** 97.96
- JW Marriott Venice Resort & Spa, Italy** 97.88
- Anassa, Cyprus** 97.73
- Tivoli Marina Vilamoura Algarve Resort, Portugal** 97.44
- Amara, Cyprus** 97.43
- D Maris Bay, Marmaris, Turkey** 97.42
- Hillside Beach Club, Fethiye, Turkey** 97.10
- 7Pines Resort Ibiza, Spain** 96.61
- Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum, Turkey** 96.10
- Toscana Resort Castelfalfi, Italy** 95.87
- Elysium, Cyprus** 95.18
- Borgo Egnazia, Puglia, Italy** 93.58
- Terre Blanche Hôtel Spa Golf Resort, Tourrettes, France** 93.18
- Bahía del Duque, Tenerife, Spain** 92.92
- Puente Romano Beach Resort, Marbella, Spain** 92.73
- Dromoland Castle Hotel & Country Estate, Co. Clare, Ireland** 90.44

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

- MORUKURU FAMILY, DE HOOP NATURE RESERVE** 99.94
- Singita Sabi Sand, Sabi Sands** 99.85
- Royal Malewane, Greater Kruger National Park** 99.81
- Morukuru Family, Madikwe Game Reserve** 99.79
- Cheetah Plains, Sabi Sands** 99.37
- Marataba Luxury Lodges, Marakele National Park** 99.12
- andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve, KwaZulu-Natal** 98.88
- Lion Sands Game Reserve, Sabi Sands** 97.83
- Lepogo Lodges, Limpopo** 97.83
- Ulusaba Private Game Reserve, Sabi Sands** 97.76

REST OF AFRICA

- ANGAMA MARA, GREAT RIFT VALLEY, KENYA** 99.77
- andBeyond Bateleur Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya** 99.66
- One&Only Gorilla's Nest, Gisakura, Rwanda** 99.58
- One&Only Nyungwe House, Nyamasheke Nyungwe Forest Reserve, Rwanda** 99.58
- Cottar's 1920s Safari Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya** 99.50
- Thorntree River Lodge, Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia** 99.41
- andBeyond Okavango Delta, Botswana** 99.33
- Volcanoes Safari Lodges, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Uganda** 98.98
- Elewana Lewa Safari Camp, Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya** 98.96
- Richard's River Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya** 98.81
- Alex Walker's Serian, Masai Mara, Kenya** 98.72
- Wilderness Safaris Mombo Camp and Little Mombo, Moremi Game Reserve, Botswana** 98.66
- Elewana Tarangire Treetops, Tanzania** 98.66
- Virunga Lodge, Ruhengeri, Rwanda** 98.52
- Elewana Sand River Masai Mara, Kenya** 98.51
- Zannier Hotels Sonop, Karas Region, Namibia** 98.00
- Elewana Elsa's Kopje Meru, Meru National Park, Kenya** 97.91
- The Bushcamp Company, South Luangwa National Park, Zambia** 97.56
- Oi Jogi Wildlife Conservancy, Nanyuki Town, Kenya** 96.16
- Governors' Camp Collection, Masai Mara, Kenya** 96.14
- Singita Grumeti, Serengeti National Park, Tanzania** 96.11

- Finch Hattons, Tsavo West National Park, Kenya** 96.10
- Mahali Mzuri, Olare Motorogi Conservancy, Kenya** 95.53
- Tongabezi Lodge & Sindabezi Island Camp, Livingstone, Zambia** 95.44

AUSTRALIA & THE SOUTH PACIFIC

- KOKOMO PRIVATE ISLAND RESORT, YAUKUVE LEVU ISLAND, FIJI** 99.63
- Nanuku, Auberge Resorts Collection, Pacific Harbour, Fiji** 99.39
- Namale Resort & Spa, Vanua Levu, Fiji** 98.35
- The Brando, Tetiaroa, French Polynesia** 98.00
- Matakauri Lodge, Queenstown, New Zealand** 97.48
- InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort, French Polynesia** 97.35
- Spicers Sangoma Retreat, Bowen Mountain, Australia** 96.59
- Tokoriki Island Resort, Fiji** 96.56
- Saffire Freycinet, Tasmania, Australia** 96.43
- Conrad Bora Bora Nui, French Polynesia** 96.06
- Owen River Lodge, Nelson, New Zealand** 96.00
- Turtle Island Fiji** 95.62
- Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora, French Polynesia** 91.33
- InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa, French Polynesia** 90.86
- Sofitel Kia Ora Moorea Beach Resort, French Polynesia** 89.47

INDIAN OCEAN

- NALADHU PRIVATE ISLAND MALDIVES** 99.91
- Cheval Blanc Randheli, Maldives** 99.7
- Soneva Jani, Maldives** 99.54
- Soneva Fushi, Maldives** 99.22
- COMO Maalifushi, Maldives** 99.04
- Finolhu Maldives** 99.01
- One&Only Reethi Rah, Maldives** 98.94
- Anantara Kihavah Maldives Villas** 98.29
- The Nautilus Maldives** 98.26
- Joali, Maldives** 98.26
- Six Senses Laamu, Maldives** 98.24
- Constance Belle Mare Plage, Mauritius** 98.14
- Lux* South Ari Atoll, Maldives** 97.91

- JW Marriott Maldives Resort & Spa** 97.90
- Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi** 97.89
- Lux* North Male Atoll, Maldives** 97.56
- Anantara Veli Maldives Resort** 97.41
- Niyama Private Islands Maldives** 97.38
- Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru** 97.30
- Four Seasons Resort Seychelles at Desroches Island** 97.16
- The Oberoi, Mauritius** 97.00
- W Maldives** 96.76
- Conrad Maldives Rangali Island** 96.15
- Six Senses Zil Pasyon, Seychelles** 95.32
- Lux* Belle Mare, Mauritius** 95.20

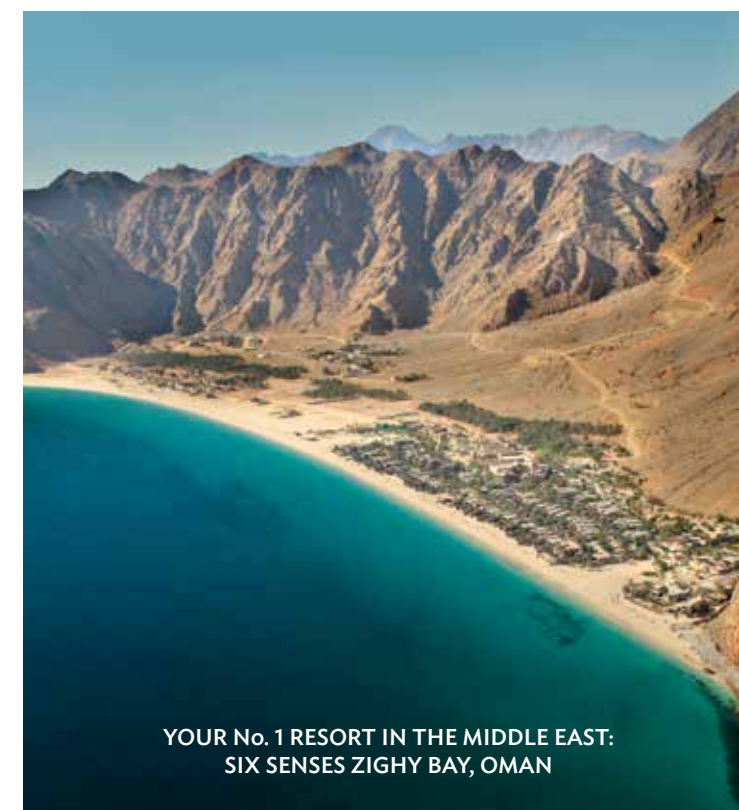
ASIA

INDONESIA

- CAPELLA UBUD, BALI** 99.28
- Hoshinoya Bali** 99.16
- Alila Ubud, Bali** 99.01
- Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay** 98.61
- Amankila, Bali** 98.16
- Anantara Uluwatu Bali Resort** 97.27
- Bawah Reserve, Riau Islands** 96.25
- Mulia Resort, Bali** 95.80
- Nihi Sumba** 95.68
- COMO Uma Ubud & COMO Uma Canggu, Bali** 95.19

THAILAND

- ANANTARA CHIANG MAI RESORT** 99.81
- Amanpuri, Phuket** 99.76
- Soneva Kiri, Koh Kood** 99.66
- COMO Point Yamu, Phuket** 98.93
- Four Seasons Resort Koh Samui** 98.76
- Phulay Bay, A Ritz-Carlton Reserve, Krabi** 98.66
- Le Méridien Phuket Beach Resort** 98.25
- Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort, Chiang Rai** 97.73
- Aleenta Phuket Resort & Spa** 97.48
- Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai** 97.02
- Rosewood Phuket** 96.33
- The Nai Harn Phuket** 95.81
- Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai** 94.60
- Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas** 93.47
- The Sarojin, Khao Lak** 93.36



YOUR No. 1 RESORT IN THE MIDDLE EAST: SIX SENSES ZIGHY BAY, OMAN

REST OF ASIA

- SIX SENSES BHUTAN** 99.38
- COMO Bhutan** 99.32
- Shinta Mani Wild, Southern Cardamom National Park, Cambodia** 99.30
- Cape Weligama, Sri Lanka** 99.23
- Six Senses Ninh Vân Bay, Vietnam** 99.08
- One&Only Desaru Coast, Bandar Penawar, Malaysia** 98.99
- The Ritz-Carlton, Langkawi, Malaysia** 98.97
- Ceylon Tea Trails, Hatton, Sri Lanka** 98.82
- El Nido Resorts, Philippines** 98.80
- Amankora Bhutan** 98.22
- Shangri-La Boracay Resort & Spa Philippines** 98.13
- Capella Sanya, China** 98.00
- Azerai Can Tho, Vietnam** 97.90
- Four Seasons Resort Langkawi, Malaysia** 97.54
- The Datal Langkawi, Malaysia** 97.23
- JW Marriott Phu Quoc Emerald Bay Resort & Spa, Vietnam** 97.20
- Discovery Shores Boracay, Philippines** 97.11
- Taj Exotica Resort & Spa, Goa, India** 96.70
- Ahilya by the Sea, Goa, India** 96.66
- InterContinental Danang Sun Peninsula Resort, Vietnam** 96.35
- Wild Coast Tented Lodge, Yala, Sri Lanka** 96.29

THE MIDDLE EAST

- SIX SENSES ZIGHY BAY, DIBBA, OMAN** 99.70
- Anantara Eastern Mangroves Abu Dhabi Hotel** 98.68
- Alila Jabal Akhdar, Oman** 98.65
- Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort, Oman** 97.52
- Qasr al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara, Liwa Desert, UAE** 97.24
- One&Only Royal Mirage, Dubai, UAE** 95.83
- One&Only The Palm, Dubai, UAE** 95.42
- The Oberoi Beach Resort Al Zorah, Ajman, UAE** 92.89
- Anantara The Palm Dubai Resort** 92.43
- Banana Island Resort Doha by Anantara, Qatar** 92.16



ROSEWOOD LITTLE DIX BAY, YOUR No. 1 RESORT IN THE CARIBBEAN

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