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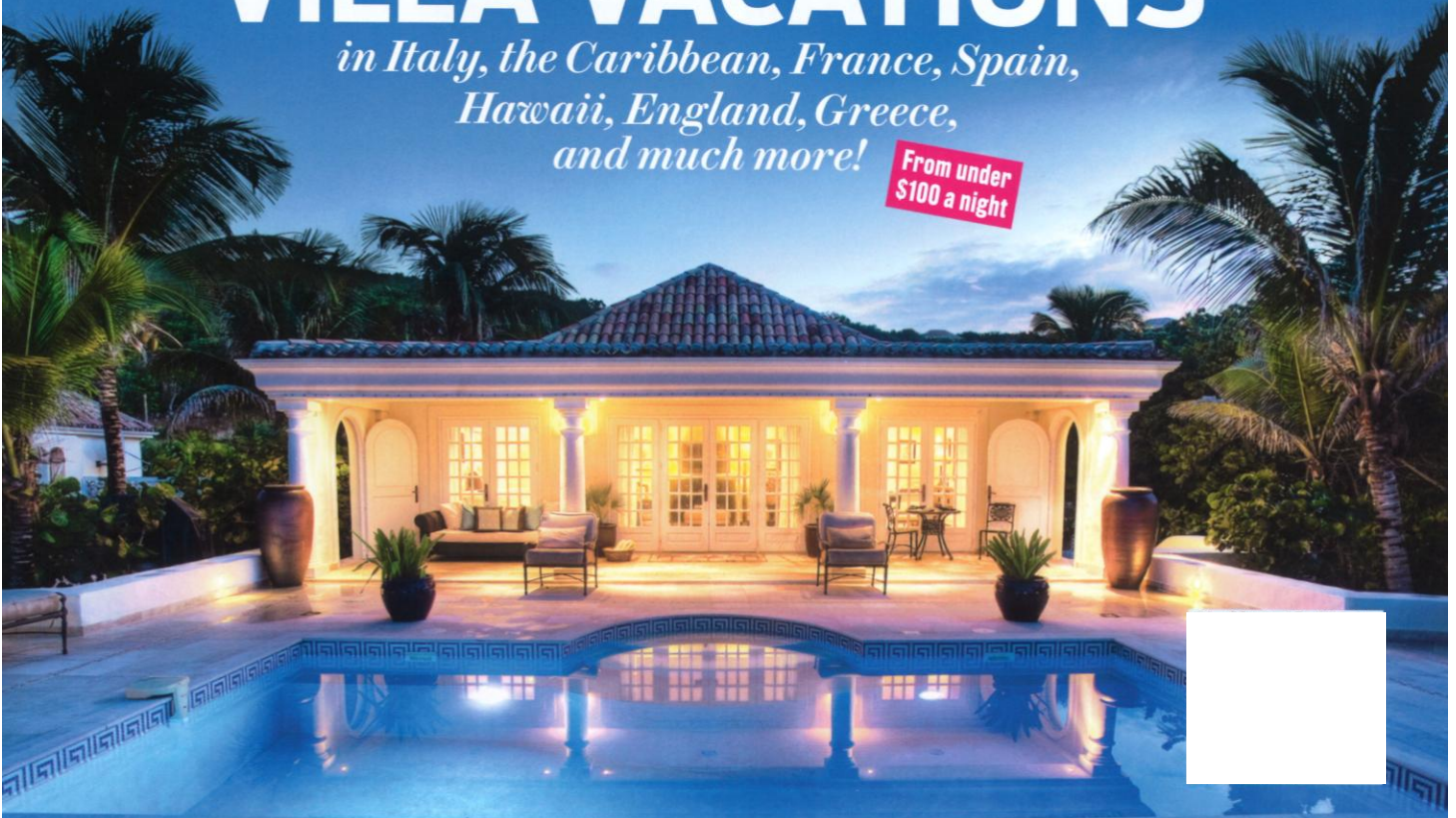
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HAWAII'S SWEET SPOT

The dramatic Kona-Kohala coast on the Big Island is renowned for golf, and no wonder. Twenty courses wreath the black lava seascape, with six top resorts, led by the **Four Seasons Hualalai** (94.2).



SOUTHERN COMFORT

The only Alabama resort on our list, the **Grand Hotel Marriott** in Point Clear earns the region's high score for Golf Staff & Services (97.1).

... No need to choose between form and function with these pieces from **RLX Golf**. Made from Italian cotton, this argyle vest has a slim fit and a low V-neck for a modern silhouette. Underneath, the Dri-Release Long-Sleeved Polo has vents at the hem and wicking properties for speedy drying (ralphlauren.com).

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Top 15 Hawaii Golf Resorts		🏌️	💰	★	🏌️	🏠	👤	🍴	📍	🎨	
1	Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea	18	\$\$\$	96.0	97.9	97.9	94.2	96.1	95.7	98.1	95.4
2	Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Big Island	18	\$\$\$	94.2	95.8	94.4	96.1	94.2	92.0	94.4	94.2
3	Four Seasons Resort, Lodge at Koele, Lanai	18	\$\$\$	93.3	92.9	92.9	94.7	94.2	91.8	90.1	95.9
4	Four Seasons Resort Lana'i at Manele Bay	18	\$\$\$	92.7	96.8	100	93.2	91.3	85.9	95.8	94.7
5	Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui	90	\$\$\$	90.1	93.8	93.8	92.2	90.6	81.8	93.8	91.3
6	Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa	18	\$\$\$	89.4	92.7	92.7	87.6	87.8	83.7	95.0	92.2
7	Fairmont Orchid, Big Island	36	\$\$\$	87.8	95.5	97.7	84.3	87.4	86.4	91.6	87.6
8	Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Big Island	36	\$\$\$	86.7	97.2	91.4	86.2	85.4	79.8	92.9	87.3
9	JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko Olina, Oahu	18	\$\$\$	86.5	83.8	83.3	92.8	87.5	80.2	80.4	91.9
10	Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, Maui	36	\$\$\$	86.4	98.1	94.2	84.2	87.1	87.3	84.2	86.6
11	Grand Wailea, Maui	90	\$\$\$	85.9	96.3	88.9	85.6	82.1	78.1	93.5	89.1
12	Kauai Marriott Resort	36	\$\$	82.4	85.0	86.7	79.3	82.3	73.5	90.8	85.4
13	Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel, Big Island	18	\$\$\$	81.6	94.1	97.1	81.2	82.0	70.8	89.4	79.7
14	Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Big Island	18	\$\$\$	81.2	92.3	84.6	73.3	82.7	72.3	90.8	85.1
15	Hilton Waikoloa Village, Big Island	36	\$\$	79.3	92.2	90.8	78.3	75.8	70.0	86.6	83.1
15	Turtle Bay Resort, Oahu	36	\$\$\$	79.3	89.3	92.9	77.5	77.6	65.0	90.0	83.6
Top 15 Southern U.S. Golf Resorts		🏌️	💰	★	🏌️	🏠	👤	🍴	📍	🎨	
1	Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, S.C.	90	\$\$\$	94.3	95.8	93.7	96.1	93.1	91.8	94.8	95.4
2	The Cloister, Sea Island, Ga.	36	\$\$	89.9	91.5	92.3	91.9	90.0	87.0	89.0	90.9
3	Barnsley Gardens Resort, Adairsville, Ga.	18	\$\$	89.1	97.3	94.4	94.0	92.5	88.9	80.1	86.7
4	Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C.	18	\$\$\$	88.6	94.3	94.3	94.4	89.6	79.2	85.3	91.7
5	The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.	54	\$\$	86.7	95.1	90.2	85.9	91.4	88.1	80.3	85.9
6	Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, Ga.	99	\$	86.5	94.5	92.7	88.6	89.7	83.8	79.1	88.1
7	Grand Hotel Marriott Golf Club & Spa, Point Clear, Ala.	36	\$\$	85.2	91.4	97.1	84.7	86.7	80.6	86.4	84.8
8	Beau Rivage, Biloxi, Miss.	18	\$	84.5	90.5	90.5	88.3	80.9	79.2	86.8	86.6
9	Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas, Tex.	18	\$\$	84.3	90.0	93.3	88.5	87.3	83.4	73.2	86.6
10	Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort, San Antonio, Tex.	27	\$	83.6	95.1	92.7	86.8	84.6	75.2	79.1	89.1
11	Barton Creek Resort & Spa, Austin, Tex.	72	\$	83.4	93.1	94.4	85.9	85.2	78.6	78.6	82.9
12	The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.	54	\$	82.8	93.3	86.7	79.9	86.0	80.9	80.9	83.4
13	Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, Asheville, N.C.	18	\$	82.5	69.2	80.4	76.7	82.2	80.7	89.2	84.7
14	Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa, S.C.	54	\$	82.2	90.9	90.9	81.5	82.6	72.9	90.5	81.5
15	Lodge at Sea Island Golf Club, St. Simons Island, Ga.	36	\$\$	82.1	93.3	82.6	83.6	80.6	78.0	85.9	79.7

RATES REFLECT THE LOWEST DOUBLE-ROOM PRICE DURING THE RESORT'S HIGH SEASON FOR GOLF. \$ = \$349 AND UNDER, \$\$ = \$350-\$499, \$\$\$ = \$500 OR MORE

🏌️ No. of holes 💰 Double rooms ★ OVERALL AVERAGE 🏌️ Course Design & Access 🏠 Golf Staff & Services 👤 Rooms 🍴 Service 📍 Food/Dining 🎨 Location 🎨 Overall Design

BEST FOR COURSE DESIGN & ACCESS

- 100 DISNEY'S GRAND FLORIDIAN Florida
- 100 LODGE AT PEBBLE BEACH California
- 100 RENAISSANCE RESORT AT WORLD GOLF VILLAGE Florida

WEST IS BEST

Of the 13 golf resorts that achieve overall scores of 90 and above, 11 lie between Colorado and Hawaii, and they range in environments from The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, to the pair of Four Seasons resorts on the island of Lanai, to Esperanza in Cabo San Lucas. Only one property east of the Mississippi reaches the stratospheric level of a 90-plus rating: The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island, near Charleston, South Carolina, which has the second-highest rating of any golf resort this year—94.3, behind only the Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea, with 96.0.



“I'll shoot my age IF I HAVE TO LIVE TO BE 105” —Bob Hope

METHODOLOGY Condé Nast Traveler's 2010 Golf Poll results were derived from our annual 2009 Readers' Choice Survey, whose questionnaire was available through a secure Web site. Tabulation of the survey's 25,008 responses was done by Mediamark Research, Inc., of New York City. Golf resorts were rated excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor on seven criteria: Course Design & Access, Golf Staff & Services, Rooms, Service, Food/Dining, Location, and Overall Design. Those criterion scores, representing the percentage of respondents who rated a golf resort excellent or very good, were averaged to determine the final rating for the resort. A minimum number of unique respondents was required for validity.

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