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Each year, *Travel + Leisure* asks readers to vote on their favorite hotels around the globe. What makes this, our ninth annual compendium of the top-ranked hotels from the World's Best Awards survey, stand out? Almost half of the winners are located in the U.S. and Canada, and another 20 percent are in Europe. Meanwhile, some of the most iconic destinations—California, Florida, Italy, France, and China—have 135 properties among them, and 62 hotels offer rates of less than \$250 a night. Also at your fingertips: our picks of the best farm-to-table restaurants, pools, tech amenities, and more. Plus, you'll find extended listings at TravelandLeisure.com, and—drumroll, please—the T+L 500 iPad edition, complete with interactive bonus features, will be on the App Store in January. So you can pinpoint your next hotel even if you're on the road.

celebrity chefs. 3131 Las Vegas Blvd. S.; 877/321-9966; wynnlasvegas.com; doubles from \$159.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW CASTLE

NEW **Wentworth by the Sea, a Marriott Hotel & Spa** (88.30) Meticulously restored grand hotel, first opened in 1874, on an Atlantic Ocean island an hour north of Boston. 800/228-9290; wentworth.com; doubles from \$309.

NEW MEXICO

SANTA FE

Rosewood Inn of the Anasazi (90.15) 58-room boutique property with Native American-style design, steps from Santa Fe Plaza. 113 Washington Ave.; 888/767-3966; innotheanasazi.com; doubles from \$249.

NEW YORK

ADIRONDACKS

Mirror Lake Inn Resort & Spa (89.71) Family-friendly compound a block from downtown Lake Placid. Lake Placid; 518/523-2544; mirrorlakeinn.com; doubles from \$285.

Whiteface Lodge (91.25) Rustic, all-suite lodge featuring cast-iron fireplaces and full kitchens, abutting the 6 million-acre Adirondack Park. Lake Placid; 800/903-4045; thewhiteface lodge.com; doubles from \$618.

FINGER LAKES

Mirbeau Inn & Spa (89.25) An extravagant version of a French country estate on 10 wooded acres in a quaint village, with 4 guest cottages and Monet-inspired gardens. Skaneateles; 877/647-2328; mirbeau.com; doubles from \$259.

NEW YORK CITY

Four Seasons Hotel (89.36) Soaring I. M. Pei-designed tower with outstanding views of midtown skyscrapers and rooms that average 600 square feet. 57 E. 57th St.; 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$1,050.

NEW London NYC (86.34)

Elegant midtown hotel composed almost entirely of suites; best known for Gordon Ramsay's in-

house restaurant. 151 W. 54th St.; 888/566-3692; thelondonnyc.com; doubles from \$329.

Mandarin Oriental (88.26) On the 35th through 54th floors of the Time Warner building on Columbus Circle, with Asian-inspired details and one of the city's best spas. 80 Columbus Circle; 866/801-8880; mandarinoriental.com; doubles from \$695.

New York Palace (86.20) Dorchester Collection's 19th-century mansion and 55-story building in midtown. The Towers—a 176-room "hotel within a hotel"—will reopen in September. 455 Madison Ave.; 800/804-7035; newyorkpalace.com; doubles from \$1,000.

Peninsula New York (90.05) Classic Beaux-Arts façade and a refurbished modern interior, near midtown shopping. 700 5th Ave.; 866/382-8388; peninsula.com; doubles from \$975.

NEW **The Plaza** (89.60) This landmark luxury hotel reopened in 2008 after extensive renovations that added a spa and the Food Hall by Todd English. 5th Ave. at Central Park S.; 800/441-1414; theplaza.com; doubles from \$1,295.



Ritz-Carlton Central Park (92.17) 33-story limestone tower on the southern edge of Central Park. 50 Central Park S.; 800/241-3333; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$975.

St. Regis (90.97) 1904 Beaux-Arts icon on Fifth Avenue with luxurious details (Waterford crystal chandeliers; Alain Ducasse's Adour restaurant). 2 E. 55th St.; 877/787-3447; stregis.com; doubles from \$995.

Trump International Hotel & Tower (89.58) The Donald's glass monolith on Central Park has one of the city's top restaurants, Jean Georges. A multimillion-dollar renovation was completed last year. 1 Central Park W.; 888/448-7867; trumpintl.com; doubles from \$695.

NORTH CAROLINA

ASHEVILLE

Inn on Biltmore Estate (90.76) A 210-room mansion set on 8,000

acres on George Vanderbilt's Biltmore estate, surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains. 800/411-3812; biltmore.com; doubles from \$299.

CARY

Umstead Hotel & Spa (88.80) Tranquil 150-room property on 12 wooded acres, minutes from downtown Raleigh. 866/877-4141; theumstead.com; doubles from \$279.

PITTSBORO

Fearrington House Country Inn (92.47) 32-room inn with manicured gardens, a restaurant set in a 1927 farmhouse, and, this fall, a bi-level spa—all 8 miles from Chapel Hill. 800/735-2478; fearrington.com; doubles from \$275.

OHIO

CLEVELAND

Ritz-Carlton (88.53) A 205-room downtown tower overlooking Lake Erie, within walking distance of the Historic Warehouse District. 1515 W. 3rd St.; 800/241-3333; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$299.

OREGON

CANNON BEACH

Stephanie Inn Hotel (89.12) Shingled sanctuary overlooking Haystack Rock. All 41 rooms are equipped with fireplaces and private balconies. 800/633-3466; stephanie-inn.com; doubles from \$359, including breakfast.

PORTLAND

NEW **The Nines, a Luxury Collection Hotel** (89.29) 331-room LEED Silver-certified hotel within the top floors of the landmark Meier & Frank building. 525 S.W. Morrison St.; 800/325-3589; thenines.com; doubles from \$209.

PENNSYLVANIA

BEDFORD

NEW **Omni Bedford Springs Resort** (87.62) Sprawling 2,200-acre getaway (with a brick-and-white-column façade, 216 rooms, and 2 pools), just outside of town. 888/444-6664; omnihotels.com; doubles from \$239.

PHILADELPHIA

Four Seasons Hotel (88.37) Eight-story granite hotel with a central location—plus Philly's best spa. 1 Logan Square; 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$295.

NEW **Loews Hotel** (86.67) Housed in a 1932 former bank building, minutes from the Amtrak station. 1200 Market St.;

866/563-9792; loewshotels.com; doubles from \$169.

Rittenhouse Hotel (92.97) Prestigious address on Rittenhouse Square, unbeatable service, and 98 large rooms. Public spaces display paintings by Mary Cassatt. 210 W. Rittenhouse Square; 800/635-1042; rittenhousehotel.com; doubles from \$520.

RHODE ISLAND

NEWPORT

Castle Hill (89.20) 19th-century Victorian mansion on a peninsula where the Atlantic meets Narragansett Bay. 888/466-1355; castlehillinn.com; doubles from \$809, including breakfast.

SOUTH CAROLINA

BLUFFTON

Inn at Palmetto Bluff, an Auberge Resort (93.43) Southern-style resort on coastal marshland, with 50 cottage rooms and suites, spa treatments, and outdoor activities. 866/706-6565; palmettbluffresort.com; doubles from \$475.

SUMMERVILLE

Woodlands Inn (94.12) Neo-Georgian mansion from 1906 with touches of Tara; a bastion of Southern hospitality. 800/774-9999; woodlandsinn.com; doubles from \$229.

CHARLESTON

Charleston Place (90.68) One of the city's larger and most luxurious hotels, with a 1-to-2 staff-to-guest ratio. 205 Meeting St.; 888/635-2350; charlestonplace.com; doubles from \$350.

Planters Inn (89.70)

Peaceful 19th-century building and modern addition in the center of town. The 64 rooms have crown moldings and four-poster beds. 112 N. Market St.; 800/735-2478; plantersinn.com; doubles from \$250.

KIAWAH ISLAND

Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort (89.09) Stately 255-room hotel on the grounds of one of the country's top golf resorts. 800/654-2924; kiawahresort.com; doubles from \$435.

TENNESSEE

NASHVILLE

Hermitage Hotel (90.91) By far the city's choicest digs—favored by country-music stars since 1910—with a fresh look after a recent \$17 million overhaul. 231 6th Ave. N.; 888/888-9414; thehermitagehotel.com; doubles from \$269.



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