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World's Best Awards 2026

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In its 31st year, the World's Best Awards continue to be a reflection of the extraordinary experiences that you, our trusted readers, crave. In this year's survey, more than 661,000 votes were cast—on city and island escapes, safari outfitters, airlines, and hotels around the world. Some winners have consistently ranked in the awards for more than two decades; others are catching your attention for the first time.

This year, we at Travel + Leisure implore you to explore the winners with the same curiosity in which you chose them. While some hotels offer a rich backstory and entrancing interiors, others are brand new to the hospitality scene. What do they all have in common? Exceptional service that turns inquisitive travelers into return guests. As for the top cities, tried-and-true reign supreme with phenomenal attractions, superlative hotels, and electric dining scenes. If an island getaway is favored, there are plenty of options across the globe to choose from, all with pristine beaches and seaside charm.

No matter what you're searching for, this winning list is proof that there's always more to explore.

Best Hotels in the World

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