

Cities & Islands

San Miguel de Allende takes top honors as the best city in the world for the first time, while Palawan is the No. 1 island overall for the second year in a row.



TOP 10 Cities Overall

- 1 **San Miguel de Allende**
Mexico 92.12
- 2 **Charleston**
South Carolina 91.54
- 3 **Chiang Mai**
Thailand 91.40
- 4 **Kyoto**
Japan 91.13
- 5 **Florence**
90.75 ^H
- 6 **Oaxaca**
Mexico 90.41
- 7 **Hoi An**
Vietnam 90.31
- 8 **Cape Town** 90.24
- 9 **Ubud**
Indonesia 90.13
- 10 **Luang Prabang**
Laos 90.10

TOP 10 Islands Overall

- 1 **Palawan**
Philippines 93.15
- 2 **Hilton Head Island**
South Carolina 90.83
- 3 **Boracay Island**
Philippines 89.67
- 4 **Galápagos Islands**
Ecuador 89.20
- 5 **Santorini**
Greece 89.19
- 6 **Maui**
Hawaii 89.17 ^H
- 7 **Kauai**
Hawaii 88.72 ^H
- 8 **Ischia**
Italy 88.53
- 9 **Hvar and the Dalmatian Islands**
Croatia 87.75
- 10 **Bali** Indonesia 87.61 ^H

Experience the World's Best City from home! To explore **San Miguel de Allende** in virtual reality, download the LIFE VR app, available for Android or iOS, or visit tandl.me/sanmiguel360.

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HALL OF FAME
On the list for the past 10 years.

TOP 15
Hotel Brands

- 1 **Six Senses** 96.15
- 2 Oetker Collection 96.09
- 3 Auberger Resorts 95.39
- 4 Alila Hotels & Resorts 94.71
- 5 Capella Hotels & Resorts 94.57
- 6 One&Only Resorts 93.95
- 7 The Peninsula Hotels 93.91
- 8 Oberoi Hotels & Resorts 93.74
- 9 Aman 93.72
- 10 The Leela Palaces, Hotels & Resorts 93.33
- 11 Rosewood Hotels & Resorts 93.19
- 12 Montage Hotels & Resorts 93.07
- 13 Rocco Forte Hotels 92.93
- 14 Thompson Hotels 92.90
- 15 Belmond 92.71



At Six Senses Douro Valley, in Portugal, guests can sip local vintages and unwind with grape- and citrus-based spa treatments.



Winner's Spotlight

SIX SENSES, A FEEL-GOOD FOCUS

World's Best winner Six Senses, whose nine resort hotels around the globe—from Vietnam to Oman and the Seychelles—have wellness in their DNA. At the spas, guests can undergo a screening to measure stress levels, heart rate, and tissue oxygen uptake, among other markers; a personalized fitness and diet routine is created based on the results. Many of our readers raved about the brand's practices. "Their wellness emphasis, plus the organic food, is over the top," said one. "Very cool approach," added another. "Six Senses is on the move and is pioneering in this space."

All hotels want their guests to get a good night's rest. But few properties go so far as to offer a dedicated team of on-call Sleep Ambassadors—whose mission is to make your room conducive to superior shut-eye—as well as a sleep-tracking app. These are just two of the amenities offered by first-time

Continental United States

Southern cities fared the best—claiming seven of the top 10 spots—while a luxury Wyoming ranch is the highest-ranking hotel in the country.



TOP 10 Islands

- 1 **Hilton Head Island** South Carolina 90.83
- 2 **Nantucket** Massachusetts 87.26
- 3 **Mount Desert Island** Maine 86.69
- 4 **Golden Isles (Jekyll Island, Little St. Simons Island, Sea Island, St. Simons Island)** Georgia 85.60
- 5 **Mackinac Island** Michigan 85.45
- 6 **San Juan Islands** Washington 83.86
- 7 **Florida Keys** 83.49
- 8 **Martha's Vineyard** Massachusetts 83.34
- 9 **Kiawah Island** South Carolina 83.22
- 10 **Sanibel Island** Florida 82.43

TOP 10 Cities*

- 1 **Charleston** South Carolina 91.54
 - 2 **Santa Fe** New Mexico 89.94
 - 3 **Savannah** Georgia 89.30
 - 4 **New Orleans** 89.15
 - 5 **Nashville** 85.50
 - 6 **Honolulu** 85.29
 - 7 **New York City** 84.86
 - 8 **Austin** Texas 84.72
 - 9 **Asheville** North Carolina 84.69
 - 10 **San Antonio** Texas 84.49
- *Including Hawaii

TOP 15 Resort Hotels

- 1 **Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch** Saratoga, Wyoming 98.77
- 2 **Triple Creek Ranch** Darby, Montana 98.23
- 3 **Inn at Willow Grove** Orange, Virginia 98.13
- 4 **Rosewood CordeValle** San Martin, California 98.00

- 5 **Twin Farms** Barnard, Vermont 97.54
- 6 **Rabbit Hill Inn** Lower Waterford, Vermont 96.87
- 7 **Gasparilla Inn & Club** Boca Grande, Florida 96.43
- 8 **The Willcox** Aiken, South Carolina 96.38
- 9 **Blackberry Farm** Walland, Tennessee 96.37
- 10 **Château du Sureau** Oakhurst, California 96.25
- 11 **Gateway Canyons Resort & Spa** Gateway, Colorado 96.24
- 12 **Wequassett Resort & Golf Club** Chatham, Massachusetts 96.21
- 13 **Farmhouse Inn** Forestville, California 96.06
- 14 **Old Edwards Inn & Spa** Highlands, North Carolina 95.89
- 15 **Blantyre** Lenox, Massachusetts 95.83

TOP 15 City Hotels

- 1 **The Surrey** New York City 96.09
- 2 **Alfond Inn** Orlando Area, Florida 96.00
- 3 **21c Museum Hotel** Oklahoma City 95.77
- 4 **The Chatwal** New York City 95.57
- 5 **Thompson** Seattle 95.15
- 6 **Archer** New York City 95.13
- 7 **Urban Cowboy** Nashville, 95.11
- 8 **21c Museum Hotel** Bentonville, Arkansas 94.95
- 9 **The Vendue** Charleston, South Carolina 94.88
- 10 **Roxy Hotel** New York City 94.77
- 11 **Hotel Elysee** New York City 94.67
- 12 **Zero George** Charleston, South Carolina 94.52

- 13 **Old 77 Hotel & Chandlery** New Orleans 94.50
- 14 **The Peninsula** Chicago 94.44
- 15 **Mandarin Oriental** Las Vegas 94.35

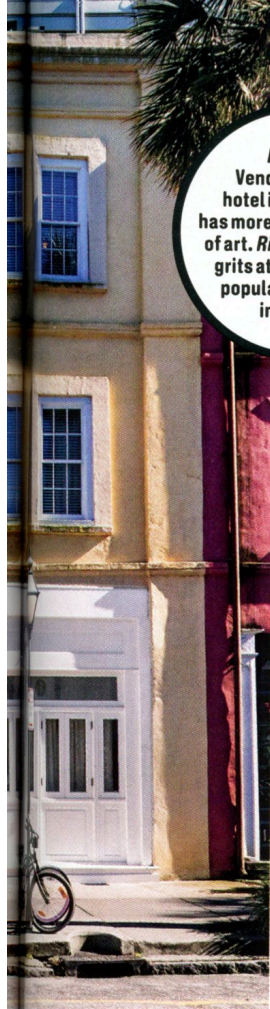
TOP 10 Hotels New York City

- 1 **The Surrey** 96.09
- 2 **The Chatwal** 95.57
- 3 **Archer** 95.13
- 4 **Roxy Hotel** 94.77
- 5 **Hotel Elysee** 94.67
- 6 **The Beekman, a Thompson Hotel** 94.19
- 7 **The Lowell** 94.15
- 8 **Greenwich Hotel** 92.98
- 9 **The Peninsula** 92.94
- 10 **Lotte New York Palace** 92.05



READERS SAY...
“Charleston is a fusion of the best of Southern culture and contemporary class. Whether you’re a foodie, an art lover, or a history buff, there is never a dull time in this city.”

Left:The Vendue, the No. 1 hotel in Charleston, has more than 300 pieces of art. **Right:**Shrimp and grits at Hominy Grill, a popular brunch spot in the city.



**TOP 5
Hotels
Washington,
D.C.**

- 1 **The Jefferson** 93.89
- 2 **The Hay-Adams** 92.29
- 3 **Melrose Georgetown Hotel** 91.02
- 4 **Four Seasons Hotel** 89.74
- 5 **Sofitel Washington D.C. Lafayette Square** 89.64

**TOP 5
Hotels
Chicago**

- 1 **The Peninsula** 94.44
- 2 **The Langham** 94.26
- 3 **Thompson** 93.73
- 4 **Chicago Athletic Association Hotel** 92.88
- 5 **Waldorf Astoria** 91.50

**TOP 5
Hotels
Charleston**

- 1 **The Vendue** 94.88
- 2 **Zero George** 94.52
- 3 **The Spectator** 94.18
- 4 **French Quarter Inn** 94.10
- 5 **Wentworth Mansion** 93.40

**TOP 5
Resort Hotels
Florida**

- 1 **Gasparilla Inn & Club Boca Grande** 96.43
- 2 **Acqualina Resort & Spa Sunny Isles Beach** 95.42
- 3 **Little Palm Island Resort & Spa Little Torch Key** 95.38
- 4 **Biltmore Hotel Coral Gables** 94.47
- 5 **The Betsy Miami Beach** 94.31

**TOP 5
Resort Hotels
California**

- 1 **Rosewood CordeValle San Martin** 98.00
- 2 **Château du Sureau Oakhurst** 96.25
- 3 **Farmhouse Inn Forestville** 96.06
- 4 **Auberge du Soleil Rutherford** 95.36
- 5 **Calistoga Ranch, an Auberge Resort Calistoga** 95.03

**TOP 5
Hotels
Greater
Los Angeles**

- 1 **Hotel Bel-Air Los Angeles** 92.32
- 2 **The Peninsula Beverly Hills** 92.00
- 2 **Viceroy L'Ermitage Beverly Hills** 92.00
- 4 **Petit Ermitage West Hollywood** 91.32
- 5 **The Redbury Los Angeles** 90.97

Winner's Spotlight

**THE PERFECT
LONG WEEKEND IN
CHARLESTON**

How to spend three unforgettable days in America's best city.

Friday

Check in to the **Vendue** (*thevendue.com*; doubles from \$150), which is located on humming East Bay Street. Voted the No. 1 hotel in Charleston, this boutique property is known for its rotating art exhibits. Go for an evening stroll in Waterfront Park, then loop down to the historic Rainbow Row houses. Just up the street is **McCrary's Tavern**, where celebrity chef Sean Brock's escargot-stuffed marrow bone is an umami-rich dream (*mccrarystavern.com*; entrées \$16–\$32).

Saturday

Wake up with a Southern-style brunch at the **Grocery** (*thegrocerycharleston.com*; entrées \$12–\$21). Then head south along King Street, which is packed with quality shops like **Blue Bicycle Books** (*bluebicyclebooks.com*). Follow shopping with a visit to one of the city's many historic homes. For dinner, **Le Farfalle** serves unconventional Italian, like sorghum pappardelle, and the silkiest ricotta you've ever tasted (*lefarfallecharleston.com*, entrées \$15–\$43).

Sunday

Kick off your last morning with a classically Charlestonian brunch at **Hominy Grill** (*hominygrill.com*; entrées \$5–\$19) followed by a kayaking excursion into nearby swamps and waterways with **Nature Adventures Outfitters** (*kayakcharlestonsc.com*; rentals from \$40). Before you leave, get a taste of home-style cooking to go at **Nana's Seafood & Soul**. The deviled crab will have you planning your next trip (*nanasseafoodsoul.com*; entrées \$2–\$15).

