

THE READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2024

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

PALÁCIO PRÍNCIPE REAL, LISBON, JOINT TOP-SCORING HOTEL IN EUROPE

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RESORTS

Maybe the poolside one-upmanship was just too much: when it came to Hawaiian resorts, it was the **Four Seasons Resort Hualalai** (rated for facilities and community investment) rather than its sister hotel in Maui, with its *White Lotus* setting, that landed on the list this year. The scene-stealing locations of **Tierra Patagonia**, Canada's **Wickaninnish Inn** and **El Silencio Lodge** in Costa Rica deserve their own series, while the on-point service of the Dominican Republic's **Eden Roc Cap Cana** helped carry it to a number one spot. In Europe you rated the facilities of **Six Senses Ibiza**, including its spa's shamanic smoke cleansing, and the design of **Ikos Dassia** on Corfu. In the resort metaverse of the Indian Ocean, **One&Only Reethi Rah** and **Soneva Fushi** had crystal-clear scores for most criteria, sending them snorkelling to the top.



Hawaii's Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, one of your favourite resorts in the USA and Canada. *Opposite*: Your winner in the Indian Ocean category, Soneva Fushi in the Maldives

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THE AMERICAS

MEXICO

1 **MAROMA, A BELMOND HOTEL, RIVIERA MAYA,** QUINTANA ROO 98.01
2 **Chablé Maroma,** Punta Maroma, Quintana Roo 97.50
3 **Chablé Yucatán,** Chocholá, Yucatán 97.20
4 **Atelier Playa Mujeres,** Cancún, Quintana Roo 97.10
5 **One&Only Palmilla,** San José del Cabo, Baja California Sur 96.67
6 **Las Alamandas,** Costalegre, Jalisco 96.32
7 **One&Only Mandarina,** Riviera Nayarit, Nayarit 96.25
8 **Mahekal Beach Resort,** Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo 95.92
9 **Hacienda Encantada Resort & Residences,** Cabo San Lucas, Baja California Sur 95.54
10 **Garza Blanca Cancún,** Quintana Roo 95.24

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

1 **TIERRA ATACAMA,** CHILE 96.85
2 **EcoCamp Patagonia,** Chile 96.68
3 **Hotel Boutique Lagarta Lodge,** Guanacaste, Costa Rica 96.61
4 **Tierra Patagonia,** Chile 96.37
5 **Estancia Vik José Ignacio,** Uruguay 94.64
6 **Explora Valle Sagrado,** Peru 93.88
7 **Explora Torres del Paine,** Patagonia, Chile 92.66
8 **Finch Bay Galapagos Hotel,** Ecuador 92.54
9 **AndBeyond Vira Vira,** Pucón, Chile 92.48
10 **Awasi Patagonia**, Chile 92.31
11 **El Silencio Lodge & Spa,** Bajos del Toro, Costa Rica 91.89
12 **Tabacón Thermal Resort & Spa,** Arenal, Costa Rica 91.76
13 **Estancia Cristina,** El Calafate, Argentina 91.57
14 **Las Casitas, a Belmond Hotel, Colca Canyon,** Peru 90.76
15 **Alaia Belize, Autograph Collection,** San Pedro, Belize 90.32

USA & CANADA

1 **WICKANINNISH INN,** TOFINO, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA 99.17
2 **Four Seasons Resort Hualalai,** Big Island, Hawaii, USA 99.00
3 **Mauna Lani, Auberge Resorts Collection,** Big Island, Hawaii, USA 98.32
4 **The Ritz-Carlton Bacara,** Santa Barbara, California, USA 97.50
5 **Cabot Cape Breton,** Inverness, Nova Scotia, Canada 97.39
6 **Lone Mountain Ranch,** Big Sky, Montana, USA 97.24
7 **Willows Lodge,** Woodinville, Washington, USA 96.79
8 **The Moorings Village,** Islamorada, Florida, USA 96.72
9 **Trapp Family Lodge,** Stowe, Vermont, USA 96.67
10 **Rancho Bernardo Inn,** San Diego, California, USA 96.55

THE CARIBBEAN & THE ATLANTIC

1 **EDEN ROC CAP CANA,** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 99.65
2 **Sandy Lane Hotel,** Barbados 99.15
3 **Cap Juluca, a Belmond Hotel, Anguilla** 99.12
4 **Anse Chastanet Resort,** St Lucia 99.06
5 **Casa de Campo Resort & Villas,** Dominican Republic 98.50
6 **Cap Maison,** St Lucia 98.13
7 **Long Bay Beach Resort,** British Virgin Islands 97.97
8 **Eden Rock – St Barths** 97.68
9 **Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa,** St Barts 97.50
10 **Montpelier Plantation & Beach,** St Kitts and Nevis 97.11
11 **Jumby Bay Island**, Antigua and Barbuda 96.79
12 **Half Moon,** Jamaica 96.76
13 **Jade Mountain,** St Lucia 96.63
14 **StolenTime by Rendezvous,** St Lucia, 96.61
15 **The Landings Resort and Spa,** St Lucia 96.50

THE INDIAN OCEAN

1 **SONEVA FUSHI,** MALDIVES 99.58
2 **Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi** 99.50
3 **Lux Belle Mare,** Mauritius 99.47
4 **One&Only Reethi Rah,** Maldives 99.38
5 **Lux South Ari Atoll,** Maldives 99.29
6 **Constance Belle Mare Plage,** Mauritius 99.17
7 **Baros Maldives** 98.90
8 **Kuda Villingili Resort Maldives** 98.75
9 **Heritage Le Telfair Golf & Wellness Resort,** Mauritius 98.75
10 **Tamassa Bel Ombre,** Mauritius 98.66
11 **Huvafen Fushi,** Maldives 98.29
12 **Four Seasons Resort Seychelles at Desroches Island** 97.11
13 **One&Only Le Saint Géran,** Mauritius 95.75
14 **North Island, a Luxury Collection Resort,** Seychelles 95.26
15 **So Maldives** 94.97
16 **Six Senses Laamu,** Maldives 94.89

17 **Niyama Private Islands Maldives** 94.87
18 **Fushifaru Maldives** 94.61
19 **Como Maalifushi,** Maldives 93.75
20 **Heritance Aarah,** Maldives 92.93

EUROPE

GREECE

1 **SANI RESORT,** HALKIDIKI 99.58
2 **Ikos Dassia,** Corfu 99.06
3 **Porto Zante Villas & Spa,** Zakynthos 98.75
4 **Minos Palace Hotel & Suites,** Crete 98.55
5 **The Westin Resort, Costa Navarino,** Messinia 98.17
6 **Elounda Beach Hotel & Villas,** Crete 97.83
7 **Domes Miramare, a Luxury Collection Resort, Corfu** 97.50
8 **The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort, Costa Navarino,** Messinia 95.78
9 **W Costa Navarino** 94.77
10 **One&Only Aesthesis,** Athens 94.58

REST OF EUROPE

1 **SIX SENSES IBIZA,** SPAIN 99.92
2 **Sheen Falls Lodge,** Co Kerry, Ireland 99.23
3 **Gleneagles,** Perthshire, UK 99.20
4 **Ikos Porto Petro,** Mallorca, Spain 97.89
5 **Schloss Roxburghe – Destination by Hyatt,** Scottish Borders, UK 97.31
6 **Mett Hotel & Beach Resort Marbella,** Spain 97.27
7 **Argentario Golf & Wellness Resort, Autograph Collection,** Tuscany, Italy 96.73
8 **Vila Vita Parc,** Algarve, Portugal 96.20
9 **Hyatt Regency Kotor Bay Resort,** Montenegro 96.13
10 **Adare Manor**, Co Limerick, Ireland 95.75
11 **Hillside Beach Club,** Fethiye, Turkey 94.46
12 **Castelfalfi,** Tuscany, Italy 94.43
13 **Airelles Gordes, La Bastide,** Provence, France 94.07
14 **7Pines Resort Sardinia – Destination by Hyatt,** Italy 93.05
15 **Anassa,** Cyprus 93.04
16 **Cameron House on Loch Lomond,** West Dunbartonshire, UK 93.02
17 **Amara,** Cyprus 92.84
18 **Voyage Belek Golf & Spa,** Antalya, Turkey 92.83
19 **Terre Blanche Hotel Golf & Spa Resort,** Provence, France 91.49
20 **Ashford Castle,** Co Mayo, Ireland 91.47
21 **Bahía del Duque,** Tenerife, Spain 89.81
22 **Slieve Donard,** Co Down, UK 88.98
23 **Parklane, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa, Limassol,** Cyprus 88.93
24 **Bijal, Antalya,** Turkey 86.22
25 **Maxx Royal Belek Golf Resort**, Antalya, Turkey 84.58



Makanyi Private Game Lodge in the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, your top South African resort. *Opposite:* One of your go-to resorts in Asia, Bhutan's Six Senses Thimphu

By all means lie by the pool all week ordering spritzes, but surely the whole point of a resort is the sheer variety of options it gives you. Activities and facilities are two key criteria in this category, for which you gave high scores to South Africa's **Makanyi Private Game Lodge**, whose stargazing almost competes with its photographic safaris; **Wilderness Jao** in Botswana, which can arrange boat rides on the delta; and **Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort**, where making smoked rose-water with small family enterprises is on the cards. At **Bedarra Island** in Australia, it's all delving into the rainforest and Great Barrier Reef. Back in Africa, you rewarded **Xigera Safari Lodge** for its community investment (helping to conserve the Okavango Delta) and game-changing design, and Belmond's **Eagle Island Lodge** for its rooms (just 12 of them). In Asia, Thailand's **Rayavadee** was popular for its mangrove-fringed Andaman Sea location, and **Zannier Hotels Bãi San Hô** for its authentic Vietnamese cuisine (and three restaurants), while **Ceylon Tea Trails** led the way for its teak-lined, colonial-era tea-planter bungalows (croquet after afternoon tea, anybody?).

THE MIDDLE EAST

1 **ONE&ONLY THE PALM, DUBAI,** UAE 99.38
2 **Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort,** Nizwa, Oman 98.25
3 **The Oberoi Beach Resort,** Sahl Hasheesh, Egypt 97.55
4 **The St Regis Red Sea Resort,** Saudi Arabia 97.50
5 **Six Senses Zighy Bay,** Oman 96.77
6 **Anantara Mina Al Arab Ras Al Khaimah Resort,** UAE 96.67
7 **Anantara Sir Bani Yas Island Resorts,** Abu Dhabi, UAE 95.28
8 **The Oberoi Beach Resort,** Al Zorah, UAE 95.09
9 **One&Only Royal Mirage,** Dubai, UAE 95.00
10 **Al Maha, a Luxury Collection Desert Resort & Spa, Dubai,** UAE 94.88

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AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

1 **MAKANYI PRIVATE GAME LODGE,** TIMBAVATI PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE 97.75
2 **Londolozi Game Reserve,** Sabi Sands 96.67
3 **Lion Sands Game Reserve,** Sabi Sands 96.66
4 **Tswalu Kalahari Reserve** 96.65
5 **Kapama Karula,** Kapama Private Game Reserve 96.31
6 **Samara Karoo Reserve** 96.12
7 **Ulusaba Private Game Reserve,** Sabi Sands 94.21
8 **Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve & Wellness Retreat** 93.44
9 **AndBeyond Ngala Tented Camp,** Ngala Private Game Reserve 93.29
10 **Singita Boulders Lodge,** Sabi Sands 92.64

REST OF AFRICA

1 **EAGLE ISLAND LODGE, A BELMOND SAFARI, BOTSWANA,** OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA 99.76
2 **Wilderness Serra Cafema,** Hartmann Valley, Namibia 99.69
3 **Wilderness Jao,** Okavango Delta, Botswana 99.00
4 **One&Only Gorilla's Nest,** Ruhengeri, Rwanda 98.93
5 **Kapamba, The Bushcamp Company,** South Luangwa National Park, Zambia 98.75
6 **Wilderness Mombo and Little Mombo,** Moremi Game Reserve, Botswana 98.57
7 **Chamilandu, The Bushcamp Company,** South Luangwa National Park, Zambia 98.50
8 **Chindeni, The Bushcamp Company,** South Luangwa National Park, Zambia 98.33
9 **Xigera Safari Lodge,** Okavango Delta, Botswana 98.28
10 **Wilderness Little Makalolo,** Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe 98.22
11 **Angama Mara,** Great Rift Valley, Kenya 97.83
12 **Sasaab,** Samburu, Kenya 97.51
13 **KuKaya, The Bushcamp Company,** South Luangwa National Park, Zambia 97.49
14 **Wilderness Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp,** Palmwag Concession, Namibia 97.44
15 **Wilderness Vumbura Plains,** Okavango Delta, Botswana 97.34
16 **Wilderness DumaTau Camp,** Linyanti, Botswana 97.27
17 **Tarangire Sopa Lodge,** Tarangire National Park, Tanzania 97.17
18 **Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort,** Mozambique 97.14
19 **Masai Mara Sopa Lodge,** Kenya 96.94
20 **Cottar's 1920s Camp,** Masai Mara, Kenya 96.79
21 **Wilderness Bisate,** Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda 96.77
22 **Lux Marijani,** Pwani Mchangani, Zanzibar 96.36
23 **Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club,** Nanyuki, Kenya 96.00
24 **Savute Elephant Lodge, a Belmond Safari, Botswana,** Chobe National Park, Botswana 95.91
25 **Sirikoi Lodge,** Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya 95.71



ASIA

INDONESIA

1 **THE OBEROI BEACH RESORT,** BALI 98.04
2 **Capella Ubud,** Bali 97.78
3 **The Oberoi Beach Resort,** Lombok 97.59
4 **Grand Hyatt Bali** 96.04
5 **Viceroy Bali** 95.51
6 **Bawah Reserve,** Riau Islands 94.88
7 **Alila Villas Uluwatu,** Bali 94.27
8 **Six Senses Uluwatu,** Bali 93.61
9 **Nirjhara,** Bali 93.22
10 **The Apurva Kempinski Bali** 91.86

THAILAND

1 **BANYAN TREE PHUKET** 99.18
2 **Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai** 98.75
3 **Pimalai Resort & Spa,** Koh Lanta 98.57
4 **Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort,** Chiang Rai 98.43
5 **Soneva Kiri,** Trat 98.39
6 **Rayavadee,** Krabi 98.33
7 **The Sarojin,** Khao Lak 97.81
8 **Anantara Koh Yao Yai Resort & Villas** 97.25
9 **Anantara Lawana Koh Samui Resort** 96.25
10 **Rosewood Phuket** 95.00
11 **Avani+ Khao Lak Resort** 93.33
12 **Anantara Chiang Mai Resort** 93.04
13 **Santiburi Koh Samui** 92.95
14 **Como Point Yamu,** Phuket 92.88
15 **Napasai, a Belmond Hotel, Koh Samui** 92.73

REST OF ASIA

1 **CEYLON TEA TRAILS,** SRI LANKA 98.02
2 **Six Senses Thimphu,** Bhutan 97.69
3 **Wa Ale,** Myanmar 96.96
4 **Anantara Quy Nhon Villas,** Vietnam 96.88
5 **Suján Sher Bagh,** Ranthambhore, India 96.40
6 **The Datai Langkawi,** Malaysia 95.91
7 **The Oberoi Vanyavilas Wildlife Resort,** Ranthambhore, India 95.28
8 **Zannier Hotels Bãi San Hô,** Phú Yên, Vietnam 95.25
9 **One&Only Desaru Coast,** Malaysia 95.19
10 **Heritance Ahungalla,** Sri Lanka 94.20
11 **The Oberoi Sukhvilas Spa Resort,** New Chandigarh, India 93.68
12 **Wildflower Hall, Shimla in the Himalayas – An Oberoi Resort,** India 93.30
13 **Anopura, Jaipur,** India 91.61
14 **Salinda Resort Phu Quoc Island,** Vietnam 90.88
15 **InterContinental Danang Sun Peninsula Resort,** Vietnam 87.57

AUSTRALASIA & THE SOUTH PACIFIC

1 **BEDARRA ISLAND RESORT,** QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA 97.14
2 **Saffire Freycinet,** Tasmania, Australia 96.25
3 **Royal Davui Island Resort, Fiji** 96.21
4 **Longitude 131°,** Northern Territory, Australia 95.38
5 **InterContinental Hayman Island Resort,** Queensland, Australia 94.01
6 **Southern Ocean Lodge,** South Australia 92.61
7 **Lizard Island,** Queensland, Australia 92.50
8 **Qualia,** Queensland, Australia 91.54
9 **Yasawa Island Resort & Spa,** Fiji 90.34
10 **Likuliku Lagoon Resort,** Fiji 88.13