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For the past 30 years, we've asked you, our devoted readers, to choose the destinations, operators, and hotels that have turned a trip into a lifelong memory. Your responses—hundreds of thousands of them—have helped define today's travel landscape.

Some winners have consistently ranked in the awards for more than two decades; others are catching your attention for the first time. Here's to the journeys taken, and those to come.

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NO. 1 RESORT IN
GREATER MIAMI
*Four Seasons Hotel
at The Surf Club,
Surfside, Florida.*

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Travel + Leisure Readers' 15 Favorite Resorts in the Western U.S. of 2025

Readers favored resorts that put a luxe spin on communing with nature in our annual “World’s Best Awards” survey for 2025.

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As the popularity of slow travel continues to grow, T+L readers are seeking out resorts that help them connect more deeply to a destination—and to themselves. The Western United States excels in unhurried days and unspoiled landscapes that invite just this kind of travel. This year, readers loved lingering at resorts whose settings stretch from the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in New Mexico to the Alaskan wilderness, but hotels in one Pacific Northwest state reigned supreme.

What Readers Loved

T+L readers’ favorite resorts in the Western U.S. prove that laid-back doesn’t mean lazy. Several properties on this year’s list pride themselves on facilitating outdoor adventures in pristine settings.

Idaho’s four honorees are well-situated for guests who want to explore the state’s varied mountains and waterways. Take Sun Valley Resort (No. 9), a vacation hub that’s known as much for its down-to-earth vibes as it is its all-season terrain. Snow bunnies of all skill levels are spoiled for choice between Bald and Dollar mountains; kayakers might spend an afternoon on Sun Valley Lake; and bikers can hit up more than 400 dirt singletrack trails or more than 30 miles of paved paths.

Over in McCall, guests of Shore Lodge (No. 15) appreciate the hotel’s proximity to both nature and modern conveniences. “Right in town so you can walk to all the shops, and it’s on the lake,” says one WBA voter.

The three resorts in Washington State exhibit a similar ability to blend active pursuits with pure R&R. Located in the Snoqualmie Valley, Salish Lodge & Spa (No. 3) impresses with the area’s iconic waterfall and hiking trails, as well as its culinary offerings.

“As a lifelong Twin Peaks fan, I’ve always dreamt of staying at the Salish,” writes one T+L reader. “The valet and restaurant staff were incredibly helpful and kind. It was a quiet, relaxing trip despite staying during a wedding weekend. I still think about the tomato risotto! We are counting down the days until we can come back.”

U.S. HOTELS

From glamorous resorts to rustic-chic retreats, luxury prevailed across all regions of the United States. The majority of this year's highest scorers belong to top-name brands, such as Auberge, which received eight No. 1 titles.



15 BEST CITY HOTELS CONTINENTAL U.S.

- Waldorf Astoria Las Vegas**
98.00
This elegant 389-room resort, which has no smoking and no gaming, impressed readers with its serenity—not to mention a 27,000-square-foot spa and afternoon tea service.
- The Jefferson, DC ★**
Washington, D.C. 97.95
- Wentworth Mansion**
Charleston 97.44
- The Hay-Adams ★**
Washington, D.C. 96.98
- L'Ermitage Beverly Hills**
96.95
- Pendry West Hollywood**
96.80

- The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Houston**
96.71
- The Eliot Hotel**
Boston 96.57
- John Rutledge House Inn**
Charleston 96.25
- Hotel Maverick**
Grand Junction, Colorado 96.00
- Market Pavilion Hotel**
Charleston 95.78
- The Loutrel**
Charleston 95.76
- Hotel Emma at Pearl**
San Antonio, Texas 95.76
- Bowie House, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Fort Worth, Texas 95.64
- The Spectator Hotel**
Charleston 95.43

15 BEST RESORTS CONTINENTAL U.S.

- Primland Resort, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Meadows of Dan, Virginia 99.40
Set in the Blue Ridge Mountains, with activities that include fly-fishing, horseback riding, and hiking, this 12,000-acre retreat is a haven for active travelers.
- The Inn at Mattel's Tavern, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Los Olivos, California 99.27
- San Ysidro Ranch**
Montecito, California 98.76
- Quisisana Resort**
Center Lovell, Maine 98.32
- Triple Creek Ranch ★**
Darby, Montana 98.20
- Wildflower Farms, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Gardiner, New York 97.94
- The Dunlin, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Johns Island, South Carolina 97.92
- Madeline Hotel & Residences, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Telluride, Colorado 97.83
- Solage, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Calistoga, California 97.83
- Hotel Hartness**
Greenville, South Carolina 97.27
- The Ranch at Laguna Beach**
California 97.25
- Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa**
Rancho Santa Fe, California 97.02

- Deer Path Inn**
Lake Forest, Illinois 96.94
- Castle Hot Springs**
Morristown, Arizona 96.71
- Winnetu Oceanside Resort**
Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts 96.40

10 BEST INNS CONTINENTAL U.S.

- The Norumbega**
Camden, Maine 98.33
Overlooking Penobscot Bay, this inn has a castle-like feel, with fireplaces, turrets, and, in one suite, a well-stocked library.
- Villa Mara Carmel**
Carmel-by-the-Sea, California 98.26

**CONTINENTAL U.S.
INNS** *continued*

3. **White Barn Inn, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Kennebunk, Maine 96.96
4. **The Chanler at Cliff Walk**
Newport, Rhode Island 94.55
5. **Castle Hill Inn**
Newport, Rhode Island 92.83
6. **Lake Placid Lodge**
Lake Placid, New York 92.80
7. **The Willcox**
Aiken, South Carolina 91.45
8. **Farmhouse Inn**
Forestville, California 89.84
9. **Weekapaug Inn**
Westerly, Rhode Island 88.77
10. **Cape Arundel Inn & Resort**
Kennebunkport, Maine 88.70

**10 BEST RESORTS
MID-ATLANTIC**

1. **Inn at Perry Cabin**
St. Michaels, Maryland 94.33
With Adirondack chairs, a croquet lawn, its own yacht, and views of Chesapeake Bay, the inn is an icon of Maryland's Eastern Shore.
2. **Nemacolin**
Farmington, Pennsylvania 92.96
3. **The Reeds at Shelter Haven**
Stone Harbor, New Jersey 92.80
4. **Omni Bedford Springs Resort**
Bedford, Pennsylvania 86.49
5. **Asbury Ocean Club Hotel**
Asbury Park, New Jersey 86.43
6. **Congress Hall**
Cape May, New Jersey 83.94
7. **The Asbury Hotel**
Asbury Park, New Jersey 82.61
8. **Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa & Marina**
Cambridge, Maryland 82.32

9. **The Hotel Hershey**
Hershey, Pennsylvania 82.00
10. **Crystal Springs Resort**
Hamburg, New Jersey 76.88

**5 BEST RESORTS
MIDWEST**

1. **Deer Path Inn**
Lake Forest, Illinois 96.94
2. **Grand Hotel ★**
Mackinac Island, Michigan 88.16
3. **American Club Resort Hotel ★**
Kohler, Wisconsin 88.12
4. **Big Cedar Lodge**
Ridgedale, Missouri 84.00
5. **Grand Geneva Resort & Spa**
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin 83.89

**10 BEST RESORTS
NEW ENGLAND**

1. **Quisisana Resort**
Center Lovell, Maine 98.32
Theater lovers and families adore this lakeside Maine escape, where a staff of performers puts on an opera, a musical, or a concert every night.
2. **Winnetu Oceanside Resort**
Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts 96.40
3. **The Nantucket Hotel & Resort**
Massachusetts 95.00
4. **Inn by the Sea**
Cape Elizabeth, Maine 94.96
5. **Hidden Pond**
Kennebunkport, Maine 94.26
6. **Lockwood Hotel**
Waterville, Maine 94.13

7. **The Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Newport, Rhode Island 92.80
8. **Woodstock Inn & Resort**
Woodstock, Vermont 92.49
9. **The Yachtsman Hotel & Marina Club**
Kennebunkport, Maine 92.24
10. **Delamar Southport**
Southport, Connecticut 91.45

**10 BEST RESORTS
THE SOUTH**

1. **Primland Resort, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Meadows of Dan, Virginia 99.40
- SEE NO. 1 RESORT IN THE CONTINENTAL U.S.

2. **High Hampton**
Cashiers, North Carolina 95.29
3. **The Inn on Biltmore Estate**
Asheville, North Carolina 94.00
4. **Blackberry Mountain**
Walland, Tennessee 93.71
5. **Blackberry Farm ★**
Walland, Tennessee 92.80
6. **Salamander Middleburg**
Virginia 92.68
7. **Old Edwards Inn & Spa**
Highlands, North Carolina 92.20
8. **Williamsburg Inn**
Virginia 90.58
9. **The Cloister at Sea Island ★**
Georgia 90.35
10. **The Omni Homestead Resort**
Hot Springs, Virginia 89.85

**15 BEST RESORTS
THE WEST**

1. **Stephanie Inn**
Cannon Beach, Oregon 95.82
Many of the 42 rooms at this coastal hideaway overlook the ocean and Haystack Rock; others have views of the mountains. Each has a fireplace and a soaking tub. The restaurant, which serves grass-fed lamb and wine from the Willamette Valley, is another asset.
2. **Bishop's Lodge, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Santa Fe 93.50
3. **Salish Lodge & Spa**
Snoqualmie, Washington 92.81
4. **Tu Tu' Tun Lodge**
Gold Beach, Oregon 92.42
5. **Brasada Ranch**
Powell Butte, Oregon 92.00
6. **Sunriver Resort**
Sunriver, Oregon 91.00
7. **Allison Inn & Spa**
Newberg, Oregon 90.83
8. **Coeur d'Alene Resort**
Idaho 88.69
9. **Sun Valley Lodge**
Idaho 88.63



NO. 1 RESORT IN THE MIDWEST

Deer Path Inn

An hour's drive north of Chicago, this Tudor-style resort (*above*) once again took the top spot in the Midwest, thanks to its best-in-class service and warm design, evocative of the past.

COURTESY OF DEER PATH INN



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**THE WEST
RESORTS** *continued*

10. **Cedarbrook Lodge**
Seattle 88.44
11. **Suncadia Resort**
Cle Elum, Washington 86.44
12. **Tamarack Resort**
Tamarack, Idaho 86.13
13. **Mt. McKinley Princess
Wilderness Lodge**
Denali State Park, Alaska
84.70
14. **Alyeska Resort**
Girdwood, Alaska 84.35
15. **Shore Lodge**
McCall, Idaho 83.56

**5 BEST RESORTS
ARIZONA**

1. **Castle Hot Springs**
Morristown 96.71
With 31 suites, cabins, and bungalows, this all-inclusive escape in the Sonoran Desert spoils travelers with farm-to-table meals, guided hikes, and Southwestern charm.
2. **Mountain Shadows
Resort Scottsdale**
93.45
3. **L'Auberge de Sedona**
93.17
4. **Royal Palms
Resort & Spa**
Phoenix 92.83
5. **Enchantment Resort**
Sedona 92.62

**15 BEST RESORTS
CALIFORNIA**

1. **The Inn at Mattel's
Tavern, Auberge
Resorts Collection**
Los Olivos 99.27
Located in the food-and-wine destination of Los Olivos, this Santa Ynez Valley retreat is within walking distance of more than 50 tasting rooms and has its own superb restaurant.
2. **San Ysidro Ranch**
Montecito 88.76
3. **Solage, Auberge
Resorts Collection**
Calistoga 97.83
4. **The Ranch
at Laguna Beach**
97.25
5. **Rancho Valencia
Resort & Spa**
Rancho Santa Fe 97.02

6. **Auberge du Soleil,
Auberge Resorts
Collection**
Rutherford 96.29
7. **Stanly Ranch,
Auberge Resorts
Collection**
Napa 96.20
8. **Mission Pacific Beach
Resort**
Oceanside 96.00
9. **The Seabird
Resort & Spa**
Oceanside 95.35
10. **The Lodge
at Torrey Pines**
La Jolla 94.29
11. **Alila Ventana Big Sur**
94.23
12. **Alisal Ranch**
Solvang 93.93
13. **Fairmont Grand
Del Mar**
San Diego 93.38
14. **Terranea**
Rancho Palos Verdes
93.29
15. **Bernardus
Lodge & Spa**
Carmel Valley 92.70

**10 BEST RESORTS
COLORADO**

1. **Madeline Hotel &
Residences, Auberge
Resorts Collection**
Telluride 97.83
Guests of this all-season resort in Mountain Village can expect pampering from an attentive staff, whether they're headed to the ski slopes or on fly-fishing forays.
2. **Limelight Snowmass**
Snowmass Village 95.75
3. **Hotel Jerome,
Auberge Resorts
Collection**
Aspen 95.61
4. **Sonnenalp Hotel**
Vail 94.40
5. **Viceroy Snowmass**
Snowmass Village 93.78
6. **The Broadmoor**
Colorado Springs 92.24
7. **The Little Nell**
Aspen 91.69
8. **Limelight Aspen**
91.11
9. **The St. Regis Aspen
Resort**
90.50
10. **C Lazy U Ranch**
Granby 89.78

**15 BEST RESORTS
FLORIDA**

1. **The Gasparilla Inn**
Boca Grande 95.06
Voters loved the country-club feel of this 112-year-old icon, which offers tennis, croquet, golf, and tarpon-fishing charters from its location on a pristine Gulf Coast beach.
2. **The Boca Raton**
95.02
3. **The Ritz-Carlton,
Naples**
94.74
4. **Waldorf Astoria
Orlando**
94.24
5. **Little Palm Island
Resort & Spa**
Little Torch Key 94.20
6. **Four Seasons Resort
Palm Beach**
93.38
7. **Eau Palm Beach
Resort & Spa**
Manalapan 93.33
8. **Sandpearl Resort**
Clearwater Beach 92.89
9. **Four Seasons Resort
Orlando at Walt
Disney World Resort**
Lake Buena Vista
92.30
10. **The Ritz-Carlton,
Amelia Island**
91.87
11. **Hawks Cay Resort**
Duck Key 91.73
12. **Inn on Fifth**
Naples 91.29
13. **Hyatt Regency
Coconut Point
Resort & Spa**
Bonita Springs 91.20
14. **Opal Sands**
Clearwater Beach 91.07
15. **The Vinoy Resort &
Golf Club, Autograph
Collection**
St. Petersburg 90.93

**20 BEST RESORTS
HAWAII**

1. **Montage
Kapalua Bay ★**
Maui 98.13
2. **Fairmont Kea Lani,
Maui**
98.01
3. **Kona Village,
a Rosewood Resort**
Island of Hawaii 96.87
4. **Hotel Wailea ★**
Maui 96.59

5. **Mauna Lani, Auberge
Resorts Collection**
Island of Hawaii 95.95
6. **Ko'a Kea Resort
on Po'ipu Beach ★**
Kauai 95.86
7. **Fairmont Orchid,
Hawaii ★**
Island of Hawaii 95.02
8. **Mauna Kea Beach
Hotel, Autograph
Collection**
Island of Hawaii 94.89
9. **The Kahala
Hotel & Resort**
Oahu 94.40
10. **The Westin Hapuna
Beach Resort**
Island of Hawaii 94.14
11. **Hyatt Regency Maui
Resort & Spa**
93.89
12. **Four Seasons Resort
Oahu at Ko Olina**
93.00
13. **Four Seasons Resort
Lanai ★**
92.90
14. **The Ritz-Carlton
Residences,
Waikiki Beach**
Oahu 92.21
15. **The Ritz-Carlton
O'ahu, Turtle Bay**
92.18
16. **Andaz Maui
at Wailea Resort**
92.15
17. **Four Seasons Resort
Hualalai ★**
Island of Hawaii 92.00
18. **Halekulani ★**
Oahu 91.88
19. **Sheraton Maui
Resort & Spa**
91.37
20. **Four Seasons Resort
Maui at Wailea ★**
91.25

**5 BEST RESORTS
MONTANA**

1. **Triple Creek Ranch ★**
Darby 88.20
This adults-only ranch in the Bitterroot Valley offers diversions like horseback riding, whitewater rafting, fishing, and stargazing.
2. **Lone Mountain Ranch**
Big Sky 93.87
3. **Montage Big Sky**
Big Sky 93.73
4. **Sage Lodge**
Pray 91.62
5. **Under Canvas
West Yellowstone**
90.00