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WORLD'S BEST HOTELS

WITH THIS, OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE T+L 500, we bring you the ultimate collection of the top hotels around the globe, as selected by readers in our annual World's Best Awards survey. ★ We spotlight the properties that ranked No. 1 in their region, highlight the 53 T+L 500 debuts, and, new this year, provide many hotel rates as a range—noting the lowest and highest price of a standard room—which means you'll know how much the price will vary from season to season. ★ Find enhanced digital extras (expanded online reviews; select booking links in the version for iPad) on your computer, tablet, or smart phone—or simply turn the page for your 500 favorite places this year.

VENTURA

Ojai Valley Inn & Spa (87.79) Spanish-inspired spread that epitomizes indoor-outdoor living (alfresco fireplaces; nearby hiking trails), plus a 31,000-square-foot luxury spa and golf and tennis clinics for the whole family. Ojai; 888/697-8780; ojaioresort.com; doubles from \$299-\$479.

COLORADO
ASPEN

Little Nell (91.85) Tony ski-in, ski-out hotel with updated, Holly Hunt-designed interiors (stone gas fireplaces; sliding closet barn doors). 888/843-6355; thelittlenell.com; doubles from \$340-\$1190.

\$ St. Regis (87.20) Handsome brick hotel fresh from a nearly \$40 million renovation; ski butlers guide sporty types to the best powder. 877/787-3447; stregis.com; doubles from \$199-\$1,339.

BEAVER CREEK

\$ Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch (92.23) Family-friendly gabled-roof lodge on Beaver Creek Mountain, with two resident canines and its own high-speed lift. 800/241-3333; ritzcarrlton.com; doubles from \$229-\$599.

COLORADO SPRINGS

The Broadmoor (91.80) 3,000-acre mainstay at the gateway to the Rocky Mountains, beloved for generations. The East Golf Course hosted last year's U.S. Women's Open, while off-property excursions include horseback riding and fly-fishing. 866/837-9520; broadmoor.com; doubles from \$300-\$445.

DENVER

\$ Hotel Monaco (87.24) After a 2011 renovation, the 189 eclectic rooms at this business-oriented hotel—walking distance from the Colorado Convention Center—match the bold colors in the public spaces. 1717 Champa St.; 800/990-1303; monaco-denver.com; doubles from \$149-\$349.

\$ Hotel Teatro (89.50) Soaring ceilings and 600-thread-count sheets in a Renaissance Revival-style building across from the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. 1100 14th St.; 888/727-1200; hotelteatro.com; doubles from \$229-\$329.

\$ Ritz-Carlton (88.56) A glamorous 2008 addition; unexpected amenities include a rock-climbing wall in the 55,000-square-foot fitness facility. 1881 Curtis St.; 800/241-3333; ritzcarrlton.com; doubles from \$229-\$339.



One of 30 suites at Little Palm Island Resort & Spa, in Little Torch Key, Florida.

MAINE

\$ Sonnenalp Resort (87.74) 115 suites and 12 standard rooms in a Bavarian-style lodge, the first hotel in the western U.S. to receive Sustainable Travel International LECS certification. 800/654-8312; sonnenalp.com; doubles from \$165-\$640.

CONNECTICUT
WASHINGTON

Mayflower Inn & Spa (89.88) 30-room English-country-style inn with a destination spa, surrounded by 58 garden-filled acres in the idyllic Litchfield Hills. 860/868-9466; mayflowerinn.com; doubles from \$545-\$1,600.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Four Seasons Hotel (89.00) Brick hotel among 19th-century row houses; the spa features an indoor saltwater pool. 2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$445-\$795.

The Hay-Adams (88.59) Old-world elegance in an Italian Renaissance-style hotel across from the White House. 800 16th St. NW; 800/853-6807; hayadams.com; doubles from \$299-\$1,000.


No.1 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Jefferson (89.29) Beaux-Arts jewel filled with Thomas Jefferson artifacts and gleaming from a recent renovation. A pianist plays Tuesday through Saturday nights at the wood-paneled bar, Quill. 1200 16th St. NW; 877/313-9749; jeffersondc.com; doubles from \$325-\$600.

ROOM TO BOOK Deluxe rooms are the biggest of the standard room category, with skyline views and Italian-marble bathrooms.

Ritz-Carlton Georgetown (87.90) Business-class digs in a brick-walled National Historic Landmark. 3100 South St. NW; 800/241-3333; ritzcarrlton.com; doubles from \$449-\$799.

\$ Sofitel Washington D.C. Lafayette Square (88.00)

Art Deco-style hotel updated by Pierre-Yves Rochon, but retaining some original details (black marble floors; gold-leaf accents). 806 15th St. NW; 800/763-4835; sofitel.com; doubles from \$195-\$340.

St. Regis (89.27) Two blocks from the White House, this 1926 Italianate hotel exudes historic elegance without feeling old-guard (case in point: the Rockwell Group-designed Alain Ducasse restaurant). 923 16th and K Sts. NW; 877/787-3447; stregis.com; doubles from \$325-\$980.

FLORIDA
AMELIA ISLAND

\$ Ritz-Carlton (91.15) 444 rooms (all with balconies) and a roster of activities—guided walks along sand dunes, kayak trips, and a new locally inspired Sunday brunch. 800/241-3333; ritzcarrlton.com; doubles from \$229-\$389.

CLEARWATER BEACH

\$ Sandpearl Resort (88.92) LEED Silver-certified property in the central Gulf Coast, with an artists-in-residence program and boat slips across the street. 877/726-3111; sandpearl.com; doubles from \$199-\$359.