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38 Secret Pleasures  
of the Big Easy

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16-Page All-Season  
Pullout Guide

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## BEST IN THE WORLD!

*HOTELS, ISLANDS, AIRLINES, CITIES, CRUISES*

# 1000 *Top*

***READERS' CHOICE AWARDS***

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Blame Canada: British Columbia holds a resort monopoly in our neighbor to the north (half the entire list).

TOP 20 CANADA RESORTS

- 1 King Pacific Lodge (Rosewood), British Columbia 97.8
- 2 Emerald Lake Lodge, Alberta 93.6
- 3 Wickaninnish Inn, Vancouver Island 93.4
- 4 Long Beach Lodge Resort, Vancouver Island 91.9
- 5 Pan Pacific Whistler Village Centre, British Columbia 91.4
- 6 Post Hotel & Spa, Lake Louise 90.7
- 7 Four Seasons Resort, Whistler 90.3
- 7 Quintessence Resort Hotel, Mont-Tremblant, Quebec 90.3
- 9 Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu, La Malbaie, Quebec 89.2
- 10 Fairmont Chateau, Lake Louise 89.1
- 11 Fairmont Chateau, Whistler 87.3
- 12 Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff 87.0
- 13 Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler 86.9
- 14 Fairmont Banff Springs 86.4
- 14 Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa 86.4
- 16 Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, Quebec City 86.0
- 17 Fairmont Tremblant, Mont-Tremblant 85.2
- 18 Pan Pacific Whistler Mountainside 84.8
- 19 Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge 83.9
- 20 Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort & Spa, Vancouver Island 81.4

TOP 25 CARIBBEAN RESORTS

- 1 Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman 91.9
- 2 Curtain Bluff, Antigua 90.9
- 3 Nisbet Plantation Beach Club, Nevis 90.3
- 4 Peter Island Resort, B.V.I. 89.6
- 5 Jamaica Inn, Ocho Rios 89.3
- 6 Anse Chastanet, St. Lucia 88.9
- 6 CuisinArt Resort & Spa, Anguilla 88.9
- 8 Four Seasons Resort, Nevis 88.7
- 9 Cap Juluca, Anguilla 86.9
- 10 Couples Swept Away, Jamaica 86.6

- 10 Hôtel Guanahani & Spa, St. Barts 86.6
- 12 Petit St. Vincent Resort, The Grenadines 86.5
- 13 Jumby Bay (Rosewood), Antigua 86.0
- 14 Malliouhana Hotel & Spa, Anguilla 85.8
- 14 Rosewood Little Dix Bay, Virgin Gorda, B.V.I. 85.8
- 16 Sandy Lane, Barbados 85.4
- 17 BodyHoliday LeSport, St. Lucia 85.3
- 18 Royal Plantation, Jamaica 84.9
- 19 Galley Bay, Antigua 84.4
- 20 Paradisus Palma Real, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic 84.3
- 21 Rockhouse, Jamaica 84.2
- 22 Fairmont Royal Pavilion, Barbados 83.8
- 23 Sandals Whitehouse European Village & Spa, Jamaica 83.6
- 24 Caneel Bay (Rosewood), St. John, U.S.V.I. 83.5
- 25 Las Casitas Village & Golden Door Spa, Las Croabas, Puerto Rico 83.3

TOP 20 OCEANIA RESORTS

- 1 Bora Bora Lagoon Resort & Spa 91.7
- 2 Huka Lodge, New Zealand 90.8
- 3 Le Taha'a Island Resort & Spa, French Polynesia 90.7
- 4 Voyages Longitude 131°, Ayers Rock, Australia 90.1
- 5 Le Méridien Bora Bora 89.4
- 6 InterContinental Bora Bora Resort and Thalasso Spa 88.5
- 7 Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort & Spa 87.4
- 8 InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort 86.9
- 8 Voyages Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef 86.9
- 8 Voyages Silky Oaks Lodge & Spa, Daintree, Queensland 86.9
- 11 Hilton Bora Bora Nui Resort and Spa 86.4
- 12 Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa, Gold Coast, Queensland 85.5
- 13 Hayman, Great Barrier Reef 82.7
- 14 Sofitel Bora Bora Marara Beach Resort 82.6
- 15 Cradle Mountain Lodge, Tasmania 81.6
- 16 Sheraton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa 81.0
- 17 InterContinental Moorea Resort & Spa 80.2
- 18 Lillianfels Blue Mountains, New South Wales 79.8
- 19 Voyages Heron Island, Great Barrier Reef 79.4
- 20 Moorea Pearl Resort & Spa 78.9

TOP 25 MEXICO RESORTS

- 1 One&Only Palmilla, Los Cabos 96.4
- 2 The Tides, Riviera Maya 94.7
- 3 The Tides, Zihuatanejo 92.9
- 4 Maroma Resort & Spa, Riviera Maya 92.1
- 5 Four Seasons Resort, Punta Mita, Nayarit 91.0
- 6 JW Marriott Cancún Resort & Spa 90.5
- 7 Royal Hideaway Playacar, Playa del Carmen, Riviera Maya 90.2
- 8 Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas 89.9
- 8 Secrets Capri Riviera Cancún, Playa del Carmen, Riviera Maya 89.9
- 10 Le Méridien Cancún Resort & Spa 89.7
- 10 Ritz-Carlton, Cancún 89.7
- 12 Las Ventanas al Paraíso (Rosewood), Los Cabos 89.1
- 13 Ceiba del Mar Beach Resort & Spa, Riviera Maya 88.6
- 14 La Casa Que Canta, Zihuatanejo 88.0
- 15 Pueblo Bonito Pacifica Holistic Retreat & Spa, Cabo San Lucas 86.2
- 16 Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach & Spa Resort, Cabo San Lucas 85.7
- 17 Excellence Riviera Cancún 85.3
- 18 Grand Velas All Suites & Spa Resort, Nuevo Vallarta 84.7
- 19 Zoëtry Paraiso de la Bonita, Cancún 84.3
- 20 Hotel Villa Rolandi, Isla Mujeres 83.6
- 21 Grand Bay Hotel—Isla Navidad Resort, Manzanillo 83.1
- 22 CasaMagna Marriott, Cancún 82.5
- 23 Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay, Nuevo Mazatlán 82.3
- 24 Fairmont Mayakoba, Riviera Maya 82.0
- 25 Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach, Cancún 81.9

TOP 25 EUROPE RESORTS

- 1 Hôtel du Palais, Biarritz 92.0
- 2 Ashford Castle, Co. Mayo 91.9
- 3 Adare Manor Hotel & Golf Resort, Co. Limerick 90.6
- 4 Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland 90.0
- 4 Villa d'Este, Lake Como 90.0
- 6 Badrutt's Palace, St. Moritz 89.7
- 7 Dromoland Castle, Co. Clare 89.4
- 7 Reid's Palace, Madeira 89.4
- 9 Sheen Falls Lodge, Co. Kerry 89.2
- 10 Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Côte d'Azur 89.1
- 11 Elounda Mare Hotel, Crete 88.6
- 12 Mount Juliet Hotel, Co. Kilkenny 88.4

- 13 Grand Hotel Zermatterhof, Zermatt 88.3
- 14 Old Course Hotel, St. Andrews, Scotland 88.0
- 15 Penha Longa Hotel, Spa & Golf Resort, Sintra, Portugal 86.6
- 16 Relais Borgo San Felice, Tuscany 86.4
- 17 JW Marriott Capri Tiberio Palace Resort & Spa 86.0
- 18 Park Hotel Kenmare, Co. Kerry 85.9
- 18 Turnberry Resort (Luxury Collection), Ayrshire, Scotland 85.7
- 20 Hotel Cala di Volpe (Luxury Collection), Sardinia 85.4
- 21 Hotel Quinta do Lago, Algarve, Portugal 84.9
- 22 Four Seasons Resort Provence at Terre Blanche, France 84.4
- 23 Mykonos Grand Hotel & Resort 84.2
- 24 Waterford Castle, Ireland 84.1
- 25 Kempinski Grand Hotel des Bains, St. Moritz 83.6

TOP 25 ASIA RESORTS

- 1 Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle, Chiang Rai, Thailand 98.9
- 2 Oberoi Vanyavilas, Rajasthan 97.2
- 3 Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan 96.5
- 4 Wildflower Hall, Shimla, India 95.2
- 5 Four Seasons Resort Langkawi 95.1
- 6 Four Seasons Resort, Chiang Mai, Thailand 93.5
- 7 Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay 92.3
- 8 The Chedi, Chiang Mai 92.2
- 9 Four Seasons Resort, Koh Samui, Thailand 91.7
- 10 JW Marriott Phuket Resort 91.4
- 11 Rayavadee, Krabi, Thailand 90.1
- 12 Life Heritage Resort, Hoi An, Vietnam 90.0
- 13 The Datai, Langkawi 89.8
- 14 Amanpuri, Phuket 89.5
- 15 Soneva Fushi by Six Senses, Maldives 89.4
- 16 Plantation Bay Resort and Spa, Cebu, Philippines 88.5
- 17 Banyan Tree Phuket 87.9
- 18 Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort, Cambodia 87.7
- 19 The Oberoi, Bali 86.9
- 20 Soneva Gili by Six Senses, Maldives 86.5
- 21 Evason Ana Mandara & Six Senses Spa, Nha Trang, Vietnam 86.3
- 22 Hoi An Riverside Resort & Spa 84.6
- 22 Nusa Dua Beach Hotel & Spa, Bali 84.6
- 24 One&Only Reethi Rah, Maldives 83.8
- 25 Sheraton Pattaya Resort, Thailand 83.3

Body temperature: Rockhouse Negril has the Caribbean's highest Location score, a scorching 98.6.