

**Taking the Lead: *Travel + Leisure* Readers Rave About  
The Leading Hotels of the World in 2010 World's Best Awards Issue**  
*More Leading Hotels Named Among Top 100 than Any Other Brand*



NEW YORK, NY (July 23, 2010) - Readers of *Travel + Leisure* magazine voted more members of [The Leading Hotels](#) to the just-released World's Best Awards list than any other hotel brand. Of the Top 100 Hotels worldwide, 20 are Leading Hotels.

Leading Hotels also topped regional lists. Standing out in the rankings for the Continental U.S. and Canada were **Trump International Hotel & Tower** in Chicago at #1 among Large City Hotels, and **The Rittenhouse Hotel** in Philadelphia at #2 among Small City Hotels. **Alvear Palace Hotel** ranked at the top among Central and South American City Hotels. **Huka Lodge** in Taupo New Zealand was #1 among Lodges and Resorts in Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific, with **The Langham, Melbourne** coming in as the #1 City Hotel for the area.

**Top 100 Hotels**

Le Sirenuse, Positano, Italy (12)  
Olisippo Lapa Palace, Lisbon, Portugal (18)  
Hôtel de Crillon, Paris, France (19)  
Trump International Hotel & Tower, Chicago, Illinois, USA (20)  
Taj Mahal Palace & Tower, Mumbai, India (28)  
Villa d'Este, Cernobbio, Italy (33)  
12 Apostles Hotel & Spa, Cape Town, South Africa (34)  
Rambagh Palace, Jaipur, India (35)  
Hotel Splendido, Portofino, Italy (36)  
Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur, India (39)  
The Rittenhouse Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA (52)  
One&Only Palmilla, Los Cabos, Mexico (65)  
Cape Grace, Cape Town, South Africa (69) (tie)  
Sonnenalp Resort of Vail, Vail, Colorado, USA (69) (tie)  
Halekulani, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA (73)  
Alvear Palace Hotel, Buenos Aires, Argentina (78)  
Baur au Lac, Zurich, Switzerland (79)  
Villa San Michele, Fiesole, Italy (85)  
Kahala Hotel & Resort, Honolulu, Hawaii (95)  
The Langham, Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia (99)

## **Continental U.S. and Canada**

### *Resorts*

Sonnenalp Resort of Vail, Vail, Colorado, USA (6)  
Whiteface Lodge, Lake Placid, New York, USA (14)  
Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Coast California, USA (22)  
Calistoga Ranch, Napa Valley, California, USA (23)  
Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club, Palm Beach, Florida, USA (25)

### *Large City Hotels*

Trump International Hotel & Tower, Chicago, Illinois, USA (1)  
Trump International Hotel & Tower, New York, New York, USA (22)  
Bellagio, Las Vegas, Nevada (31)  
Umstead Hotel & Spa, Cary, North Carolina (34)  
Taj Boston, Boston, Massachusetts (50)

### *Small City Hotels*

The Rittenhouse Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2)

## **Hawaii**

Halekulani, Honolulu (2)  
Kahala Hotel & Resort, Honolulu (3)

## **The Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas**

### *Resorts*

One&Only Ocean Club, Paradise Island, Bahamas (14)  
Hotel Guanahani & Spa. St. Barthelemy (16)

## **Mexico**

### *Resorts*

One&Only Palmilla, Los Cabos (2)

## **Central and South America**

### *Resorts*

Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge, Machu Picchu, Peru (5)  
Llao Llao Hotel & Resort, Bariloche, Argentina (6)  
Tabacon Grand Spa Thermal Resort, Arenal, Costa Rica (8)

### *City Hotels*

Alvear Palace Hotel, Buenos Aires, Argentina (1)  
Hotel Monasterio, Cuzco, Peru (5)  
Sofitel Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina (9)

## **Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific**

### *Lodges and Resorts*

Huka Lodge, Taupo, New Zealand  
Hayman, Hayman Island, Australia

### *City Hotels*

The Langham Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia

## **Europe**

### *Resorts*

Le Sirenuse, Positano, Italy (2)  
Villa d'Este, Cernobbio, Italy (3)  
Hotel Splendido, Portofino, Italy (4)  
Villa San Michele, Fiesole, Italy (5)  
Hotel Santa Caterina, Amalfi, Italy (7)  
Ashford Castle, County Mayo, Ireland (9)

### *Large City Hotels*

Olisippo Lapa Palace, Lisbon, Portugal (1)  
Hôtel de Crillon, Paris, France (2)  
Hôtel de Paris, Monte Carlo, Monaco (11)  
The Merrion, Dublin, Ireland (12)  
Hotel de Russie, Rome, Italy (13)  
Rocco Forte's Brown's Hotel, London, England, UK (14)

### *Small City Hotels*

Baur au Lac, Zurich, Switzerland (4)  
Hotel Hassler, Rome, Italy (6)  
The Milestone, London, England, UK (9)

### *Inns and Small Country Hotels*

Katikies Hotel, Santorini, Greece (7)

## **Asia**

### *Resorts*

Rambagh Palace, Jaipur, India (7)  
Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur, India (8)  
Ummaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur, India (10)

### *City Hotels*

Taj Mahal Palace & Tower, Mumbai, India (5)

## **Africa and the Middle East**

### *Lodges and Resorts*

12 Apostles Hotel & Spa, Cape Town, South Africa (8)

### *City Hotels*

Cape Grace, Cape Town, South Africa (2)  
Saxon Boutique Hotel & Spa, Johannesburg, South Africa (4)  
Table Bay, Cape Town, South Africa (9)  
Michelangelo Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa (10)  
King David Hotel, Jerusalem, Israel (11)  
La Mamounia, Marrakech, Morocco (14)

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