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# 500 WORLD'S BEST HOTELS



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Each year, *Travel + Leisure* asks readers to vote on their favorite hotels around the globe. What makes this, our ninth annual compendium of the top-ranked hotels from the World's Best Awards survey, stand out? Almost half of the winners are located in the U.S. and Canada, and another 20 percent are in Europe. Meanwhile, some of the most iconic destinations—California, Florida, Italy, France, and China—have 135 properties among them, and 62 hotels offer rates of less than \$250 a night. Also at your fingertips: our picks of the best farm-to-table restaurants, pools, tech amenities, and more. Plus, you'll find extended listings at [TravelandLeisure.com](http://TravelandLeisure.com), and—drumroll, please—the T+L 500 iPad edition, complete with interactive bonus features, will be on the App Store in January. So you can pinpoint your next hotel even if you're on the road.



## WALLAND

**Blackberry Farm** (91.46) The ultimate in rural luxury, with renowned cuisine and a cooking school, set on a farmstead in the Great Smoky Mountains. 800/273-6004; blackberryfarm.com; doubles from \$795.

## TEXAS

### AUSTIN

**Four Seasons Hotel** (90.55) 291-room Southwestern-style structure on the green banks of Lady Bird Lake. 98 San Jacinto Blvd.; 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$440.

### DALLAS AREA

**The Adolphus** (91.48) Opulent downtown hotel opened by beer magnate Adolphus Busch in 1912, with a roster of famous onetime guests (Babe Ruth; Tom Hanks). 1321 Commerce St., Dallas; 800/221-9083; hoteladolphus.com; doubles from \$329.

**Four Seasons Resort & Club at Las Colinas** (86.42) Surrounded by 400 acres of North Texas hills and minutes from downtown, with 431 rooms and a spa. 4150 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving; 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$275.

**Hotel ZaZa** (88.90) A stylish French Mediterranean-inspired villa overlooking Uptown's McKinney Avenue. 2332 Leonard St., Dallas; 888/880-3244; hotelzazadallas.com; doubles from \$295.

**Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas** (86.93) Business-district hotel that features Burmese-style antiques and a heated lakeside pool. 221 E. Las Colinas Blvd., Irving; 888/444-6664; omnihotels.com; doubles from \$229.

**Rosewood Crescent Hotel** (89.48) In Dallas's Uptown neighborhood, limestone landmark with 220 contemporary rooms and an outpost of Nobu. 400 Crescent Court, Dallas; 888/767-3966; rosewoodhotels.com; doubles from \$595.

**Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek** (92.28) This 143-room resort—a former cotton magnate's mansion—was recently refreshed for its 30th anniversary. 2821 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas; 888/767-3966; mansiononturtlecreek.com; doubles from \$525.

### HOUSTON

**Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa** (91.51) Lodge-style hotel with an

indoor tennis facility, set within an 18-acre forest. 111 N. Post Oak Lane; 800/231-2759; houstonian.com; doubles from \$390.

**St. Regis** (86.44) Texas-inspired hotel situated on a wooded lot near the Galleria mall. Note the impressive flower arrangements. 1919 Briar Oaks Lane; 877/787-3447; stregis.com; doubles from \$595.

### SAN ANTONIO

**Hotel Valencia Riverwalk** (86.38) 213-room palazzo on a quiet stretch of the River Walk, with design that blends striking interiors with the Mediterranean-style exterior. 150 E. Houston St.; 866/842-0100; hotelvalencia-riverwalk.com; doubles from \$469.

### NEW JW Marriott Hill Country Resort & Spa

(87.20) Six-story resort in Texas Hill Country, 20 minutes from downtown San Antonio. 23808 Resort Pkwy.; 800/228-9290; jwmarriott.com; doubles from \$259.

**Omni La Mansion del Rio** (86.64) 1852 former Spanish-colonial school building; now a 338-room hotel and courtyard. 112 College St.; 888/444-6664; omnihotels.com; doubles from \$199.

## Westin La Cantera Resort

(86.90) Six pools, tennis courts, golf, and bird's-eye views of the area's live oak groves in Texas Hill Country. 16641 La Cantera Pkwy.; 800/446-5387; westinlacantera.com; doubles from \$439.

## UTAH

### PARK CITY

**Stein Eriksen Lodge** (90.88) Timeless mid-mountain Norwegian-style chalet at Deer Valley ski resort. 800/453-1302; steinlodge.com; doubles from \$630, including breakfast during ski season.

### SALT LAKE CITY

**Grand America Hotel** (86.27) An opulent 24-story structure with handcrafted Richelieu furniture in the 775 guest rooms. 555 S. Main St.; 800/621-4505; grandamerica.com; doubles from \$179.

## VERMONT

### STOWE

**Topnotch Resort & Spa** (88.18) The first full resort at Stowe, with a mega-spa and an ideal location at the base of Vermont's tallest peak. 800/451-8686; topnotchresort.com; doubles from \$225.



A Holly Glade cottage at Blackberry Farm, near the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee, left. Right: Overlooking Puget Sound at the Inn at Langley, on Washington's Whidbey Island.

