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Quiet. Small. Subdued. This is what travelers seem to be craving this year. How do we know? Well, once the surveys start pouring in—this year there were more than 429,000 of them—we become Tom Cruise in *Minority Report*, analyzing behaviors and locations, fitting together pieces of a puzzle until a full snapshot of where and how you travel emerges. This year it was all about comfort. You stayed closer to home than ever before, pushing more cities like Chicago, Charleston, and now Nashville to the top of our lists. You favored the Caribbean—even Hawaii felt fat—and islands like Hilton Head, Amelia, and Kiawah. The properties that impressed you most were smaller and less flashy than in years past (the Sagamore Pendry Baltimore was your favorite hotel in the U.S.), and our small-cruise-ship list is longer than it's ever been, suggesting that the right kind of less is more. It's also been a year of self-care: Five spa resorts ranked higher than ever. The world has changed in ways no one could have predicted—fallen media moguls, an American president cozying up to dictators—and so it stands to reason that how we get away from it all would too.



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HOTELS

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**CHARLESTON, S.C.
TOP 15**

- 1 French Quarter Inn 97.33
- 2 The Vendue 97.01
- 3 HarbourView Inn 96.83
- 4 The Spectator Hotel 96.61
- 5 Grand Bohemian Hotel Charleston, Autograph Collection 95.93
- 6 The Dewberry Charleston 95.51
- 7 King Charles Inn 95.65
- 8 Wentworth Mansion 95.61
- 9 John Rutledge House Inn 96.03
- 10 The Mills House Wyndham Grand Hotel 94.64
- 11 The Restoration 93.65
- 12 Zoro George Street 93.58
- 13 Planters Inn 90.04
- 14 Belmont Charleston Place 89.65
- 15 Market Pavilion Hotel 88.27

**NASHVILLE, TENN.
TOP 12**

- 1 The Hermitage Hotel 97.02
- 2 21c Museum Hotel, Nashville 96.82
- 3 Hotel Ind'go Nashville 94.14
- 4 Omni Nashville Hotel 94.73
- 5 Union Station Hotel 94.52
- 6 Bobby Hotel 84.41
- 7 The Fairlane 93.76
- 8 Kimpton Aertson Hotel 93.16
- 9 Noelle, Nashville, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel 92.57
- 10 Thompson Nashville 92.37
- 11 Hutton Hotel 92.03
- 12 Hotel Preston 89.70

**MIAMI
TOP 20**

- 1 Faena Hotel Miami Beach 98.40
- 2 1 Hotel South Beach 98.35
- 3 Loews Miami Beach Hotel 97.68
- 4 COMO Metropolitan Miami Beach 97.32
- 5 Kimpton Epic Hotel 96.88
- 6 The Betsy South Beach 96.81
- 7 Hotel Colonnade Coral Gables 95.43
- 8 Nobu Hotel Miami Beach 94.42
- 9 Kimpton Surfcomber Hotel 92.43
- 10 Hilton Cabana Miami Beach 91.55
- 11 Dream South Beach 90.64
- 12 EAST Miami 89.04
- 13 W South Beach 89.58
- 14 Mondrian South Beach 86.17
- 15 Fontainebleau 86.13
- 16 The Miami Beach Edition 87.82
- 17 The Biltmore Hotel Miami - Coral Gables 86.09
- 18 Mandarin Oriental, Miami 85.36
- 19 Delano South Beach 85.20
- 20 The Ritz-Carlton, South Beach 79.64

**NEW ORLEANS
TOP 15**

- 1 Penthartrain Hotel 95.45
- 2 The Old No. 77 Hotel & Chandlery 95.19
- 3 Nopsi Hotel, New Orleans 94.91
- 4 Hotel Mazarin 94.63
- 5 Henry Howard Hotel 93.93
- 6 Son'at House 93.82
- 7 Windsor Court Hotel 93.70
- 8 Bourbon Orleans Hotel 91.70
- 9 Le Pavillon Hotel 90.45
- 10 The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans 90.38
- 11 Hotel Monteleone 88.96
- 12 Hilton New Orleans Riverside 87.14
- 13 The Roosevelt New Orleans, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel 87.05
- 14 Royal Sonesta New Orleans 86.71
- 15 Acc Hotel New Orleans 81.89

**LAS VEGAS
TOP 10**

- 1 The Palazzo 96.83
- 2 The Venetian 94.63
- 3 Wynn Las Vegas & Encore 93.66
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Las Vegas 92.65
- 5 Bellagio 90.72
- 6 Trump International Hotel Las Vegas 90.54
- 7 The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas 90.41
- 8 Aria 90.16
- 9 Caesars Palace 90.08
- 10 Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas 87.80

**LOS ANGELES
TOP 30**

- 1 Waldorf Astoria Beverly Hills 96.99
- 2 SLS Hotel, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Beverly Hills 97.60
- 3 Arden West Hollywood 96.72
- 4 The London West Hollywood 98.01
- 5 Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows 95.96
- 6 Hotel Casa del Mar 95.76
- 7 Shutters on the Beach 95.54
- 8 Viceroy Santa Monica 95.64
- 9 The Garland 94.97
- 10 The Hollywood Roosevelt 94.81
- 11 Viceroy L'Ermitage Beverly Hills 94.25
- 12 The Langham Huntington, Pasadena, Los Angeles 93.67
- 13 Chamberlain West Hollywood 93.40
- 14 AKA Beverly Hills 93.39
- 15 Beverly Wilshire, Beverly Hills, A Four Seasons Hotel 92.88
- 16 JW Marriott Los Angeles L.A. Live 92.80
- 17 Kimpton La Peer Hotel 92.73



№1 HOTEL IN AMSTERDAM *Waldorf Astoria Amsterdam* (page 89).

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That's how many island hotels and resorts made our list this year, from Hilton Head Island, S.C. (No. 1 in the U.S.), to S'argao, Philippines (No. 1 in the Rest of the World).

- 18 Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills 92.32
- 19 Kimpton Hotel Palomar Los Angeles-Beverly Hills 91.83
- 20 Hotel Bel-Air 91.07
- 21 Sofitel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills 91.72
- 22 InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown 89.43
- 23 Mr. C Beverly Hills 89.06
- 24 Montage Beverly Hills 88.00
- 25 Dream Hollywood 87.92
- 26 The Kimpton Eureka Hotel 87.02
- 27 The Peninsula Beverly Hills 85.00
- 28 The Beverly Hills Hotel 85.00
- 29 Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel 85.00
- 30 Acc Hotel Downtown Los Angeles 83.43

**SAN FRANCISCO
TOP 20**

- 1 Inn at the Presidio 86.13
- 2 Starlord Court 86.30
- 3 Omni San Francisco Hotel 85.83
- 4 The Marker 91.68
- 5 Kimpton Sir Francis Drake 84.39
- 6 Proper Hotel San Francisco 94.27
- 7 The Axiom Hotel San Francisco 93.76
- 8 Argonaut Hotel 93.63
- 9 Fairmont San Francisco 93.19

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