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United States

Hotels (Continued)



SEE SHELLS Marine life in the restaurant La Marea at the 45-suite Tides in Miami Beach.

- 166 InterContinental New York Times Square 84.1
- 171 Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square 84.0
- 172 Dana Hotel & Spa, Chicago 83.9
- 172 Davenport Hotel and Tower, Spokane 83.9
- 172 St. Regis, Houston 83.9
- 175 InterContinental Mark Hopkins San Francisco 83.8
- 175 London NYC 83.8
- 175 Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel 83.8
- 178 Lorien Hotel & Spa, Alexandria 83.7
- 178 Seagate Hotel & Spa, Delray Beach, Fla. 83.7
- 180 Vanderbilt Grace, Newport 83.6
- 181 Hotel deLuxe, Portland, Ore. 83.3
- 181 Hotel Palomar, Washington, D.C. 83.3
- 183 Bellasera Hotel, Naples, Fla. 83.1
- 183 The Jefferson, Richmond, Va. 83.1
- 183 JW Marriott Santa Monica Le Merigot 83.1
- 183 Vero Beach Hotel & Spa, Fla. 83.1
- 183 White Elephant, Nantucket 83.1
- 183 W Washington D.C. 83.1
- 189 Hotel Max, Seattle 83.0
- 189 Le Pavillon Hotel, New Orleans 83.0
- 189 THEhotel at Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas 83.0
- 189 Tides Inn, Irvington, Va. 83.0
- 193 The Curtis, Denver 82.9
- 193 Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey, Calif. 82.9
- 195 The Roosevelt New Orleans 82.8
- 196 Hotel Monaco, Portland, Ore. 82.7
- 197 Aria Resort and Casino, Las Vegas 82.6
- 197 La Posada Hotel & Gardens, Winslow, Ariz. 82.6
- 197 Westin Austin at The Domain 82.6
- 200 Conrad Indianapolis 82.5
- 200 Hotel ZaZa, Dallas 82.5

TOP 50

SMALL HOTELS

- 1 Colonial Houses, Williamsburg, Va. 96.8
- 2 Fairbanks House, Amelia Island 95.1
- 3 Ferrington House Inn, Pittsboro, N.C. 94.9
- 3 Moorings Village, Islamorada, Fla. 94.9
- 5 The Swag, Great Smoky Mountains, N.C. 94.5
- 6 The Wauwinet, Nantucket 94.0
- 7 Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur 93.9
- 8 San Ysidro Ranch, Santa Barbara 93.2
- 9 Stephanie Inn, Cannon Beach, Ore. 93.0
- 10 Blantyre, Lenox, Mass. 92.8
- 11 Chebeague Island Inn, Maine 92.7
- 12 Chanler at Cliff Walk, Newport, R.I. 92.0
- 12 Tu Tu' Tun Lodge, Gold Beach, Ore. 92.0
- 14 Pillars Hotel, Fort Lauderdale 91.9
- 15 The Tides, Miami Beach 91.8
- 16 John Rutledge House Inn, Charleston, S.C. 91.6
- 17 Wentworth Mansion, Charleston, S.C. 91.3
- 18 White Barn Inn & Spa, Kennebunkport 89.9
- 19 Twin Farms, Barnard, Vt. 89.5
- 20 Pitcher Inn, Warren, Vt. 89.1
- 21 La Mer Hotel & Dewey House, Key West 88.8
- 22 Marquesa Hotel, Key West 88.4
- 23 Hyatt Carmel Highlands, Carmel 87.8
- 23 Sundry House, Delray Beach, Fla. 87.8
- 25 The Cottages, Nantucket 87.6
- 25 Mayflower Inn & Spa, Washington, Conn. 87.6
- 27 Hotel Iroquois on the Beach, Mackinac Island 87.2
- 28 L'Auberge Carmel 86.5
- 29 Milliken Creek Inn and Spa, Napa Valley 86.2
- 30 Greyfield Inn, Cumberland Island, Ga. 86.1
- 31 Castle Hill Inn, Newport, R.I. 86.0
- 32 Monmouth Plantation, Natchez, Miss. 85.7
- 33 Waters Edge Hotel, Marin County 85.6
- 34 Inn at Little Washington, Washington, Va. 85.4
- 34 Inn at Montchanin Village, Del. 85.4
- 36 Old Edwards Inn and Spa, Highlands, N.C. 85.1
- 37 Captain Lord Mansion, Inn & Spa, Kennebunkport 85.0
- 38 Lavender, Napa Valley 84.8
- 39 Adobe Grand Villas, Sedona 84.3
- 40 Green Gables Inn, Pacific Grove, Calif. 84.0
- 41 Gardens Hotel, Key West 83.8
- 42 Gaige House, Sonoma Valley 83.7
- 43 Hotel Havana, San Antonio 83.3
- 44 Scripps Inn, La Jolla 83.2
- 45 El Portal Sedona 83.1
- 46 Simpson House Inn, Santa Barbara 82.6
- 47 The Willcox, Aiken, S.C. 82.4
- 48 Inns & Spa at Mill Falls, Meredith, N.H. 82.1
- 49 The Gastonian, Savannah 82.0
- 49 Inn on Mt. Ada, Catalina Island 82.0

Cruise Lines

River cruises have never been so popular. Uniworld leads our first-ever list of the five top lines.

TOP 25

SMALL-SHIP LINES

(Fewer than 600 passengers)

- 1 Seabourn 91.8
- 2 Silversea 88.5
- 3 Windstar 85.8
- 4 SeaDream Yacht Club 84.5
- 5 Lindblad Expeditions 78.0

MEDIUM-SHIP LINES

(600-2,500 passengers)

- 1 Crystal Cruises 93.0
- 2 Regent Seven Seas Cruises 91.6
- 3 Disney 89.8
- 4 Oceania Cruises 86.0
- 5 Azamara Club Cruises 84.7
- 6 Cunard 84.2
- 7 Holland America 81.5
- 8 Celebrity 79.9
- 9 Princess 79.8
- 10 Royal Caribbean 76.3

LARGE-SHIP LINES

(More than 2,500 passengers)

- 1 Celebrity 87.7
- 2 Princess 80.9
- 3 Royal Caribbean 78.9
- 4 Carnival 70.9
- 5 Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) 64.3

RIVER CRUISES

- 1 Uniworld Boutique River Cruises 90.3
- 2 Grand Circle Travel 86.1
- 3 Viking River Cruises 84.8
- 4 Avalon Waterways 78.9
- 5 AmaWaterways 68.5



DREAM STREAMS The Viking Schumann sails the Elbe from Magdeburg in Germany to its confluence with the Vltava River at Mělník, an important Czech port.



Formerly the Vanderbilt Hall hotel, Newport's 33-room Vanderbilt Grace debuts on Readers' Choice this year, after opening in April as the first U.S. property from Grace Hotels.