THE HOTLIST World's Top New 134 HOTELS

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SHOWING AMAZING RESILIENCE, the art of hotel innovation is flourishing.

Across the globe, hotels are still opening in strong numbers. We combed through the thousands that debuted in the last year, then bedded down anonymously at the most compelling candidates. A robust 134 properties spread across a record 55 countries won a place on our list with their blend of strong style, skillful service, state-of-the-art technology, and transporting aura. They're a diverse group, ranging in size from a three-suite gem in Lisbon to an eco-forward 4,004-room showstopper on the Vegas Strip, and in cost from \$130 a night at a boldly designed Mexico City tower to \$3,600 for a slice of the good life on a South Pacific isle once the private retreat of Malcolm Forbes. As more hotels strive to soar above the competition, the bar for excellence, too, climbs—although price tags don't. Nearly a third of this year's list offer rooms for less than \$250 a night, so there's no time like the present to ride the wave of good fortune.



HOT LIST 2010

ARGENTINA

Loi Suites, Puerto Iguazú

AUSTRALIA

The Cullen, Melbourne Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa. New South Wales

BELGIUM Maison DeLaneau,

Antwerp

BELIZE Machaca Hill Rainforest Canopy Lodge, Punta

BRAZIL

Hotel das Cataratas, Iguaçú Falls

Tivoli São Paulo-Mofarrej, São Paulo Uxua Casa Hotel,

CANADA The Keefer, Vancouver

CARIBBEAN AND ATLANTIC

The Viceroy, Anguilla Tucker's Point Hotel and Spa, Bermuda Baoase, Curacao

Gansevoort Turks & Caicos, Turks and Caicos

CHILE

The Aubrey, Santiago W Santiago, Santiago

CHINA

The Fairmont, Bejjing Amanfayun, Hangzhou Upper House, Hong Kong Jing's Residence, Pingyao

The Peninsula, Shanghai The PuLi Hotel and Spa, Shanghai

COLOMBIA

Tcherassi Hotel & Spa, Cartagena de Indias

COSTA RICA

Monte Azul, Chirripó National Park

Oxygen Jungle Villas,

CROATIA Lešić Dimitri Palace, Korčula

REPUBLIC

The Augustine, Prague

EGYPT

Villa Belle Epoque, Cairo

ENGLAND

The Scarlet, Mawgan Porth. Cornwall **Bermondsey Square**

Hotel, London The Boundary, London

Dean Street Townhouse, London

Lime Wood, New Forest

Laucala, Laucala Island InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa, Viti Levu

FRANCE

Alpaga, Megève Banke Hotel, Paris Radisson Blu Le Metropolitan Eiffel, Paris La Réserve Ramatuelle,

GERMANY

Louis Hotel, Munich

INDIA

Ramatuelle

Alila Diwa, Goa The Serai, Jaisalmer Raas Jodhnur

Banjaar Tola, Kanha National Park Mihirgarh, Rohet

Leela Palace Kempinski,

INDONESIA

Alila Villas Uluwatu, Bali Banyan Tree Ungasan,

Hotel Indonesia Kempinski, Jakarta

ISRAEL Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

ITALY Il Salviatino, Fiesole Verdura Golf and Spa

Resort, Sicily Castel Monastero,

Tuscany Centurion Palace, Venice Palazzina Grassi, Venice

JAPAN Hoshinoya, Kyoto

JORDAN

Kempinski Aqaba, Aqaba **Evason Ma'In Hot Springs** & Six Senses Spa, Madaba

KENYA Tribe-The Village

Market Hotel, Nairobi LAOS

Amantaka, Luang

LEBANON Le Gray, Beirut

MALAYSIA

Clove Hall, Georgetown, Penang

MALDIVES

Shangri-La's Villingili Resort and Spa, Addu Atoll Alila Villas Hadahaa,

Gaafu Alifu Atoll

MEXICO

Rancho Pescadero, El Pescadero, Baja Capella Pedregal,

Los Cabos Distrito Capital, Mexico City

St. Regis, Mexico City La Amada, Playa Mujeres Banyan Tree Mayakoba,

MOROCCO

La Mamounia, Marrakech

NEW ZEALAND Hotel DeBrett, Auckland

Jicaro Island Ecolodge, Granada Isletas

PERU

Casa Cartagena, Cusco Hotel Paracas, Paracas Aranwa Resort & Spa,

PHILIPPINES Island

POLAND

Palacete Chafariz d'el Rei, Lisbon

Pousada do Porto. Palácio do Freixo, Porto

SCOTLAND Hotel Missoni, Edinburgh

SINGAPORE

Singapore Klapsons, Singapore

High Tatras, Strbske Pleso SOUTH AFRICA

Taj Cape Town, Cape Town Oyster Box Hotel, Durban

SRI LANKA Villa Bentota, Bentota

Stockholm

Hotel Helvetia, Zurich

TANZANIA

Selous Project, Selous Game Reserve

National Park

Kilindi, Zanzibar

JW Marriott Resort,

Khao Lak Soneva Kiri, Koh Kood

Riviera Maya

NICARAGUA

Sacred Valley

Shangri-La's Boracay Resort & Spa, Boracay

Andel's Hotel, Lodz Hotel Monopol, Wroclaw

PORTUGAL

Hotel Altis Belém, Lisbon

Capella Singapore,

SLOVAKIA

Grand Hotel Kempinski

One&Only, Cape Town

SPAIN

Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona Selenza Hotel, Madrid

SWEDEN

Hotel Skeppsholmen,

SWITZERLAND

Sayari Camp, Serengeti

Sanctuary Swala, Tarangire National Park

THAILAND

Langham Place, Koh

Blue lagoon: The

Endheri Pool at Shangri-

La's Villingili Resort and

Spa, in the Maldives.

Phulay Bay, A Ritz-Carlton Reserve, Krabi Andara Resort & Villas,

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Qasr Al Sarab, Abu Dhabi

Yas Hotel, Abu Dhabi UNITED STATES

Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain, Marana,

Ritz-Carlton Highlands, Lake Tahoe, California Terranea, Rancho Palos

Verdes, California Viceroy Snowmass, Snowmass Village, Colorado

Seagate Hotel, Delray Beach, Florida

The Betsy, Miami Beach, Florida W South Beach, Miami

Beach, Florida St. Regis, Atlanta, Georgia Koʻa Kea, Kauai, Hawaii Elysian, Chicago, Illinois The Wit, Chicago, Illinois

Ames Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts Aria Resort & Casino,

Las Vegas, Nevada Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas, Nevada

Reform Club, Amangansett, New York Ace Hotel, New York, New York

Crosby Street Hotel, New York, New York The Mark, New York, New York

The Surrey, New York, New York Allison Inn and Spa, Newberg, Oregon

Hotel Palomar. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Hutton Hotel, Nashville,

St. Regis Deer Crest, Deer Valley, Utah

Amangiri, Canyon Point, Utah

The Jefferson, Washington, D.C W Washington, D.C.,

URUGUAY Le Bibló, Montevideo

Washington, D.C.

VANUATU Ratua Private Island,

VIETNAM Sofitel Legend Metropole, Hanoi InterContinental Asiana Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City





BEING THERE

Snap this tag with your smartphone to watch a video sneakpeak, captured by our correspondents, of each of the five highlighted Hot List hotels. (For instructions on downloading the free app, see page 24.)

KEY TO SYMBOLS

😭 = Bar/Lounge 😜 = Beach 🏽 = Free Wi-Fi 🔀 = Gym 😂 = Pool 🤮 = Spa 😚 = Hot Spa 2010 🐧 = 24-Hour Room Service



= Hot = Hotter = Hottest For the full reviews of hotels designated , go to cntraveler.com/hotlist.

To best play out the fantasy that you too have a home in Trancoso, book the one-bedroom Seu Pedrinho, the two-bedroom Gulab Mahal, or the three-bedroom Zé e Zilda, all of which face the square (55-73-3668-2277; doubles, \$449-\$589).

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CANADA

The Keefer, Vancouver

The Keefer is much cooler than you are. The four-suite hotel is a boon to shabby Chinatown, and a good indication that the area is becoming hip again. Intended as a high-end apartment building (until the housing meltdown), these superluxe pads are available for the night, the week, or indefinitely. High-maintenance guests should head elsewhere: There's no turndown service, 24-hour room service, or other typical hotel amenities. But for scenesters with deep pockets, this is the place to hang your hat. Each 2,400-square-foot dwelling has two bedrooms, three bathrooms, a modern kitchen, a living room (complete with a punching bag), and a TV so large it might be classified as a mini movie screen. It's tempting to want to throw a blowout party here, especially if you book the penthouse, whose roof deck has a sexy lap pool with a transparent bottom looking into the suite. The decor manages to be chic and well balanced despite the air of playful excess: Retro paintings in lollipop hues and oversized prints of old boxing photos (all by Canadian artist/writer Douglas Coupland) are juxtaposed against unfinished blond-wood floors and mattegray walls. By contrast, the bedrooms, with their white-and-silver aesthetic, seem almost dull. No matter, you're here for the party. WHICH ROOM TO BOOK: The penthouse, with its aforementioned roof deck and pool (604-688-1983; suites, \$686-\$2,452, with a three-night minimum). 6

CARIBBEAN AND ATLANTIC

The Viceroy, Anguilla

Upping the chic quotient on laid-back Anguilla, the Viceroy Hotel Group's first island outpost is as sleek as a gin martini. The main building, a highlight of this 35-acre resort, mixes modernist planes and angles, an allée of towering palms stretching toward the sea, and a sumptuous array of natural materials—juxtapositions of marbled stone slabs, whorls of exotic woods, matte sheets of metal, sinuous and spherical ceramic objets. The 166 rooms, done in a pale palette, feel comfortable and are artfully arranged. Distressed mirrors provide a surface for sconces, the furniture is low-slung (dark leather in public areas, soft beiges in rooms), chairs are



of woven jute and bent wood, and lots of driftwood is displayed. It's evident that much thought has been given to framing vistas that are either open or through glass, including the centerpiece dark-granite infinity pool, beside which you can enjoy cocktails while gazing out onto the sea. The waterfront villas are steps from the broad, soft-sand beach of Barnes Bay; swimming, however, is easier at the resort's other beach, on Meads Bay. Many finishing touches were still being worked on at the time of our visit, but even in the early weeks the friendly, attractive staff were eager to please. WHICH ROOM TO BOOK: Each spacious Rooftop Studio suite comes with a plunge pool and a private terrace for sunbathing au naturel (888-622-4567; doubles, \$695-\$1,195). ♀♀♀Ф● �

Tucker's Point Hotel and Spa, Bermuda

Perched high over historic Castle Harbour, this newcomer fits its tony surroundings to a tee. (Residents of the exclusive Tucker's Point enclave include Michael Bloomberg and Ross Perot.) The 88-room hotel (whose guests get golf privileges at the private Mid-Ocean course) is tastefully accoutered with a British manor meets Palm Beach look: Horse prints and porcelain china are displayed on walls, floral draperies frame tall windows, chairs are plump with fringed cushions. An aura of formality shrouds this hotel, with its chandeliered public rooms and palm tree-lined courtyard complete with a croquet lawn. Dining is a high point, ranging from casual but well-prepared noshes poolside

to jackets-required affairs at The Point, whose wall murals depicting nineteenth-century ports were transplanted from the Sky Club in New York City's Pan Am building. The well-designed rooms, equipped with a built-in desk, a big terrace overlooking Castle Harbour, a soaking tub separated by a sliding door from the bedroom, and a free minibar stocked daily with water and soft drinks, are finished with preppy details such as a cotton gingham bed skirt, an armchair upholstered in houndstooth fabric, and a padded foot stool. There's a small spa and four swimming pools of various sizes, including two that front the resort's stunning private beach whose distance from the hotel is its only drawback, requiring a ten-minute trolley ride. WHICH ROOM TO BOOK: Numbers 8 and 14, on the third floor of the main Manor House, have larger terraces than other Superior rooms; 14 has a daybed as well (866-604-3764; doubles, \$590-\$850). 8 8 8 8 8 6

Baoase Luxury Resort,

Gansevoort Turks & Caicos, Turks and Caicos

Fronting a wide, uncrowded swath of Grace Bay's white sand beach, the Gansevoort blends Miami Beach—style chic with Providenciales's easygoing sybaritism, making it a snazzy addition to the island's throng of luxury resorts. The service is deftly balanced between attentiveness and unobtrusiveness, from



CHILE

The Aubrey, Santiago

Built in the bohemian barrio of Bellavista, the 15-room Aubrey was once the patrician home of a Chilean railway magnate. The 1927 mansion retains its terra-cotta roofs, overhanging eaves, and exposed beams, but a lengthy restoration by two for-

and the sea (649-941-7555; doubles,

\$460-\$600). 9 9 9 9 9 6

mer London bankers has seen its austere wood paneling and heavy

beams brightened by wingback chairs, crystal chandeliers, and fresh flowers. Many of the spacious rooms have a balcony, a private patio, or original parquet flooring, and all are soundproofed and slickly furnished with Tom Dixon lamps, leather chairs by Chile's Santiago Valdés, and mosaic-tiled walls. Outside, water cascades from stone arches in the cobbled, fern-filled courtyard, where award-winning Valparaiso caterers Pasta e Vino serve well-prepared Italian dishes, Ionic columns edge a heated outdoor pool, and two turreted towers (one kitted out for