

Charleston Is Top-Ranked U.S. City And San Miguel de Allende Named Best City Overall In 26th Annual Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards

Results of New Survey Reveal the Top Cities, Hotels, Islands, Airlines, Airports, Cruise Lines, Destination Spas, Tour Operators and More

JetBlue Is Best Domestic Airline; Viceroy Chicago Is No. 1 City Hotel in Continental U.S.; Yellowstone Wins for Best National Park

Curated Itineraries to Select World's Best Awards Destinations Now Bookable

NEW YORK, Sept. 8, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- **Meredith Corporation's** (NYSE: MDP) Travel + Leisure announces the results of the **World's Best Awards 2021** readers' survey, revealing the top travel destinations and companies in the U.S. and around the globe, from cities, islands and hotels to cruise lines, airlines, airports and more. The complete survey results are featured now on [TravelandLeisure.com/worlds-best](https://www.travelandleisure.com/worlds-best) and in the October issue of Travel + Leisure, on newsstands September 17.

Among the rankings are **Top Cities in the World**, with **San Miguel de Allende, Mexico; Udaipur, India;** and **Istanbul, Turkey** placing first through third and **Top Islands in the World** with **Milos**, which is featured on the October issue cover, and **Folegandros**, both in Greece, taking the No. 1 and No. 2 spots, and **St. Vincent and the Grenadines** at No. 3. On the regional lists, such as **Top City Hotels in the Continental U.S.**, **Viceroy Chicago**, takes the No. 1 spot, followed by **Inn of the Five Graces** in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and **The Lowell** in New York City. For the first time, **Top U.S. National Parks** is a survey category and **Yellowstone National Park** ranks No. 1.

The Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards is a leading barometer of the places and companies that satisfy some of the most passionate and discerning travelers. In the 26 years that the World's Best Awards readers' survey has been published, **Singapore Airlines** has been the only honoree to be named a No. 1 winner in its category – World's Best International Airline — every year.

Travel + Leisure Editor in Chief, Jacqui Gifford, says, "The 2021 standouts are as far-flung as ever, and suggest a renewed appreciation for places that offer unparalleled natural beauty and, in many places, fewer crowds. Forced to think on their feet, the properties that made the cut in 2021 all found innovative ways to deliver exceptional hospitality to their guests. Our readers delighted in taking trips closer to home, a fact we've recognized with several new domestic resort lists to provide even more trip inspiration. With a continued interest in the great outdoors, we also asked readers to vote on their favorite U.S. national park. This year's results are a testament to the travel industry's resilience under enormous strain. Nearly two years into the pandemic, there is still much we don't know about COVID-19. But we do know that some parts of the world have struggled more than others. I'm hopeful that the World's Best Awards will continue to serve as inspiration to explore the world, and in doing so, support those places and companies that rely on tourism to thrive."

To make it easy for consumers to experience destinations and hotels recognized in this year's World's Best Awards, Travel + Leisure is debuting a new subscription travel club and travel booking platform today that offers curated itineraries to select locations at [travelandleisure.com/go](https://www.travelandleisure.com/go). The new retail travel site, Travel + Leisure GO, will launch with ten exclusive World's Best Awards customizable travel itineraries that feature top destinations, hotels and activities from this year's winners together in fully bookable travel experiences, as well as insider tips to help travelers make the most of their getaways.

TRAVEL + LEISURE TOP 10 WORLD'S BEST CITIES 2021

- San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- Udaipur, India
- Istanbul, Turkey
- Ubud, Indonesia

- Kyoto, Japan
- Florence, Italy
- Mexico City, Mexico
- Oaxaca, Mexico
- Chiang Mai, Thailand
- Bangkok, Thailand

To view the full list of the Top 25 World's Best Cities, visit [here](#).

TRAVEL + LEISURE TOP 10 U.S. CITIES 2021

- Charleston, South Carolina
- Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Savannah, Georgia
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- New York City
- San Antonio, Texas
- Chicago, Illinois
- Bend, Oregon
- Williamsburg, Virginia
- Honolulu, Hawaii

To view the full list of the Top 15 U.S. Cities, visit [here](#).

The 2021 results, including the Top 100 Hotels, Best Domestic Airlines, Best Islands in the World, Best Resort Hotels in the Continental U.S., Best Resort Hotels in Hawaii, Top Caribbean Resort Hotels, Best Hotels in Paris, Best U.S. National Parks, Best Domestic Airports, Best Mega-Ship Cruise Lines, and Best Safari Outfitters, among many other lists, are now posted on [TravelandLeisure.com/worlds-best](https://www.travelandleisure.com/worlds-best).

Travel + Leisure Editor in Chief Jacqui Gifford will host Toast & Post, a virtual celebration that kicks off this evening at 5 pm ET on Instagram Live [@TravelandLeisure](#) to honor the World's Best Awards 2021 winners. Raise a toast to this year's honorees and post a picture using the hashtags #TLWorldsBest and #TLToast, and tag [@TravelandLeisure](#) today and in the weeks ahead.

TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS 2020 WINNERS OVERALL

WORLD'S BEST CITY	San Miguel de Allende , Mexico
WORLD'S BEST HOTEL	Mahali Mzuri , Masai Mara, Kenya
WORLD'S BEST HOTEL BRAND	The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts
WORLD'S BEST ISLAND	Milos , Greece
WORLD'S BEST MEGA-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINE	Disney Cruise Line
WORLD'S BEST LARGE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINE	Seabourn
WORLD'S BEST MIDSIZE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINE	Windstar Cruises
WORLD'S BEST SMALL-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINE	Quasar Expeditions
WORLD'S BEST RIVER CRUISE LINE	Uniworld Boutique River Cruises
WORLD'S BEST INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE	Singapore Airlines
WORLD'S BEST DOMESTIC AIRLINE	JetBlue Airways
WORLD'S BEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	Singapore Changi Airport
WORLD'S BEST DOMESTIC AIRPORT	Portland International Airport , Oregon
WORLD'S BEST SAFARI OUTFITTER	Micato Safaris
WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR	Quasar Expeditions
WORLD'S BEST CAR-RENTAL COMPANY	Enterprise Rent-A-Car
WORLD'S BEST INTERNATIONAL SPA	Rancho La Puerta , Tecate, Mexico
WORLD'S BEST DOMESTIC SPA	Shou Sugi Ban House , Water Mill, New York

TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST HOTEL 2021 WINNERS, BY REGION

CONTINENTAL U.S. OVERALL

BEST CITY HOTEL	Viceroy , Chicago
BEST RESORT HOTEL	Nobu Ryokan , Malibu, California

U.S. (BY REGION)

BEST RESORT HOTEL IN THE SOUTH	Inn at Willow Grove , Orange, Virginia
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN THE MIDWEST	Deer Path Inn , Lake Forest, Illinois
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN MID-ATLANTIC	Reeds at Shelter Haven , Stone Harbor, New Jersey
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN THE WEST	Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch , Saratoga, Wyoming
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN CALIFORNIA	Nobu Ryokan , Malibu
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN FLORIDA	Sunset Key Cottages , Key West
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN TEXAS	Commodore Perry Estate, Auberge Resorts Collection , AI
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN UTAH	Lodge at Blue Sky, Auberge Resorts Collection , Park City
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN COLORADO	Viceroy Snowmass
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN GREATER MIAMI BEACH	The Setai , Miami Beach
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN ARIZONA	Castle Hot Springs , Morristown
BEST CITY HOTEL IN NEW YORK CITY	The Lowell
BEST CITY HOTEL IN GREATER LOS ANGELES	The Peninsula , Beverly Hills

BEST RESORT HOTEL IN PUERTO RICO
BEST CITY HOTEL IN CHICAGO
BEST CITY HOTEL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
BEST CITY HOTEL IN CHARLESTON
BEST CITY HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN HAWAII

St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort, Rio Grande
Viceroy
The Hay-Adams
John Rutledge House Inn
Wynn
Halekulani, Oahu

BEST RESORT HOTEL IN NEW YORK STATE RESORT
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN SOUTH CAROLINA
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN NEW ENGLAND

Lake House on Canandaigua, Canandaigua
Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, Kiawah Island
Pickering House Inn, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire

CANADA

BEST CITY HOTEL
BEST RESORT HOTEL

The Ritz-Carlton, Montreal, Quebec
Manoir Hovey, North Hatley, Quebec

THE CARIBBEAN, BERMUDA & THE BAHAMAS

BEST RESORT HOTEL

Kamalame Cay, Bahamas

MEXICO

BEST CITY HOTEL
BEST RESORT HOTEL

St. Regis, Mexico City
Viceroy Riviera Maya, Playa del Carmen

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

BEST CITY HOTEL

Hotel Fasano, São Paulo, Brazil

CENTRAL AMERICA

BEST RESORT HOTEL

Nayara Tented Camp, Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa

SOUTH AMERICA

BEST RESORT HOTEL

Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort, Paracas, Peru

EUROPE (OVERALL)

BEST CITY HOTEL
BEST RESORT HOTEL

Mandarin Oriental, Milan, Italy
Grace Hotel, Auberge Resorts Collection, Santorini, Greece

EUROPE (BY REGION)

BEST RESORT HOTEL IN ITALY
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN FRANCE
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN THE U.K. & IRELAND
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN GREECE
BEST CITY HOTEL IN BARCELONA
BEST CITY HOTEL IN PARIS
BEST CITY HOTEL IN LONDON
BEST CITY HOTEL IN ROME
BEST CITY HOTEL IN FLORENCE
BEST CITY HOTEL IN VENICE

Il Sereno Lago di Como, Torno
Hôtel Crillon le Brave, Crillon-Le-Brave
Ballyfin, County Laois, Ireland
Penha Longa Resort, Sintra, Portugal
Grace Hotel, Auberge Resorts Collection, Santorini
Cotton House Hotel, Autograph Collection
La Réserve Paris – Hôtel & Spa
Shangri-La the Shard
Hotel de Russie, a Rocco Forte Hotel
St. Regis
JW Marriott Venice Resort & Spa

ASIA OVERALL

BEST CITY HOTEL
BEST RESORT HOTEL

Opposite House, Beijing
Capella Ubud, Bali, Indonesia

ASIA (BY REGION)

BEST CITY HOTEL IN CHINA
BEST HOTEL IN BANGKOK
BEST HOTEL IN SINGAPORE
BEST CITY HOTEL IN TOKYO
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN INDIA
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN INDONESIA
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Opposite House, Beijing
Capella
Fullerton Hotel
Park Hyatt
Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur
Capella Ubud, Bali
Six Senses, Con Dao, Vietnam

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

BEST CITY HOTEL
BEST RESORT HOTEL

The Langham, Melbourne, Australia
Matakauri Lodge, Queenstown, New Zealand

THE SOUTH PACIFIC

BEST RESORT HOTEL

InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa, French

AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

BEST NORTH AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST CITY HOTEL
BEST NORTH AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST RESORT HOTEL
BEST AFRICA CITY HOTEL
BEST AFRICA RESORT HOTEL
BEST SAFARI LODGE

Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, Dubai
Kasbah Tamadot, Atlas Mountains, Morocco
Cape Grace, Cape Town
Matetsi Victoria Falls, Matetsi Private Game Reserve, Zimb
Mahali Mzuri, Masai Mara, Kenya

TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST CITY AND ISLAND 2021 WINNERS, BY REGION

CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

BEST CITY
BEST ISLAND

Charleston, South Carolina
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

CANADA

BEST CITY
BEST ISLAND

Quebec City
Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

BEST CITY

Antigua Guatemala

MEXICO

BEST CITY

San Miguel de Allende

MEXICO & CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

BEST ISLAND

Galápagos Islands, Ecuador

EUROPE

BEST CITY
BEST ISLAND

Istanbul
Milos, Greece

ASIA

BEST CITY
BEST ISLAND

Udaipur, India
Andaman Islands, India

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & THE SOUTH PACIFIC

BEST CITY
BEST ISLAND

Sydney
Fiji Islands

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

BEST CITY
BEST ISLAND

Cape Town
Seychelles

HAWAII

BEST ISLAND

Island of Hawaii

THE CARIBBEAN, BERMUDA & THE BAHAMAS

BEST ISLAND

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST NATIONAL PARKS, UNITED STATES

UNITED STATES

BEST NATIONAL PARK

Yellowstone, Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana

This year's World's Best Awards survey was open for voting from January 11 through May 10, 2021, as destinations around the world were lifting COVID-19 restrictions. Survey rules have always allowed readers to reflect on travel experiences over a three-year period. For the full Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards 2021 readers' survey methodology, visit [Travelandleisure.com/worlds-best/survey-methodology](https://www.travelandleisure.com/worlds-best/survey-methodology).

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