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**Top 100
Hotels**

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Top 100 Hotels in the World

For the third edition of our annual top hotels list, we've carefully selected those that offer the most captivating atmosphere, extraordinary comfort, impeccable service and standout amenities. There are a few hotels in the world that keep you coming back for more, so we've pulled out the must-do experiences, the must-taste dishes, and the hidden extras to make each visit delightfully different. Read on to see if your favorite made the list, and perhaps discover a new favorite.



SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE

Singapore has long taken pride in its status as a Garden City, with verdant greenery flourishing throughout. Shangri-La Hotel Singapore epitomizes this connection to nature with 15 acres of its own tropical gardens. Opened in 1971 as Shangri-La's first property, the hotel has developed these gardens over multiple decades by cultivating thousands of tree and flower species. The hotel is made up of three towers — the Tower Wing, Garden Wing and Valley Wing — along with Chi, The Spa, and a palatial lobby lounge with towering white columns and the stunning Tree Canopy installation.

Top suite Valley Wing Shangri-La Suite from \$5,440 per night
Signature spa treatment Chi, The Spa's soothing Wellness Journey, Orchid Bliss, incorporates a body wrap and massage with extract from Singapore's national flower.

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FOUR SEASONS HOTEL HANGZHOU AT WEST LAKE

HANGZHOU, CHINA

Given its pagoda-style design, you'd almost think this hotel was another of Hangzhou's ancient sites; the property sits amid the temples and gardens of the city's historic West Lake district. Look closer and you'll see traditional influences interpreted through immaculate modern design. In Jin Sha restaurant, which serves local as well as Cantonese and Shanghaiese cuisine, Chinese elements such as lanterns are incorporated into a sleek red and dark-wood design. Sample the braised pork with abalone in sweet soy sauce. Soak up the serenity of the hotel's manicured gardens — willow trees, bamboo forest and greenery enclose the peaceful grounds from the rest of the city — on the lagoon-side terrace of your sumptuously furnished suite. Try treatments inspired by 18th-century Emperor Qianlong in a spa made to look like a Chinese palace.

Top suite The Lotus Suite from \$1,365 per night

Signature spa treatment Request the Dragon-Well Tea and Jade Spring Ritual, which includes exfoliation, a wrap, aroma massage, and soothing bath infused with 60,000 tea leaves.

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MANDARIN ORIENTAL HONG KONG

HONG KONG

Opened in 1963 as the first Mandarin Oriental, this flagship property is legendary. Gaze out at the cityscape through the floor-to-ceiling windows of your Western- and Asian-inspired suite. Or savor the views while dining at the hotel's world-renowned restaurants. Sample creative French fine-dining plates at the eponymous, two-Michelin-starred restaurant of Pierre Gagnaire; tuck into dim sum at silk-, lacquer- and gold-adorned Cantonese restaurant, Man Wah; or indulge in a tasting menu with champagne pairing in the intimate Krug Room. No less impressive is the 1930s Shanghai-style Mandarin Spa. Unwind in the dreamy pool area of this three-story retreat.

Top suite Mandarin Suite from \$9,945 per night

Sunday brunch Sample Sunday brunch in the Clipper Lounge. Locals and guests gather each week for this lavish spread of western and Asian delicacies.

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PALACE HOTEL TOKYO

TOKYO, JAPAN

In its moat-side position adjacent to the Imperial Palace Gardens, this hotel was originally home to the Forestry Office of the Imperial Household before being transformed into a hotel in the 1940s. Following a three-year rebuild before opening again in 2012, the property now shines for its cutting-edge Japanese design, as well as its privileged position and impressive outlook. In this stylish space, repurposed Shigaraki tiles and original features, such as the bar, sit alongside over 1,000 artworks. The hotel is home to 10 restaurants and bars, including Wadakura, which offers a traditional tatami and bento dining experience, and an Evian Spa (the first in Japan) fusing Alpine influence with Asian wellness tradition.

Top suite Palace Suite from \$9,000 per night

Wrestle mania The Grappling Tokyo tour hosted by ex-sumo wrestlers takes you behind the scenes at a sumo stable.

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THE REVERIE SAIGON

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

Located on the top floors of the landmark Times Square Building, The Reverie Saigon mesmerizes with eclectic Italian design and unabashed opulence. Take a seat on a 16-ft Colombostile glass made of purple ostrich leather and admire the Murano glass ceiling installation in the lobby. A different Italian design house fashioned each suite, so you can stay in an understated cream and platinum pied-à-terre by Visionnaire or a timeless elegant Designer Suite by Giorgetti. Breakfast beneath Venini light installations at panoramic Café Cardinal, and taste the Italian cuisine of chef Enrico De Martino at mosaic-clad R&J (Romeo & Juliet).

Top suite Saigon Suite from \$12,000 per night

Don't miss Unwind with holistic therapies drawing on Asian tradition at two-story The Spa at The Reverie Saigon, where a floral mosaic staircase by Sisis of Italy connects the floors.

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