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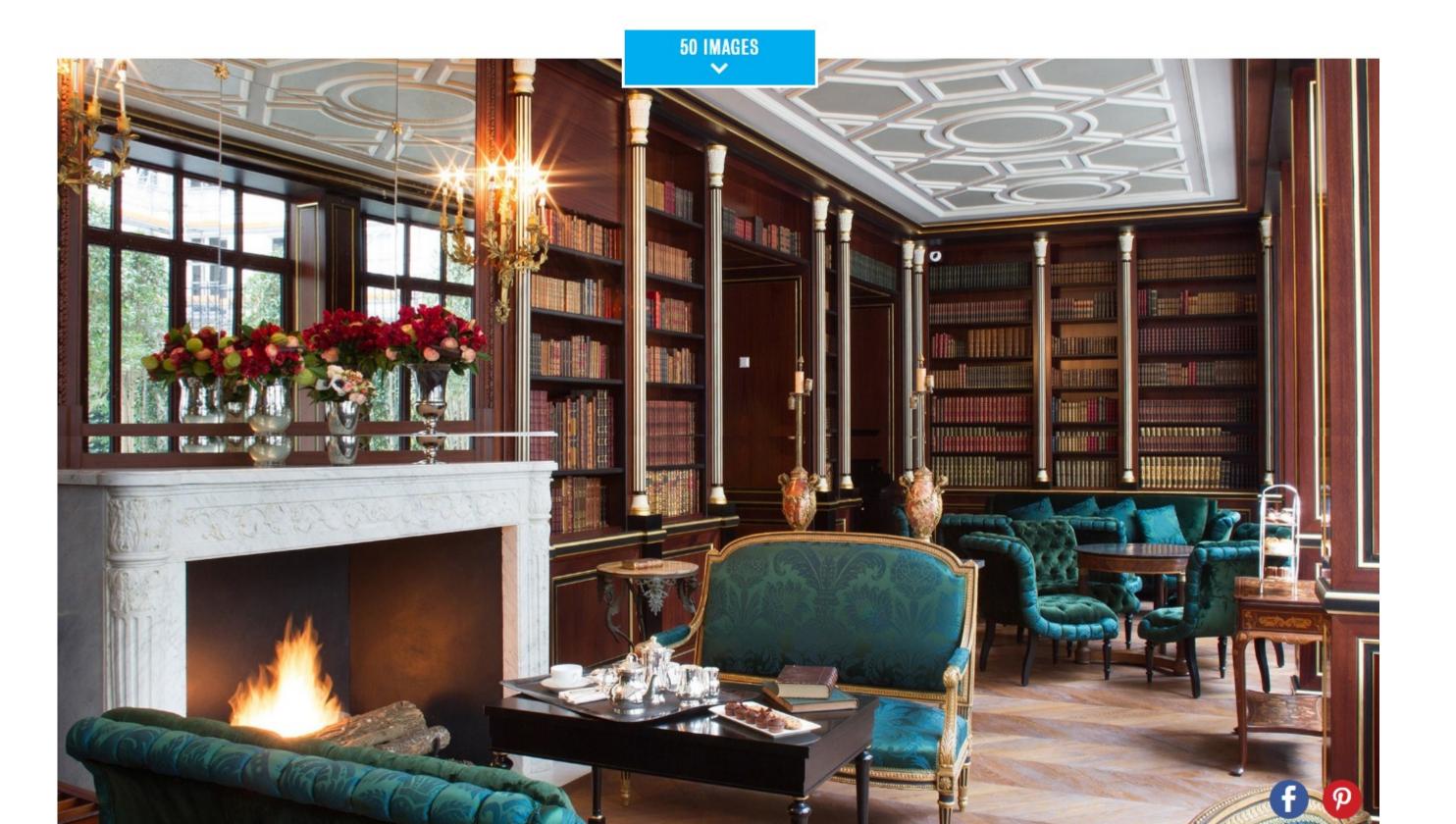
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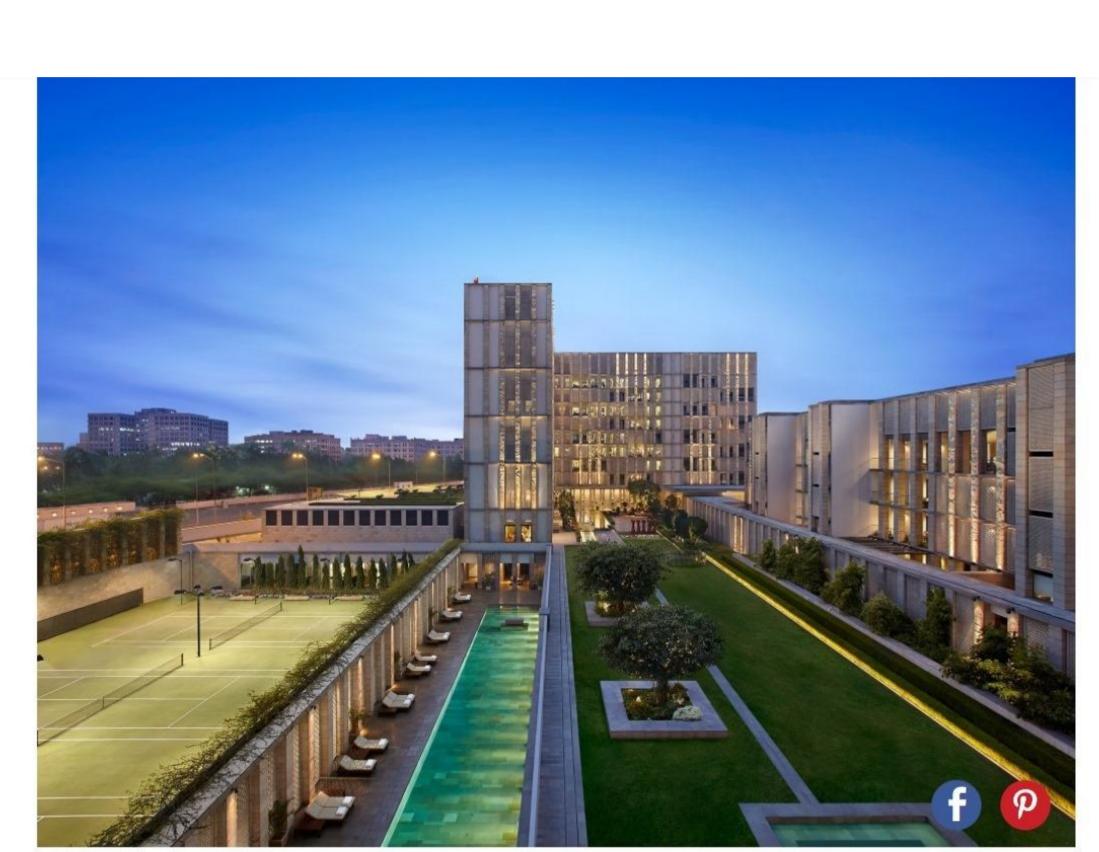
More than 300,000 of our trusted Travelers voted in this year's Readers' Choice Awards,, sharing tales—and tips from their vacations in Santorini, or weekends spent at Italian palazzos in Ho Chi Minh City. Get ready: These are the 50 best hotels in the world, say our readers, where service, style, good eats, and sublime views make for a memorable stay.

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## 1/50 La Réserve Paris - Hotel and Spa, France

When we imagine Old World opulence—like, say, wood-paneled libraries, 19th-century furniture trimmed in velvet, and Haussmann-style apartments outfitted with brocade silk wallpaper and fresh flowers—it's La Réserve that first comes to mind. A stay at this 40-room bôtel particulier, just a block from both the Champs-Élysées and the rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, is a splurge, but you'll get Carrara marble bathrooms, anti-aging spa treatments, and two Michelin-starred restaurant, Le Gabriel, in exchange.

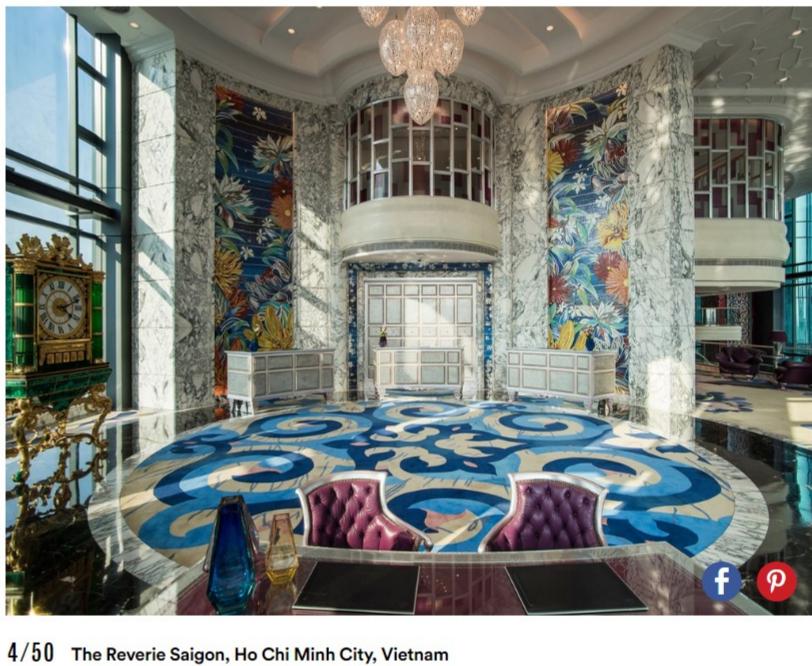


New Delhi's The Lodhi is a city hotel, though you'd never know it. Surrounded by seven acres of landscaped gardens and abutting the Delhi golf club, this self-styled Indian palace fortress is just a ten-minute walk northwest of the buzzing Nizamuddin neighborhood, and a quick, eightminute drive from Humayun's tomb, one of the city's more popular historic attractions. Guest rooms range from a 1,350-square-foot deluxe room with a private balcony to two-bedroom suites that are twice the size, with views of the city and the golf course. But the real highlight is the plunge pool, lined with jade-green Khareda stone and flanked by a large daybed, on the private terrace of eight of the 11 different room offerings.



## 3/50 The Gainsborough Bath Spa, Somerset, United Kingdom

Hard to believe this 99-room, five-star hotel once housed a hospital. Refurbished with the help of Portuguese-American design star Alexandra Champalimaud in 2015, it was rechristened in honor of the British Old Master painter who once lived nearby. Its new interiors encourage you to look up, with soaring ceilings, extra-tall windows, and two-poster beds that come with the ultimate retro touch: an antimacassar with a countrified Gainsborough scene. The hotel's standout asset, though, is the private water reserve drawn from the same spring that also fed the town's ancient Roman baths. Book one of three Bath Spa Rooms where bathrooms come with an extra tap, pulling directly from the reserve.



Built like an Italian palazzo, the Reverie Saigon brought in a level of luxury previously unseen in Ho Chi Minh City when it was opened in 2015. Everything about the hotel is over-the-top opulent, from the the palatial, marble-clad lobby to the rooms, done by top Italian decorators with Carrara marble and plush Italian silks. There are three upscale restaurants—French, Cantonese, and Italian (of course)—plus a 157-foot bar that's so long, it stretches from Dong Khoi Street all the way to Nguyen Hue Boulevard two blocks over. Not to be outshone, Reverie's spa is a two-level, 13,000-square-foot affair with two open-air Jacuzzis and an Olympic-size swimming pool, naturally.



5/50 Summer Lodge Country House Hotel and Spa, Dorset, United Kingdom The feeling that you've stepped into a 19th-century novel is no accident. Beyond the fact that the hotel is Thomas Hardy designed, the 24 rooms are decorated in florals, fabrics, and wallpapers to provide a homey English setting like no other. A stroll through the adjacent deer park will complete the literary fantasy, as will expert, unobtrusive service.