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The Readers' Choice Awards 2021

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YOUR PICK OF THE BEST HOTELS, RESORTS, CITIES, ISLANDS,
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CAPELLA UBUD IN BALI, YOUR No. 1 RESORT IN INDONESIA

When we asked you to vote in our 2021 Readers' Choice Awards – the third year running that we've teamed up with our sister title in the USA – travel was more wishful thinking than a reality. So we didn't expect your answers to be based on recent experiences so much as a browse through the virtual holiday album – you're clearly raring to go. Which were the hotels, spas, cities and islands you'd return to in a shot, and who are the fixers and high-flyers that would get you there? The boom in staycations clearly had an impact on some British and American choices, but in the questionnaire that accompanied the survey, a majority said they wanted to take more trips than ever before, and to seek out new destinations. So with the travel industry only just beginning to recover, we hope these lists will act as a way of unlocking the world again, and help inspire a whole year of adventures, close by and far from home.

A SNAPSHOT OF THE RANKINGS

In Europe, for obvious reasons, perennial favourites such as Italy's **Il Pellicano**, **Belmond's Splendido** and **Il San Pietro di Positano** underperformed this year, while green-lit destinations such as Madeira did rather well. **Sao Lourenço do Barrocal**, a first-time winner in Portugal's wine-making Alentejo region, has been consistently brilliant since it opened in 2016 on a 200-year-old estate. Age isn't everything: The **Generator** brand's popular boutique-hostel model saw it beating many five-star establishment names, while in Venice, **Il Palazzo Experimental's** fresh, good-times approach secured it third place ahead of more rococo rivals. Other recent openings that made a mark include **Le Coucou** in Méribel – despite the absence of skiers – **La Maison d'Estournel** in Bordeaux and the shipshape **Amerikalinjen** in Oslo.

But old-timers made it to the top of several lists, including the 19th-century **Hassler Roma**, venerable Swiss mountain hideout **Badrutts Palace** and Paris's Art Nouveau-era **Hôtel Lutetia**, which was treated to a lavish makeover in 2018. And the desire to keep evolving has seen the one-of-a-kind **Relais Borgo Santo Pietro** – your number one hotel in the whole of Italy, set in lavender-scented Tuscan countryside – open a fermentation lab to preserve the vegetables grown in its farm-to-table gardens.



ALENTEJO'S SAO LOURENÇO DO BARROCAL,
YOUR No. 1 HOTEL IN SPAIN & PORTUGAL

EUROPE

SPAIN & PORTUGAL

- 1 **SAO LOURENÇO DO BARROCAL, ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL** 99.33
- 2 **Sant Francesc Hotel Singular**, Mallorca, Spain 99.09
- 3 **Mandarin Oriental**, Barcelona, Spain 99.05
- 4 **Cotton House, Autograph Collection**, Barcelona, Spain 98.93
- 5 **Generator Madrid**, Spain 98.51
- 6 **The Yeatman Hotel**, Porto, Portugal 98.36
- 7 **El Palace Hotel**, Barcelona, Spain 98.29
- 8 **Savoy Palace**, Madeira, Portugal 98.27
- 9 **Can Bordoy Grand House & Garden**, Mallorca, Spain 97.80
- 10 **Hotel Arts Barcelona**, Spain 97.23
- 11 **Hotel Infante Sagres**, Porto, Portugal 97.19
- 12 **Belmond Reid's Palace**, Madeira, Portugal 96.90
- 13 **Tivoli Palácio de Seteais Sintra Hotel**, Portugal 96.80
- 14 **Urso Hotel & Spa Madrid**, Spain 96.33
- 15 **AlmaLusa Baixa/Chiado**, Lisbon, Portugal 95.92
- 16 **Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon**, Portugal 95.38
- 17 **El Llorenç Parc de la Mar**, Mallorca, Spain 95.12
- 18 **Belmond La Residencia**, Mallorca, Spain 95.00
- 19 **Generator Barcelona**, Spain 94.86
- 20 **Finca Cortesin**, Andalucía, Spain 94.72

ROME

- 1 **HASSLER ROMA** 99.15
- 2 **Portrait Roma** 98.32
- 3 **Hotel de la Ville, A Rocco Forte Hotel** 97.33
- 4 **The Westin Excelsior**, Rome 96.57
- 5 **Generator Rome** 94.70
- 6 **Rome Cavalieri, A Waldorf Astoria Hotel** 94.61
- 7 **Hotel de Russie, A Rocco Forte Hotel** 92.74
- 8 **NH Collection Roma Fori Imperiali** 89.61
- 9 **Vilòn Luxury Hotel** 88.80
- 10 **Sofitel Rome Villa Borghese** 87.33

FLORENCE

- 1 **PORTRAIT FIRENZE** 99.25
- 2 **Villa La Massa** 98.29
- 3 **Il Salvatino** 98.11
- 4 **Michelangelo Florence** 94.28
- 5 **Hotel Savoy, A Rocco Forte Hotel** 94.16
- 6 **Four Seasons Hotel Firenze** 94.00
- 7 **Villa Cora** 93.76
- 8 **Belmond Villa San Michele** 92.49
- 9 **Antica Torre di Via Tornabuoni** 91.59
- 10 **Helvetia & Bristol Firenze – Starhotels Collezione** 90.85

VENICE

- 1 **PALAZZO VENART LUXURY HOTEL** 99.19
- 2 **The Gritti Palace, a Luxury Collection Hotel**, Venice 99.00
- 3 **Il Palazzo Experimental** 98.55
- 4 **Splendid Venice – Starhotels Collezione** 96.67