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MARRAKECH'S CRAFT UPDATE SHOPPING IN TULUM



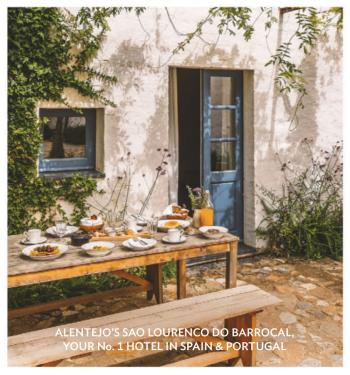
When we asked you to vote in our 2021 Readers' Choice Awards – the third year running that we've teamed up with our sister title in the USA - travel was more wishful thinking than a reality. So we didn't expect your answers to be based on recent experiences so much as a browse through the virtual holiday 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, II 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 Badrutt's 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.



EUROPE

SPAIN & PORTUGAL

- 1 SAO LOURENCO 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 8733

FLORENCE

- 1 PORTRAIT FIRENZE 99.25
- 2 Villa La Massa 98.29
- 3 Il Salviatino 98.11
- 4 Michelangelo Florence 94.28
- 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 191.59
- 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