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THE WORLD'S BEST BOUTIQUE HOTELS ARE REVEALED

(LONDON). The winners of the Boutique Hotel Awards 2022 are announced today. Honouring boutique hotels from Shoreditch to California, and shortlisted by a panel of trailblazing travel experts, the Awards reveal the very best places for discerning travellers to visit in 2023.

Note for editors: For selected photos of the winning properties, please see [this download folder](#)

World's Best Boutique Hotel

[San Ysidro Ranch](#), Santa Barbara, California

"Textured wallpaper, antique lamps, an English garden in the Churchill room; majestic views that the Kennedys once enjoyed on their honeymoon - one cannot help but feel inspired."

World's Best Beach Hotel

[Velaa Private Island](#), Maldives

"Velaa is simply flawless."

World's Best City Hotel

[Sun Street Hotel](#), Shoreditch, London

"Stuart Kivi-Cauldwell's salmon comes from the oldest smokehouse in London, his wagyu from chocolate-fed cows in Ireland, and his catch-of-the-day from the best boat that's just

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come in. ”

World’s Best Chic Hotel

[Hotel TwentySeven](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands
“The Netherlands’ only ‘Six Star’ hotel is infused with dark, decadent glamour - and a genie-like butler serving each suite.”

World’s Best Classic Hotel

[Grand Dédale Country House](#), Western Cape, South Africa
“Guests in the seven bedrooms gather together on the veranda in warm weather for complimentary sundowners and canapés, adding to the homely feel of the hotel.”

World’s Best Fine Dining Hotel

[Hyakuna Garan](#), Okinawa, Japan
“The hotel beckons its surroundings in; a huge open-air courtyard with three banyans grows through the centre, corridors looking onto a mossy cave with a 7-metre Buddha statue, and a huge tatami zen room opening out onto a breathtaking ocean view.”

World’s Best Design Hotel

[Akademie Street Boutique Hotel](#), Franschhoek, South Africa
“Absolute perfection in South African winelands. Interior designer Capetonian Gregory Mellor offering accommodation and facilities that are nigh on perfect.”

World’s Best Honeymoon Hotel

[Drake Bay Getaway Resort](#), Drake Bay, Costa Rica
“Patrick and Yens, the co-owners, gave up their high-flying, high-tech careers in Seattle to realise their dream of building a truly environmentally sustainable and exclusive boutique resort in Drake Bay.”

World’s Best Relaxation Retreat

[Hotel Barriere Le Carl Gustaf](#), St. Barthélemy
“A haven of understated luxury, designed to fit in with the unpretentious style of the island. As well as impeccable service, guests can expect incredible food from the restaurant run by Michelin-starred Pierre Gagniere.”

World’s Best Romantic Hotel

[San Ysidro Ranch](#), Santa Barbara, California

World’s Best New Hotel

[The Carlin Hotel](#), Queenstown, New Zealand
“Alpine decadence, a private retreat beyond your 6-star dreams right in the heart of Queenstown. Finer details - beautiful teal leather umbrellas, choice of pillows, mood lighting, chauffeur service, and the exceptional 24-hour staff, make newcomer The Carlin Boutique Hotel truly stand out.”

World’s Best Spa Hotel

[Green Spa Resort Stanglwirt](#), Going am Wilden Kaiser, Austria
“The Stanglwirt falls nothing short of world-class; a Five Star organic and wellness retreat in the Kitzbühel Alps, complete with 12,000 m² spa and its own farm, to enjoy without moderation in winter or summer”

World's Best Hotel with a View

[Pimalai Resort & Spa](#), Krabi, Thailand

"Deep in the jungle and with its own private beach, Pimalai is the perfect setting for rest and restoration."

World's Best Family Hotel

[Rockfig Lodge Madikwe Game Reserve](#), Madikwe, South Africa

"An authentic, luxurious and intimate safari experience catering to your every need. Whether searching for the predator you'd most like to see on a game drive or packing some botanical gin for the ride back, Rockfig will do its utmost to make this possible for you."

Wine Pairing Excellence

[Tenuta Montemagno Relais & Wines](#), Montemagno, Italy

"Dreamy 16th Century farmhouse boasting tranquillity, luxury and character nestled amongst Italy's vineyards."

Best Rooftop City Views

[The Lumiares Hotel & Spa](#), Lisbon, Portugal

"A warm, thoughtful, chic, unique boutique hotel, nestled into historic Lisbon, generously offering the finest of Portuguese hospitality and gorgeous open views over Lisbon"

BACKGROUND ON THE AWARDS

The Boutique Hotel Awards is the first and only international awards organisation exclusively dedicated to recognising unique excellence among boutique hotels. The Awards, now in its 12th year, honours the people behind these outstanding properties and brings together members of **The Master Key Society**, where relationships are built exclusively among the Award Winners by facilitating hotel exchange visits between them.

AWARDS PROCESS

What makes a Boutique Hotel Award meaningful? The hotels and private villas are personally evaluated, giving our judges first-hand experience of what makes them special. It is the only independent awards organisation in hospitality where every property is visited by an experienced hotel judge, who specialises in each category, and where decisions on winners depend on true guest experience at the property.

The winners were selected from over 300 Nominees in over 70 countries. Covid has proved an enormous challenge to this process, but despite the moving goalposts of government restrictions, we have managed to travel the globe to review each hotel and villa. Entrants are nominated each year by a member of the Awards Nomination Committee, comprising 35 leading travel experts whose business it is to be 'in-the-know' concerning the extraordinary boutique hotels. The Awards then coordinate judge evaluation visits with each shortlisted nominee. The judges document all aspects of the guest experience covering elements of dining, design, concept, facilities, location, service and, most importantly, emotional impact. Finally, these extensive hand-written evaluations are meticulously studied by our Awards Panel, which decides our regional and World's Best Award winners.



The 2023 Boutique Hotel Awards are now open.

To nominate your favourite boutique hotels, find out about participating in the Awards, and read the reviews of all the winners go to:

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