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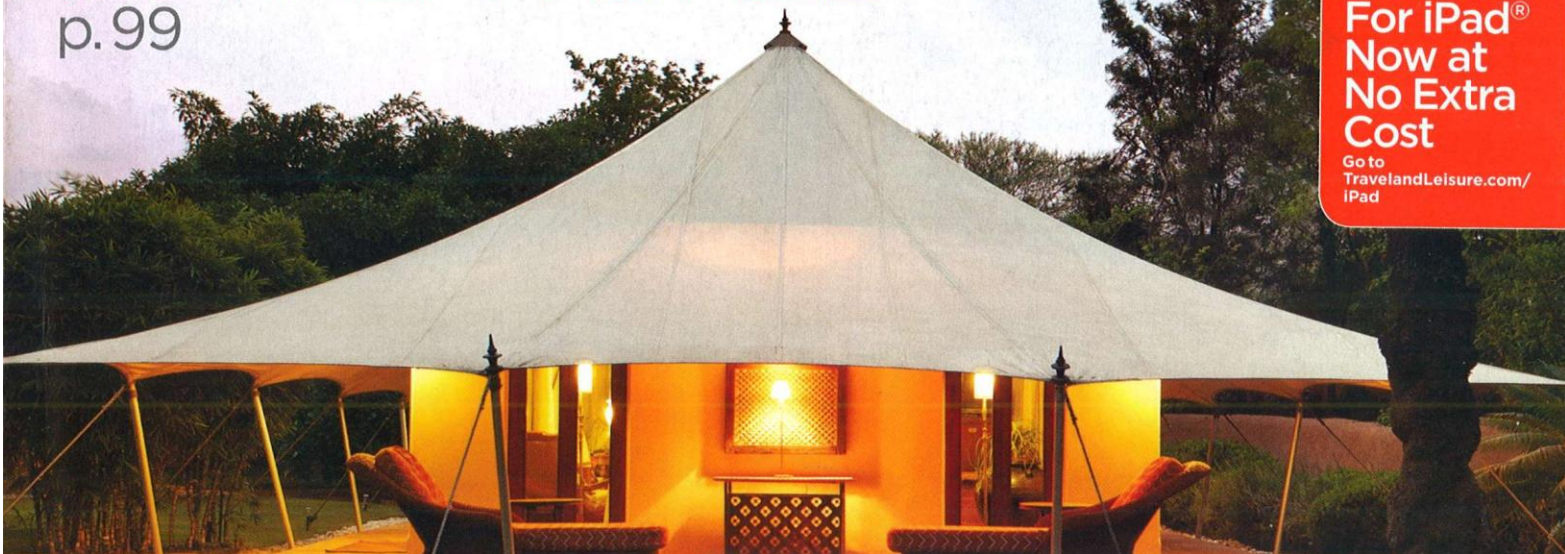
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WITH THIS, OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF THE T+L 500, we bring you the ultimate collection of the top hotels around the globe, as selected by readers in our annual World's Best Awards survey. ★ We spotlight the properties that ranked No. 1 in their region, highlight the 53 T+L 500 debuts, and, new this year, provide many hotel rates as a range—noting the lowest and highest price of a standard room—which means you'll know how much the price will vary from season to season. ★ Find enhanced digital extras (expanded online reviews; select booking links in the version for iPad) on your computer, tablet, or smart phone—or simply turn the page for your 500 favorite places this year.

VERMONT

LOWER WATERFORD

Rabbit Hill Inn (90.44) Romantic getaway (candlelit breakfast; canopy beds) at a restored residence and tavern, both about 200 years old. 800/762-8669; rabbithillinn.com; doubles from \$169, including breakfast and afternoon tea.

STOWE

NEW Stowe Mountain Lodge (92.46) The largest luxury lodge in Stowe, with mountain access, a Mercedes fleet, and a new performing arts center. 888/478-6938; stowemountainlodge.com; doubles from \$229-\$459.

Topnotch Resort & Spa (90.12) The first full-service resort at Stowe snagged the prime position at the base of Vermont's tallest peak. The mega-spa and tennis clinic are area standouts. 800/451-8686; topnotchresort.com; doubles from \$195-\$385.

Trapp Family Lodge (88.80) Austrian-style chalet (now with an on-site brewery) from the family that inspired *The Sound of Music*. 800/826-7000; trappfamily.com; doubles from \$193-\$504.

VIRGINIA

HOT SPRINGS

The Homestead (87.91) 1766 grand red-brick National Historic Landmark (157 rooms; archery; off-roading) on 3,000 Allegheny Mountain acres. 800/838-1766; thehomestead.com; doubles from \$185-\$325.

IRVINGTON

Tides Inn (91.73) Chesapeake Bay resort offering a roster of outdoor activities, from kayaking to croquet. 800/843-3746; tidesinn.com; doubles from \$210-\$385.

WASHINGTON

Inn at Little Washington (87.39) Antiques and floral fabrics in a country-house hotel. Chef-proprietor Patrick O'Connell's American cooking is a highlight. 540/675-3800; theinnatlittlewashington.com; doubles from \$425-\$770, including breakfast.

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE

Fairmont Olympic Hotel (89.16) Landmark property exuding old-world glamour, especially in the Biedermeier-inspired furniture. 411 University St 800/441-1414; fairmont.com; doubles from \$199-\$389.

Four Seasons Hotel (90.71) Downtown hotel on floors 1-10 of a 21-story building, with original art and views of Puget Sound, just steps from the waterfront. 99 Union St.; 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$265-\$485.

Hotel 1000 (90.67) High-tech and eco-friendly property with 120 modern rooms, 4 blocks from Pike Place Market. 1000 1st Ave.; 877/315-1088; hotel1000seattle.com; doubles from \$209-\$479.

WOODINVILLE

Willows Lodge (92.36) Rustic-chic interiors and the state's first electric-car charging station, on 5 bucolic acres 25 miles north of Seattle. 877/424-3930; willowslodge.com; doubles from \$199-\$349.

WEST VIRGINIA

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

The Greenbrier (90.64) Recently renovated 1913 resort in the Allegheny Mountains, renowned for its design by Dorothy Draper and her protégé, Carleton Varney. 800/453-4858; greenbrier.com; doubles from \$219-\$369.

WYOMING

JACKSON HOLE

Four Seasons Resort (93.60) Ski-in, ski-out lodge with fireplaces in every room and a team of adventure concierges. 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$249-\$970.

Snake River Lodge & Spa (89.05) A 123-room Teton Village lodge by RockResorts, plus Wyoming's largest spa. 866/614-7625; rockresorts.com; doubles from \$144-\$404.

Teton Mountain Lodge & Spa (87.37) Mountainside convenience at the base of Jackson Hole, just steps from the aerial tram. 800/631-6271; tetonlodge.com; doubles from \$219-\$359.

CANADA

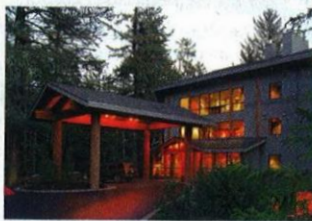
ALBERTA

LAKE LOUISE

Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise (89.95) Grand 1890 resort and just-expanded 3,000-square-foot spa flanked by the Rocky Mountains. 800/441-1414; fairmont.com; doubles from \$265-\$427.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

TOFINO



No. 1 CANADA

Wickaninnish Inn (91.67) Nature- and food-focused cedar inn atop a rocky promontory, with eco-initiatives to protect the nearby Pacific Rim National Park. 800/333-4604; wickinn.com; doubles from \$285-\$475.

ROOM TO BOOK Thanks to floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook the Pacific Ocean, rooms ending in -09 offer the best views of beachgoers in summer and wild storms in winter.

VANCOUVER

Fairmont Vancouver Airport (91.11) Sleek and quiet (triple-paned glass) tower above the U.S. departures area of the Vancouver International Airport, 30 minutes from downtown. 3111 Grant McConachie Way; 800/441-1414; fairmont.com; doubles from \$322-\$379.

Four Seasons Hotel (87.20) Centrally located 28-story high-rise next to the tony Pacific Centre mall. 791 W. Georgia St.; 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$290-\$385.

WHISTLER

Fairmont Chateau (87.18) Ski-in, ski-out resort in the upper village, with a Robert Trent Jones Jr.-designed golf course. 800/441-1414; fairmont.com; doubles from \$208-\$427.

Four Seasons Resort (91.47) 273-room forest lodge a short stroll from Whistler Village. 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$290-\$385.

QUEBEC

QUEBEC CITY

Auberge Saint-Antoine (87.58) 95 rooms in a trio of historic buildings in the Old Port. 8 Rue St-Antoine; 888/692-2211; saint-antoine.com; doubles from \$180-\$360.

Fairmont Le Château Frontenac (87.78) 1893 castle-style building with views of the St. Lawrence River. 1 Rue des Carrières; 800/441-1414; fairmont.com; doubles from \$170-\$379.

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

SALZBURG

Hotel Goldener Hirsch, a Luxury Collection Hotel (88.51) Rustic-chic, 69-room property filled with 15th-century antiques, near Mozart's former residence in Old Town. 37 Getreidegasse; 800/325-3589; goldenerhirschsalszburg.com; doubles from \$300-\$770.

Hotel Sacher (87.27) An 1866 hotel on the Salzach River, featuring live piano music every evening and windows that look out onto the historic city center. 5-7 Schwarzstrasse; 43-662/889-770; sacher.com; doubles from \$320-\$550.

VIENNA

Grand Hotel Wien (89.71) 1870 food-focused property (3 acclaimed restaurants, including the city's most authentic sushi bar) near the boutique-filled Kohlmarkt; 30 of the 250 rooms have been made over. 9 Kärtner Ring; 43-1/515-80-1700; grandhotelwien.com; doubles from \$270-\$590.

Hotel Bristol, a Luxury Collection Hotel (89.58) Grand 19th-century hotel next to the State Opera with lavish fin de siècle interiors and Restaurant Korso, for Austrian venison or Wiener schnitzel. 1 Kärtner Ring; 800/325-3589; bristolvienna.com; doubles from \$355-\$810.



No. 1 AUSTRIA

Hotel Imperial, a Luxury Collection Hotel (91.50) 1863 palace built for the prince of Württemberg on the historic Ringstrasse; of the 138 traditional rooms, 17 were refurbished in 2011. 16 Kärtner Ring; 800/325-3589; hotelimperial.com; doubles from \$520-\$1,125.

T+L TIP Don't miss an Imperial Coffee Melange or the afternoon tea service (\$7) at the hotel's Café