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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.

World's Best Boutique Hotel [San Ysidro Ranch](#), California, USA

World's Best Beach Hotel

[Velaa Private Island](#), Maldives

"If you decide not to inform your private butler where you are going (spa; beach; golf; tennis), he will still somehow magically show up when you are done, waiting to give you a buggy ride to your villa. Team members remember your breakfast order, and recommend wine or dishes they think you will enjoy. Velaa is pretty much 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 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 has actually brought the 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 an ocean view."

World's Best Design Hotel

[Akademie Street Boutique Hotel](#), Franschoek, South Africa

"Akademie Street Boutique Hotel has recently been refurbished to the highest standards by interior designer Capetonian Gregory Mellor offering accommodation and

facilities that are pretty much 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, where Yens grew up.”

World’s Best Relaxation Retreat

[Hotel Barriere Le Carl Gustaf](#), St. Barthélemy

“A haven of understated luxury, this hotel was 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

“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 New Hotel

[The Carlin Hotel](#), Queenstown, New Zealand

“Finer details - beautiful teal leather umbrellas, choice of pillows, mood lighting, chauffeur service, and the exceptional 24-hour on-call staff, make newcomer The Carlin Boutique Hotel truly stand out.”

World’s Best Spa Hotel

[Green Spa Resort Stanglwirt](#), Going am Wilden Kaiser, Austria

“So many high quality facilities in one place. It has 15 tennis courts, 5 saunas, 5 pools, stables, and much more. There’s even an 8-course tasting menu that’s different every evening.”

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

“Worth noting is that if you have a particular request for the game drive (sunset, particular bird, predator or botanical gin!!), Rockfig will do its utmost to make this possible for you.”

Wine Pairing Excellence

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

“Waiter Francesco and wife served breakfast and dinner. Francesco introduced all our food and wines and had a lovely manner: calm, attentive, local. Dinner was a taster menu based on what had been sourced that morning at the market. Wine was all locally produced and wine matching was excellent.”

NOTE TO EDITORS:
FOR SELECTED PHOTOS OF THE WINNING PROPERTIES PLEASE SEE [THIS DOWNLOAD FOLDER](#)

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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