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Italy continues to dominate Europe, with the highest percentage of properties on our list (17 percent more than its closest rival, France) and a first-place resort and city hotel. Berlin and the town of Onzain, in the Loire Valley, also nabbed No. 1 spots. Down under, Australia is having a banner year, thanks, no doubt, to its abundance of affordable city hotels (six out of 11!), while New Zealand picked up four World's Best debuts.

Europe

> RESORTS

1. **IL SAN PIETRO** Positano, Italy 91.39
2. **CONVENTO DO ESPINHEIRO, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL & SPA** Evora, Portugal 87.50
3. **HOTEL VILLA SANT'ANDREA** Taormina, Italy 86.94
4. **MOUNT JULIET CONRAD** County Kilkenny, Ireland 86.28
5. **GRAND HOTEL TIMEO** Taormina, Italy 86.27
6. **HOTEL EXCELSIOR** Venice 86.19
7. **HOTEL CARUSO BELVEDERE** Ravello, Italy 86.14
8. **HOTEL MONTE ROSA** Zermatt, Switzerland 86.10
9. **GRAND HOTEL PARK** Gstaad, Switzerland 86.06
10. **SUVRETTA HOUSE** St. Moritz, Switzerland 85.42

> LARGE CITY HOTELS

1. **GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI** Bologna, Italy 92.83
2. **CEYLAN INTERCONTINENTAL** Istanbul 90.90
3. **MARRIOTT HOTEL** Budapest 90.76
4. **WESTIN PALACE** Milan 90.16
5. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Prague 89.69
6. **HÔTEL PLAZA ATHÉNÉE** Paris 89.35
7. **HOTEL LE ROYAL** Luxembourg 89.08
8. **HOTEL VIER JAHRESZEITEN KEMPINSKI** Munich 89.04
9. **ART'OTEL** Budapest 88.73
10. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GEORGE V** Paris 88.26
11. **RITZ PARIS** 88.11
12. **G HOTEL** Galway, Ireland 87.00
13. **HOTEL SACHER** Vienna 86.59
14. **THE CONNAUGHT** London 86.00
15. **LE MEURICE** Paris 85.62

> SMALL CITY HOTELS

1. **SOFITEL BERLIN GENDARMENMARKT** 89.04
2. **THE GORING** London 88.51
3. **HOTEL POD ROZA** Krakow, Poland 88.04
4. **GRAND HOTEL VILLA CORA (REOPENING SPRING 2010)** Florence 86.22
5. **HOTEL 41** London 85.88
6. **HOTEL D'INGHILTERRA** Rome 85.61
7. **J.K. PLACE** Florence 85.45
8. **HOTEL GOLDENER HIRSCH, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL** Salzburg, Austria 85.21
9. **BOSCOLO HOTEL PALACE** Rome 84.85
10. **MILESTONE HOTEL** London 84.41

> INNS AND SMALL COUNTRY HOTELS

1. **DOMAINE DES HAUTS DE LOIRE** Onzain, France 91.79
2. **CHÂTEAU EZA** Èze Village, France 89.85
3. **LA ROSA DEI VENTI** Positano, Italy 88.75
4. **LA POSTA VECCHIA** Ladispoli, Italy 88.31
5. **CLIVEDEN** Taplow, England 88.00
6. **CHÂTEAU DE LA CHÈVRE D'OR** Èze Village, France 87.90
7. **OUSTAU DE BAUMANIÈRE** Les Baux-de-Provence, France 86.43
8. **VILLA PISANI** Vescovana, Italy 85.77
9. **LA SCALINATELLA** Capri, Italy 85.44
10. **GRAND HOTEL A VILLA FELTRINELLI** Gargnano, Italy 83.88

Ⓜ Denotes a Great Value.

Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific

> LODGES AND RESORTS

1. **THE LODGE AT KAURI CLIFFS** North Island, New Zealand 93.75
2. **THE FARM AT CAPE KIDNAPPERS** North Island, New Zealand 93.33
3. **LILIANFELS BLUE MOUNTAINS RESORT & SPA** New South Wales, Australia 88.54
4. **HAYMAN** Great Barrier Reef, Australia 86.80
5. **INTERCONTINENTAL BORA BORA RESORT & THALASSO SPA** French Polynesia 86.56
6. **VOYAGES LONGITUDE 131°** Ayers Rock, Australia 84.56
7. **VOYAGES LIZARD ISLAND** Great Barrier Reef, Australia 83.75
8. **HUKA LODGE** Taupo, New Zealand 83.53
9. **KEWARRA BEACH RESORT** Cairns, Australia 78.97
10. **TREETOPS LODGE & WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE** Rotorua, New Zealand 77.86

> CITY HOTELS

1. **THE LANGHAM** Melbourne 87.69
2. **CROWN TOWERS** Melbourne 85.95
3. **SHANGRI-LA HOTEL** Sydney 85.80
4. **WESTIN AUCKLAND LIGHTER QUAY** New Zealand 85.31
5. **OBSERVATORY HOTEL** Sydney 84.16
6. **PARK HYATT** Sydney 83.87
7. **FOUR SEASONS HOTEL** Sydney 83.27
8. **INTERCONTINENTAL** Sydney 83.27
9. **SYDNEY HARBOUR MARRIOTT HOTEL AT CIRCULAR QUAY** 82.86
10. **THE GEORGE** Christchurch, New Zealand 82.43
11. **SOFITEL** Melbourne 81.66
12. **SOFITEL QUEENSTOWN HOTEL & SPA** New Zealand 80.23
13. **WESTIN SYDNEY** 78.00
14. **PARK HYATT** Melbourne 77.52
15. **HILTON** Auckland, New Zealand 77.19



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