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HOT LIST WORLD'S TOP NEW 140 hotels*

50 Restaurants

50 Spas

35 Nightclubs

*including 43 under \$250

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Condé Nast Traveler presents
THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

HOT LIST 2009

THE YEAR'S 140 TOP NEW HOTELS*

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Consider it a silver lining: Hot hotels continue to open in record numbers despite the recent economic overcast, and many are more affordable than ever. Of the thousands that made their debut in the last year, we checked into the most promising—incognito—measuring up the service, trying out the beds, and sampling the food. The 140 properties that passed our scrutiny make up the largest Hot List yet, proving that the standards for excellence haven't slipped; in fact, they've only risen.

Spanning 53 countries (including new-to-the-list destinations Israel, Mongolia, Peru, Slovenia, and Zimbabwe), they range in size from a three-pavilion hideaway an hour north of Sydney to a 2,034-room high-rise on the Vegas Strip, and in room rates from \$89 at an invitingly accoutred Palm Springs hot spot with a pool straight out of a David Hockney print to \$2,050 for a sprawling safari tent in northern Botswana. Such bright choices make the forecast easier to weather.

ARGENTINA

CasaSur Art Hotel, Buenos Aires
 Jardin Escondido, Buenos Aires
 Valle Perdido Estate Winery, Neuquén
 Posada Puerto Bemberg, Puerto Libertad
 Loi Suites Chapelco Hotel, San Martín de los Andes

AUSTRALIA

Pretty Beach House, Bouddi Peninsula
 Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island
 InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto, Melbourne

BELGIUM

Kempinski Hotel Dukes' Palace, Bruges

BOTSWANA

Xaranna Tented Camp, Okavango Delta
 Zarafa Camp, Selinda Reserve

BRAZIL

Hotel Santa Teresa, Rio de Janeiro

CAMBODIA

The Sothea, Siem Reap

CANADA

Shangri-La Hotel, Vancouver

CARIBBEAN

Peninsula House, Dominican Republic
 Mount Cinnamon, Grenada

Cap Maison, St. Lucia

CHILE

Kunza Hotel & Spa, San Pedro de Atacama

CHINA

Aman at Summer Palace, Beijing
 Hotel G, Beijing
 Opposite House, Beijing
 Park Hyatt, Beijing
 Banyan Tree Sanya Resort & Spa, Hainan Island
 Mandarin Oriental Sanya, Hainan Island
 Ritz-Carlton, Sanya, Hainan Island
 W Hong Kong, Hong Kong
 Four Seasons Hotel, Macau
 Crosswaters Ecolodge & Spa, Nankunshan
 Park Hyatt, Shanghai

COSTA RICA

JW Marriott Guanacaste Resort & Spa, Santa Cruz

CZECH REPUBLIC

Buddha-Bar Hotel, Prague
 Kempinski Hybernská, Prague

DENMARK

Nimb Hotel, Copenhagen

EGYPT

Al Tarfa Desert Sanctuary Lodge & Spa, Dakhla Oasis

ENGLAND

St. Moritz Hotel, Cornwall
 Grosvenor House, London
 St. James's Hotel and Club, London

FRANCE

Hotel 28 à Aix, Aix-en-Provence
 Regent Grand Hotel, Bordeaux
 Le Couvent des Minimes, Mane
 Mama Shelter, Paris

GERMANY

The George, Hamburg

GREECE

Anemi Hotel, Folegandros
 Santorini Grace, Santorini

INDIA

Neeleshwar Hermitage Hotel, Northern Kerala
 Pashan Garh, Panna National Park

Island traffic: At Kandooma in the Maldives, a boat takes guests out to watch dolphins.



For the full review of Kandooma and all other properties designated  in these pages, go to cntraveler.com/hotlist.

Fateh Garh, Udaipur
 Nadesar Palace, Varanasi

INDONESIA

Komaneka at Bisma, Bali
 St. Regis Resort, Bali
 Hotel Tugu, Lombok

IRELAND

Cliff House Hotel, County Waterford

ISRAEL

Hotel Montefiore, Tel Aviv

ITALY

Villa Marina Hotel & Spa, Capri
 Four Seasons Hotel, Florence
 Hotel Palazzo Gattini, Matera
 Romeo Hotel, Naples
 Donna Camilla Savelli Hotel, Rome
 Borgo Santo Pietro, Tuscany
 Castiglione del Bosco—Il Borgo, Tuscany

MALAYSIA

Gayana Eco Resort, Kota Kinabalu
 Temple Tree at Bon Ton Resort, Langkawi

MALDIVES

Kandooma, South Malé Atoll

MAURITIUS

Four Seasons Resort Mauritius at Anahita, Beau Champ

MEXICO

Capella Ixtapa, Ixtapa
 St. Regis Resort, Punta Mita

MONGOLIA

Terej Hotel, Gorkhi-Terelj National Park

MOROCCO

AnaYela, Marrakech
 Dar JL, Marrakech

THE NETHERLANDS

CitizenM Schiphol, Amsterdam

OMAN

Al Bustan Palace, Muscat

PERU

Las Casitas del Colca, Colca Valley
 La Casona Inkatererra, Cusco

PHILIPPINES

Abacá, Mactan Island

PORTUGAL

M'AR de Ar Aqueduto, Évora

QATAR

W Doha Hotel, Doha

SCOTLAND

Hotel du Vin, Edinburgh

SEYCHELLES

Four Seasons Resort, Mahé

SINGAPORE

Crowne Plaza Changi Airport, Singapore

SLOVENIA

Kempinski Palace, Portoroz

SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Grace, Cape Town
 Dock House, Cape Town
 Tintswalo Atlantic, Hout Bay
 AtholPlace, Johannesburg

SPAIN

ABaC Restaurant & Hotel, Barcelona
 Murmuri, Barcelona
 Finca Cortesin, Caseres
 Aguas de Ibiza Spa & Resort, Ibiza

SRI LANKA

Tintagel, Colombo

SWEDEN

Lydmar Hotel, Stockholm
 Fjällnäs, Swedish Highlands

SWITZERLAND

Le Crans Hôtel & Spa, Crans-Montana
 Dolder Grand, Zurich

THAILAND

Le Méridien, Bangkok
 Veranda Chiang Mai, The High Resort, Chiang Mai
 Le Méridien Chiang Rai Resort, Chiang Rai
 Anantara Resort & Spa, Phuket

TURKEY

Four Seasons Istanbul at the Bosphorus, Istanbul
 Park Hyatt Istanbul—Maçka Palas, Istanbul
 Witt Istanbul Suites, Istanbul

UGANDA

Clouds Mountain Gorilla Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The Address, Downtown Burj Dubai, Dubai
 Atlantis, The Palm, Dubai
 Desert Palm, Dubai

UNITED STATES

InterContinental Montelucia Resort & Spa, Paradise Valley, Ariz.
 Montage Beverly Hills, Beverly Hills, Calif.
 London West Hollywood, Los Angeles, Calif.
 SLS Hotel at Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Beach, Calif.
 Ace Hotel & Swim Club, Palm Springs, Calif.
 Sè San Diego, San Diego, Calif.
 Cavallo Point, Sausalito, Calif.
 Bardessono, Yountville, Calif.
 Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa, Avon, Colo.
 Capella Telluride, Telluride, Colo.
 The Regent, Bal Harbour, Fla.
 Viceroy, Miami, Fla.
 Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, Fla.
 Mondrian South Beach, Miami Beach, Fla.
 Mansion on Peachtree, Atlanta, Ga.
 Avia, Savannah, Ga.
 Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii
 The Blackstone, Chicago, Ill.
 Dana Hotel and Spa, Chicago, Ill.
 Hidden Pond, Kennebunkport, Me.
 Mandarin Oriental, Boston, Mass.
 Hotel Ivy, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Encore Wynn, Las Vegas, Nev.
 Encantado, Santa Fe, N.M.
 Greenwich Hotel, New York, N.Y.
 Thompson LES, New York, N.Y.
 The Nines, Portland, Ore.
 Hotel Saint Cecilia, Austin, Tex.
 Stoneleigh Hotel & Spa, Dallas, Tex.
 Arctic Club Hotel, Seattle, Wash.
 Four Seasons Hotel, Seattle, Wash.
 Donovan House, Washington, D.C.
 Iron Horse Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis.












ZAMBIA


Toka Leya Camp, Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park

ZIMBABWE

Singita Pamushana Lodge, Maillangwe Wildlife Reserve

KEY TO SYMBOLS

 = Bar/Lounge  = Beach  = Free Wi-Fi  = Gym  = Pool
 = Spa  = Hot Spa 2009  = 24-Hour Room Service
 = Hot  = Hotter  = Hottest

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