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Readers' Favorite Hotels, Resorts & Hideaways

Our 27th Annual Survey of Sophisticated Travelers

OUR ANNUAL READER SURVEY is by far the longest-running and most reliable poll of its kind among affluent and sophisticated travelers. Nearly 65 percent of this year's respondents typically vacation for at least 30 days annually, and despite current economic uncertainties, 51 percent say they plan to travel *more* this year than last.

In the U.S. City Hotel category, the top seven properties, astonishingly, placed in identical order to 2007! Once again, we see the high esteem in which The Peninsula group is held by *Hideaway Report* readers, with three hotels in the top 10. Despite having just 70 rooms, The Lowell in New York rose four places in the rankings to No. 8.

In the International City Hotels category, the Four Seasons George V in Paris and The Stafford in London were ranked first and second, respectively, for the third year in a row. In the case of The Stafford, neither the retirement of legendary hotelier Terry Holmes, nor the recent addition of the new Stafford Mews (which increased the number of rooms to more than 100) seems to have had any effect on the hotel's enduring popularity.

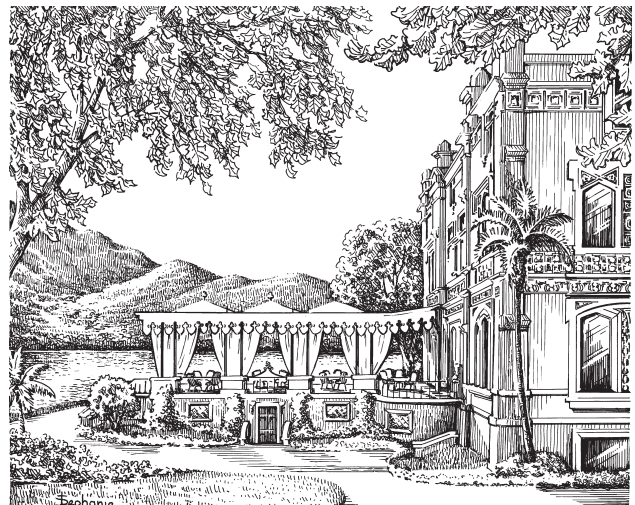
Among U.S. Resorts, the refurbished San Ysidro Ranch in Montecito, Calif., continues to ascend the rankings, rising four places to No. 8. Similarly, The Cloister on Georgia's Sea Island, which has been entirely rebuilt at a cost of more than \$350 million, took second place, just behind the perennially popular Blackberry Farm in Tennessee.

The uncertainty that long surrounded the future of Cap Juluca on Anguilla has predictably resulted in its

omission from the Top 20 International Resorts. It is, however, reassuring to see classic Italian properties such as the Villa d'Este continuing to do well.

The U.S. Hideaways category likewise contains many familiar names, but it is interesting to see newcomers such as Winvian in Connecticut and Poetry Inn in the Napa Valley making their first appearances. Among the leading International Hideaways, we can only note the enduring affection felt by *Hideaway Report* readers for Amanresorts in Bali and Thailand.

The genius behind Amanresorts, Adrian Zecha, also invented The Regent hotel brand in partnership with another great hotelier, Bob Burns. Mr. Burns celebrated his 80th birthday in July, and it is therefore fitting that his incomparable property, Villa Feltrinelli, should be voted our No. 1 International Hideaway of 2008.



No. 1 International Hideaway 2008, Villa Feltrinelli, Lake Garda, Italy

Top 20 U.S. City Hotels

Last year's ranking

1	The Peninsula Chicago	1
2	The Peninsula Beverly Hills	2
3	The St. Regis New York	3
4	Four Seasons Chicago	4
5	Four Seasons New York	5
6	The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco	6
7	Hotel Bel-Air <i>Los Angeles</i>	7
8	The Lowell <i>New York City</i>	12
9	Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco	9
10	The Peninsula New York	8
11	The Carlyle <i>New York City</i>	10
12	Hôtel Plaza Athénée <i>New York City</i>	14
13	Mandarin Oriental, New York City	17
14	Four Seasons Washington, D.C.	18
15	The St. Regis San Francisco	*
16	Four Seasons San Francisco	11
17	Mansion on Turtle Creek <i>Dallas</i>	20
18	Four Seasons Boston	15
19	The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead <i>Atlanta</i>	*
20	Mandarin Oriental, Miami	13

* Not in last year's Top 20

Top 20 International City Hotels

Last year's ranking

1	Four Seasons Hotel George V <i>Paris</i>	1
2	The Stafford <i>London</i>	2
3	The Oriental <i>Bangkok</i>	4
4	Hotel de Russie <i>Rome</i>	5
5	The Peninsula Hong Kong	3
6	Alvear Palace <i>Buenos Aires</i>	10
7	Four Seasons Istanbul at Sultanahmet	8
8	The Lanesborough <i>London</i>	9
9	Hôtel Plaza Athénée <i>Paris</i>	11
10	Claridge's <i>London</i>	15
11	Hotel Hassler Roma <i>Rome</i>	16
12	The Peninsula Bangkok	6
13	Mandarin Oriental, Munich	*
14	Le Meurice <i>Paris</i>	7
15	InterContinental Hong Kong	*
16	Hotel Cipriani <i>Venice</i>	*
17	The Dorchester <i>London</i>	13
18	Four Seasons Milan	17
19	Hotel Le Bristol <i>Paris</i>	*
20	Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong	*

* Not in last year's Top 20

Top 20 U.S. Resorts

	<i>Last year's ranking</i>
1 Blackberry Farm <i>Walland, TN</i>	3
2 The Cloister <i>Sea Island, GA</i>	5
3 Post Ranch Inn <i>Big Sur, CA</i>	4
4 Four Seasons Hualalai <i>Hawaii</i>	2
5 Twin Farms <i>Barnard, VT</i>	6
6 Auberge du Soleil <i>Rutherford, CA</i>	7
7 The Greenbrier <i>West Virginia</i>	11
8 San Ysidro Ranch <i>Montecito, CA</i>	14
9 The Sanctuary Hotel <i>Kiawah Island, SC</i>	1
10 The Inn at Palmetto Bluff <i>Bluffton, SC</i>	13
11 Triple Creek Ranch <i>Darby, MT</i>	10
12 The Point <i>Upper Saranac Lake, NY</i>	*
13 Inn at Little Washington <i>Washington, VA</i>	*
14 The Phoenician <i>Scottsdale, AZ</i>	*
15 The Little Nell <i>Aspen, CO</i>	*
16 The Lodge <i>Sea Island Resort, GA</i>	*
17 Rancho Valencia <i>Rancho Santa Fe, CA</i>	12
18 Mauna Lani Bay Hotel <i>Hawaii</i>	*
19 Lodge at Pebble Beach <i>Pebble Beach, CA</i>	*
20 Four Seasons Maui <i>Hawaii</i>	*

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Top 20 International Resorts

	<i>Last year's ranking</i>
1 Four Seasons Punta Mita <i>Mexico</i>	10
2 Esperanza <i>Los Cabos, Mexico</i>	8
3 Villa d'Este <i>Lake Como, Italy</i>	3
4 Little Dix Bay <i>British Virgin Islands</i>	12
5 Las Ventanas <i>Los Cabos, Mexico</i>	5
6 Villa Feltrinelli <i>Lake Garda, Italy</i>	2
7 Singita <i>Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa</i>	1
8 Maroma <i>Riviera Maya, Mexico</i>	*
9 Amanpuri <i>Phuket Island, Thailand</i>	16
10 Hotel Splendido <i>Portofino, Italy</i>	11
11 Hotel San Pietro <i>Positano, Italy</i>	13
12 Villa San Michele <i>Florence, Italy</i>	*
13 The Wakaya Club <i>Fiji Islands</i>	17
14 The Wickaninnish Inn <i>Tofino, BC, Canada</i>	15
15 Lizard Island <i>Great Barrier Reef, Australia</i>	*
16 Mandarin Oriental <i>Chiang Mai, Thailand</i>	*
17 Huka Lodge <i>Taupo, New Zealand</i>	*
18 Le Sirenuse <i>Positano, Italy</i>	6
19 Four Seasons Chiang Mai <i>Thailand</i>	7
20 Hotel Il Pellicano <i>Porto Ercole, Italy</i>	*

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Little Gems: Your favorite hideaway resorts with 50 or fewer rooms

Top 20 U.S. Hideaways

	<i>Last year's ranking</i>
1 Post Ranch Inn <i>Big Sur, CA</i>	2
2 Twin Farms <i>Barnard, VT</i>	3
3 San Ysidro Ranch <i>Montecito, CA</i>	8
4 Triple Creek Ranch <i>Darby, MT</i>	5
5 The Point <i>Upper Saranac Lake, NY</i>	9
6 Inn at Little Washington <i>Washington, VA</i>	10
7 The Lodge <i>Sea Island Resort, GA</i>	18
8 Amangani <i>Jackson Hole, WY</i>	4
9 Blantyre <i>The Berkshires, MA</i>	15
10 The Wauwinet <i>Nantucket, MA</i>	19
11 Little Palm Island <i>Little Torch Key, FL</i>	14
12 The White Barn Inn <i>Kennebunkport, ME</i>	12
13 Mayflower Inn <i>Washington, CT</i>	11
14 The Resort at Paws Up <i>Greenough, MT</i>	*
15 Keswick Hall <i>Charlottesville, VA</i>	13
16 Woodlands Resort & Inn <i>Summerville, SC</i>	20
17 Wheatleigh <i>The Berkshires, MA</i>	*
18 The Inn Above Tide <i>Sausalito, CA</i>	*
19 Winvian <i>Litchfield, CT</i>	*
20 Poetry Inn <i>Napa Valley, CA</i>	*

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Top 20 International Hideaways

	<i>Last year's ranking</i>
1 Villa Feltrinelli <i>Lake Garda, Italy</i>	2
2 Singita <i>Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa</i>	1
3 Amanpuri <i>Phuket Island, Thailand</i>	4
4 Villa San Michele <i>Florence, Italy</i>	9
5 The Wakaya Club <i>Fiji Islands</i>	5
6 Lizard Island <i>Great Barrier Reef, Australia</i>	10
7 Huka Lodge <i>Taupo, New Zealand</i>	*
8 Hotel Il Pellicano <i>Porto Ercole, Italy</i>	17
9 Amandari <i>Bali, Indonesia</i>	15
10 Amankila <i>Bali, Indonesia</i>	*
11 Las Alamandas <i>Costalegre, Mexico</i>	*
12 Amanyara <i>Turks & Caicos</i>	8
13 Buckland Manor <i>The Cotswolds, England</i>	16
14 The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs <i>New Zealand</i>	6
15 La Casa Que Canta <i>Zihuatanejo, Mexico</i>	3
16 Hastings House <i>Salt Spring Island, BC, Canada</i>	20
17 Kinnaird <i>Perthshire, Scotland</i>	*
18 La Réserve de Beaulieu <i>Côte d'Azur, France</i>	*
19 explora Patagonia <i>Torres del Paine N.P., Chile</i>	19
20 Royal Malewane <i>Thornybush Reserve, S. Africa</i>	*

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