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TRAVEL + LEISURE REVEALS THE 500 BEST HOTELS IN THE WORLD

50 Properties New to Seventh Annual T+L 500

**2009 List Featured in the January Issue and on
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New York, NY (December 16, 2008) – *Travel + Leisure* reveals the 500 highest-rated hotels and resorts around the globe, as selected by the magazine's readers* and featured in T+L's January issue and online at www.travelandleisure.com. Fifty properties, including Viceroy Santa Monica, Inkaterra Machu Picchu, and Langham Hotel, London, appear on the **T+L 500** list for the first time. From a Napa Valley escape to a family-friendly beachside retreat in the Caribbean, the seventh annual **T+L 500** is a guide that travelers can use all year long.

2009 T+L 500 – Regional Highlights

TOP HOTEL IN CALIFORNIA	Hotel Bel-Air , Los Angeles
TOP HOTEL IN COLORADO	Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch
TOP HOTEL IN FLORIDA	Little Palm Island Resort & Spa , Florida Keys
TOP HOTEL IN GEORGIA	The Cloister , Sea Island
TOP HOTEL IN NEW ORLEANS	Windsor Court Hotel
TOP HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS	Four Seasons Hotel
TOP HOTEL IN SOUTH CAROLINA	Charleston Place , Charleston
TOP HOTEL IN WHISTLER, CANADA	Four Seasons Resort
TOP HOTEL IN ENGLAND	The Dorchester , London
TOP HOTEL IN FLORENCE	Grand Hotel Villa Medici
TOP HOTEL IN CHINA	Peninsula Hong Kong
TOP HOTEL IN THAILAND	Mandarin Oriental , Bangkok
TOP HOTEL IN TANZANIA	Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp , Serengeti National Park
TOP HOTEL IN PERU	Hotel Monasterio , Cuzco
TOP HOTEL IN AUSTRALIA	Voyages Lizard Island , Great Barrier Reef

2009 T+L 500 – Select Properties New to the List

Viceroy Santa Monica, California * **Turtle Bay Resort**, Oahu, Hawaii * **The James**, Chicago * **Jurys Boston** * **Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa**, New Mexico * **Market Pavillion Hotel**, Charleston, South Carolina * **Hotel Vintage Park**, Seattle * **Snake River Lodge & Spa**, Jackson Hole, Wyoming * **King George Palace**, Athens, Greece * **Grand Hotel Baglioni**, Bologna, Italy * **Hotel Pulitzer**, Amsterdam * **China World Hotel**, Beijing, China * **Fairmont Mayakoba**, Riviera Maya, Mexico * **Inkaterra Machu Picchu**, Peru * **Elbow Beach**, Bermuda * **Sebel Reef House & Spa**, Palm Cove, Great Barrier Reef, Australia * **Treetops Lodge & Wilderness Experience**, Rotorua, New Zealand.

For the complete 2009 T+L 500 list and guide, visit www.travelandleisure.com/tl500. For the opportunity to vote in next year's World's Best Awards survey of the best hotels, cities, islands, airlines, and more, log on to www.tlworldsbest.com, beginning on January 15, 2009.

*The 2009 T+L 500 list is based on ratings from the 2008 World's Best Awards readers' survey.

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