

# Charleston Is Top-Ranked U.S. City And San Miguel de Allende Named Best City Overall In 26th Annual Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards

**Results of New Survey Reveal the Top Cities, Hotels, Islands, Airlines, Airports, Cruise Lines, Destination Spas, Tour Operators and More**

**JetBlue Is Best Domestic Airline; Viceroy Chicago Is No. 1 City Hotel in Continental U.S.; Yellowstone Wins for Best National Park**

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NEW YORK, Sept. 8, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Meredith Corporation's (NYSE: MDP) Travel + Leisure announces the results of the **World's Best Awards 2021** readers' survey, revealing the top travel destinations and companies in the U.S. and around the globe, from cities, islands and hotels to cruise lines, airlines, airports and more. The complete survey results are featured now on [TravelandLeisure.com/worlds-best](https://www.travelandleisure.com/worlds-best) and in the October issue of Travel + Leisure, on newsstands September 17.

Among the rankings are **Top Cities in the World**, with **San Miguel de Allende, Mexico; Udaipur, India;** and **Istanbul, Turkey** placing first through third and **Top Islands in the World** with **Milos**, which is featured on the October issue cover, and **Folegandros**, both in Greece, taking the No. 1 and No. 2 spots, and **St. Vincent and the Grenadines** at No. 3. On the regional lists, such as **Top City Hotels in the Continental U.S.**, **Viceroy Chicago**, takes the No. 1 spot, followed by **Inn of the Five Graces** in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and **The Lowell** in New York City. For the first time, **Top U.S. National Parks** is a survey category and **Yellowstone National Park** ranks No. 1.

The Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards is a leading barometer of the places and companies that satisfy some of the most passionate and discerning travelers. In the 26 years that the World's Best Awards readers' survey has been published, **Singapore Airlines** has been the only honoree to be named a No. 1 winner in its category – World's Best International Airline — every year.

Travel + Leisure Editor in Chief, Jacqui Gifford, says, "The 2021 standouts are as far-flung as ever, and suggest a renewed appreciation for places that offer unparalleled natural beauty and, in many places, fewer crowds. Forced to think on their feet, the properties that made the cut in 2021 all found innovative ways to deliver exceptional hospitality to their guests. Our readers delighted in taking trips closer to home, a fact we've recognized with several new domestic resort lists to provide even more trip inspiration. With a continued interest in the great outdoors, we also asked readers to vote on their favorite U.S. national park. This year's results are a testament to the travel industry's resilience under enormous strain. Nearly two years into the pandemic, there is still much we don't know about COVID-19. But we do know that some parts of the world have struggled more than others. I'm hopeful that the World's Best Awards will continue to serve as inspiration to explore the world, and in doing so, support those places and companies that rely on tourism to thrive."

To make it easy for consumers to experience destinations and hotels recognized in this year's World's Best Awards, Travel + Leisure is debuting a new subscription travel club and travel booking platform today that offers curated itineraries to select locations at [travelandleisure.com/go](https://www.travelandleisure.com/go). The new retail travel site, Travel + Leisure GO, will launch with ten exclusive World's Best Awards customizable travel itineraries that feature top destinations, hotels and activities from this year's winners together in fully bookable travel experiences, as well as insider tips to help travelers make the most of their getaways.

## **TRAVEL + LEISURE TOP 10 WORLD'S BEST CITIES 2021**

- San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- Udaipur, India
- Istanbul, Turkey
- Ubud, Indonesia

- Kyoto, Japan
- Florence, Italy
- Mexico City, Mexico
- Oaxaca, Mexico
- Chiang Mai, Thailand
- Bangkok, Thailand

To view the full list of the Top 25 World's Best Cities, visit [here](#).

#### **TRAVEL + LEISURE TOP 10 U.S. CITIES 2021**

- Charleston, South Carolina
- Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Savannah, Georgia
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- New York City
- San Antonio, Texas
- Chicago, Illinois
- Bend, Oregon
- Williamsburg, Virginia
- Honolulu, Hawaii

To view the full list of the Top 15 U.S. Cities, visit [here](#).

The 2021 results, including the Top 100 Hotels, Best Domestic Airlines, Best Islands in the World, Best Resort Hotels in the Continental U.S., Best Resort Hotels in Hawaii, Top Caribbean Resort Hotels, Best Hotels in Paris, Best U.S. National Parks, Best Domestic Airports, Best Mega-Ship Cruise Lines, and Best Safari Outfitters, among many other lists, are now posted on [TravelandLeisure.com/worlds-best](https://TravelandLeisure.com/worlds-best).

Travel + Leisure Editor in Chief Jacqui Gifford will host Toast & Post, a virtual celebration that kicks off this evening at 5 pm ET on Instagram Live [@TravelandLeisure](#) to honor the World's Best Awards 2021 winners. Raise a toast to this year's honorees and post a picture using the hashtags #TLWorldsBest and #TLToast, and tag [@TravelandLeisure](#) today and in the weeks ahead.

#### **TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS 2020 WINNERS OVERALL**

WORLD'S BEST CITY	<b>San Miguel de Allende</b> , Mexico
WORLD'S BEST HOTEL	<b>Mahali Mzuri</b> , Masai Mara, Kenya
WORLD'S BEST HOTEL BRAND	<b>The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts</b>
WORLD'S BEST ISLAND	<b>Milos</b> , Greece
WORLD'S BEST MEGA-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINE	<b>Disney Cruise Line</b>
WORLD'S BEST LARGE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINE	<b>Seabourn</b>
WORLD'S BEST MIDSIZE-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINE	<b>Windstar Cruises</b>
WORLD'S BEST SMALL-SHIP OCEAN CRUISE LINE	<b>Quasar Expeditions</b>
WORLD'S BEST RIVER CRUISE LINE	<b>Uniworld Boutique River Cruises</b>
WORLD'S BEST INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE	<b>Singapore Airlines</b>
WORLD'S BEST DOMESTIC AIRLINE	<b>JetBlue Airways</b>
WORLD'S BEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	<b>Singapore Changi Airport</b>
WORLD'S BEST DOMESTIC AIRPORT	<b>Portland International Airport</b> , Oregon
WORLD'S BEST SAFARI OUTFITTER	<b>Micato Safaris</b>
WORLD'S BEST TOUR OPERATOR	<b>Quasar Expeditions</b>
WORLD'S BEST CAR-RENTAL COMPANY	<b>Enterprise Rent-A-Car</b>
WORLD'S BEST INTERNATIONAL SPA	<b>Rancho La Puerta</b> , Tecate, Mexico
WORLD'S BEST DOMESTIC SPA	<b>Shou Sugi Ban House</b> , Water Mill, New York

#### **TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST HOTEL 2021 WINNERS, BY REGION**

##### CONTINENTAL U.S. OVERALL

BEST CITY HOTEL	<b>Viceroy</b> , Chicago
BEST RESORT HOTEL	<b>Nobu Ryokan</b> , Malibu, California

##### U.S. (BY REGION)

BEST RESORT HOTEL IN THE SOUTH	<b>Inn at Willow Grove</b> , Orange, Virginia
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN THE MIDWEST	<b>Deer Path Inn</b> , Lake Forest, Illinois
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN MID-ATLANTIC	<b>Reeds at Shelter Haven</b> , Stone Harbor, New Jersey
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN THE WEST	<b>Lodge &amp; Spa at Brush Creek Ranch</b> , Saratoga, Wyoming
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN CALIFORNIA	<b>Nobu Ryokan</b> , Malibu
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN FLORIDA	<b>Sunset Key Cottages</b> , Key West
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN TEXAS	<b>Commodore Perry Estate, Auberge Resorts Collection</b> , AI
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN UTAH	<b>Lodge at Blue Sky, Auberge Resorts Collection</b> , Park City
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN COLORADO	<b>Viceroy Snowmass</b>
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN GREATER MIAMI BEACH	<b>The Setai</b> , Miami Beach
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN ARIZONA	<b>Castle Hot Springs</b> , Morristown
BEST CITY HOTEL IN NEW YORK CITY	<b>The Lowell</b>
BEST CITY HOTEL IN GREATER LOS ANGELES	<b>The Peninsula</b> , Beverly Hills

BEST RESORT HOTEL IN PUERTO RICO  
BEST CITY HOTEL IN CHICAGO  
BEST CITY HOTEL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.  
BEST CITY HOTEL IN CHARLESTON  
BEST CITY HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS  
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN HAWAII

BEST RESORT HOTEL IN NEW YORK STATE RESORT  
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN SOUTH CAROLINA  
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN NEW ENGLAND

CANADA

BEST CITY HOTEL  
BEST RESORT HOTEL

THE CARIBBEAN, BERMUDA & THE BAHAMAS

BEST RESORT HOTEL

MEXICO

BEST CITY HOTEL  
BEST RESORT HOTEL

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

BEST CITY HOTEL

CENTRAL AMERICA

BEST RESORT HOTEL

SOUTH AMERICA

BEST RESORT HOTEL

EUROPE (OVERALL)

BEST CITY HOTEL  
BEST RESORT HOTEL

EUROPE (BY REGION)

BEST RESORT HOTEL IN ITALY  
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN FRANCE  
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN THE U.K. & IRELAND  
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL  
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN GREECE  
BEST CITY HOTEL IN BARCELONA  
BEST CITY HOTEL IN PARIS  
BEST CITY HOTEL IN LONDON  
BEST CITY HOTEL IN ROME  
BEST CITY HOTEL IN FLORENCE  
BEST CITY HOTEL IN VENICE

ASIA OVERALL

BEST CITY HOTEL  
BEST RESORT HOTEL

ASIA (BY REGION)

BEST CITY HOTEL IN CHINA  
BEST HOTEL IN BANGKOK  
BEST HOTEL IN SINGAPORE  
BEST CITY HOTEL IN TOKYO  
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN INDIA  
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN INDONESIA  
BEST RESORT HOTEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

BEST CITY HOTEL  
BEST RESORT HOTEL

THE SOUTH PACIFIC

BEST RESORT HOTEL

**St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort**, Rio Grande  
**Viceroy**  
**The Hay-Adams**  
**John Rutledge House Inn**  
**Wynn**  
**Halekulani**, Oahu

**Lake House on Canandaigua**, Canandaigua  
**Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort**, Kiawah Island  
**Pickering House Inn**, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire

**The Ritz-Carlton**, Montreal, Quebec  
**Manoir Hovey**, North Hatley, Quebec

**Kamalame Cay**, Bahamas

**St. Regis**, Mexico City  
**Viceroy Riviera Maya**, Playa del Carmen

**Hotel Fasano**, São Paulo, Brazil

**Nayara Tented Camp**, Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa

**Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort**, Paracas, Peru

**Mandarin Oriental**, Milan, Italy  
**Grace Hotel, Auberge Resorts Collection**, Santorini, Greece

**Il Sereno Lago di Como**, Torno  
**Hôtel Crillon le Brave**, Crillon-Le-Brave  
**Ballyfin**, County Laois, Ireland  
**Penha Longa Resort**, Sintra, Portugal  
**Grace Hotel, Auberge Resorts Collection**, Santorini  
**Cotton House Hotel, Autograph Collection**  
**La Réserve Paris – Hôtel & Spa**  
**Shangri-La the Shard**  
**Hotel de Russie, a Rocco Forte Hotel**  
**St. Regis**  
**JW Marriott Venice Resort & Spa**

**Opposite House**, Beijing  
**Capella Ubud**, Bali, Indonesia

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**Capella**  
**Fullerton Hotel**  
**Park Hyatt**  
**Oberoi Udaivilas**, Udaipur  
**Capella Ubud**, Bali  
**Six Senses**, Con Dao, Vietnam

**The Langham**, Melbourne, Australia  
**Matakauri Lodge**, Queenstown, New Zealand

**InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa**, French

AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

BEST NORTH AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST CITY HOTEL  
BEST NORTH AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST RESORT HOTEL  
BEST AFRICA CITY HOTEL  
BEST AFRICA RESORT HOTEL  
BEST SAFARI LODGE

**Burj Al Arab Jumeirah**, Dubai  
**Kasbah Tamadot**, Atlas Mountains, Morocco  
**Cape Grace**, Cape Town  
**Matetsi Victoria Falls**, Matetsi Private Game Reserve, Zimb  
**Mahali Mzuri**, Masai Mara, Kenya

**TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST CITY AND ISLAND 2021 WINNERS, BY REGION**

CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

BEST CITY  
BEST ISLAND

**Charleston**, South Carolina  
**Hilton Head Island**, South Carolina

CANADA

BEST CITY  
BEST ISLAND

**Quebec City**  
**Cape Breton Island**, Nova Scotia

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

BEST CITY

**Antigua Guatemala**

MEXICO

BEST CITY

**San Miguel de Allende**

MEXICO & CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

BEST ISLAND

**Galápagos Islands**, Ecuador

EUROPE

BEST CITY  
BEST ISLAND

**Istanbul**  
**Milos**, Greece

ASIA

BEST CITY  
BEST ISLAND

**Udaipur**, India  
**Andaman Islands**, India

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & THE SOUTH PACIFIC

BEST CITY  
BEST ISLAND

**Sydney**  
**Fiji Islands**

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

BEST CITY  
BEST ISLAND

**Cape Town**  
**Seychelles**

HAWAII

BEST ISLAND

**Island of Hawaii**

THE CARIBBEAN, BERMUDA & THE BAHAMAS

BEST ISLAND

**St. Vincent and the Grenadines**

**TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST NATIONAL PARKS, UNITED STATES**

UNITED STATES

BEST NATIONAL PARK

**Yellowstone**, Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana

This year's World's Best Awards survey was open for voting from January 11 through May 10, 2021, as destinations around the world were lifting COVID-19 restrictions. Survey rules have always allowed readers to reflect on travel experiences over a three-year period. For the full Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards 2021 readers' survey methodology, visit [Travelandleisure.com/worlds-best/survey-methodology](https://www.travelandleisure.com/worlds-best/survey-methodology).

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