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## AWARDS

### AFAR Travelers' Choice Awards

\*Please note 2020 details have not been released\*

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**CATEGORIES:**

- Phase 1:
  - Hotels
  - Cruises
  - Airlines
- Phase 2:
  - Outfitters
  - Destinations

**SELECTION PROCESS:** AFAR editors select and vet the nominees for each category. The categories are organized in two different phases. Readers may then vote on the selected finalists during a set voting period. Winners will be announced three months after voting ends and in the following month's print issue.

**DEADLINES:**

**\*Note 2020 deadlines have not yet been announced but see below for the 2019 schedule to provide an idea of what to expect.**

- Hotel, Cruises and Airlines: Voting is April 12- May 14, 2019; Winners announced September 25 online and in the October/November 2019 issue.
- Outfitters & Destinations: Voting is June 4 – July 17, 2019; Winners announced December 2 online and in the January/February 2020 issue.

## **American Automobile Association Diamond Awards (Lodging)**

**CONTACT:**

For award information visit:

<https://approved.aaa.biz/diamond-program/diamond-ratings-hotels>

**TYPE:**

Rating system reflecting overall quality.

**RATINGS:**

AAA Diamond Ratings for hotels represent a combination of the overall quality, range of facilities and level of services offered by the property. The descriptive ratings are assigned exclusively to properties that meet and uphold AAA's rigorous quality standards.

◆ Budget-oriented, offering basic comfort and hospitality.

◆◆ Affordable, with modestly-enhanced facilities, decor and amenities.

◆◆◆ Distinguished, multifaceted with enhanced physical attributes, amenities and guest comforts.

◆◆◆◆ Refined, stylish with upscale physical attributes, extensive amenities and a high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail.

◆◆◆◆◆ Ultimate luxury, sophistication and comfort with extraordinary physical attributes, meticulous personalized service, extensive amenities and impeccable standards of excellence.

**RATING PROCESS:**

Complete the AAA Application for Evaluation found in the [Approval Requirements & Diamond Rating Guidelines: Lodging](#) (also linked below). Include recent and accurate pictures of the exterior, public areas as well as examples of a standard guest unit and bathroom. Return to AAA along with the Lodging Application Processing Fee Form to authorize the \$500 nonrefundable processing fee. Once the application is received and processed, an email notification of the status of the property (qualified for a site inspection or no) will be sent. If the property qualifies, AAA inspectors will be deployed to the property for a site inspection, this inspection will be unannounced and will occur within one year of the application date.

Lodging Application: <http://bit.ly/2EqLXA4>

Application Processing Fee Form: <http://bit.ly/2Psfcnm>

- REQUIREMENTS:** Overall evaluation process includes review of six key areas: Cleanliness & Condition; Management & Style of Operations; Exterior and Public Areas; Guestrooms; Guest Bathrooms and Guest Services & Hospitality.
- DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Ongoing; evaluation deadlines vary by state beginning in February of each year.
- PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** Awards are announced in January.
- ELIGIBILITY:** U.S./Canada/Mexico/Caribbean

## American Automobile Association Diamond Awards (Restaurants)

### CONTACT:

For award information, visit:  
<https://bit.ly/2OeXXst>

### TYPE:

Rating system reflecting overall quality

### RATINGS:

AAA Diamond ratings for restaurants represent a combination of the overall food, service, décor and ambiance offered by the establishment. The descriptive ratings are assigned exclusively to establishments that meet and uphold AAA's rigorous quality standards.

◆ Simple, economical food, often quick-serve, in a functional environment

◆◆ Familiar food, often cooked to order, served in a casual surrounding

◆◆◆ Trendy cuisine, skillfully prepared and served, with expanded beverage options, in an enhanced setting.

◆◆◆◆ Distinctive fine-dining. Creative preparations, skillfully served, often with wine steward, amid upscale ambience.

◆◆◆◆◆ Leading-edge cuisine of the finest ingredients, uniquely prepared by an acclaimed chef, served by expert service staff by maître d' in extraordinary surroundings.

### RATING PROCESS:

Complete the AAA Application for Evaluation found in the [Approval Requirements & Diamond Rating Guidelines: Restaurants](#). If selected, the restaurant will be inspected within one year of the acceptance notification via email. Once the establishment is approved, an inspector will revisit periodically to confirm or update the status of the rating. All inspections are unannounced.

Restaurant Inspection Application: <http://bit.ly/2UxYarK>  
Application Processing Fee Form: <http://bit.ly/2SGFww4>

### REQUIREMENTS:

Overall evaluation process includes review of Cleanliness & Condition; Management Style of Operation; Exterior and Food, Service, Décor and Ambiance. There are three parts to the rating process: Introduction/Interview; Meal and/or Restaurant Tour; and Practical Application of Approval.



The evaluation process is made up of three parts: AAA/CAA Diamond Rating Requirements (listed above), objective rating guidelines for both physical attributes and service levels (where applicable) and subjective elements based on professional experience and training.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Ongoing; evaluation deadlines vary by state beginning in February of each year.

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** Awards are announced in February.

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S./Canada/Mexico/Caribbean

## American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA) Stars of the Industry Awards

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**CATEGORIES:**

AH&LA Employee Awards categories:

- North Star Award: Lodging Employee of the Year
- Outstanding General Manager of the Year, Small Property (250 rooms or less)
- Outstanding General Manager of the Year, Large Property (251 rooms or more)
- Paving the Way Award
- Steven Porter Emerging Hospitality Leader (must be under age 30)

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Committee of industry professionals

**REQUIREMENTS:** Open to AH&LA member properties only. The nomination form can be found in the [AH&LA Members' Portal](#).

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Submissions open in January and will be accepted through September. Winners will be notified in October and presented with their awards in January of the following year at the annual Night of a Thousand Stars event. The 2020 event date has not been announced.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any AH&LA members can be nominated through the AH&LA portal: <https://bit.ly/2XE2UOI>

## **American Spa Magazine Professional's Choice Awards**

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**CATEGORIES:**

- Favorite New International Spa
- Favorite New U.S. Spa
- Favorite Destination Spa
- Favorite Resort Spa
- Favorite Multiple Location Spa
- Favorite Romantic Spa
- Favorite Green Spa
- Favorite Cruise Spa
- Favorite Day Spa
- Favorite Medical Spa
- Favorite Treatment Table Manufacturer
- Favorite Hydrotherapy Equipment Manufacturer
- Favorite Laser and Light Manufacturer
- Favorite Fitness Equipment Manufacturer
- Favorite Aesthetic Equipment Manufacturer
- Favorite Spa Cuisine
- Favorite Spa Treatment Menu
- Favorite Nailcare Equipment Manufacturer
- Favorite Nailcare Line
- Favorite Spa Sandal Manufacturer
- Favorite Spa Software
- Favorite Distributor
- Favorite Private Label Manufacturer
- Favorite Spa Uniform Manufacturer
- Favorite Spa Robe Manufacturer
- Favorite Haircare Line
- Favorite Hair Removal Line
- Favorite Sunless Tanning Line
- Favorite Suncare Line
- Favorite Skincare Line
- Favorite Anti-Aging Line
- Favorite Sensitive Skincare Line
- Favorite Acne Line
- Favorite Men's Line
- Favorite Lightening Line
- Favorite Eyelash Extension Line
- Favorite Eyelash Conditioner Line
- Favorite Cosmetics Line
- Favorite Indie Beauty Brand
- Favorite Ayurvedic Line

- Favorite Aromatherapy Line
- Favorite Natural Line
- Favorite Body Care Line
- Favorite Anti-Cellulite Line
- Favorite Vitamin and Supplement Line
- Favorite Health and Fitness Spa
- Favorite Company for Product Education
- Favorite Company for Manufacturer Support
- Favorite Spa Consultant
- Most Influential Spa Leader

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Nominations and voting are open to the public.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Polls are open until mid-September.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Winners are announced in the November/December issue and shared online in November.

**Andrew Harper**  
**Hideaway Report Grand Awards (AHHR)**

\*Please note 2020 details have not been released\*

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**CATEGORIES:**

- Hideaways of the Year
- Favorite Hotels
- Best Restaurants
  - United States Restaurants
  - Hotel Restaurants
  - International Restaurants
- Best Amenities
  - Best Spa
  - Best Beach
  - Best Pool
- Travel Highlights
  - Indelible Memories
  - Disappointments of the Year
  - Best Travel Experiences
  - Hospitality Awards
  - Hotel Standouts
- Best Shops
- Favorite Photos

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

AHHR makes a secret unannounced visit to properties under consideration and at end of year announces awards for Grand Award. To be considered for our annual Grand Awards, properties must be relatively small in size, possess strong personalities and demonstrate a consistent devotion to personal service.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Any property is eligible, but the criteria are extremely high, so only five-star level properties should be recommended. AHHR can be invited to take a scouting visit to property, but no feedback is offered (other than a notification that the invitation was received).

Note stated criteria: "Properties must be relatively small in size, possess strong individual personalities, offer relaxing atmospheres and demonstrate a consistent devotion to personal service."

**SUBMISSION:**

Invitations to property can be made throughout the year, bearing in mind awards are announced at year end.

**RESULTS:**

Announced in January in Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report, which is only available to members.

## **Association Conventions & Facilities Magazine Distinctive Achievement Award**

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- TYPE:** Plaque of recognition to advertisers in awards issue.
- CATEGORIES:**
- Hotels, Resorts and Conference Centers**
- Superior Service Standards
  - Excellent Accommodations and Meeting Facilities
  - Reasonable Room Rates and Labor Costs
  - Advanced Technological Capabilities and First-Rate Website
  - Environmentally Friendly Policies
  - Paramount Safety and Security
- Convention & Visitors Bureaus and Convention Centers**
- Superior Service and Support
  - Top-Notch Assistance with Promotion, Accommodations and Site Inspections
  - High Level of Assistance to Identify and Liaison with Suppliers, Vendors, Facilities, Venues and Local Government
  - Outstanding Communication and First-Rate Website
- SELECTION PROCESS:** Nominations come from subscribers. Note, the outlet sends ballots to qualified meeting planner subscribers so there is no relevant deadline date for properties. Eligible ballots are limited to those submitted by meeting planner subscribers; and only one ballot per subscriber is accepted. Ballots from industry suppliers such as hotel properties are not accepted.
- REQUIREMENTS:** The voter must be qualified meeting planner subscriber.
- PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** Awards announced in the September issue of Association Conventions & Facilities and have the opportunity to purchase a full-page advertisement that is accompanied by four pages of free matching editorial coverage including a photograph and contact information.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all U.S., International and offshore properties; Caribbean, Mexico and Canada.

## **BizBash**

### **National BizBash Event Style Awards**

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**CRITERIA:** The National Biz Bash Event Style Awards honor the top names in events throughout the U.S. and Canada. Award categories will be finalized in January 2020.

**PENDING CATEGORIES** *(subject to change):*

- Best Association Event (People's Choice)
- Best Conference – Less Than 5,000 Attendees
- Best Conference – More Than 5,000 Attendees
- Best Corporate Event Concept—Budget Over \$500,000
- Best Corporate Event Concept—Budget Between \$250,000 - \$500,000
- Best Corporate Event Concept – Budget Under \$250,000
- Best Fair/Festival
- Best Incentive Program
- Best Influencer Event
- Best Guerrilla Marketing Initiative/Marketing Campaign
- Best Nonprofit Event Concept—Budget Over \$250,000
- Best Nonprofit Event Concept—Budget Under \$250,000
- Best Product Launch
- Best Social Event
- Best Trade or Consumer Show
- Best Catering at an Event
- Best Event Decor—Budget Over \$250,000
- Best Event Decor—Budget Under \$250,000
- Best Event Lighting Design
- Best Floral Design for an Event or Meeting (People's Choice)
- Best Technology Solution
- Best Sponsor Activation at an Event
- Best Teambuilding Activity
- Best Staging and Set Design
- Best Sustainability/Corporate Social Responsibility Program for an Event/Meeting
- Best Trade Show Booth
- Best Use of Event Technology
- Best Use of Social Media for an Event or Meeting
- Best Use of Special Effects at Events
- Best Use of Video at an Event
- Best Event Entertainment Act
- Best New Event Product/Service (People's Choice)



**SELECTION PROCESS:** Industry professionals are invited to submit their most creative and effective work in over 30 award categories. Winners are chosen by event industry experts and BizBash editors and announced at the Event Innovation Awards show. New in 2019, the People's Choice designation means voting will take place online to determine the finalists, with the winner chosen by judges. This designation is not confirmed for 2020.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Online submissions are open April 1 through August 15. Details of the Event Style Awards will not be finalized until after the new year. The team is in the process of updating. Submission period will be very close to what is listed, but the list of categories may change.

**Bon Appetit**  
**Annual Restaurant Issue**

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**FREQUENCY:**

Annual

**RESPONDENTS:**

Editors travel to restaurants across the country to choose which will be featured in print with additional digital-only content. To view the 2019 winners, visit: [The Hot 10](#).

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Favorite restaurants and recipes are announced online in September and published in the October issue. Results are widely publicized to consumers.

## **Boutique Design**

### **The Boutique 18: Designers of the Next Generation**

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- CRITERIA:** The 2020 nomination form can be accessed [here](#) for reference. The 2021 nomination form is not yet available.
- SELECTION PROCESS:** They will select the 18 designers based on the linked above nominations. Accepted nominees will be contacted by Boutique Design magazine and asked to answer a couple of questions about the future of design.
- Candidates will be evaluated on their accomplishments in the following categories:
- Noteworthy hospitality design projects
  - Contributions to the industry
  - Contributions to their employer
  - Specialized skill set
- DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Submissions are due in late October for the following year.
- PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** Winners are announced online in November for the following year. The winners are included in a Spring issue of Boutique Design and recognized at an event in the Spring. 2021 event and publication dates have not yet been released.
- ELIGIBILITY:** See example nomination form linked above. They are looking for young leaders who are actively pushing the envelope in hospitality interiors, worldwide.

**Boutique Design**  
**In Conjunction with HX: The Hotel Experience;**  
**BDNY; Hospitality Media Group**  
**Gold Key Awards for Excellence in Hospitality Design**

\*Please note 2020 details have not been released\*

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**CATEGORIES:**

- Best Eco-Conscious or Socially-Conscious Hotel
- Best Lobby Focused Service
- Best Lobby Midscale
- Best Lobby Upper Midscale
- Best Lobby Upscale
- Best Lobby Luxury
- Best Guestroom Focused Service
- Best Guestroom Midscale
- Best Guestroom Upper Midscale
- Best Guestroom Upscale
- Best Guestroom Luxury
- Best Suite
- Best Nightclub/Lounge
- Best Emerging Hotel Concept: The Most
- Influential New Hotel Brand (Must Have At Least One Hotel Open)
- Best Restaurant Casual Dining
- Best Restaurant Fine Dining
- Best Specialty Design: Casinos, Cruise Ships, Spas, Fitness/Wellness Facilities, Hotel Retail, Senior Living, Pop-Ups, Trains, Glamping, Etc.
- Best Resort
- Best Hotel Focused Service
- Best Hotel Midscale
- Best Hotel Upper Midscale
- Best Hotel Upscale
- Best Hotel Luxury

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Hospitality designers from around the world are invited to submit their best work in the Gold Key Award for Excellence in Hospitality Design competition. The Gold Key Awards recognize

the most influential and innovative design work in every sector of the hospitality industry.

**CRITERIA:**

The award is exclusively for interior designers. To be eligible for the industry's most prestigious design award, new construction, conversion or renovation work must have been completed from April 1, 2019 to April 1, 2020. A renowned judging panel will select winners and finalists.

**SUBMISSIONS:**

All entries must provide a complete supplier list and photo release form if selected as a finalist in September. Please make sure the photography is relevant specifically to the category. As an example, when submitting for a guest room category do not include public spaces, suites, function spaces, etc. Only the “best of” hotel categories should include the entire hotel, both interiors and exteriors. Please make sure the entry fits the category. When submitting in multiple categories, please ensure that all submissions are within the same category, as in all are midscale or all are upscale.

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:**

The awards ceremony will take place in November 2020 in New York in conjunction with HX: The Hotel Experience (formerly IHMRS) and Boutique Design New York, at which time winners, finalists and honorable mentions in each category will be recognized.

**Budget Travel**  
**America's Coolest Small Towns**

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**CRITERIA:**

Annual award. Population of a travel-inspiring American town must be under 20,000 and have something that no place else has: unique shops, great food, a fascinating history, beautiful location, thriving arts and music scene, and maybe something else the editors have not thought of yet.

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Nominations no longer include audience voting in the selection process. In March, the publication begins reaching out on social media for suggestions. The editors curate a top 10 list that will be unveiled to the public in mid-May, shortly before Memorial Day. Once curated, they reach out to public relations agencies and tourism boards.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Winners are announced mid-June on BudgetTravel.com and in Fall issue of tablet magazine.

## Condé Nast Traveler Gold List

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**CRITERIA:**

Condé Nast Travel UK editors, writers and network of influencers select their favorite hotels in the world. The Gold list is derived of the Condé Nast Reader's Choice Awards.

**CATEGORIES:**

Hotels

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

A prerequisite for a Gold List property is a high standard of service, luxury and beauty. What earns each winner a spot on the list is the unforgettable special touches that bring a hotel's ethos to life. "The housekeeper at a resort who delivers a message to the tooth fairy after hearing a young guest has lost her tooth, the scent of lavender in the air or the feeling of picking a mango from your balcony in Jamaica."

The best way to make it on the list is to stay in constant communication with the editors and make sure each top luxury property is on their radar for Gold List consideration. The closing date to be considered for the 2020 list is November 2020.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Results appear in the January issue and online in mid-December

## **Condé Nast Traveler Hot List**

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**CATEGORIES:**

Hotels; new openings

**CRITERIA:**

The Hot List surveys the best NEW hotels. If a hotel has opened by the end of the calendar year, they can be considered for the following year's Hot List. Later openings can be considered for the year after that. For example, a hotel opening in March of the current year would be considered for Hot List for the current year, while one opening in October might be considered for the following year's Hot List.

This list will be handled transatlantic; with input from both the U.K. and U.S. editorial staffs.

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

New properties are reviewed by staff, and winners are selected based on these reviews. Hotels cannot enter to win the award nor offer the editors complimentary accommodations. The best way to make it on the list is to stay in constant communication with the editors and make sure each new property is on their radar for Hot List consideration.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Results appear in the May issue and online in mid-April.



## **Corporate & Incentive Travel Magazine Award of Excellence**

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<b>FREQUENCY:</b>	Annual
<b>ABOUT:</b>	Corporate & Incentive Travel magazine's <a href="#">AWARD OF EXCELLENCE</a> recognizes those hotels, resorts, conference centers and convention and visitors bureaus that have demonstrated their overall commitment to excellence.
<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Outstanding accommodations, meeting facilities and updated technology</li><li>● High quality food and beverage functions</li><li>● Superior service.</li><li>● Excellent setups and arrangements for social functions</li><li>● Exceptional ambience</li><li>● Convenient and accessible location</li></ul>
<b>VOTING:</b>	The 40,000+ subscribers of Corporate & Incentive Travel are offered the opportunity to vote for hotels, resorts, conference centers and CVBs that effectively hosted their meetings and incentive travel programs based on the criteria as noted above. The ballot is announced to subscribers via email. Eligible ballots are limited to those submitted by meeting planner subscribers. Only one ballot per subscriber is accepted. Ballots from industry suppliers such as hotel properties are not accepted.
<b>PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:</b>	November issue

## **Corporate & Incentive Travel Magazine Greens of Distinction**

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<b>FREQUENCY:</b>	Annual
<b>ABOUT:</b>	Corporate & Incentive Travel magazine's <a href="#">GREENS OF DISTINCTION</a> awards recognize those golf hotels, resorts and conference centers that have demonstrated their overall commitment to hospitality excellence and offer outstanding golf facilities and programs.
<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Outstanding meeting facilities as well as golf course design, conditions and equipment</li><li>● Exceptional golf function setups and tournament arrangements</li><li>● Excellent food and beverage quality and service</li><li>● Helpful, friendly and expert golf staff</li><li>● Convenient and accessible location</li></ul>
<b>VOTING:</b>	The 40,000+ subscribers of Corporate & Incentive Travel are offered the opportunity to vote for those golf hotels, resorts and conference centers that effectively hosted their meetings and incentive travel programs based on the criteria as noted below. The ballot is announced via email. Eligible ballots are limited to those submitted by meeting planner subscribers; and only one ballot per subscriber is accepted. Ballots from industry suppliers such as hotel properties are not accepted.
<b>PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:</b>	August issue + online

## Departures Legend Awards

\*Please note 2020 details have not been released, but will be similar to 2019\*

### CONTACT

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### ABOUT:

2019 was the first edition of the Departures Legend Awards. Curated by the editors, the Legend Awards sources the best of the best in luxury offerings within the travel industry each year.

### CATEGORIES:

\*2020 Categories have not yet been announced but are expected to be similar to 2019.

#### 2019 Categories:

- Most Architecturally Interesting Buildings in the World
- Best New Hotel Openings this Year
- Best Luxury Cruise Lines
- Best Hotel Renovations this Year
- Most Beautiful Private Islands
- Best Private Transportation
- Best Cities to Visit this Year
- Most Instagrammable Destinations
- Best Luxury Train Services, Routes and Experiences this Year
- Most Amazing Over-the-Top Suites
- Products that Change the Way we Travel
- The Best Adventure Travel Experiences
- Most Unique Eco-Initiatives from Hotels and Resorts this Year
- Best Meal We've had this Year
- Favorite In-flight Amenities this Year
- Best Wellness Experiences

### SELECTION PROCESS:

There is no official selection process. Honorees are selected by editors based on what they have experienced or brands they have worked with. Best practices for being nominated include routinely sharing news and updates with the editors. As this award is very new, updates on the selection process are expected to be available following the New Year.

### PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:

The 2019 awards were announced in October; however, they are considering moving the announcement to May. Updates on the timeline are expected to be shared following the New Year.

## **Fodor's Go List**

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**CATEGORIES:**

The Go List is organized by region:

- Africa and the Middle East
- Asia
- Australia and the Pacific
- Europe
- Mexico and Central America
- South America
- USA and Canada

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

There is no formal submissions process for the Go List, but Fodor's is considering creating one for 2021. Currently, destinations are encouraged to share any new openings, anniversaries, etc. coming up for 2021 by January 2020 with Teddy Minford for consideration. The editors will begin compiling the Go List in January 2020 and have everything confirmed by June 2020.

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:**

The 2021 Go List reveal date has not been announced; however, it is expected to be published in November 2020.

## Fodor's Hotel Awards

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**CATEGORIES:**

\*Award Categories change every year, the 2020 categories are listed below. The categories for 2021 have not yet been announced.

- Best Hotels in the USA
- Best Hotels in Europe
- Best Hotels in Asia
- Best Hotels in the Caribbean
- Best Hotels in Mexico + Central America
- Best Hotels in South America
- Best Hotels in Africa
- Best Hotels in the Middle East
- Best Hotels in Australis + the Pacific
- Best Hotels in Canada

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Annual award program with a comprehensive list of the world's best hotels, curated by the Fodor's editors. Nominations are open to the public in February and close in July (approximately). Teddy Minford will distribute a linked form to complete to submit any nominations in February. Please note, the exact dates for 2020 have not been announced; however, winners, who are selected by the editors at Fodor's, are typically announced in October.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Nominees must be submitted through an independent portal. See sample linked form to submit nominations below.  
(<http://bit.ly/2MQ5FWC>)

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** February 2020

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:**

Winners are announced in October 2020.

## **Food & Wine Magazine Best New Chefs**

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4100 Old Montgomery Hwy  
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**CRITERIA:**

Chefs must be “Head of the Kitchen” for less than five years.

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Year-long process. Nominators consist of a "trusted group of nominators" including writers for the magazine, past honorees, Food & Wine freelancers, restaurateurs, etc. They're looking for chefs who have been creating dishes and running a professional kitchen for five years or less. Editors also comb local magazines and newspapers to find out who is generating buzz regionally. Once the group of candidates is narrowed down, Food & Wine visits the restaurants to taste the local fare anonymously.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

No ballots to submit, done by referral. Editors take all recommendations and test each restaurant firsthand.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** No official form to submit.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Winners are announced in April, but formally announced to readers in the July issue.

## **Forbes Travel Guide**

### **Five-Star, Four-Star, Recommended Ratings for Hotels, Restaurants and Spas**

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**TYPE:**

Forbes Travel Guide announces its Five Star ratings and awards annually, recognizing the world's best hotels, restaurants and spas based on outstanding service and facilities. The results of the awards and expert reviews on the winning properties are published on Forbes Travel Guide's website, [www.forbestravelguide.com](http://www.forbestravelguide.com).

**RATING CRITERIA:**

Forbes Travel Guide, formerly Mobil and the originator of the Five-Star rating system in North America, has inspected and rated hotels, restaurants and spas since 1958. Anonymous inspections are conducted at each property during which a professional inspector evaluates hundreds of attributes related to service and facility standards (cleanliness, physical facilities, employee attitude, courtesy, etc.) to produce a mathematically-derived score. These quantifiable scores allow comparative analysis among properties and form the base that Forbes Travel Guide uses to assign its Five-Star, Four-Star and Recommended ratings.

**HOTEL  
CATEGORIES:**

\*\*\*\*\*These exceptional hotels provide a memorable experience through virtually flawless service and the finest of amenities. Staff is intuitive, engaging and passionate, and eagerly goes beyond expectations. The hotel was designed with your comfort in mind, with particular attention paid to craftsmanship and quality of product. A Forbes Travel Guide Five Star property is a destination unto itself.

\*\*\*\*These hotels provide a distinctive setting, and you will find many interesting and inviting elements to enjoy. Attention to detail is prominent throughout the property, from design concept to quality of products provided. Staff is accommodating and takes pride in catering to your specific needs throughout your stay.

Recommended: These well-appointed hotels have enhanced amenities and design that provide a strong sense of location,

whether through style or function. They may have a distinguishing design and ambience, or they may be more focused on functionality, providing easy access to local hot spots.

**RESTAURANT  
CATEGORIES:**

\*\*\*\*\*Five-Star restaurants deliver a truly unique and distinctive dining experience. Diners will find consistently exceptional food, superlative service and elegant decor. An emphasis is placed on originality and personalized, attentive and discreet service. A gracious, warm dining room team attends to every detail of the meal.

\*\*\*\*\*These are exciting restaurants with often well-known chefs that feature creative and complex foods and emphasize various culinary techniques and a focus on seasonality. A highly-trained dining room staff provides refined personal service.

Recommended: These restaurants serve fresh, appealing food in a unique setting that offers a strong sense of location either by style or menu. Attention to detail is evident through the restaurant, from the service to the menu.

**SPA  
CATEGORIES:**

\*\*\*\*\*Stepping foot in a Five Star Spa will result in an exceptional experience with no detail overlooked. These properties wow you with extraordinary design and facilities, and uncompromising service. Expert staff cater to your every whim and pamper you with the most advanced treatments available. These spas often offer exclusive services and emphasize local elements.

\*\*\*\*\*Four Star spas offer a wonderful experience in an inviting and serene environment. A sense of personalized service is evident from the moment you check in and receive your robe and slippers. Your comfort is always of utmost concern to the well-trained staff.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Participation in the Forbes Travel Guide Star Rating system and a placement on the annual inspection schedule is at the discretion of Forbes Travel Guide's Ratings division. However, eligible properties proactively seeking to partner with Forbes Travel Guide and receive transparency around the inspection process should contact Peter Kressaty, Executive Vice President, Global Partner Services

Forbes Travel Guide  
590 Madison Avenue, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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Contact at [peter@forbestravelguide.com](mailto:peter@forbestravelguide.com) or 1-917-476-6101 for details of the Global Partnership (GP).

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Contact Forbes Travel Guide Ratings division for inspection eligibility requirements. Contact Forbes Travel Guide Client Services division for all Global Partnership (GP) inquiries.

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:**

Awards are announced every first quarter and inspections are conducted annually between January and December.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Properties may submit media kits or other printed materials for review and consideration of a future inspection. These should be mailed directly to Amanda Frasier, Executive Vice President, Standards & Ratings at:

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255 E Paces Ferry Road  
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Atlanta, GA 30305

## **Garden & Gun Made in the South Awards**

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**CRITERIA:**

Annual awards to celebrate Southern craftsmanship. Must be produced in one the following Southern states: AL, AR, NC, SC, TN, KY, GA, LA, MS, TX, FL, OK, WV, VA or MD. Products do not have to be new, though that helps. They cannot have been featured in the magazine before. It is fine if the company has been covered as long as the specific product being nominated has not been covered. Products must be available in sufficient quantity by December/January when readers receive their issues and begin ordering en masse. An e-commerce site helps greatly.

**DATE OF  
SUBMISSION:**

Nominations open May 15 and close July 1.

**CATEGORIES:**

- Food
- Drink
- Style & Design
- Home
- Outdoors
- Crafts

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Garden & Gun appoints a judge for each category to select the best the South has to offer. All new information will be published on the dedicated Made in the South site, [www.madeinthesouthawards.com](http://www.madeinthesouthawards.com), when the new call for entries is announced in late May/early June.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Finalists are notified in mid-September. Winners are announced in the December/January issue. Winners are also presented during a special Garden & Gun event; 2020 date TBD.

## **Golf Digest U.S. Awards**

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### **CATEGORIES:**

- America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses
- Best Golf Courses in Each State
- Best Newly Remodeled Course
- 100 Greatest Public Courses
- Green Star Award (Courses demonstrating environmental excellence)
- Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards

### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

Candidates are chosen based on the evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses. Evaluation specifications are kept confidential. Golf Digest partners with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America on the annual Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards, which go to outstanding course superintendents for their environmental stewardship.

### **PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:**

Winners are published biennially and announced online in January and included in the February issue.

**Golf Digest**  
**World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses**

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**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Candidates are chosen based on the evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses. Evaluation specifications are kept confidential.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Winners for the rankings will be published in the February issue.

**Golf Magazine  
Architects of the Year**

**CONTACT:**

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**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Candidates are chosen based on evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

December / January issue and online at [www.golf.com](http://www.golf.com).

## **Golf Magazine Premier Resorts**

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**CATEGORIES:**

Platinum Award Resorts  
Gold Award Resorts  
Silver Award Resorts  
Green Award Resorts

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

With the help of golf.com readers, Golf Magazine selects the best resorts in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

**CRITERIA:**

- Golf
- Lodging
- Food and Drinks
- Service

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Will run in March issue.

**Golf Magazine  
Top 100 Courses in U.S. & World**

**CONTACT:**

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**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Candidates are chosen based on evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

December / January issue and online at [www.golf.com](http://www.golf.com).

## **Golf Magazine Top 100 Resorts in the World**

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**CATEGORIES:**

Platinum Award Resorts  
Gold Award Resorts  
Silver Award Resorts  
Green Award Resorts

**SELECTION PROCESS:** With the help of golf.com readers, Golf Magazine selects the best resorts in the world.

**CRITERIA:**

- Golf
- Lodging
- Food and Drinks
- Service

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

August issue and online at [www.golf.com](http://www.golf.com).



**Golf Magazine  
Top 100 Courses You Can Play**

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**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Candidates are chosen based on evaluations by panelists made up of Golf magazine editorial staff, industry insiders, and the magazines network of “course spies” in the field, who play the qualified courses.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

October issue of every even numbered year and online at  
[www.golf.com](http://www.golf.com).

**Golf Magazine  
Top 100 Courses in the U.S.**

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**SELECTION PROCESS:** Candidates are chosen based on evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

December issue and online at [www.golf.com](http://www.golf.com).

**Golf Magazine**  
**Best New Private Courses of the Year**

**CONTACT:**

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**SELECTION PROCESS:** Candidates are chosen based on evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

January issue and online at [www.golf.com](http://www.golf.com).

**Golf Magazine  
Best Renovation of the Year**

**CONTACT:**

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**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Candidates are chosen based on evaluations by panelists who play the qualified courses.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

January issue and online at [www.golf.com](http://www.golf.com).

## **Hospitality Design Magazine Hospitality Design Awards**

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### **CATEGORIES:**

#### **Projects:**

- Lifestyle Hotel
- Lifestyle Public Space
- Luxury Hotel
- Luxury Public Space
- Upscale Hotel
- Upscale Public Space
- Luxury, Upscale + Lifestyle Guestroom
- Midscale Hotel
- Midscale Public Space
- Select-Service Hotel
- Select-Service Public Space
- Midscale + Select-Service Guestroom
- Restoration + Transformation
- Resort
- Sustainable
- Wellness
- Upscale Restaurant
- Casual Restaurant
- Cafes + Coffee Shops
- Lounge, Nightclub + Bar
- Student Project
- Retail + Hospitality
- Art + Branding
- Open
- Hotelier of the Year
- Design Firm of the Year

#### **Products:**

- Accessories
- Bath
- Casegoods + Furniture
- Custom Art + Installations
- Flooring
- Outdoor Furniture
- Seating
- Surfaces
- Technology

- Textiles + Fabrics
- Wallcoverings
- HD/West Elem Student Design Product Competition

**DEADLINE:**

March 6, 2020. Forms will be uploaded at a later date to  
<http://www.hospitalitydesign.com/awards-events/HD-Awards-9186.shtml>

**PRESENTATION  
OF RESULTS:**

The awards ceremony will be held in New York City on June 3, 2020. In addition, winning projects will be published in the June 2020 issue of Hospitality Design magazine.

## **HOTELS.com**

### **Top Guest Rated U.S. Hotels of the Year**

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- CRITERIA:** Hotels.com experts review hotel properties across several categories and make selections.
- SELECTION PROCESS:** Gold-winning properties must have an average guest review rating of 4.7–5.0. The criteria are based on an overall guest rating and number of reviews on [Hotels.com](https://www.hotels.com). For a hotel to be featured, they need to take good care of their guests. Category “Best for” winners are within the top 100 guest review ratings for their category. [Hotels.com](https://www.hotels.com) will review guest ratings at various times throughout the year globally, by country and by city.
- CATEGORIES:** *(Subject to change)*
- Best Beach Hotels
  - Best Spa Hotels
  - Best New Hotels
  - Best Luxury Hotels
  - Best LGBT Hotels
  - Best Family Hotels
  - Best Business Hotels
  - Best Boutique Hotels
  - Best All-Inclusive Hotels
  - Best Ski Hotels
- DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Winners are announced in April.

**Hotels Magazine  
Hotelier of the World**

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Chicago, IL 60642
- CRITERIA:** Leadership  
Style  
Hotelman-ship
- CATEGORIES:** Corporate Hotelier  
Independent Hotelier
- SELECTION PROCESS:** Nominees come from past winners, staff, and editorial advisors.  
Ballots/votes are filled out by readers (industry peers). NO  
SUBMISSIONS.
- REQUIREMENTS:** None
- DATE OF SUBMISSION:** April issue contains ballots which are due in July.
- PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** Award presented in November during the International Motel &  
Restaurant Show. Ballot finalized in early February.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all, United States or foreign.



## **HSMAI: Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International Adrian Awards for Advertising, Digital Marketing and Public Relations**

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**DATE of GALA**

January 21, 2020

**TYPE:**

Best in Show  
Platinum  
Gold  
Silver  
Bronze

**CRITERIA:**

Statement of Communications includes:

- Situational Analysis
- Marketing Objectives
- Target Audiences
- Research, Planning and Implementation
- Message
- Results
- Budget

**SPECIALTY AWARDS**

- HSMAI Foundation Talent & Leadership Development Award
- Facebook Mobile Video Award

**CATEGORIES:**

**Advertising Division Categories**

**Advertising Innovation:** A new idea, device, or method; the application of better solutions that meet new requirements, unarticulated needs, or existing market needs.

**Advertising Single Entry Categories:** *Limited to one example or item per entry supported by a maximum of 2 file uploads and/or 3 links.*

- 1A. Brochure-Consumer
- 2A. Brochure-Group Sales/Meetings
- 3A. Brochure-Travel Trade

## CATEGORIES CONTINUED:

- 4A. Direct Mail-Consumer
- 5A. Direct Mail-Group Sales/Meetings
- 7A. DVD/CD/Video –Consumer, Group Sales or Travel Trade
- 8A. On-Property/In Flight Marketing- Consumer, Group Sales or Travel Trade
- 9A. Magazine or Newspaper-Consumer
- 10A. Magazine or Newspaper- Group Sales/Meetings
- 11A. Magazine or Newspaper- Travel Trade
- 12A. Radio Consumer
- 13A. Signage- Outdoor/Transit
- 14A. Special Advertising Section
- 15A. Television Consumer

**Advertising Series Categories:** Two or more ads built around a theme or event in one medium. *Series categories are limited to a maximum upload of eight (8) files and three (3) links.*

- 16A. Direct Mail-Consumer
- 17A. Direct Mail-Group Sales /Meetings
- 18A. Direct Mail-Travel Trade
- 19A. Print Media-Consumer
- 20A. Print Media-Group Sales /Meetings
- 21A. Print Media-Travel Trade
- 22A. TV-Consumer
- 23A. Radio-Consumer

**Advertising Campaign Categories:** An advertising effort built around a single, unified theme, using at least two different types of media. Campaigns primarily conducted online should be entered under Digital Marketing. *Campaign categories are limited to a maximum of 8 uploads and 3 links.*

- 24A. Contest/Sweepstakes Consumer/Group Sales/Travel Trade
- 25A. Group Sales
- 26A. Complete Campaign-Consumer or Group Sales or Travel Trade (to include Positioning)
- 27A. Loyalty Program- Consumer Marketing
- 28A. Loyalty Program- Member Marketing
- 29A. Re-Positioning - Consumer Group Sales/Travel Trade
- 30A. Tradeshow Marketing
- 31A. Signage-Outdoor/Transient
- 32A. Multi-Cultural
- 33A. Youth
- 34A. LGBT
- 35A. Global

## CATEGORIES CONTINUED:

- 36A New Opening/Launch
- 37A Geo-Targeted
- 38A Experiential
- 39A Advertising Innovation

### Digital Marketing Division Categories

**Digital Marketing Innovation:** A new idea, device, or method; the application of better solutions that meet new requirements, unarticulated needs, or existing market needs.

**Digital Marketing Single Entry Categories:** *Limited to one example or item supported by a maximum of two (2) file uploads and/or three (3) links.*

- 1D. Blog
- 2D. Game
- 3D. Email
- 4D. Mapping & Location Marketing
- 5D. Mobile Marketing
- 6D. Multimedia (podcasts, video)
- 7D. Social Media/Social Networking
- 8D. Video
- 9D. Web Ad
- 10D. Web Site
- 24D. Website User Experience
- 25D. App User Experience
- 26D. Loyalty
- 36D. Virtual Reality/Artificial Intelligence

**Digital Marketing Series Categories:** Two or more ads built around a theme or event in one medium. *Series categories are limited to maximum upload of eight (8) files and three (3) links.*

- 11D. Email Series
- 12D. Multimedia Series (podcasts, video, flash)
- 13D. Web Ad Series
- 14D. Web Cast Series
- 28D. Loyalty Series

**Digital Marketing Campaign Categories:** A digital marketing effort built around a single, unified theme, using at least two different types of media. *Campaign categories are limited to a maximum of 8 uploads and 3 links.*

- 15D. Contest/Sweepstakes
- 16D. Integrated Marketing Campaign for Consumers

## CATEGORIES CONTINUED:

- 17D. Integrated Marketing Campaign for GDS & Travel Agents
- 18D. Mobile Campaign
- 19D. Search Marketing Strategy
- 20D. Social Media Campaign
- 21D. Tradeshow Marketing Campaign
- 22D. Loyalty Program-Consumer
- 23D. Loyalty Program-Member
- 30D Geo-Targeted Campaign
- 31D In-house Guest Capture Campaign
- 32D. Multi-Cultural Marketing
- 33D. Youth Marketing
- 34D. LGBT Marketing
- 35D. Global Marketing
- 36D. New Opening/Launch
- 37D. Experiential
- 38D. Digital Innovation

### Public Relations Division Categories

**Public Relations Innovation:** A new idea, device, or method; the application of better solutions that meet new requirements, unarticulated needs, or existing market needs.

**Public Relations Single Entry Categories:** *Limited to one example or item supported by a maximum of two (2) file uploads and/or three (3) links.*

- 1P. Feature Placement Online-Consumer Media
- 2P. Feature Placement Online-Trade Media
- 3P. Feature Placement Print-Consumer Magazine or Newspaper
- 4P. Feature Placement Print-Trade Publication
- 5P. Feature Placement-Radio
- 6P. Feature Placement-Television
- 7P. Newsletter- Print or eNewsletter
- 8P. Media Center- Online Press Room
- 9P. Press Kit
- 11P. Video News Release
- 24P. Blog

## CATEGORIES CONTINUED:

**Public Relations Campaign:** A Public Relations effort built around a single, unified theme, using at least two different types of media. Campaigns primarily conducted online should be entered under Digital Marketing. *Campaign categories are limited to a maximum of eight (8) uploads and three (3) links.*

- 12P. Community Service/Social Responsibility
- 13P. Crisis Communication/Recovery Communication
- 14P. Employee Program
- 15P. Marketing Program- Consumer
- 16P. Marketing Program- Trade
- 17P. New Opening/Launch
- 18P. Partnership with Major Brand (national or local)
- 19P. Public Affairs/Public Service Announcement
- 20P. Relaunch of Existing Product
- 21P. Special Event
- 22P Loyalty Program - Consumer
- 23P. Loyalty Program - Member
- 25P. Multi-Cultural
- 26P. Youth
- 27P. LGBT
- 28P. Global
- 29P. Influencer Marketing
- 30P Public Relations Innovation
- 31P Experiential
- Each may apply for a Single Entry, Series and/or a Complete Campaign.

### **Additional Categories:**

- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Integrated Marketing Campaign

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Group of judges evaluates and scores, ranging from 0-50, each entry on its own merit, not against the competition. Entries evaluated in five equally-weighted categories:

- Marketing Objectives
- Creativity
- Quality
- Content
- Results

**REQUIREMENTS:** Communicating objectives, piece and support material. Submit a Statement of Communications and creative support material.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** There are no applications to submit. Entries are uploaded into the Adrian Awards competition site between July and September. Exact dates will be announced late June/early July. Please go to [www.adrianawards.com](http://www.adrianawards.com) for more details. Judging (by peers) takes place September to mid-October. Platinum judging takes place in November. Winners are announced mid-November (Gold, Silver & Bronze). Platinum winner are notified in December. Best of Show winners are announced at the Gala in New York. The Gala occurs on Jan. 21, 2020.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All hospitality and travel related industries—both domestic and international. No limits on number of entries a firm may submit.

## **HSMAI: Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International Greater New York Chapter Awards of Excellence**

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914-762-1456

### **TYPE:**

*(Subject to change)*  
Revenue Management Executive of the Year  
Hospitality Professional of the Year  
Sales Executive of the Year  
Marketing Executive of the Year  
General Manager of the Year  
Frank W. Berkman Tourism Achievement Award  
Hospitality Professional of the Year

### **CRITERIA:**

- **Frank W. Berkman Tourism Achievement Award**  
The recipient of this award is selected by the HSMAIGNY Past Presidents' Council based on outstanding contributions by an organization or an individual to the hospitality and tourism industry in NYC.
- **Chapter Awards of Excellence**  
A member or non-member of the organization may be nominated for the HSMAIGNY Awards of Excellence, must accept the nomination, and complete a Nomination Consideration form. Awards are given in the following categories:

#### **Hospitality Professional of the Year**

Nominees for Hospitality Professional of the Year must have held their current title or have been with their current employer for a minimum of one year. Nominees are not limited to hotel or property level positions and may be an employee or principal of a hotel management company, ownership company, PR firm, marketing firm, supplier company, consultant or any vendor related to the hospitality industry.

#### **Revenue Management Professional of the Year**

In order to qualify for Revenue Management Professional of the Year, the nominee must:

1. Hold the title of Director of Revenue Management, VP Revenue Management or similar VP/Area title

for a minimum of one year at their current company.

2. Have responsibility for either multiple properties or have a direct report who is a revenue manager, revenue analyst or reservations manager.

### **Sales Professional of the Year**

In order to qualify as a nominee for Sales Professional of the year, the nominee must:

1. Have responsibility for either multiple properties or have a direct report who is a revenue manager, revenue analyst or reservations manager.
2. Be actively employed as a Sales executive in the hospitality industry for a minimum of one year.

### **Marketing Professional of the Year**

In order to qualify as a nominee for Marketing Professional of the year the nominee must:

1. Hold the title of Vice President or Director of Marketing for a minimum of one year.
2. Have responsibility for one or more properties and have at least one direct report such as a Sales Manager or Sales Coordinator

### **General Manager of the Year**

In order to qualify as a nominee for General Manager of the Year, the nominee must:

1. Have held their current title or have been with their current employer for a minimum of one year.
2. Currently be working as a General Manager, Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer or similar position for a single or multi-property lodging business.

For any questions or further clarification please contact the Awards and Recognition Committee via email at [info@hsmainyc.org](mailto:info@hsmainyc.org).

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Group of judges evaluates and scores each entry on its own merit, not against the competition.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Communicating objectives, piece and support material.



**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Nominations are accepted in January and continue through early February. Top nominees for each award will be announced at a monthly luncheon date in late April or May. Winners are announced at the annual Frank W. Tourism Award Dinner in June.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to domestic and international.

## **Insurance & Financial Meetings Management Magazine World Class Award**

<b>CONTACT:</b>	<p>Mr. Harvey Grotsky Publisher, Insurance &amp; Financial Meetings Management <a href="mailto:harvey.grotsky@themeetingmagazines.com">harvey.grotsky@themeetingmagazines.com</a> / <a href="mailto:cccpublisher@att.net">cccpublisher@att.net</a> 561-989-0600 ext. 106</p> <p>2700 North Military Trail, Suite 120 Boca Raton, FL 33431-6394</p>
<b>TYPE:</b>	Plaque of recognition to advertisers in awards issue
<b>CRITERIA:</b>	<p><b>Hotels, Resorts and Conference Centers</b> Superior Staff Service Excellence in Accommodations &amp; Meeting Facilities Trouble-free Food &amp; Beverage Functions Smooth Setups and Arrangements for Social Functions Exceptional Ambience Convenient and Accessible Location</p> <p><b>Convention and Visitor Bureaus</b> Superior service and support Comprehensive marketing and promotional assistance High level of supplier facility and venue information Coordination and liaison with local officials, attractions and transportation Extensive assistance with accommodations and site inspections</p>
<b>CATEGORIES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Resorts</li><li>● Conference Centers</li><li>● Hotels</li><li>● Convention &amp; Visitors Bureau</li></ul>
<b>SELECTION PROCESS:</b>	Subscriber open ballots sent to subscribers in May with three selections per category; publication editor and staff judge and review results and candidates.
<b>REQUIREMENTS:</b>	The voter must be a qualified subscriber.
<b>PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:</b>	Awards announced in October or December issue of Insurance and Financial Meetings Management.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Open to all U.S., International and offshore properties; Caribbean, Mexico and Canada.

**Interior Design Magazine**  
**Best of the Year Award – Product Design**

\*Please note 2020 details have not been released, but will be similar to 2019\*

**CONTACT:** Brittany Lloyd  
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**CATEGORIES:** *(subject to change for 2020)*

- Accessories
- Acoustical Furniture Applications
- Acoustical Wall and Ceiling Applications
- Architectural Products
- Automotive: Concept Car
- Automotive: Interiors
- Automotive: Overall Design
- Bath: Accessories and Hardware
- Bath: Cabinetry
- Bath: Fittings
- Bath: Fixtures
- Flooring: Carpet/Broadloom
- Flooring: Carpet/Modular
- Flooring: Carpet/Rugs
- Flooring: Hard
- Flooring: Tile & Stone
- Furniture: Contract/Case Goods
- Furniture: Contract/Desking
- Furniture: Contract/Partitions and Wall Systems
- Furniture: Contract/Pods
- Furniture: Contract/Systems
- Furniture: Contract/Tables
- Furniture: Education
- Furniture: Healthcare
- Furniture: Outdoor
- Furniture: Outdoor Lounge
- Furniture: Outdoor Seating
- Furniture: Residential/Dining Tables
- Furniture: Residential/Occasional Tables
- Furniture: Residential/Storage
- Green Innovation
- Hardware
- Kitchen: Appliances
- Kitchen: Cabinetry
- Kitchen: Fixtures & Fittings
- Lighting: Architectural

- Lighting: Chandelier
- Lighting: Floor
- Lighting: Pendant
- Lighting: Sconce
- Lighting: Table
- Lighting: Task
- Marketing & Branding Materials
- Materials, Treatments & Surfaces
- Seating: Contract/Bench & Stool
- Seating: Contract/Conference
- Seating: Contract/Guest
- Seating: Contract/Lounge
- Seating: Contract/Modular
- Seating: Contract/Sofa
- Seating: Contract/Task
- Seating: Residential/Accent
- Seating: Residential/Lounge
- Seating: Residential/Side
- Seating: Residential/Sofa
- Seating: Residential/Stool
- Tabletop
- Technology
- Textiles: Contract
- Textiles: Healthcare
- Textiles: Hospitality
- Textiles: Outdoor
- Textiles: Residential
- Wall Covering: Contract
- Wall Covering: Fabric
- Wall Covering: Paper
- Wall Covering: Tile and Stone
- Window Treatments

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Submissions are typically from mid-late June through September; timeline announced in early 2020.

**COST:** Submission fee is \$300 per entry.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Products must have been manufactured and introduced to the market between September of one year and August of the following year.

- Due to the comprehensive nature of this competition, we do accept products that have been awarded and/or are part of another competition.

- There is no limit to the number of products that may be entered to the competition.
- Please note, product categories may be renamed, consolidated or eliminated, and products may be re-assigned at the editor's' discretion.
- Fees: \$300 per entry/category.
- Best of Year Product Design finalists will be selected by interior designers and architects via an online vote taking place October.
- Finalists will be posted on this site in November.
- Winners will be chosen by Editor-in-Chief Cindy Allen and a jury of design leaders and announced live in December during a celebration in New York City. Winners will be featured in the December issue of Interior Design.

**PRESENTATION  
OF RESULTS:**

Finalists will be posted on <https://boyawards.secure-platform.com> in November, and the live Best of the Year Awards event will be held the following December.

**Interior Design Magazine**  
**Best of the Year Award – Project Design**

\*Please note 2020 details have not been released, but will be similar to 2019\*

**CONTACT:** Brittany Lloyd  
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**CATEGORIES:** *(subject to change for 2020)*

- Asian Restaurant
- Bar/Lounge
- Beach House
- Beauty/Spa
- Bookstore
- Branding & Graphics: Environmental
- Branding & Graphics: Marketing Collateral
- Budget
- Building Facades
- Casual Dining
- Coffee/Tea
- Commercial Lobby
- Counter Service
- Country House
- Coworking Space
- Domestic Boutique Hotel
- Education: Higher Education
- Education: Primary and Secondary Schools:
- Entertainment
- Exhibition
- Extra Large Office
- Extra Small Office
- Fine Dining
- Firm's Own Office
- Fitness
- Government/Institutional
- Green
- Greater World: Environmental Impact
- Health & Beauty Retail
- Health & Wellness
- Health Care
- Hotel Dining
- Hotel Transformation
- Innovation
- Installation
- International Boutique Hotel
- Kids' Zone
- Kitchen & Bath

- Large Apartment
- Large Corporate Office
- Large Creative/Tech Office
- Large Curative/Consumer Goods Office
- Large Law Office
- Large Retail
- Library
- Mall/Hall Restaurant
- Mid-Size Corporate Office
- Mid-Size Creative Office
- Mid-Size Tech Office
- Mixed Retail
- Model Apartment
- Multi-Unit Housing
- Museum/Gallery
- Nonprofit
- Office: Co-working
- Office Transformation
- On the Boards: Commercial
- On the boards: Residential
- Outdoor
- Residential Lobby & Amenity Space
- Residential Sales Center
- Residential Transformation
- Retail Pop-Up

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Project Design winners will be chosen by Editor-in-Chief Cindy Allen and a jury of design leaders.

**COST:** Submission fee is \$300 per entry.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Project entries must include a completed submission form, including digital images, press release or other accompanying documentation, a list of project team members, and a list of primary sources. Each image should be a minimum of 350 dpi high resolution, .jpg or .tif file, size 9" x 11".

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Submissions are typically from mid-late June through September; timeline announced in early 2020.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Due to the comprehensive nature of this competition, we will accept work that has been published previously and/or was part of another competition.
- There is no limit to the number of projects that may be entered to the competition.



- Please note, submissions may be reassigned to a different project category at the editor's discretion.
- Best of Year: Project Design winners will be chosen by Editor-in-Chief Cindy Allen and a jury of design leaders and featured in the December issue of Interior Design.
- Finalists will be posted on this site in November.
- Winners will be announced live in December during a ceremony and celebration in New York City.

**PRESENTATION  
OF RESULTS:**

Finalists will be posted at [InteriorDesign.net/news/awards](https://www.interiordesign.net/news/awards), and live Best of the Year Awards event will be held towards the end of calendar year.

## **International Travel and Tourism Awards**

\*Please note 2020 details have not been released, but will be similar to 2019\*

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- CRITERIA:** Submit written nomination outlining success.
- SELECTION PROCESS:** Nominations are submitted to a panel of judges.
- REQUIREMENTS:** The Award serves to recognize the extraordinary initiatives by individuals, companies, organizations, destinations and attractions, for outstanding accomplishments in "giving back" to the travel industry/sustainable tourism and local communities around the world.
- DATE OF SUBMISSION:** 2020 dates TBA (typically April)
- CATEGORIES:**
- Best National Tourism Board Campaign
  - Best Tourism Marketing Agency
  - Best Regional/City Campaign
  - Best Food Destination
  - Best in Luxury
  - Best in Wellness
  - Best in Responsible Tourism
  - Most Innovative Use of Technology within a Destination
  - Best Digital Campaign in Tourism
  - Best Digital Influencer Campaign
  - Best in Adventure
  - Best in LGBT
  - Best PR Campaign
- PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** 2020 dates TBA. 2019 Awards date was November 5.

## **James Beard Foundation Chef and Restaurant Awards**

**CONTACT:** [awards@jamesbeard.org](mailto:awards@jamesbeard.org)

**CRITERIA:** Anyone can submit a chef or restaurant for consideration during the online open call for entries in the fall. There is no entry fee.

### **Outstanding Restaurateur**

A restaurateur who demonstrates creativity in entrepreneurship and integrity in restaurant operations. Eligible candidates must have been in the restaurant business for at least 10 years and they must not have been nominated for a James Beard Foundation chef award in the past five years.

### **Outstanding Chef**

A chef who sets high culinary standards and who has served as a positive example for other food professionals. Eligible candidates must have been working as a chef for the past five years.

### **Outstanding Restaurant**

A restaurant that demonstrates consistent excellence in food, atmosphere, service, and operations. Eligible candidates must have been in business for 10 or more consecutive years.

### **Rising Star Chef of the Year**

A chef age 30 or younger, born on or after January 1 in the year occurring thirty years prior to the award year in which such chef is to be considered for the award (e.g., January 1, 1976 for candidates to be considered in awards year 2006), who displays exceptional talent, character, and leadership ability, and who is likely to make a significant impact in years to come. Proof of birth date must be provided.

### **Best New Restaurant**

A restaurant opened in the prior calendar year that already demonstrates excellence in cuisine and hospitality, and that is likely to make a significant impact in years to come.

### **Outstanding Pastry Chef**

A pastry chef or baker who demonstrates exceptional skill, integrity, and character in the preparation of desserts, pastries, or

bread served in a restaurant. Must have been working as a pastry chef or baker for the past five years.

### **Outstanding Baker**

A pastry chef or baker who demonstrates exceptional skill, integrity, and character in the preparation of desserts, pastries, or bread served in a retail bakery. Eligible candidates must have been working as a pastry chef or baker for the past five years.

### **Outstanding Service**

A restaurant in operation for five or more years that demonstrates consistency and exceptional thoughtfulness in hospitality and service.

### **Outstanding Wines, Beer or Spirits Professional**

A beer, wine, or spirits producer who demonstrates consistency and exceptional skill in his or her craft.

### **Outstanding Wine Program**

A restaurant or bar that demonstrates excellence in wine service through a carefully considered wine list and a well-informed approach to helping customers choose and drink wine.

### **Outstanding Bar Program**

A restaurant or bar that demonstrates exceptional care and skill in the selection, preparation, and serving of cocktails, spirits, and/or beer.

### **Best Chefs (by region)**

Chefs who set high culinary standards and also demonstrate integrity and admirable leadership skills in their respective regions. A nominee may be from any kind of dining establishment but must have been working as a chef for at least five years, with the three most recent years spent in the region.

### **America's Classics**

A restaurant with timeless appeal, beloved in its region for quality food that reflects the character of its community. The establishment must have been in existence for at least 10 years and be locally owned. Each year, six winners are chosen by the Restaurant and Chef Awards Committee. Winners are announced in March.

### **Regions**

New York State

Northeast (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)

Mid-Atlantic (DC, DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA)

Southeast (GA, KY, NC, SC, TN, WV)  
South (AL, AR, FL, LA, MS, PR)  
Great Lakes (IL, IN, MI, OH)  
Midwest (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WI)  
Mountain (CO, ID, MT, UT, WY)  
Southwest (AZ, NM, NV, OK)  
Northwest & Pacific (AK, HI, OR, WA)  
California  
Texas

**SELECTION PROCESS:** The Restaurant and Chef Committee produces a ballot with approximately 20 semifinalists in each category. The nominating ballot and final ballot will be accessible online to the members of the Subcommittee, the regional panelists and previous Restaurant and Chef Award winners. All votes count equally and are tabulated by an independent accounting firm. The semifinalists are announced on February 26, 2020. After this announcement is when the first ballot goes out electronically to the judges. The semifinalists (10 in the Best New Restaurants category) with the highest number of votes become the nominees. The nominees in each category are announced on March 25, 2020. A second ballot is then distributed to the same voting body to determine which nominee receives the most votes.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Deadline: December 2, 2019

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Winners are announced at the Awards ceremony on May 4, 2020 in Chicago.

## **James Beard Foundation Book Awards**

**CONTACT:** [awards@jamesbeard.org](mailto:awards@jamesbeard.org)

**CRITERIA:** Cookbooks and other non-fiction food- or beverage-related books that were published in the U.S. between Jan. 1, 2019, to Dec. 31, 2019, are eligible to enter the 2020 James Beard Book Awards. Books from foreign publishers must bear a U.S. copyright date between Jan. 1, 2019, to Dec. 31, 2019. A book can be entered into only one category. For an additional \$25 fee, books may also be entered for photography judging. Books may be hardcover, softcover or digital. Digital books must be viewable across all devices, using freely downloadable software. All books must be published in English. All content must be original. Any quoted or compiled material must be properly attributed to the original source. Revised editions of previously published books must contain at least 50 percent new material. (When entering, please include a statement describing new content.) Books may also be submitted for photography judging for an additional \$25 fee. Books may not be submitted solely for photography judging. A final PDF version of the book must be included for the photography judging.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** There is a two-stage judging process. The first round of judging takes place in January. The highest scoring books (6-12 books per category, depending on the number of entries in a given category) advance to round two. For the books that contain recipes, judges will evaluate and test at least two recipes per book before submitting their final scores. The accounting firm then calculates the scores, which will determine the top-three finalists and the winners. Once the results are verified, finalists will be announced. Four judges are assigned to each category. The judges (48 in total) are not committee members; rather, they're editors, authors, journalists, and culinary educators who have not published a culinary book during the current awards year. Judges are looking for books that contribute to the growing canon of information and knowledge about food and beverage. Content, accuracy, design and writing style are among the elements considered. The same book cannot be entered into multiple categories and six copies (seven if also entering the book for photography judging) must be mailed with Entry Form to:

Quick International Courier  
C/O James Beard Books

200 Robbins Lane, Suite E  
Jericho, NY 11753  
Attn Kathy Canarte

To encourage increased access to the awards, entry fees will be waived for the first two weeks after entries open, from Oct. 1-14, 2019. Each publisher and entrant may submit 5 books during the free entry period but can submit additional titles for consideration after the 14th at the normal entry rate. – James Beard Foundation  
Member: \$100 – Non-Member: \$150 – Photography: \$25 – Late Entry: Additional \$50

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** 2020 Award Deadline: December 1, 2019  
The 2021 Deadline is not yet announced

**CATEGORIES:**

- American
- Baking and Desserts
- Beverage with Recipes
- Beverage without Recipes
- General
- Health and Special Diets
- International
- Reference, History and Scholarship
- Single Subject
- Vegetable-Focused Cooking
- Writing

**RESULTS:** Not yet announced for 2020.

## **James Beard Foundation Journalism Awards**

**CONTACT:** [awards@jamesbeard.org](mailto:awards@jamesbeard.org)

**CRITERIA:**

**What can be entered?**

- Work published – or self-published – in 2019 in any medium. Entries must be in English and cover food- or drink-related topics.
- All entries must be the original work of the author or co-authors.
- Radio, television broadcasts, podcasts, webcasts, and documentaries should be submitted for a broadcast rather than journalism award.

**Who may enter?**

- The James Beard Foundation Journalism Awards are open to any journalist in North America.
- Entries must be submitted by the author, an agent, an editor, or a publisher. Each entry must include the author's address, phone number and email address as well as an address and phone number at the publication.

**CATEGORIES:**

- Column
- Craig Claiborne Distinguished Restaurant Review Award
- Dining and Travel
- Feature Reporting
- Food Coverage in a General Interest Publication
- Foodways
- Health and Wellness
- Home Cooking
- Innovative Storytelling
- Investigative Reporting
- Jonathan Gold Local Voice Award
- MFK Fisher Distinguished Writing Awards
- Personal Essay, Long Form
- Personal Essay, Short Form
- Profile
- Wine, Spirits and Other Beverages
- Emerging Voice

**SUBMISSIONS:**

To ensure that the Journalism awards attract new voices, the entry fee for first-time entrants will be waived for the entire entry period (October 1, 2019 through December 16, 2019). If you have never



submitted work and have never had work submitted on your behalf by a media company, your first entry fee will be waived.

- James Beard Member: \$100
- Non-Member: \$150
- Late Entry: Additional \$50 as well as an address and phone number at the publication.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** The judges are editors and journalists, retired food and beverage editors and writers and journalism deans and professors. Judges may not enter in the category they are judging. Judges look for accurate, insightful reporting, exceptional writing, unusual perspectives, and other attributes of fine journalism as they pertain to food and beverage topics.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Deadline for the 2020 Awards: Dec. 16, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. – The 2021 deadline is not yet announced

**RESULTS:** Not yet announced for 2020.

## **James Beard Foundation Broadcast Media**

\*Please note 2020 details have not been released\*

**CONTACT:** [awards@jamesbeard.org](mailto:awards@jamesbeard.org)

**CRITERIA:** Awards are open to all works from digital and terrestrial media — radio, television broadcasts, podcasts, documentaries, online sites — covering food and beverage topics appearing widely for the first time in North America in 2019. Submission must be an original work. Reruns are not eligible. Different episodes of a program cannot be submitted as separate entries, unless it is considered a Special. A program's host, producer, reporter, photographer, or editor may submit entries. Refer to individual category guidelines for additional information.

**CATEGORIES:**

- Outstanding Personality/Host
- Television Program, In-Studio or Fixed Location
- Television Program, on Location
- Visual Reporting (on TV or online)
- Video or Audio Special
- Documentary
- Online Video, Fixed Location and/or Instructional
- Television Segment
- Online Video, on Location
- Audio Reporting
- Audio Program
- Visual and Audio Technical Excellence

**SUBMISSIONS:** A program's host, producer, reporter, photographer, or editor may submit entries. Refer to individual category guidelines for additional information. The only categories where it is permissible to enter material that is also entered in another category are: Outstanding Personality/Host, Audio Reporting, Visual Reporting, and Visual and Audio Technical Excellence. Entries deemed too commercial may be disqualified at the discretion of the Broadcast Media Committee. It is highly recommended that entry videos be uploaded to Vimeo. Links must be for one entry and not loop into unrelated content. Entry content must not contain ads. Entry content must fit the time limits described below. If it does not, your entry may be disqualified. Links, usernames, and passwords submitted with entries must be valid through April 30, 2020.

With the aim of increasing access to the awards, entry fees were waived from October 1, 2019 through October 14, 2019.

- James Beard Foundation Member: \$100
- Non-Member: \$150
- Late Entry: Additional \$50

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Not yet announced for 2020.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** December 9, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

**RESULTS:** Not yet announced for 2020.

## **James Beard Foundation Restaurant Design Awards**

\*Please note 2020 details have not been released, but will be similar to 2019\*

**CONTACT:** [awards@jamesbeard.org](mailto:awards@jamesbeard.org)

**CRITERIA:** Any restaurant, bar or other food or drink project completed or renovated in North America within three years prior to the year the award is being given is eligible. (i.e. restaurant or other project must have been completed or renovated since January 1, 2017 for the 2020 awards.) – Only digital entries will be accepted. Hard copies and physical elements will not be accepted.

**CATEGORIES:**

- 75 Seats and Under
- 76 Seats and Over
- Outstanding Design of Alternative Eating & Drinking Places (including the following): Bars, Quick Service Restaurants, Fast Casual Restaurants, Diners, Counter Service, Food Trucks, Food Halls, Ice Cream Shops, Cake Shops, Take Out Counters, Pop Up Dining Spaces, Coffee Bars, Coffee Shops
- Design Icon

**SELECTION PROCESS:** The Restaurant Design and Graphics Awards Committee is made up of architects, interior designers and graphic designers. The committee both chooses the jurors who will judge the winners and oversees the process. They are looking for beautiful functional design that seamlessly melds the setting and theme of the restaurant environment.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** January 20, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. EST

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** Not yet announced for 2020.

## Luxury Travel Advisor Awards of Excellence

### CONTACT:

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### SELECTION PROCESS:

Winners are voted on by an invitation-only advisory board, which is made up of influential travel advisors. The nominees for the Awards of Excellence include hotels, resorts, individuals, cruise lines and professional services. The award categories are subject to change from year to year. Luxury Travel Advisor has requested that LHG send editors notification of any notable luxury hotel openings.

### CATEGORIES:

Change Annually:

- Airlines: Best First-Class Service
- Best FIT Operator
- Best Luxury Escorted Tour Operator
- Best Local Destination Management Company
- Best Chauffeured Services Worldwide
- Best Luxury Car Rental Company
- Top North American Hotel Opening 2019\*
- Top Asia Hotel Opening 2019\*
- Top Middle East Hotel Opening 2019\*
- Top European Hotel Opening 2019\*
- Top African/Indian Ocean Hotel Opening 2019\*
- Top Caribbean Hotel Opening 2019\*
- Top Mexico/Central America Opening 2019\*
- Best Boutique Hotel in London
- Best Boutique Hotel in New York
- Top Luxury Boutique Hotel in Europe
- Top Luxury Hotel in Florida
- Top Luxury Hotel in California
- Top Luxury Hotel in Paris
- Top Luxury Hotel in Rome
- Top Luxury Honeymoon Hotel Worldwide
- Top Renovation for 2019
- Best Cruise Line for Luxury Ocean Cruises
- Best Cruise Line for Luxury Small Ships
- Best Luxury River Cruise Company
- Most Anticipated New Hotel Opening for 2020
- Top Luxury Hotel Worldwide
- Top Luxury Sales Executive Worldwide
- Top General Manager Worldwide

*\*Awards for 2019 openings announced in 2020*

<b>SLATE FINALIZED:</b>	Second week of December
<b>VOTING DATES:</b>	Voting is open to Travel Advisor readers from January 2020 to March 2020. Please note, dates are subject to change.
<b>PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:</b>	Spring 2020 – online May 2020 and in print June 2020.

## **Michelin Group Michelin Restaurant Guide**

### **CONTACT NAME:**

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### **CRITERIA:**

#### **Stars**

The guide awards one to three stars to a small number of restaurants of outstanding quality. One star indicates a "high quality cooking, worth a stop," a two-star ranking represents "excellent cuisine, worth a detour" and three stars are awarded to restaurants offering "exceptional cuisine, worth a special journey." A three-star Michelin ranking is rare. New venues and first-timers are almost always rated one star (there has been one notable exception to this general rule). Restaurant must be in a Michelin city (e.g., New York, London, Bay Area).

#### **Rising Stars**

The Michelin Guide also awards Rising Stars, an indication that a given restaurant has the potential to qualify for a star, or an additional star. Please note, this is not used in all Michelin country guides.

#### **Bib Gourmand**

Created in 1997, the Bib Gourmand aims to extend and strengthen the link between mobility and gastronomy for everyone. This recent distinction, much appreciated by readers eager for good ideas, rewards good establishments – often hidden and only found during a detour on a trip – which serve high quality food at a reasonable price. The Michelin guide Bib Gourmand selection covers restaurants that offer a full menu of starter, main course and dessert up to a certain price limit dependent on location, thereby ensuring that everyone can access the pleasures of good restaurant food at a reasonable price. Bib (Bibendum) is the company's nickname for the Michelin Man, its corporate logo for over a century. Defined as "Inspectors' Favorites for Good Value," Bib Gourmand restaurants offer two courses and a glass of wine or dessert for \$40 or less (tax and gratuity not included) and are often of most value to a city's residents, who regularly dine in neighborhood restaurants.

#### **The MICHELIN Plate**

MICHELIN Plate or "Assiette" is the latest distinction to be included in the guide. Created in 2016, it is given to establishments

serving good food and good meals. The first level of entry to the Michelin guide, the Michelin Plate is awarded to restaurants whose cuisine meets the required quality level for inclusion. In addition, it recognizes and highlights the work of these restaurants' teams, which is crucial for their success.

### OTHER RATINGS

All listed restaurants, regardless of their star, Plate or Bib Gourmand status, also receive a "fork and spoon" designation, as a subjective reflection of the overall comfort and quality of the restaurant. Rankings range from one to five: ex. one fork and spoon represent "quite comfortable" and five signifies "luxury in the traditional style." Forks and spoons colored red designate a restaurant that is considered "pleasant" as well. For hotels, a "house ranking" designation ranges in ranking from one house as "quite comfortable" to five houses as "luxury in the traditional style."

Restaurants, independently of their other ratings in the guide, can also receive a number of other symbols next to their listing.

- *Coins* indicate restaurants that serve a menu for a certain price or less, depending on the local monetary standard.
- *Interesting view* or *Magnificent view*, designated by a black or red symbol, are given to restaurants offering those features.
- *Grapes*, a *sake set* or a *cocktail glass* indicate restaurants that offer, a "notable" selection of wines, sake, or cocktails, respectively.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** The guide provides a comprehensive selection and rating, in all categories of comfort and prices, more than 500 restaurants and 50 hotels, in a reader-friendly layout adapted to the American market. Michelin "inspectors" – both European and American – conduct anonymous visits to restaurants and hotels. In all cases, it involves test meals or overnight stays at each establishment by Michelin inspectors, in order to assess the level and the regularity of the establishment. Stars are awarded just for what is on the plate. It gives a separate ranking for restaurant's ambience and service. Guide is distributed yearly in bookstores (2020 Guide was released Oct. 2019). They are updated annually, and all restaurants are re-inspected.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Restaurants send info year-round for consideration by submitting to: Attention Michelin Guide Editorial Team Michelin Guides, PO Box 19001, Greenville, SC 19001. Guides published in October each year. Send queries to [michelin.guides@michelin.com](mailto:michelin.guides@michelin.com)



## **Preservation Magazine National Preservation Awards**

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### **FREQUENCY:**

Annual

### **CRITERIA**

The National Preservation Awards, presented annually at the PastForward Conference, are bestowed on distinguished individuals, nonprofit organizations, public agencies and corporations whose skill and determination have given new meaning to their communities through preservation of our architectural and cultural heritage. These efforts include citizen attempts to save and maintain important landmarks; companies and craftsmen whose work restores the richness of the past; the vision of public officials who support preservation projects and legislation in their communities; and educators and journalists who help Americans understand the value of preservation.

### **CATEGORIES:**

#### **Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Award**

Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Awards recognize and celebrate the "best of the best" in preservation projects across the country—projects that highlight cutting-edge preservation approaches or technologies. This is the highest national recognition bestowed upon a preservation project by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Award winners will be honored at [PastForward 2020](#) in Miami, Florida.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Nominated projects must have been completed within three years of the submission deadline.
- Nominations submitted in previous years that were not selected to receive an award may be updated and resubmitted.
- Nominations may be made without the knowledge of the nominee, but nominees must be present at the award ceremony to receive recognition.
- Self-nominations will be accepted for all categories except the Crowninshield Award.
- Properties owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation will not be considered, nor will individuals or groups of individuals for their work relative to National Trust properties.

### Nomination Process

- Nominators must complete one nomination [form](#) and submit it before the February 3 deadline in order for the nominee to be considered for a Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Award.

### American Express Aspire Award

American Express Aspire Award recognizes an emerging leader in the preservation field who has made significant achievements in preservation. The Aspire Award highlights the promise and potential of the preservation field through its talented emerging leaders. Award winners will be honored at the [2020 PastForward Conference](#) in Miami, Florida.

### Eligibility

- Individuals nominated for the Aspire Award must have ten or fewer years of experience in the preservation field.
- Nominations submitted in previous years that were not selected to receive an award may be updated and resubmitted.
- Nominations may be made without the knowledge of the nominee, but nominees must be present at the award ceremony to receive recognition.
- Self-nominations will be accepted.
- Nominations for posthumous awards will not be accepted.
- National Trust for Historic Preservation Trustees, Advisors, and staff are not eligible to receive a National Preservation Award for individual achievement during the period of their active service and for three years thereafter.
- Properties owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation will not be considered, nor will individuals or groups of individuals for their work relative to National Trust properties.

### Nomination Process:

- Nominators must complete one nomination [form](#) and submit it before the February 3 deadline in order for the nominee to be considered for a National Preservation Award. Self-nominations are accepted.

### **Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award**

Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award is the National Trust for Historic Preservation's highest national recognition. The award is made with the greatest care and only when there is indisputable evidence of superlative achievement over time in the preservation and interpretation of our cultural, architectural or maritime heritage, including buildings, architecture, districts, archeology, cultural landscapes, and objects of significance in the history and culture of the United States.

Factors that weigh heavily in consideration for the award include depth and breadth of achievement over time, volunteer commitment, significant national involvement in historic preservation, and recognition of achievement from other organizations. Both individuals and organizations are eligible. The award winner will be honored at the [2020 PastForward Conference](#) in Miami, Florida.

#### **Eligibility:**

- The nominee must be an individual or organization who has made substantial contributions to the historic preservation field. Organizational awardees are very rare.
- Posthumous nominations are not accepted.
- Self nominations are not accepted.
- National Trust for Historic Preservation Trustees, Advisors, and staff are not eligible to receive a National Preservation Award for individual achievement during the period of their active service and for three years thereafter.

#### **Nomination Process:**

- Nominators must complete one nomination [form](#) and submit it before the February 3 deadline in order for the nominee to be considered. Self-nominations are not accepted for the Crowninshield Award.

### **Trustees' Award for Organization Excellence**

Trustees' Award for Organizational Excellence recognizes a nonprofit organization, large or small, that has demonstrated sustained and superlative achievement in historic preservation. Award winners will be honored at the [2020 PastForward Conference](#) in Miami, Florida.

Eligibility:

- Nominees must be a non-profit organization that has historic preservation as its primary mission. Staffed and all-volunteer organizations are eligible.
- Nominations submitted in previous years that were not selected to receive an award may be updated and resubmitted.
- Nominations may be made without the knowledge of the nominee, but nominees must be present at the award ceremony to receive recognition.
- Self-nominations will be accepted.
- Properties owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation will not be considered, nor will individuals or groups of individuals for their work relative to National Trust properties.

Nomination Process:

- Nominators must complete one nomination [form](#) and submit it before the February 3 deadline in order for the nominee to be considered for a National Preservation Award. Self-nominations are accepted.

**Trustees Emeritus Award for Historic Site Stewardship**

The Trustees Emeritus Award for Historic Site Stewardship recognizes success and innovation in historic preservation, management, and programming at historic sites.

The general evaluation criteria for nominations include the following:

- National impact and/or significance of nominee's project or effort
- Quality and degree of difficulty and/or scale of the nominee's project or effort
- Degree to which the nominee's project is innovative or original, or serves as an example that inspires others or can be more broadly replicated
- Special consideration will be given to projects/organizations that promote engagement with diverse stories, audiences, partnerships, or similar
- Special consideration will also be given to projects/organizations that use creative or innovative techniques or models to support long-term historic site sustainability

#### Eligibility

- Nominated projects/programs must have been completed within three years of the submission deadline.
- Nominations submitted in previous years that were not selected to receive an award may be updated and resubmitted.
- Nominations may be made without the knowledge of the nominee, but nominees must be present at the award ceremony to receive recognition.
- Self-nominations will be accepted.
- Nominated projects can be submitted on behalf of nonprofit or for-profit organizations.
- Properties owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to include contract-affiliate Historic Sites, will not be considered, nor will individuals or groups of individuals for their work relative to National Trust Historic Sites.

#### Nomination Process:

- Nominators must complete one nomination [form](#) and submit it before the February 3 deadline in order for the nominee to be considered for a National Preservation Award.

#### **PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:**

Nominations for the 2020 National Preservation Awards open December 16, 2019 and will be accepted through February 3, 2020 11:59pm local time. Winners are announced at the PastForward 2020 in Miami, Florida October 28-30, 2020.

**Pacific Asia Travel Association  
PATA Gold Awards**

\*Please note 2020 details have not been released\*

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**CATEGORIES:**

- Marketing Campaign (six Gold Awards and one Grand Award)
  - 1. Primary Government/Destination (As defined by the PATA)
  - 2. Secondary Government/Destination (State or city tourism organization)
  - 3. Carrier (Airline, cruise, airport, train etc.)
  - 4. Hospitality (Individual hotel, resort hotel or management company)
  - 5. Industry (Any other travel and tourism organization)
  - 6. Young Travelers/Adventure Travel
- Women Empowerment Initiative
- Environment (three Gold Awards and one Grand Award)
  - 1. Ecotourism Project
  - 2. Corporate Environmental Program
  - 3. Environmental Education Program
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Heritage (manmade or natural cultural inheritance)
- Culture (traditional performing and visual arts)
- Education & Training (program, text or curriculum)
- Community-based Tourism
- Marketing Media
  - 1. Consumer Travel Brochure
  - 2. Travel Advertisement Broadcast Media
  - 3. Travel Advertisement Print Media
  - 4. Travel Poster
  - 5. Promotional Travel Video
  - 6. Public Relations Campaign
  - 7. Social Media
  - 8. Website
  - 9. Mobile Travel Application

10. Promotional E-Newsletter
11. Travel Journalism
12. Destination Article (Consumer audience)
13. Industry Business Article (Travel trade audience)
14. Travel Photograph
15. Travel Guidebook

**REQUIREMENTS:** Full details of program are available at [www.PATA.org/goldawards](http://www.PATA.org/goldawards). Sponsored by the Macao Tourism Office. An entry fee of US \$20-200 for each entry must be included.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Details to be announced, but submissions usually open in February and the deadline to submit is in April. Award recipients will be notified in July.

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** At the PATA Travel Mart, Astana, Kazakhstan, September 2020.

## **Robb Report Best of the Best**

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**FREQUENCY:**

Annual

**CRITERIA:**

Chosen by editors who have written and/or experienced the product. The issue covers products and services that are new or have undergone renovations or other significant changes in the past year. Must not have been included in Best of the Best 2019.

**CATEGORIES:**

- Wheels
- Style
- Journeys
- Home
- Wings & Water
- Wine
- Spirits
- Cigars
- Technology (sometimes)

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Listed in the June issue of Robb Report.



## **Smart Meetings Magazine Platinum Choice Awards**

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CVBs
- CRITERIA:** A prominent benchmark in the meetings industry, the premier recognition program honors hotels, venues and destinations that demonstrate exemplary standards of excellence in service and amenities including ambience, breadth of resources, facility quality, guest services, recreational activities, dining options, technical support and more.
- SELECTION PROCESS:** Readers nominate their favorite hotels, resorts and CVBs to reward those who helped make their events a success. Smart Meetings editorial team who selected the final honorees.
- DATE OF SUBMISISON:** Nominations for Platinum Choice Awards usually open around July or August of each year. Voting opens late July/early August and runs for about one month.
- PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** Winners announced in October and featured in the December issue.

## **Smart Meetings Magazine Smart Star Awards**

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### **CATEGORIES:**

- Best Airport Hotel
- Best Attraction/Theme Park
- Best Ballroom
- Best Beach Hotel
- Best Boutique/Lifestyle Hotel
- Best City Hotel
- Best Coastal Hotel
- Best Conference Center
- Best Convention Center
- Best Convention Center Hotel
- Best Cruise Line
- Best CVB/DMO
- Best Decor
- Best Desert Hotel
- Best DMC
- Best Eco/Green Hotel
- Best Executive Retreat
- Best Family-Friendly Hotel/Resort
- Best Food and Beverage
- Best Gaming/Casino Hotel
- Best Golf Resort
- Best Historic Hotel
- Best Hotel Pool
- Best Hotel Spa
- Best Incentive Hotel
- Best International Hotel CVB/DMO
- Best Island Hotel
- Best Mountain/Ski Hotel
- Best Outdoor Event Space
- Best Special Event Venue
- Best Overall Boutique/Lifestyle Hotel Brand
- Best Overall Hotel Chain
- Best Special Event Venue

### **CRITERIA:**

One category allowed per property; online profile required.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Nominations and voting are open through March 31, and winners are announced in June issue. Participating hotels and venues receive a one quarter page profile in special section.

**PRESENTATION:** Winners appear in the June issue of Smart Meetings print and digital magazines. Winners are also broadcast on the Smart Meetings website for one year and featured in nationwide PR.

## Smart Meetings Magazine Smart Women in Meetings Awards

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- CRITERIA:** Smart Meetings is celebrating influential women in the meetings industry, particularly talented, successful Smart Women who embody leadership, vision and progress to acknowledge their hard work and accomplishments. From leaders and innovators to entrepreneurs, doers and rising stars, the award seeks to recognize the top women in the meetings industry who not only break barriers but shatter them.
- SELECTION PROCESS:** Nominees are vetted and selected internally.
- DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Award dates and nomination details announced in December.
- AWARD  
PRESENTATION:** Winners notified and announced in March issue.

## **Southeast Tourism Society (STS) Shining Example Awards**

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**TYPE:**

Shining Example Awards recognize outstanding contributions in professional tourism across its member states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

**CRITERIA:**

Open to members and non-members of STS; however, the nominee/events must be within the 12-member states of STS. Each category has its own criteria. Submissions must be submitted online.

- Escape to the Southeast Travel Attraction of the Year
- Tourism Office of the Year < \$2 Million
- Tourism Office of the Year > \$2 Million
- State Tourism Office of the Year
- STS Top 20 Event or Festival of the Year
- Governmental Tourism Leadership Award
- Beacon Award
- Rising Star Award
- Best Marketing Award (3 categories)
  - Category 1: Annual advertising/marketing budget < \$100,000
  - Category 2: Annual advertising/marketing budget of \$100,000 - \$499,999
  - Category 3: Annual advertising/marketing budget of \$500,000 or more
- Best Niche Marketing Campaign
- Partnership Award
- Chairman of the Board Award (not open to nomination)
- Dorothy Hardman Spirit of STS Award (not open to nomination)
- Best Epicurean Partner
- Best Lodging Partner

**SELECTION PROCESS:** The final selection committee will be made up of top professionals in various sectors of the travel industry.

- REQUIREMENTS:** See [www.southeasttoursm.org](http://www.southeasttoursm.org) for nomination forms and requirements for each category.
- DATE OF SUBMISSION:** All online submissions are due December 31, 2020.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Available to STS Members & Non-Members.
- PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** Winners will be announced at the STS Annual Meeting in September 2021.

## **Southern Living South's Best Awards**

\*Please note 2020 timeline details have not been released\*

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**CRITERIA:** Have a favorite unsung barbecue joint in Texas, love a charming small town in South Carolina, or want to share a classic restaurant in Louisiana? Is your city the most livable in the region? Do you have strong opinions on hotels? We're searching for the South's best – chosen by you.

No one knows the South better than our Southern Living family, so cast your vote on the places that represent the best of Southern culture and hospitality.

Send Valerie Luesse nominees to add to the ballot if not included.

**CATEGORIES:**

- Cities
- Small Towns
- BBQ Joints
- Restaurants
- Hotels
- Islands
- Breweries
- Inns
- Bars
- Resorts
- Shops
- Museums

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Public voting opens in August and ends early October.

**StarChefs.com**  
**Rising Stars Awards**

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**LOCATIONS:** Seattle – February 2020  
Boston – April 2020  
Los Angeles – June 2020  
North Carolina – December 2020

**CATEGORIES:**

- Chef
- Pastry Chef
- Mixologist
- Artisan (baker, charcutiers, chocolate makers)
- Brewer
- Roaster
- Sommelier
- Rising Star Hotel Chef
- Rising Star Sustainability Chef
- Rising Star Community Award
- Rising Star Concept Award
- Rising Star Restaurateur
- Rising Star Mentor Award
- Rising Star Game Changer Award

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Rising Stars are nominated by the StarChefs Advisory Board, by previous Rising Stars Award Winners, by local food media, by StarChefs' editorial research and via the [Rising Stars Nomination Form](#) on Starchefs.com. Rising Stars are chosen by the StarChefs editorial team via in-person tastings and interviews. In each city, the editorial team tastes and interviews with 120 chefs, pastry chefs, bartenders, sommeliers, and artisans, ultimately selecting a group of 18-20 that we feel best embody the vanguard of that city's dining scene. Rising Stars are up-and-coming chefs and culinary professionals who represent the vanguard of the contemporary American dining scene. They should have less than 10-years' experience as an Executive Chef and be less than 40 years old.

**RESULTS:** The deadline for nominations is three months prior to review. Exact review dates TBD.



## Successful Meetings + Meetings & Conventions Stella Awards

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<b>FREQUENCY:</b>	Annual
<b>RESPONDENTS:</b>	<p>The 2020 Stella Awards are open to hotels, resorts, convention centers, conference centers, convention &amp; visitor bureaus (CVBs), destination marketing organizations (DMOs), destination management companies (DMCs), airlines and cruise lines. Organizations may submit single or multiple entries. Honors are awarded in 18 categories celebrating overall excellence, superb food &amp; beverage, professionalism of staff, technology innovations and other critical aspects of the meetings and event experience.</p>
<b>CATEGORIES:</b>	<p><u>Regions</u></p> <p>Northeast: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Southeast: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee.</p> <p>Midwest: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin.</p> <p>Southwest: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah.</p> <p>Far West: Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming.</p> <p>International and U.S. Territories: In addition to other overseas destinations, international includes Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.</p>
<b>CRITERIA/VOTING:</b>	<p>Eligible organizations include hotels, convention centers, conference centers, airlines, cruise lines, DMO/CVBs and DMCs. Organizations may submit single or multiple entries. Finalists in each category are determined by industry professionals during an</p>

open voting period, while winners will be selected by an expert panel of judges overseen by the editors of [Northstar Meetings Group's](#) leading brands, [Meetings & Conventions](#) and [Successful Meetings](#).

Early Bird Deadline: February 21, 2020

Final Entry Deadline: March 20, 2020

Public voting will be open from April 8, 2020 through May 15, 2020. Judging will be finalized on July 10, 2020.

To vote, guests can visit [www.stella-awards.com](http://www.stella-awards.com).

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Winners will be announced November 2, 2020.

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*Edited by Lila Battis, Siobhan Reid and Hannah Walhout.*
- CRITERIA:** Travel + Leisure recognizes the top 70 best new hotels that have opened across the world over the last year. The 70 IT List properties appear in the print issue, online at [Travelandleisure.com](http://Travelandleisure.com) and in the iPad edition.
- CATEGORIES:** Hotels
- SELECTION PROCESS:** Winners are selected by Travel + Leisure editorial staff and consist of brand-new hotels (or major renovations/re-openings) from the year prior. The editors select from feedback of staff and freelancers who visit the property anonymously and pay for the visit.
- PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** Runs online in February and in print in March.

## **Travel Weekly**

### **Magellan Awards – Honoring the Best in the Travel Industry**

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**FREQUENCY:** Annual

**RESPONDENTS:** From design to marketing to services, The Travel Weekly Magellan Awards honors the best in travel and salutes the outstanding travel professionals behind it all.

**CATEGORIES:**

- Hospitality
- Travel Destinations
- Cruise Lines
- Online Travel Services
- Airlines and Airports
- Travel Agents and Agencies
- Tour Operators
- Ground transportation

For more information, visit  
<https://www.travelweeklyawards.com/awards/about/>

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Travel Weekly Magellan Awards is open to all organizations and individuals involved in marketing, design or operations in the Travel Industry. Entrants may provide materials (including pictures and images; video content; print materials; URLs; descriptive text) to demonstrate to the judges why they are the best in their industry.

Entries are submitted using the Travel Weekly online entry system, a simple and easy process.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Our winners are only chosen by the best names and most qualified judges in the industry. In determining winners, entries do not compete with one another, instead they are judged against a standard of excellence based on the long experience of Travel Weekly and considering the category entered. To uphold a high standard of excellence, a category may have multiple winners, or may have no winners at all. Entries are evaluated on a 100-point performance scale. The highest scoring entries will be selected as winners of Gold Magellan Awards, our very top honor. Other outstanding entries will be awarded the Silver Magellan Award.

Deadlines:

- Early Entry Deadline: March 25 – April 26
- Final Entry Deadline: April 27 – June 7
- Extended Entry Deadline: June 8 – July 10

**PRESENTATION  
OF RESULTS:**

Judging for the Travel Weekly Magellan Awards will be completed in August with winners announced in late September. Entrants will also be notified of their entry's status by email or post in early September.

Winners will also be featured in an issue of Travel Weekly in October that will include a special section dedicated to this year's winners.

## **TravelMole**

### **UK TravelMole Web Awards**

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**CATEGORIES:**

- Best Accommodation Site (over 20 rooms)
- Best Airline Site
- Best Branded Site
- Best Car Hire Site
- Best Cruise/Ferry Site
- Best Rail Operator Site
- Best Responsible Tourism Site
- Best Sports Travel & Tourism Site
- Best Tour Operator Site
- Best Tourist Board Site
- Best Travel Agent Site
- Best Travel Blog
- Best Travel Directory Site
- Best Travel Recruitment Site
- Best Use of Social Media
- Best Holiday Miscellaneous
- Best Trade Accommodation Only Site

**SELECTION  
PROCESS:**

Nominations are accepted through September. The shortlist, chosen by judges completely independent of TravelMole, is announced in November. Readers can typically vote in a designated period between October and December. Winners are announced at a final ceremony. 2020 dates are TBA.

**CRITERIA:**

The UK TravelMole Web Awards focus not on the travel Companies, but on the websites, social media, mobile and technology that represent those businesses. They are looking for what represent the best online practice that demonstrate excellence in content, flow, usability and engagement, and the best examples of strategies and techniques for enhanced marketing and conversion.

“The Annual TravelMole UK Awards aim to recognize the best of web, social, mobile and technology in the travel industry.”

**PRESENTATION  
OF RESULTS:**

Winners are presented at a ceremony in London in January - exact date yet to be set.

## **USA Today 10 Best Awards**

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**CATEGORIES:**

Ongoing categories

**SELECTION  
PROCESS:**

Chosen by over [100 local experts](#) who select original, unbiased and experiential travel content of top attractions, things to see and do, and restaurants for top destinations in the U.S. and around the world. At its core is the team of local travel experts: a well-traveled and well-educated group who are not only experts in their fields - and their cities - but discriminating in their tastes. These local experts live in the city they write about, with constantly updated content.

**CRITERIA:**

Contests are announced on an ongoing basis. Readers can cast one vote in each contest every day the contest is open. USA Today typically sends a notification to our nominees the week before the contest starts. Each contest has a four-week voting period and starts and ends on Mondays.

**PRESENTATION  
OF RESULTS:**

On the Friday, the week following the contest ending, winners are announced. Each contest's winner list is live on the 10Best site ongoing.



## **U.S. News & World Report**

### **Best Vacations, Best Hotels, Best Cruises & Best Rewards Programs**

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**OVERVIEW:** U.S. News & World Report is a reputable American news magazine first published in 1933. It was a competitor to Time and Newsweek, but with the demise of print news, it went completely digital in 2011. It known for its ranking system and annual reports on American colleges, graduate schools and hospitals, but entered the travel ranking game in the past few years with an initial regional focus on USA, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. The U.S. News Awards are released annually at the time the rankings are updated.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Each ranking takes into account the aggregate opinion of published travel experts and the overall customer satisfaction expressed in guest reviews across the web. The highest-ranking vacations, hotels, cruises and rewards programs are those that experts and users alike recognize for exceptional quality. For more information, please visit <http://travel.usnews.com/Rankings/>.

#### **Best Vacations**

U.S. News Travel ranks travel destinations against one another in specific categories (e.g., Best Romantic Getaways in the USA). All destination rankings are updated once per year on a rolling basis.

Categories include:

- Best Family Vacations
- Best Cheap Vacations
- Best Beach Vacations
- Vacations by Season
- Vacations by Month
- Romantic & Honeymoon Vacations

The majority of destinations included in the rankings are places U.S. News covers with in-depth travel guides, but we strive to provide the most up-to-date content and therefore introduce new destinations (and remove destinations) to the rankings as needed. Newer destinations may be included on a vacation ranking list but may not have an individual travel guide. We aim to include a variety of destinations and will continue to add more destinations over time. We welcome suggestions for additional destinations to

be included on our rankings and encourage users to vote on which destinations should be included on our ranking lists.

**Best Hotels** - U.S. News & World Report identifies the best hotels using a comprehensive methodology centered on three components: reputation among professional travel experts, guest reviews and hotel class ratings. U.S. News & World Report releases annual rankings of the:

- Best Hotels in the USA
- Best Resorts in the USA
- Best Hotels in the Caribbean
- Best All-Inclusive Resorts in the Caribbean
- Best Hotels in Mexico
- Best Hotels in Bermuda
- Best Hotels in Europe
- Best All-Inclusive Resorts in Mexico
- Best Hotels in Canada
- Best Resorts in Canada

Hotels named "Best" in their destination rank at or above the 70th percentile of all ranked 3.5-, 4-, 4.5- and 5-star hotels in that destination. These properties are identified by Silver badges. The highest-rated hotels have received a "Best Hotels in the USA," a "Best Hotels in the Caribbean," a "Best Hotels in Mexico," a "Best Hotels in Bermuda," a "Best Hotels in Canada," or a "Best Hotels in Europe" award; these properties fall at or above the 90th percentile of all ranked hotels in those regions. Hotels that have earned this distinction are identified by Gold badges. Some destinations may have several "Best Hotels in the USA," "Best Hotels in the Caribbean," "Best Hotels in Mexico," "Best Hotels in Bermuda," "Best Hotels in Canada" or "Best Hotels in Europe" award winners, while others might have none. The U.S. News Best Hotel awards are released annually at the time the rankings are updated.

### **Best Cruises**

U.S. News ranks cruise lines in six categories:

- Best Luxury Cruise Lines
- Best Cruise Lines for the Money
- Best Cruise Lines for Couples
- Best Cruise Lines for Families
- Best Cruise Lines in the Caribbean
- Best Cruise Lines in the Mediterranean

The highest-ranking cruise line on each of the six rankings have been identified with a Gold badge as the "Best." The No. 2- and

No. 3-ranked cruise lines qualified as "finalists" in a category and are identified by Silver badges. The U.S. News Best Cruises awards are released annually at the time the rankings are updated. \*Best point of contact for Cruise Rankings: Nicola Wood at [nwood@usnews.com](mailto:nwood@usnews.com).

### **Best Rewards Programs**

U.S. News & World Report ranks travel rewards programs in two categories:

- Airline Frequent Flyer Programs
- Hotel Loyalty Programs

U.S. News identifies the best airline and hotel rewards programs; programs that score in the top 30% receive a U.S. News Best Travel Rewards Program Award. These awards are scheduled to be released annually at the time the rankings are updated. \*Best point of contact for Travel Rewards Programs Rankings: [crsmith@usnews.com](mailto:crsmith@usnews.com).

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** No submissions; ongoing data collection

**ELIGIBILITY:** U.S. News Travel ranks 17 loyalty programs associated with major hotel brands that have at least 50 properties in the United States. For a loyalty program to appear on the list, it must allow potential members to join without any prerequisites. U.S. News and World Report only ranks cruise ships within 17 of their most popular ocean cruise lines. The majority of destinations included in the rankings are places U.S. News covers with in-depth travel guides.

**U.S. Travel Association  
National Council of Destination Organization (NCDO)  
Destiny Awards**

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**CATEGORIES:**

- Branding and Integrated Marketing: Destination Marketing Budget < \$500,000
- Branding and Integrated Marketing Campaign: Destination Marketing Budget \$500,000 to \$1 Million
- Branding and Integrated Marketing Campaign: Destination Marketing Budget \$1 Million to \$2.5 Million
- Branding and Integrated Marketing Campaign: Destination Marketing Budget \$2.5 Million to \$5 Million
- Branding and Integrated Marketing Campaign: Destination Marketing Budget \$5 Million to \$10 Million
- Branding and Integrated Marketing Campaign: Destination Marketing Budget >\$10 Million
- Destination Website
- Digital Campaign
- International Marketing
- Niche Targeting
- Public Relations Campaign
- Printed Collateral Materials
- Short-Term Marketing Campaign
- Social Media Campaign
- Special Projects

**CRITERIA:** The Destinations Council Destiny Award program recognizes U.S. Travel destination members for excellence and creative accomplishment in destination marketing and promotion at the local and regional level; and foster the development of imaginative and innovative destination marketing promotion programs and activities.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Candidates submit information to a committee of judges who determine how the marketing programs and special projects met their stated objectives.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** The entry period for the next Destinations Council Destiny Awards begins in April 2020.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

The Destiny Awards are open to local and regional destination marketing organizations or convention and visitors bureaus that are members of the U.S. Travel Association. There is a \$125 entry fee per submission.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

The winner will be announced at the U.S. Travel Association Educational Seminar for Tourism Organizations (ESTO) which will take place August 22-25, 2020 in Austin, TX.

**U.S. Travel Association  
National Council of State Tourism Directors'  
Mercury Awards**

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**CATEGORIES:**

- Branding and Integrated Marketing Campaign: State Marketing Budget Less Than \$10 Million
- Branding and Integrated Marketing Campaign: State Marketing Budget More Than \$15 Million
- Broadcast Advertising: Television
- Co-Op Marketing
- Digital Campaign
- Niche Targeting
- Public Relations Campaign
- Printed Collateral Materials
- Social Media Campaign
- Special Projects
- Travel Website
- Judges' Choice

**CRITERIA:** The Mercury Awards recognize members for excellence and creative accomplishment in state destination marketing and promotion; and inspire, through showcasing outstanding work, the continued development of imaginative and exciting marketing and promotional programs. The [Mercury Awards](#) are given to state tourism offices by the [National Council of State Tourism Directors](#) (NCSTD).

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Candidates submit information to a committee of judges who determine how the marketing programs and special projects met their stated objectives.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** The entry period for the next NCSTD Mercury Awards begins in spring and is judged mid-summer.

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** The winner will be announced at the U.S. Travel Association Educational Seminar for Tourism Organizations (ESTO) which will take place August 22-25, 2020 in Austin, TX.

## **U.S. Travel Association Award Programs Destinations Council Rising Star Award**

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- CRITERIA:** With the Rising Star Award, the Destinations Council aims to recognize individuals making an exceptional impact in the destination marketing arena.
- SELECTION PROCESS:** Candidates for this award must be nominated by another member of his/her DMO. All entries are reviewed, and the winner selected by a nominating committee. The next call for Rising Star Award nominations will be in May or June 2019.
- ELIGIBILITY:** The ideal candidate for the Destinations Council Rising Star is a professional who works within a DMO, has three or more years of experience or less in the industry and is creating positive change in an always-changing industry – regardless of experience.
- PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** The winner will be announced at the U.S. Travel Association Educational Seminar for Tourism Organizations (ESTO) which will take place August 22-25, 2020 in Austin, TX.

**U.S. Travel Association  
State Tourism Director of the Year Award**

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- CRITERIA:** The State Tourism Director of the Year Award honors a tourism director that has clearly influenced the obvious and measurable improvement of a state's "travel and tourism profile" with his/her leadership. Each year, such success is measured in relationship to the amount of money and staff that the director has at his/her disposal.
- SELECTION PROCESS:** Candidates are nominated by other state tourism directors and a slate of three finalists is presented for selection by ballot.
- DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Call for nominations is typically in May or June.
- PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** The winner will be announced at the U.S. Travel Association Educational Seminar for Tourism Organizations (ESTO) which will take place August 22-25, 2020 in Austin, TX.



## **VIBE Vista Awards**

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- CRITERIA:** The VIBE Vista Awards recognizes top performance in the Multi Unit Chain Restaurants and Hotel, Cruise Lines and Casinos categories. The awards highlight programs and promotions which create positive initiatives that spark beverage sales, innovations that contribute to operational efficiencies and training and service programs that lead to the highest quality standards and operational practices.
- CATEGORIES:** **Hotels, Cruise Lines and Casinos:**
- Best Training Program (NEW)
  - Best Beer
  - Best Beverage Menu Revamp
  - Best Wine Program
  - Best Spirits Program
  - Best Adult Alcohol-Free Program
  - Best Responsible Alcohol Service
  - Best Beverage Promotion
  - Best Beverage Limited Time Offer (LTO)
  - Best Overall – Multi Unit Chain Restaurants
  - Best Overall – Hotels, Casinos & Cruise Lines
- DEADLINE:** Nominations typically close the first week of November. Nominations for the 2021 Vista Awards will open in September 2020.
- SELECTION PROCESS:** All submissions are reviewed by a panel of Johnson & Wales University beverage faculty, staff and alumni.
- PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:** Winners will be announced during VIBE Conference on February 24-26, 2020.

## **VIRTUOSO LIFE Magazine Best of the Best Virtuoso Awards**

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<b>FREQUENCY:</b>	Annual
<b>SELECTION PROCESS:</b>	Nominees are announced in June. These nominees represent the highest standards in their given category with only 50 properties under consideration for the awards. Editors of VIRTUOSO LIFE Magazine review numerous submissions from members of the Virtuoso network and research hundreds of properties to select the award nominees. Virtuoso's travel advisors lend their experience and first-hand accounts to the voting process, as they determine the winners in each category. To have your client considered, they will need to work directly with their account representative within Virtuoso. In the early part of the year (prior to mid-March), the hotel should reach out to their account person with news and information that supports a potential nomination in a given category. The account person can help shepherd their cause through the internal channels, as the Best of the Best Awards are a joint effort between the Virtuoso Life editorial team and the Global Product Partnership team. The nomination survey opens in mid/late March and closes in mid-April. In 2019, the nominees were announced to the network and voting opened in late May for a period of two weeks.
<b>PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:</b>	Winners are revealed at the Hotels & Resorts dinner in mid-August. VIRTUOSO LIFE Magazine features the Best of the Best winners in its September/October issue.

## **VISIT FLORIDA The Flagler Awards**

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**FREQUENCY:**

Annual

**ABOUT:**

The Flagler Awards is an annual statewide competition recognizing outstanding Florida tourism marketing. The program was created by VISIT FLORIDA to honor the countless individuals and organizations that help position Florida as the number one travel destination in the world. Each year the Flagler Awards pay tribute to the determined efforts of those who use their skill, resourcefulness, creativity and innovative spirit to market Florida to the world.

**CRITERIA:**

The Flagler Awards are open to any Florida-based company, association, non-profit organization offering a product or service that promotes tourism to Florida. Do not have to be a VISIT FLORIDA partner to enter. (Public Relations and Advertising)

**CATEGORIES:**

- Tourism Advocacy
- Creativity in Public Relations
- Special Event
- Niche Marketing
- Resource/Promotional Material-Trade
- Resource/Promotional Material Consumer
- Direct Marketing
- Out-of-Home
- Print Advertising
- Websites
- Internet Advertising
- Mobile Marketing
- Social Media Marketing
- Radio Advertising
- Television Advertising
- Mixed Media Campaign
- Rural County Marketing
- Best of Show:
  - (Under 100K)
  - (\$100K to \$1M)
  - (Over \$1M)

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Complete set of entry guidelines available on the official aware website (available in Jan/Feb of each year). All work entered must have first been used between Jan. 1–Dec. 31 of previous year.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**

There is a three-week entry period each year in May. Winners will be notified in July.

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:**

Awards will be presented at the Florida Governor’s Conference on Tourism held the first week of September in 2020.

**Wine Enthusiast  
America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants**

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**FREQUENCY:**

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**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Voting is done by an international panel of judges chosen by Wine Enthusiast.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Restaurants can be submitted to Lauren Buzzeo by March 1, 2020 for consideration in the 2020 edition. Results are announced publicly in July and published in the August issue.

**Wine Enthusiast**  
**Best of Year: Enthusiast 100, Top 50 Spirits & Top 25 Beers**  
**Top 100 Cellar Selections**

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<b>FREQUENCY:</b>	Annual
<b>RESPONDENTS:</b>	Voting is done by an internal panel of judges chosen by Wine Enthusiast.
<b>PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:</b>	Results are published in the December (or “Best of the Year”) issue.

**Wine Enthusiast  
Top 100 Best Buys**

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**FREQUENCY:**

Annual

**RESPONDENTS:**

Voting is done by an internal panel of judges chosen by Wine Enthusiast.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Results are published in the November issue.

**Wine Enthusiast**  
**40 Under 40: America's Tastemakers**

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**FREQUENCY:**

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**RESPONDENTS:**

Voting is done by an internal panel of judges chosen by Wine Enthusiast.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Individuals can be submitted to Lauren Buzzeo by April 1, 2020 for consideration in the 2020 edition. Results are published in the October issue.



**Wine Enthusiast  
Top 10 Wine Travel Destinations**

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**FREQUENCY:**

Annual

**RESPONDENTS:**

Voting is done by an internal panel of judges chosen by Wine Enthusiast.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Results are published in the February issue.

## **Wine Spectator Restaurant Wine List Awards**

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**TYPE:** Listed in the Wine Spectator August issue. Award certificate for dining room follows.

**CRITERIA:** Wine Spectator's Restaurant Awards recognize restaurants whose wine lists offer interesting selections, are appropriate to their cuisine and appeal to a wide range of wine lovers.

### **Award of Excellence**

*2,431 winners*

These wine lists, which typically offer at least 90 selections, feature a well-chosen assortment of quality producers, along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style. Whether compact or extensive, focused or diverse, these lists deliver enough choice to satisfy discerning wine lovers.

### **Best of Award of Excellence**

*1,245 winners*

These wine lists display excellent breadth across multiple winegrowing regions and/or significant vertical depth of top producers, along with superior presentation. Typically offering 350 or more selections, these restaurants are destinations for serious wine lovers, showing a deep commitment to wine, both in the cellar and through their service team.

### **Grand Award**

*100 winners*

Our highest award, given to restaurants that show an uncompromising, passionate devotion to the quality of their wine programs. These wine lists typically feature 1,000 or more selections, and deliver serious breadth of top producers, outstanding depth in mature vintages, a selection of large-format bottles, excellent harmony with the menu, and superior presentation. These restaurants offer the highest level of wine service.

**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** Early bird entries are accepted from December 3 to December 31, 2019, and regular entries are accepted through February 3, 2020. New details and a FAQ for submitting entries can be found [here](#) and the online application for new entries can be found [here](#). All award winners will be notified by mail in May and will be listed in the August 31 issue of magazine. Order extra copies [here](#).

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Entrant details can be found [here](#). Entries submitted before December 31, 2019 will receive an “early bird” discount submission fee of \$375; entries submitted between January 1, 2020 to February 3, 2020 will pay a regular fee of \$475.

## **Working Mother Magazine Working Mother 100 Best Companies**

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- CATEGORIES:** Five areas are assessed: representation, parental leave, family support, advancement and flexibility.
- SELECTION PROCESS:** The online registration form to receive an application can be found [here](#). The application includes 400 questions on six assessment areas. It also surveys usage, availability and tracking of programs as well as accountability of managers who oversee them.
- The award promotes the interests of working mothers in corporate America by honoring companies that successfully help employees integrate home and work.
- All applicants receive feedback comparison to all other applicants; however, names of applicants not making the list remain confidential.
- DATE OF SUBMISSION:** The online application for the 2020 Working Mother 100 Best Companies is available December 9, 2019 and is due in March 13, 2020. The 2020 Working Mother 100 Best Companies list will be announced in the October/November 2020 issue of *Working Mother* Magazine and on [workingmother.com](http://workingmother.com). Winning companies will also be celebrated at the WorkBeyond Summit in October 2020, to be held in New York City.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Your company is eligible to apply to the Working Mother 100 Best Companies survey if it meets the following eligibility requirements
1. Your company must have a minimum of 500 employees in the United States.
  2. Your company must offer at least TWO weeks of fully paid maternity (this includes disability pay, but does not include any type of accrued or banked time off) or parental (family) leave to all female full-time exempt or non-exempt employees who have been with the company for one year or more. If you have any questions

about this requirement, please contact  
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3. Your company must offer some type of flex benefits.

4. The following organizations are NOT eligible to apply:  
Government agencies (taxation and revenue departments, motor vehicle bureaus, military, legislatures, executive branches, judiciaries, prosecutorial offices, etc.). Public or private companies are invited to apply, including companies, corporations, and autonomous subsidiaries that offer their own benefits program and report to their own CEO.

## World Travel Awards

\*Please note 2020 details have not been released\*

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### SELECTION PROCESS:

*Note: Caribbean 2020 Voting opens on December 10, 2019 and closes on January 10, 2020. This is the only category with details currently available.*

Voting is cast by travel agents in over 200 countries around the world. Geographical categories are broken down from the Whole World category into eight regional areas – Africa, Asia, Australia, Caribbean, Central America, Europe, Indian Ocean, Middle East, North America and South America. Votes can be cast online at the World Travel Awards website.

### ELIGIBILITY:

*Note: Information for additional categories will be released January 2020.*

*2019 information:* Nominations are based upon the previous year's voting or participants can nominate themselves by completing the form online at [www.worldtravelawards.com](http://www.worldtravelawards.com). Nomination process details and rules for entry may be found [here](#).

### ENTRY FEES:

*Note: Information will be released January 2020.*

*2019 information:*

Country/Sub-Region Categories: 399 GBP

Regional Categories: 499 GBP

Travel Technology Awards: 499 GBP

### DATE OF SUBMISSION:

*Note: Caribbean 2020 Voting opens on December 10 and closes on January 10. Additional information will be released January 2020.*

*2019 information:* Asia and Australia region deadline January 31. Europe deadline February 28. Africa, Central America, Indian Ocean, Middle East, North and South America regions deadline March 14. Travel Technology deadline July 31.

### PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:

*Note: Information will be released January 2020.*

*2019 information:* The regional winners over the year will come together to compete in the Grand Final in November.

## World Travel & Tourism Council Tourism for Tomorrow Awards

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### CATEGORIES:

- **Social Impact Award**

The Social Impact Award is for any Travel & Tourism organization that is working to improve the people and places where it operates. Social Impact is demonstrated by the actions organizations take that go significantly beyond the financial imperative of their business needs. This award covers a broad range of benefits that Travel & Tourism can bring, but can include enhancing the lives of the community, improving and protecting the natural and man-made environments, bringing opportunity to a place, empowering local people or increasing the spread of benefits. Social Impact Award Criteria:

- This award aims to celebrate the force for good Travel & Tourism can be for the people and places where tourism
- takes place, and while the following list is not exhaustive, it is anticipated that an organization be able to demonstrate;
- Evidence of addressing the key development challenges of the destination
- Exceptional stakeholder engagement
- Board-level commitment to creating positive social impact
- Policies for enhancing social impact embedded across the organization
- Evidence of significant and sustained investment in creating and maintaining long-term value

- **Destination Stewardship Award:**

The Destination Stewardship Award is for any organization that helps a place to thrive and bring forward its unique identity for the benefit of its residents and tourists. This award goes beyond simply managing a destination and looks to celebrate those organizations that have rejuvenated a place, maintained and developed its authenticity, brought stakeholders together and created something new and attractive.

Applicants may include national, regional or local authorities, NGOs, businesses, or community organizations on behalf of the destination.



**Destination Award Criteria:**

This award aims to celebrate excellence in destination stewardship, and while the following list is not exhaustive, it is anticipated that destinations be able to demonstrate;

- Exceptional destination management practices involving key stakeholders, including local communities
- High-level government commitment and significant investment in destination management
- Policies for destination management embedded across the organization
- Creation of a sense of place and an attractive destination for tourists and residents
- Strong systems of governance and proven leadership extending beyond the Travel & Tourism context

- **Climate Action Award:**

The Climate Action Award is for any Travel & Tourism organization that is undertaking significant and measurable work to reduce the scale and impacts of climate change. This award seeks to recognize innovative actions through either behavior change of guests and employees, policy changes or the introduction of technology. Exceptional action is celebrated on mitigating impacts through reducing carbon and greenhouse gas emissions and reducing energy and water consumption; as well as effective adaptation strategies for climate change.

Climate Action Award Criteria:

- This award aims to celebrate tangible progress being made by Travel & Tourism in addressing climate change, and while the following list is not exhaustive, it is anticipated that an organization be able to demonstrate;
- Significant reduction in absolute, as well as relative climate change impacts from its practices
- Board-level commitment to climate change issues
- Policies for climate action embedded across the organization and its supply chain
- Evidence of investment in green technologies
- Development of programs of behavior change amongst guests, staff and suppliers

- **Investing in People Award:**

The Investing in People Award is for any Travel & Tourism organization demonstrating leadership in becoming an exciting, attractive and equitable employer in the sector. The award can be for organizations that have worked exceptionally to enhance the capacity of individuals and groups of people who would normally

be excluded from employment or who find it difficult to enter the Travel & Tourism sector, to aid the recruitment and retention of under-represented groups, to develop skills for those already employed to advance in the sector and to offer fair employment practices.

**Investing in People Award Criteria:**

This award aims to celebrate the force for good tourism can be for the people it employs, and while the following list is not exhaustive, it is anticipated that organizations be able to demonstrate;

- Exceptional human resource management practices for Travel & Tourism
- Exceptional board-level commitment to developing the current and future workforce
- Innovative and significant policies for developing people embedded across the organization
- Evidence of significant investment in creating and maintaining education/training/staff development
- The development of skills to allow people to enter the Travel & Tourism sector

- **Changemakers Award Criteria:**

This award aims to celebrate the force for good tourism can be to help combat the illegal trade in wildlife and while the following list is not exhaustive, it is anticipated that organisations be able to demonstrate;

- Exceptional practices in activities aimed at preventing the illegal trade in wildlife
- Board-level commitment to eliminate the illegal trade in wildlife
- Policies for protecting wildlife embedded across the organization
- Evidence of significant investment in communities affected by illegal wildlife trade/poaching
- The development of capacity to allow for the more effective future protection of wildlife

**SELECTION PROCESS:** For rules and regulations: <http://bit.ly/2R3TCu4>.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Creates economic benefits for the destination
- Creates environmental benefits for the destination
- Creates social and cultural benefits for the destination, including gender equality
- Engages tourists with the people and the places they visit to create an excellent experience
- Demonstrates leadership through active engagement with the media and wider tourism community to promote and encourage sustainable tourism best practice
- Engages residents and employees in the sustainable management of Travel & Tourism in the destination
- Measures, monitors and reports on environmental and social impacts
- Applies an appropriate policy for climate change adaptation and mitigation

**ELIGIBILITY:**

All companies/organizations must have been in operation for at least THREE full years and the sustainable tourism project/initiative submitted for consideration must have been in operation for at least ONE full year. There is no minimum length of time for applicants to the innovation category to have been in operation.

For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2rI2KGE>

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:**

Winners and finalists of the Awards are recognized by a panel of internationally acclaimed sustainable tourism judges; they receive free flights and accommodations to attend a glamorous awards ceremony which will be held during WTTC's Global Summit in San Juan, Puerto Rico on April 21-23, 2020 and they benefit from outstanding international media exposure.

## **Celebrated Living Magazine “Platinum List” Readers’ Survey**

<b>FREQUENCY:</b>	Annual online curated survey
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<b>RESPONDENTS:</b>	Panel of editors and experts choose nominees, public voting in May – June.
<b>CATEGORIES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Best City Hotels</li><li>• Best Inns</li><li>• Best Boutique Hotels</li><li>• Best Country House Hotels</li><li>• Best Hotel Innovators</li><li>• Best Hotels Opened in the Past Year</li><li>• Best Hotel Designs</li><li>• Best Beach Resorts</li><li>• Best Sporting Resorts</li><li>• Best Wellness Resorts</li><li>• Best Star Chef Restaurants</li><li>• Best Hotel Bars, Best Hotel Restaurants</li><li>• Best Classic Restaurants, Best Restaurant Scenes</li><li>• Best Intimate Bars and lounges</li><li>• Best Vineyard Experience</li><li>• Best Live Music Venues</li><li>• Best Boutique Cruising Experience</li></ul>
<b>SELECTION PROCESS:</b>	The annual curated survey is compiled by a group of appointed lifestyle experts or influencers (Editor-in-Chief Eric Newill selects a different group each year). The best practice is to stay in touch with editors year-round to stay on the radar of the award – specifically in early months (Feb./March) leading up to the voting period in May.
<b>PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:</b>	Winners announced in a special Platinum List issue in American Airlines first class cabins in July/August and the list is published online in September/October.

## **Condé Nast Traveler The 100 Best Cruise Ships**

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\*Please note, all Condé Nast Traveler awards are now managed by the outlet's London office; however, Jefferys is still the best point of contact for each award.

**FREQUENCY:**

Annual; also, part of the Readers' Choice Awards survey

**RESPONDENTS:**

Condé Nast Traveler readers rank the best cruise lines in the world in the Readers' Choice Awards survey, including mega ships (more than 4,000 passengers), large ships (2,500 to 4,000 passengers), medium ships (500 to 2,500 passengers), small ships (fewer than 500 passengers), and river ships.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

2019 results were available on October 7. Results are widely publicized to consumer media.

## Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards

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**FREQUENCY:**

Annual

**RESPONDENTS:**

The Reader's Choice Survey is online and was open from April 1 to July 1, 2019. 2020 dates TBD.

**CATEGORIES:**

*(Subject to change)*

- Golf Resorts
- Properties
- Cities
- Islands
- Cruise Lines
- Transportation – Airlines, Cruise Lines
- Hotels

**CRITERIA****How it works:**

[www.cntraveler.com/story/how-do-the-readers-choice-awards-work](http://www.cntraveler.com/story/how-do-the-readers-choice-awards-work).

The properties included on the original nominee list are derived from staff recommendations. If a property is not on the list, you can reach out to David Jefferys to add, although there is no guarantee.

Readers are asked to vote on the world's best establishments taking location, rooms, and service, ambience/design, food and leisure facilities into consideration. The average median age of Readers' Choice Awards voters dropped from the late-60s to late-30s.

Readers rate candidates, criterion by criterion. Criterion scores, which represent the percentage of respondents rating a candidate excellent or very good, are averaged to determine the final score. For example, average of scores for activities, atmosphere/ambience, beaches, friendliness, lodging, restaurants and scenery.

**RESULTS:**

November issue/cover story and online in mid-October. Results are widely publicized to consumer media.

**NOTE:**

Gold List always appears in the January issue and is derived from the Reader's Choice Survey. The Gold List always features accommodations and includes ratings.

**NOTE ABOUT CNT**

**SEAL:**

CNT now charges for use of the CNT World's Reader's Choice Seal, 2019 rates were as follows:

- Advertising: \$4,000 (print, television & radio mentions, digital)
- Print Marketing: \$2,500 (brochures, pamphlets, internal/consumer usages)
- Online Marketing: \$2,500 (website, commerce site, mobile, email blasts, etc.)
- Display Marketing: \$1,500 (in-store displays, shelf talkers, etc.)

## Condé Nast Traveler Spa Awards

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**FREQUENCY:**

Annual

**RESPONDENTS:**

The Reader's Choice Survey is online and was open from April 1 to June 30, 2019 at [www.condenasttraveler.com/vote](http://www.condenasttraveler.com/vote). 2020 dates TBD.

**CATEGORIES:**

\* Each spa is judged on treatments, staff and facilities.

- Hotel Spas – U.S.
- Resort Spas – U.S.
- Resort Spas – Caribbean
- Resort Spas – Hawaii
- Cruise Ship Spas

All subscribers will receive an email inviting them to take the survey. Readers are also invited to take the Readers' Choice survey in the March issue. The survey is promoted on the website as well.

**PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:**

Online in January and in print in March. Results are widely publicized to consumer media



## **Convention South Reader's Choice Awards**

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<b>FREQUENCY:</b>	Annual
<b>RESPONDENTS:</b>	Readers and fans can vote online, and the top 300 meeting sites and destinations are chosen, based on number of votes.
<b>CATEGORIES:</b>	Winners are divided into states including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia & DC.
<b>PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:</b>	Winners are announced online in October and included in the December Annual Awards Issue.

**Gayot**  
**Top 40 Restaurants in the US**

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<b>FREQUENCY:</b>	Annual
<b>RESPONDENTS:</b>	<p>Gayot's rating system works with the highest possible score being 20 (based on the system of grading students in France). The rankings reflect only Gayot's opinion of the food. The décor, service, ambience and wine list are commented upon within each review.</p> <p>To submit a restaurant for consideration, email Sophie Gayot and she will review for inclusion.</p>
<b>CATEGORIES:</b>	<p>Sample categories include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Top 40 Restaurants in the U.S.</li><li>Best New Restaurants</li><li>Best Restaurateur</li><li>Top Five Restaurants with Striking Décor (NEW)</li></ul>
<b>PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:</b>	Winners announced in December 2020, official date TBD.

**Meetings + Incentive Travel (Canada)**  
**Readers' Choice Awards**

\*Please note 2020 timeline details have not been released\*

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<b>FREQUENCY:</b>	Annual
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Readers' Choice Awards are determined through a call for nominations. The call for nominations is sent to readers via email and is also available on the website, <a href="http://www.meetingscanada.com">www.meetingscanada.com</a> .
<b>PRESENTATION OF RESULTS:</b>	Winners are announced/presented in the November/December issue.

## **Ski Magazine Top 50 Resorts in North America**

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**CATEGORIES:**

Best in North America  
Best Resorts in the West  
Best Resorts in the East

Additional categories include character, scenery, variety, grooming, service, lodging, dining, access, lifts, challenge, and family programs.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Chosen by editors with influence from a reader survey.

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Results are announced in September. The full survey and rankings are published in the October issue.

## **Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards**

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**VOTING:**

To see if nominated and to vote, visit <https://wba.m-rr.com/>.  
Voting takes place Nov. 4, 2019 through March 2, 2020. Each person/email can only vote once.

New for 2020, the award is enforcing stricter rules on the language used in promotion. The Travel + Leisure editors request that all nominees follow its [Promotional Guidelines](#) when getting out the vote.

For example, in your outreach, do not use phrases “VOTE FOR US” or “VOTE FOR <COMPANY NAME>” or anything similar; instead use more generic messaging, like “VOTE NOW IN THE TRAVEL + LEISURE 2020 WORLD’S BEST AWARDS SURVEY.” These and other considerations can be found in the linked above Promotional Guidelines.

**PERTINENT  
CATEGORIES:**

Airlines; Airports; Cities; Cruises; Destination Spas; Hotel Brands; Hotels; Islands; Rental Cars; Tours & Safaris

For more information, please visit:  
<https://www.travelandleisure.com/worlds-best/frequently-asked-questions>

**PRESENTATION OF  
RESULTS:**

Online in July 2020; Print in August 2020.

## **Travel Weekly Readers' Choice Awards**

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**RESPONDENTS:**

Travel Weekly readers are invited to cast their votes to determine finalists. The open ballot phase of the voting will be conducted in July 2020. Readers were invited to write in the names of any company they believed best exemplified that particular category. The leading vote recipients will be identified as finalists and voting is expected to take place from Sept. through Nov. 2020. The exact 2020 dates for voting have not yet been determined.

**CATEGORIES:**

There are 78 categories, representing the best of the best of the travel industry, in the airline, car, hospitality, rail, GDS, agent education, tour, cruise, destination and theme park sectors.

**PRESENTATION  
OF RESULTS:**

Finalists are featured in the Dec. issue of Travel Weekly. Winners are revealed at an event mid-December and featured in the upcoming January issue.