

2010 Readers' Travel Awards

Accommodation

- British Columbia, Canada 87.36
- 7 Carlisle Bay, Antigua 86.34
- 8 Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge, Peru 85.26
- 9 Hotel del Coronado, San Diego 84.55
- 10 Cap Juluca, Anguilla 83.32
- 11 Anse Chastenet, St Lucia 83.01
- 12 Cotton House, Mustique 81.73
- 13 Rosewood Little Dix Bay, British Virgin Islands 80.48
- 14 Explora en Patagonia Hotel Salto Chico, Chile 80.01
- 15 One&Only Ocean Club, Paradise Island, Bahamas 79.04
- 16 Hotel Saratoga, Havana 77.55
- 17 Ladera, St Lucia 76.60
- 18 Soho Grand Hotel, New York 76.09
- 19 The Wickaninnish Inn, British Columbia, Canada 75.23
- 20 Hotel Monasterio, Cusco, Peru 74.33

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Europe, Asia Minor & the Russian Federation

- 1 **Hotel Splendido, Portofino, Italy** 94.65
- 2 Hotel Cipriani, Venice 93.83
- 3 Four Seasons Hotel George V Paris 93.16
- 4 La Residencia, Mallorca 92.48
- 5 Grand Hotel a Villa Feltrinelli, Lake Garda, Italy 91.26
- 6 Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul 90.36
- 7 Four Seasons Hotel Firenze 89.38
- 8 Hotel Astoria, St Petersburg 88.63
- 9 The Clarence, Dublin 86.82
- 10 Hotel Costes, Paris 86.72
- 11 Palazzo Sasso, Ravello, Italy 85.62
- 12 San Domenico Palace Hotel, Taormina, Sicily 84.96
- 13 Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet, Turkey 83.71
- 14 Il Pellicano, Porto Ercole, Italy 82.91
- 15 The Dolder Grand, Zürich 82.08
- 16 Hotel de Russie, Rome 81.04
- 17 Hôtel Le Bristol, Paris 80.43
- 18 Anassa, Cyprus 79.13
- 19 La Colombe d'Or, St-Paul-de-Vence, France 78.19
- 20 Castello del Nero, Tuscany, Italy 78.03

OVERSEAS LEISURE HOTELS

There is no hotel in **The Americas & the Caribbean** you would rather stay in than **The Jalousie Plantation** on St Lucia. Giving it a top score of **92.49** for its *location*, you also rated it above **90** for *environmental friendliness* and *service*. **Hôtel Saint-Barth Isle de France** took the lead for *food/restaurants* (**94.20**), while you reckon **Peter Island Resort** in the BVI is the most *family-friendly* (**87.99**).

Hotel Splendido in Italy's chic Portofino is your favourite hotel in **Europe, Asia Minor & the Russian Federation**: it scored highest for *family-friendliness* (**87.38**), *food/restaurants* (**94.78**) and *location* (**90.34**). You found Venice's legendary **Hotel Cipriani** difficult to fault on *service* (**91.31**) and *standard of accommodation* (**97.90**), and gave high praise to **La Residencia** on Mallorca for its *environmental friendliness* (**82.20**).

Your preferred hotel in **Australasia & the South Pacific** is **Sails in the Desert Hotel** in Australia, which you awarded **95.26** for *ambience/decor* and **92.22** for its sensational desert *location*. New Zealand's **Blanket Bay** was best for *environmental friendliness* (a clear **95.66**) and Australia's **Hayman** the most *family-friendly* (**95.54**).

In **Asia & the Indian Subcontinent**, the **Oberoi Udaivilās** in Rajasthan captured your imagination for its *location* on Lake Pichola (**92.61**) and *service/staff* (**94.56**); you also thought it deserved top marks for *ambience/decor* (**89.39**). **The Datai** in Malaysia came out best for *environmental friendliness* (**92.65**) and the **Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai** in Thailand for *food/restaurants* (**91.73**) and *leisure facilities* (**89.68**).

Remote **Jack's Camp** in Botswana is your favourite hotel in the **Middle**

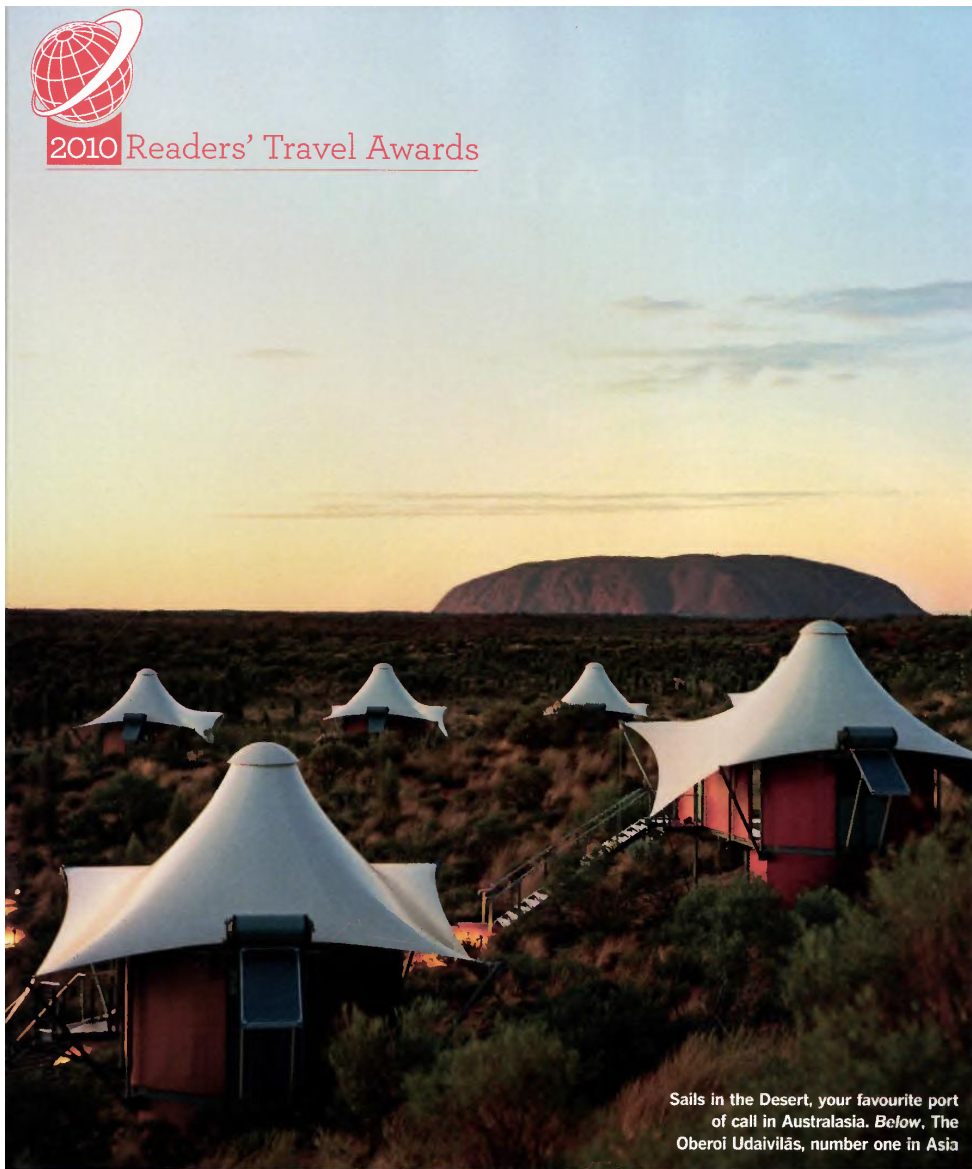
East, Africa & the Indian Ocean Islands. In fact, you gave it so many points it was propelled to number one in our Top 100 (see page 50), with scores above **95** for *environmental friendliness*, *ambience/decor* and its Kalahari *location*. Elsewhere, the **Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru** cannot be bettered for *family-friendliness* (**95.91**) and you felt **Bushmans Kloof** in South Africa should be given top marks for *food/restaurants* (**96.27**).

The Americas & the Caribbean

- 1 **The Jalousie Plantation, St Lucia** 91.87
- 2 **Hôtel Saint-Barth Isle de France, St Barts** 91.46
- 3 **Sandy Lane, Barbados** 90.56
- 4 **Parrot Cay, Turks & Caicos** 89.40
- 5 **Peter Island Resort & Spa, British Virgin Islands** 88.39
- 6 **Four Seasons Resort Whistler,**



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Sails in the Desert, your favourite port of call in Australasia. Below, The Oberoi Udaivilās, number one in Asia

Australasia & the South Pacific

- 1 Sails in the Desert Hotel, Uluru, Australia 92.39
- 2 The Henry Jones Art Hotel, Hobart, Tasmania 91.68
- 3 The Observatory Hotel, Sydney 90.93
- 4 Hayman, Great Barrier Reef, Australia 89.94
- 5 Lillianfels Blue Mountains, New South Wales, Australia 88.28
- 6 Blanket Bay, Glenorchy, New Zealand 87.25
- 7 Four Seasons Hotel Sydney 86.74
- 8 Hinchinbrook Island Wilderness Lodge & Resort, Great Barrier Reef, Australia 85.87
- 9 Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort & Spa, French Polynesia 84.65
- 10 Angsana Great Barrier Reef, Australia 83.24
- 11 Establishment Hotel, Sydney 82.02
- 12 The Prince, Melbourne 81.64
- 13 Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef, Australia 80.59
- 14 Longitude 131°, Uluru, Australia 79.27
- 15 Hilton Bora Bora Nui Resort & Spa, French Polynesia 78.12
- 16 Bamurru Plains, Northern Territory, Australia 76.84
- 17 Cradle Mountain Lodge, Tasmania 76.11
- 18 Daintree Eco Lodge & Spa, Queensland, Australia 75.29
- 19 Huka Lodge, New Zealand 73.70
- 20 Bedarra Island, Great Barrier Reef, Australia 73.44



Asia & the Indian Subcontinent

- 1 The Oberoi Udaivilās, Udaipur, India 91.90
- 2 Wildflower Hall, Shimla in the Himalayas, India 91.09
- 3 The Datai Langkawi, Malaysia 88.99
- 4 Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai, Thailand 88.98
- 5 Rambagh Palace, Jaipur, India 87.99
- 6 Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort & Spa, Malaysia 86.71
- 7 Amanpuri, Phuket, Thailand 85.79
- 8 Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay, Indonesia 84.86
- 9 The Oberoi Rajvilās, Jaipur, India 83.81
- 10 The Andaman Langkawi, Malaysia 82.44
- 11 The Dutch House, Galle, Sri Lanka 81.80
- 12 The Malabar House, Kerala, India 80.83
- 13 Zeavola, Koh Phi Phi, Thailand 79.06
- 14 Banyan Tree Ringha, Yunnan, China 78.04
- 15 Amangalla, Galle, Sri Lanka 77.16
- 16 The Oberoi, Lombok, Indonesia 75.90
- 17 Samode Palace, Jaipur, India 75.19
- 18 Amankora, Paro, Bhutan 74.02
- 19 Six Senses Hideaway Ninh Van Bay, Vietnam 72.98
- 20 Amansara, Siem Reap, Cambodia 72.47

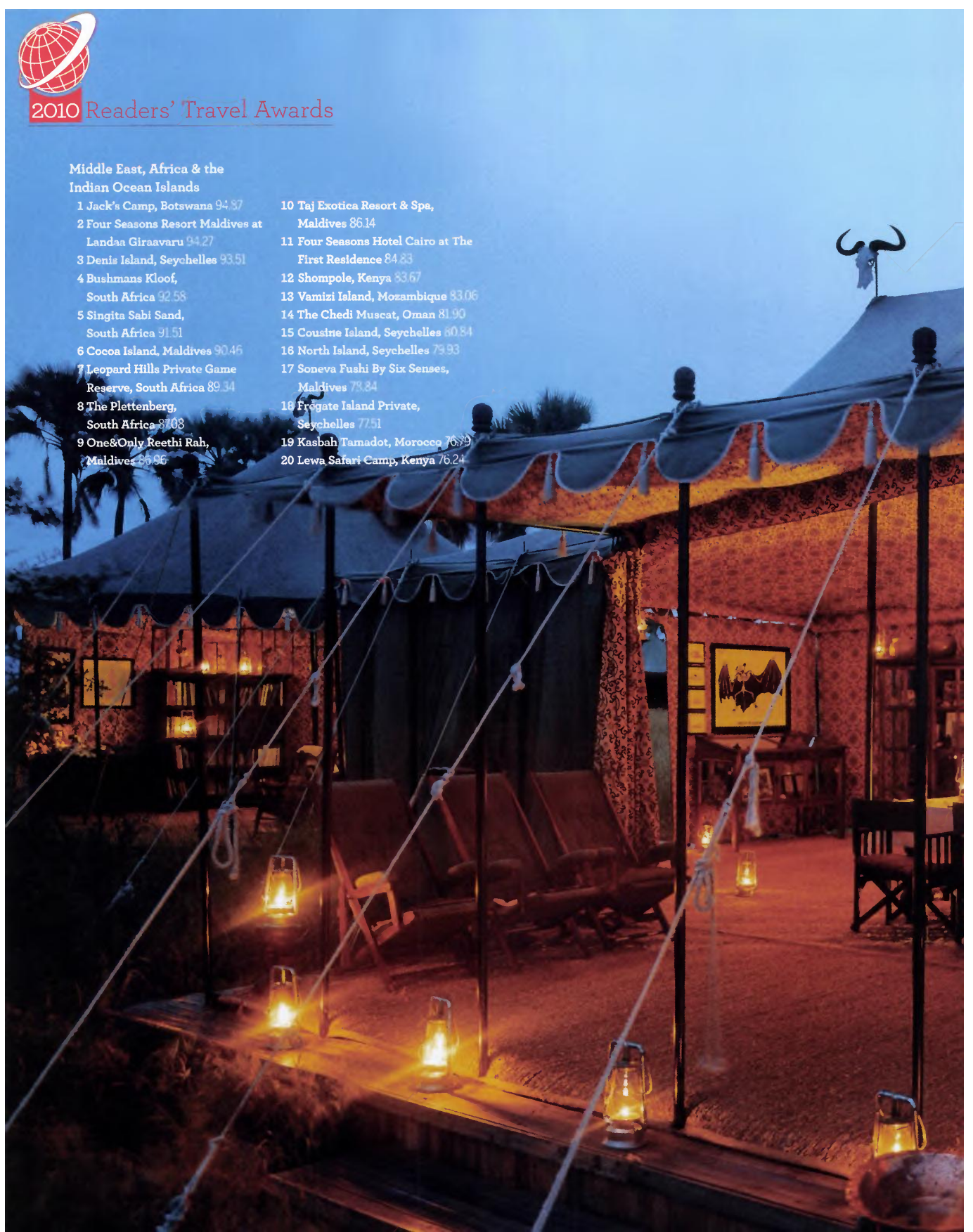
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Middle East, Africa & the Indian Ocean Islands

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| 1 Jack's Camp, Botswana 94.87 | 10 Taj Exotica Resort & Spa,
Maldives 86.14 |
| 2 Four Seasons Resort Maldives at
Landaa Giraavaru 94.27 | 11 Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at The
First Residence 84.83 |
| 3 Denis Island, Seychelles 93.51 | 12 Shompole, Kenya 83.67 |
| 4 Bushmans Kloof,
South Africa 92.58 | 13 Vamizi Island, Mozambique 83.06 |
| 5 Singita Sabi Sand,
South Africa 91.51 | 14 The Chedi Muscat, Oman 81.90 |
| 6 Cocoa Island, Maldives 90.46 | 15 Cousine Island, Seychelles 80.84 |
| 7 Leopard Hills Private Game
Reserve, South Africa 89.34 | 16 North Island, Seychelles 79.93 |
| 8 The Plettenberg,
South Africa 87.08 | 17 Soneva Fushi By Six Senses,
Maldives 78.84 |
| 9 One&Only Reethi Rah,
Maldives 86.96 | 18 Frigate Island Private,
Seychelles 77.51 |
| | 19 Kasbah Tamadot, Morocco 76.99 |
| | 20 Lewa Safari Camp, Kenya 76.24 |





Jack's Camp, in Botswana's Kalahari Desert: your favourite place to stay in Africa, and this year's overall winner

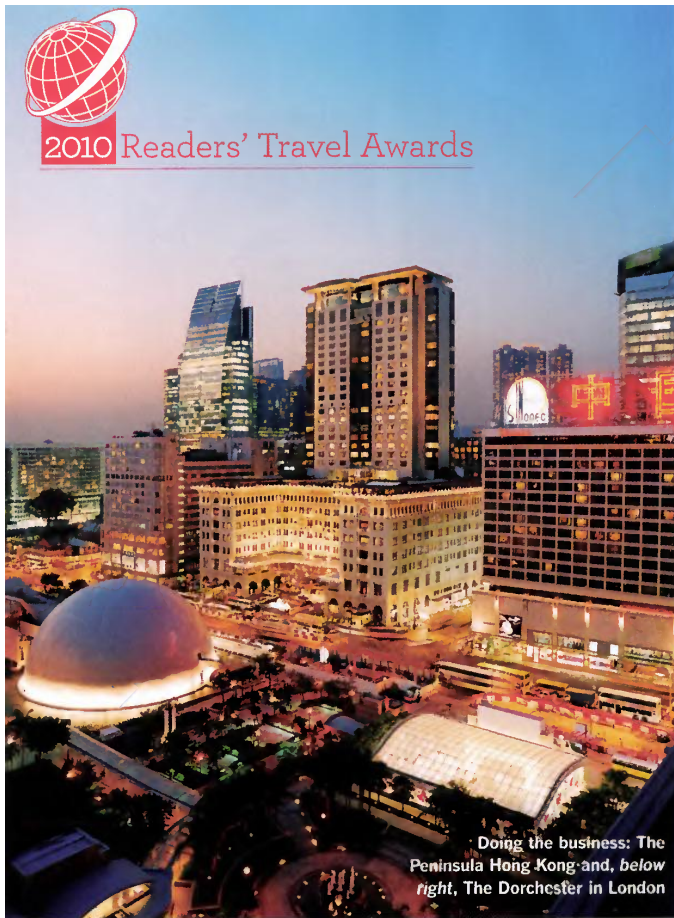


VILLA RENTAL COMPANIES

 Your favourite villa-rental company in the world is **Villas of Distinction**, you particularly appreciate its *on-the-ground support* (83.55) and *range of villas available* (93.66). This year's runner-up, **CV Travel**, came out best for *facilities/equipment* (87.46) and *service/staff* (92.52), and **Owners Direct** for *welcome and information packs* (92.46); **Meon Villas** was singled out for *value for money* (91.58).

- 1 **Villas of Distinction** 88.74
- 2 **CV Travel** 86.62
- 3 **Owners Direct** 83.03
- 4 **Meon Villas** 81.79
- 5 **Greek Islands Club** 80.05
- 6 **ThinkSicily** 78.33
- 7 **National Trust Holiday Cottages** 77.10
- 8 **Wimco** 74.83
- 9 **Mallorca Farmhouses** 73.28
- 10 **Tuscany Now** 73.10

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Doing the business: The Peninsula Hong Kong and, below right, The Dorchester in London

UK LEISURE HOTELS

1 You rave about the *food/restaurants* at **Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons (93.64)** in Oxfordshire, the *ambience/decor* at **The Grove** in Hertfordshire (**89.39**), the location of **Chewton Glen** in the New Forest (**93.75**), and the *family-friendliness* of **Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa** in Wiltshire (**91.46**). But ultimately, what you want is the best of all worlds, which is why the **Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London** takes the top spot. It gets high scores across the board, including **90.38** for *shopping facilities* and **95.12** for *standard/comfort of accommodation*.

- 1 Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London 90.77**
- 2 The Grove, Hertfordshire 89.39**
- 3 The Ardanaiseig Hotel, Argyll 89.18**
- 4 Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons, Oxfordshire 89.04**
- 5 Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa, Wiltshire 87.29**
- 6 Chewton Glen, Hampshire 86.56**
- 7 Babington House, Somerset 85.75**
- 8 The Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire 85.39**

- 9 Cliveden, Berkshire 83.71**
- 10 Gidleigh Park Hotel, Devon 82.84**
- 11 Brown's Hotel, London 81.75**
- 12 Whatley Manor, Wiltshire 81.04**
- 13 Hotel Tresanton, Cornwall 80.07**
- 14 Covent Garden Hotel, London 79.04**
- 15 Charlotte Street Hotel, London 78.24**
- 16 The Halkin, London 78.22**
- 17 The Ickworth Hotel and Apartments, Suffolk 76.50**
- 18 Sharrow Bay, Cumbria 75.57**
- 19 Cowley Manor, Cheltenham 74.86**
- 20 Metropolitan London 74.57**

UK BUSINESS HOTELS

1 This year, all but one of your favourites are in London, including top-scoring **The Dorchester**, which you think is best for *business services/systems available* (**90.93**) and *food/restaurants* (**89.80**). **Claridge's** did well for *ambience/decor* (**89.11**), while **Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park** won for *location* (**90.57**). **The Jumeirah Carlton Tower** got top marks for *value for money* (**89.40**) and **The Langham** for *service/staff* (**86**).

- 1 The Dorchester, London 88.97**
- 2 Claridge's, London 88.86**
- 3 Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London 87.65**
- 4 Jumeirah Carlton Tower, London 86.19**
- 5 The Capital, London 84.73**
- 6 The Langham, London 83.65**
- 7 Andaz Liverpool Street, London 82.00**
- 8 Sofitel London St James 80.74**
- 9 One Aldwych, London 79.24**
- 10 The Berkeley, London 78.07**
- 11 The Ritz London 76.58**
- 12 The Connaught, London 75.25**
- 13 The Balmoral, Edinburgh 73.90**
- 14 Dukes, London 72.85**
- 15 The Landmark London 72.35**

OVERSEAS BUSINESS HOTELS

1 Business is always a pleasure at **The Peninsula Hong Kong**, which attracted scores of above **80** on all 10 criteria, with top marks for *standard/comfort of accommodation* (**98.73**). You reckon the best *conference facilities* (**89.30**) are at **The Leela Palace Kempinski Bangalore** while the *business services/systems available* at the nearby **Taj West End** are near-perfect (**97.88**); but the **Park Hyatt Tokyo** wins on *service/staff* (**92.25**) and the **Pudong Shangri-La Shanghai** on *leisure facilities* (**90.30**).

- 1 The Peninsula Hong Kong 93.79**
- 2 The Taj West End, Bangalore, India 93.22**
- 3 The Landmark Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong 92.23**
- 4 Four Seasons Hotel Doha, Qatar 90.91**
- 5 The Leela Palace Kempinski Bangalore, India 88.94**
- 6 Park Hyatt Tokyo 88.92**
- 7 Pudong Shangri-La Shanghai 87.66**
- 8 The Ritz-Carlton, Istanbul 86.54**
- 9 Four Seasons Hotel Milano 85.39**
- 10 The Oberoi, New Delhi 84.81**
- 11 Hotel Principe Di Savoia, Milan 83.47**
- 12 Ararat Park Hyatt Moscow 82.24**
- 13 The Grace in Rosebank, Johannesburg 81.50**
- 14 Hotel Arts Barcelona 80.08**
- 15 Fairmont Singapore 79.45**
- 16 Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Dubai 77.97**
- 17 The Peninsula Beijing 76.98**
- 18 Madinat Jumeirah The Arabian Resort, Dubai 76.23**
- 19 Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong 74.99**
- 20 The Taj Mahal Palace Mumbai 74.66**



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