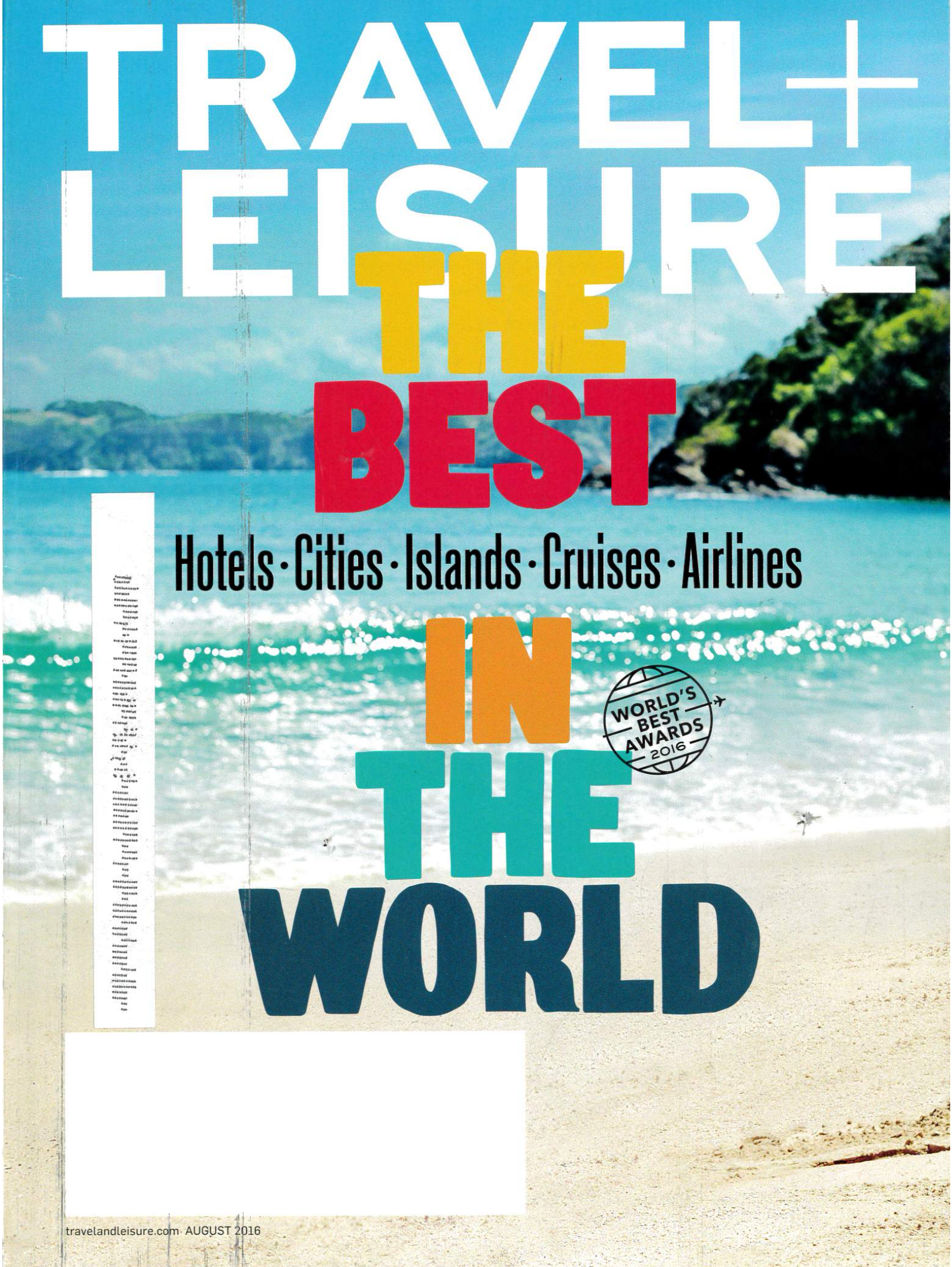
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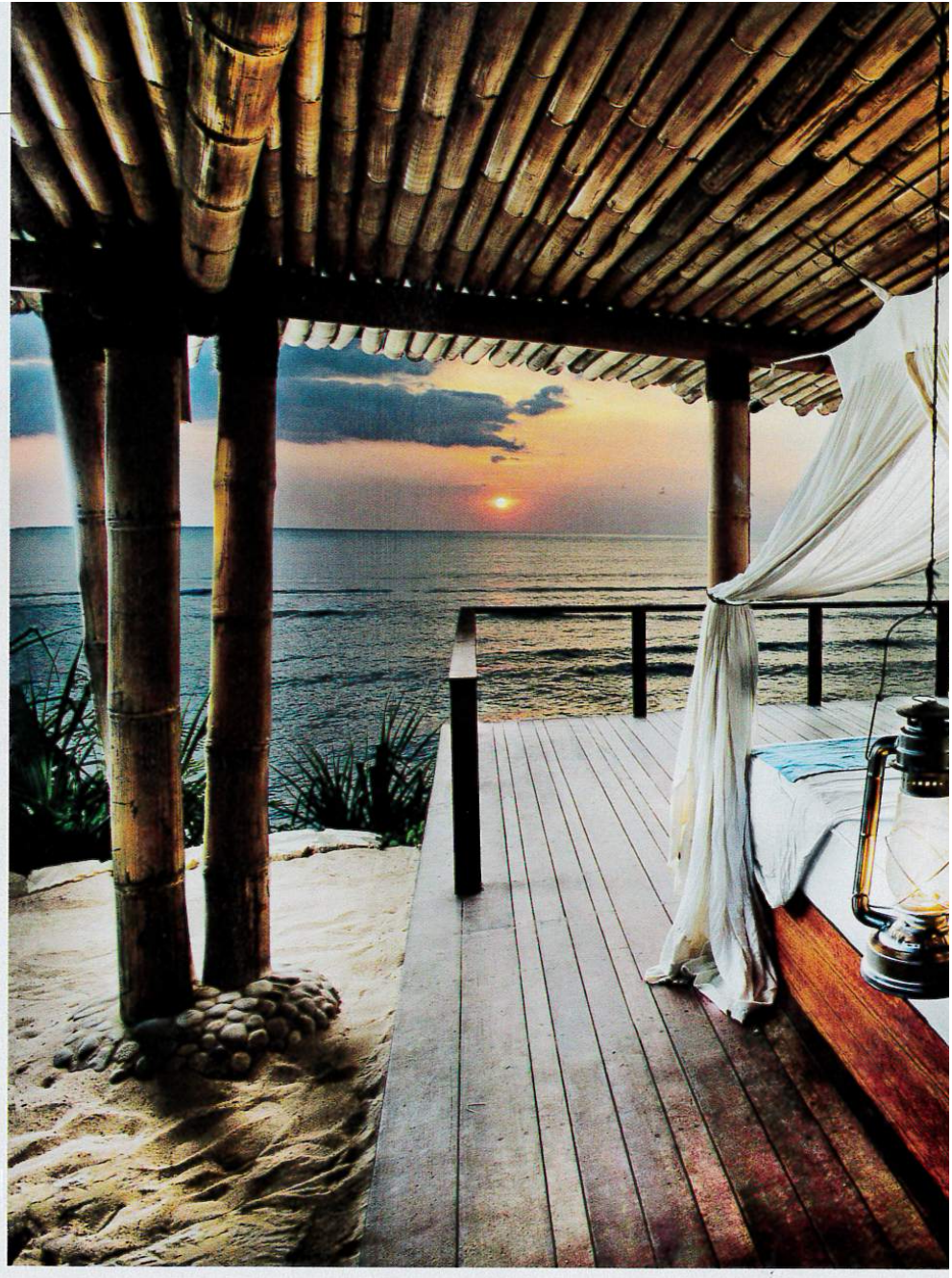
Top 100 Hotels

BIGGER ISN'T NECESSARILY BETTER—SMALL PROPERTIES, MANY OF THEM INDEPENDENT, DOMINATE THE RANKINGS.



COURTESY OF NIHIWATU

1 Nihiwatu Sumba, Indonesia 98.35
2 **Spectator Hotel** Charleston, South Carolina 97.78
3 **Huka Lodge** Taupo, New Zealand 97.65
4 **Montage Kapalua Bay** Maui, Hawaii 97.39
4 **Southern Ocean Lodge** Kangaroo Island, Australia 97.39
6 **Lodge at Glendorn** Bradford, Pennsylvania 97.38
7 **The Willcox** Aiken, South Carolina 97.25
8 **Casa Gangotena** Quito, Ecuador 97.20
9 **Twin Farms** Barnard, Vermont 97.19
10 **Singular Patagonia** Puerto Bories, Chile 97.14
11 **Singita Grumeti** Serengeti National Park Area, Tanzania 97.11
12 **Farmhouse Inn** Forestville, California 97.07
13 **Londolozi** Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa 97.06
14 **The Peninsula** Shanghai 97.01
15 **Hotel Castello di Casole–A Timbers Resort** Casole d'Elsa, Italy 97.01
16 **Gateway Canyons Resort & Spa** Gateway, Colorado 97.00
17 **Cavas Wine Lodge** Mendoza, Argentina 96.99
18 **Singita Sabi Sand** Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa 96.95 H
19 **Manoir Hovey** North Hatley, Quebec 96.93
20 **The Brando** Tetiaroa, French Polynesia 96.80
21 **Château du Sureau** Oakhurst, California 96.77
22 **Oberoi Udaivilas** Udaipur, India 96.76 H
22 **Opposite House** Beijing 96.76
22 **Triple Creek Ranch** Darby, Montana 96.76
25 **Wequassett Resort & Golf Club** Chatham, Massachusetts 96.68
26 **Old Edwards Inn & Spa** Highlands, North Carolina 96.67
27 **Weekapaug Inn** Westerly, Rhode Island 96.67
28 **Oberoi Vanyavilas** Ranthambhore, India 96.63
29 **Mombo Camp and Little Mombo Camp** Moremi Game Reserve, Botswana 96.50
30 **Rosewood Mayakoba** Playa del Carmen, Mexico 96.39
31 **Sol y Luna** Sacred Valley, Peru 96.36
32 **Nayara Springs** Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 96.36
33 **Kamalame Cay** Andros, Bahamas 96.30
34 **XV Beacon** Boston 96.27
35 **St. Regis Bali Resort** Indonesia 96.22
36 **Tongabezi Lodge** Livingstone, Zambia 96.20
37 **Alpina Gstaad** Gstaad, Switzerland 96.00
37 **Beau-Rivage Palace** Lausanne, Switzerland 96.00
37 **Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa** Baden-Baden, Germany 96.00
37 **137 Pillars House** Chiang Mai, Thailand 96.00
37 **Rosewood Sand Hill** Menlo Park, California 96.00
42 **Katikies Hotel** Santorini, Greece 95.95
43 **41** London 95.94
44 **Nayara Hotel, Spa & Gardens** Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 95.91
45 **Lodge at Sea Island** Georgia 95.90
46 **Lodge & Cottages at Primland** Meadows of Dan, Virginia 95.87
47 **Ashford Castle** County Mayo, Ireland 95.84
48 **Las Ventanas al Paraíso, A Rosewood Resort** San José del Cabo, Mexico 95.81
49 **Gasparilla Inn & Club** Boca Grande, Florida 95.76
50 **Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa** Rancho Santa Fe, California 95.69
51 **Nam Hai** Hoi An, Vietnam 95.63
52 **Fogo Island Inn** Newfoundland 95.60
53 **Brewery Gulch Inn** Mendocino, California 95.59
54 **Hotel Santa Caterina** Amalfi, Italy 95.57
55 **Acqualina, Miami** Sunny Isles Beach, Florida 95.53
56 **Chanler at Cliff Walk** Newport, Rhode Island 95.51
57 **Zamas Hotel** Tulum, Mexico 95.49
58 **J.K. Place** Capri, Italy 95.46
59 **Oberoi Rajvilas** Jaipur, India 95.45 H
60 **Lion Sands Game Reserve** Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa 95.42
61 **Winvian Farm** Morris, Connecticut 95.41

No. 1 hotel Nihiwatu was born in 2000 as a rustic surf retreat.

62 **Inn at Hastings Park** Lexington, Massachusetts 95.40

63 **Curtain Bluff** Antigua 95.40

64 **The Surrey** New York City 95.37

65 **Farm at Cape Kidnappers** Hawke's Bay, New Zealand 95.33

66 **Four Seasons Resort** Chiang Mai, Thailand 95.33

67 **Biltmore Hotel** Coral Gables, Florida 95.32

68 **Milestone Hotel** London 95.32

69 **La Réserve Paris Hotel, Spa & Apartments** Paris 95.29

70 **La Residence** Franschhoek, South Africa 95.27

71 **The Goring** London 95.19

72 **Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle** Chiang Rai, Thailand 95.17

73 **Cloister at Sea Island** Georgia 95.16

74 **Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa** Sacred Valley, Peru 95.11

75 **Saxon Hotel, Villas & Spa** Johannesburg, South Africa 95.09

76 **Gleneagles Hotel** Perthshire, Scotland 95.08

77 **Tu Tu'tun Lodge** Gold Beach, Oregon 95.06

78 **Leela Palace** New Delhi 95.06

79 **Le Bristol** Paris 95.06

80 **Sonnenalp Hotel** Vail, Colorado 95.04

81 **Villa Cora** Florence 95.04

82 **Ocean House** Watch Hill, Rhode Island 95.03

83 **Inn by the Sea** Cape Elizabeth, Maine 94.97

84 **La Casa Que Canta** Zihuatanejo, Mexico 94.96

84 **Madikwe Safari Lodge** Madikwe Game Reserve, South Africa 94.96

86 **Inn at Harbour Town** Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 94.95

87 **Qualia** Hamilton Island, Australia 94.89

88 **The Lanesborough** London 94.87

89 **Egerton House Hotel** London 94.86

90 **Jade Mountain** St. Lucia 94.85

91 **Greenwich Hotel** New York City 94.76

92 **The Knickerbocker** New York City 94.75

93 **River Inn of Harbor Town** Memphis, Tennessee 94.71

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SIDEBAR ILLUSTRATIONS BY RADIO

WINNER'S CIRCLE

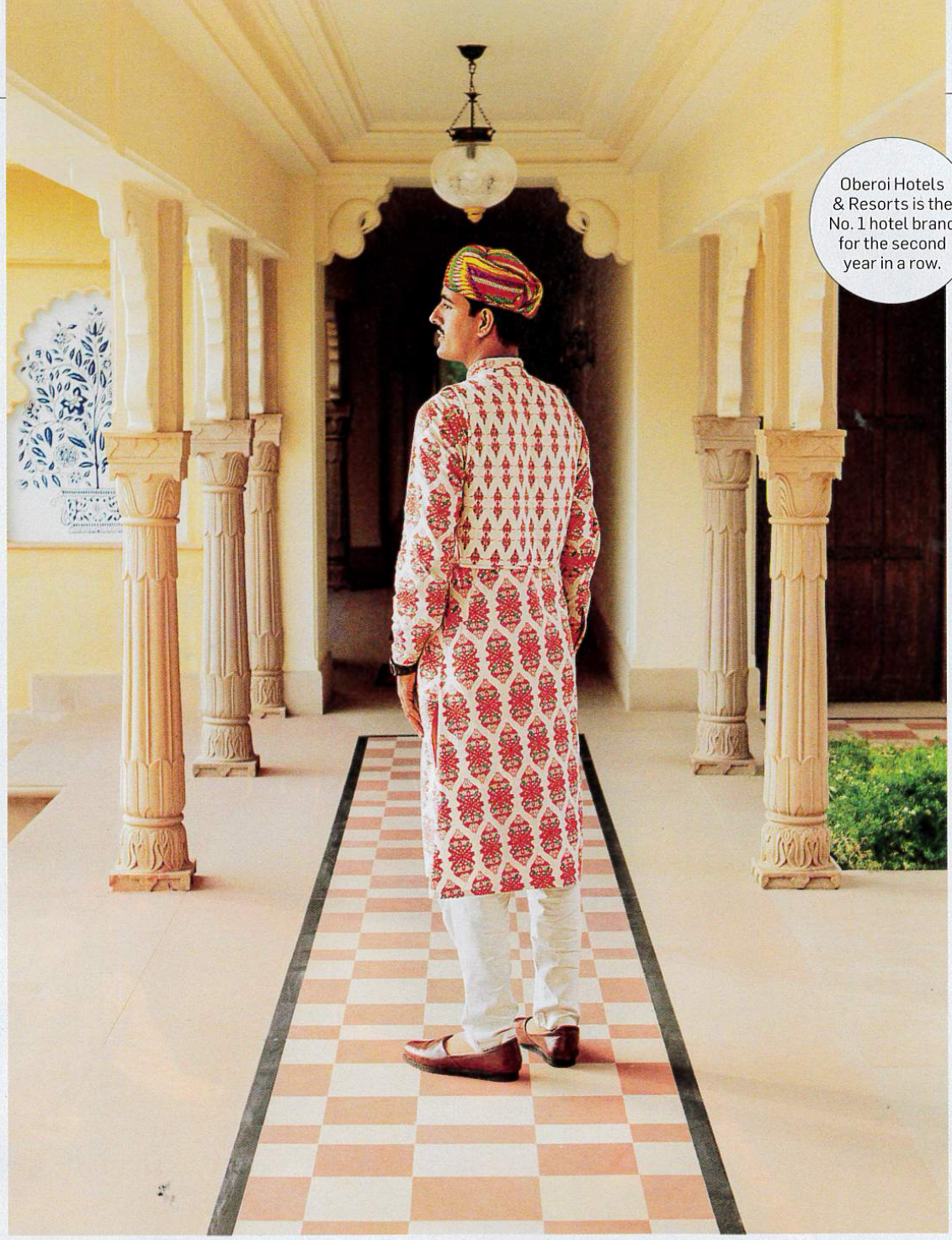
NIHIWATU

By Yves Béhar

It's not a place you go because you want a luxurious retreat from the real world. I've been visiting for six years, and for me it's like, *Where can I take my family where we're going to be outdoors the entire time?* There is no sort of indoor space per se, besides your bedroom. You feel very connected to the beach and the ocean.

But what makes it really special is the local culture. The island is populated by animists who live in small villages. Life there hasn't changed much for half a millennium. Ninety percent of the staff are local. We see them every year: we've visited their houses, they've taught me how to battle with a sword. That just doesn't happen when you have Swiss-trained butlers and hotel operators. This is a place that gives you the opportunity to enter somebody else's reality, somebody else's tradition, somebody else's culture.

Yves Béhar is a designer, entrepreneur, and sustainability advocate.



Oberoi Hotels & Resorts is the No. 1 hotel brand for the second year in a row.

TOP 100

Hotels

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94 The House Barbados 94.70
95 Singita Kruger National Park South Africa 94.65 H
96 Inn Above Tide Sausalito, California 94.62
97 Cape Grace Cape Town 94.59 H
98 Taj Lake Palace Udaipur, India 94.56
99 Resort at Pedregal Cabo San Lucas, Mexico 94.52
100 andBeyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya 94.50

READERS SAY...

"Oberoi is unique in its ability to transform a busy place into a sanctuary of tranquillity. They even manage to make the air in the hotels refreshingly clean."

TOP 15

Hotel Brands

1 Oberoi Hotels & Resorts 95.84
2 Oetker Collection 94.29
3 Aman 94.26
4 One&Only Resorts 94.17
5 The Leela Palaces, Hotels & Resorts 93.40
6 The Peninsula Hotels 93.25
7 Capella Hotels & Resorts 93.00
8 Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts 92.64
9 Commune Hotels & Resorts 92.55
10 Dorchester Collection 92.33
11 Belmond 92.27
12 Langham Hotels & Resorts 91.93
13 Auberge Resorts Collection 91.90
14 St. Regis 91.88
15 Rosewood Hotels & Resorts 91.17

Trend

REMOTE HOTELS

The votes make it clear: T+L readers are willing to travel far—really far—for outstanding accommodations, whether that means a surf haven in Indonesia **(Nihiwatu)**, a quirky luxury lodge on a fjord in Chile **(the Singular Patagonia)**, a villa in the treetops of South Africa **(Londolozi)**, or a concept hotel in Newfoundland **(Fogo Island Inn)**. This year, nine of the top 15 properties require not just a passport to reach, but an overnight flight as well.

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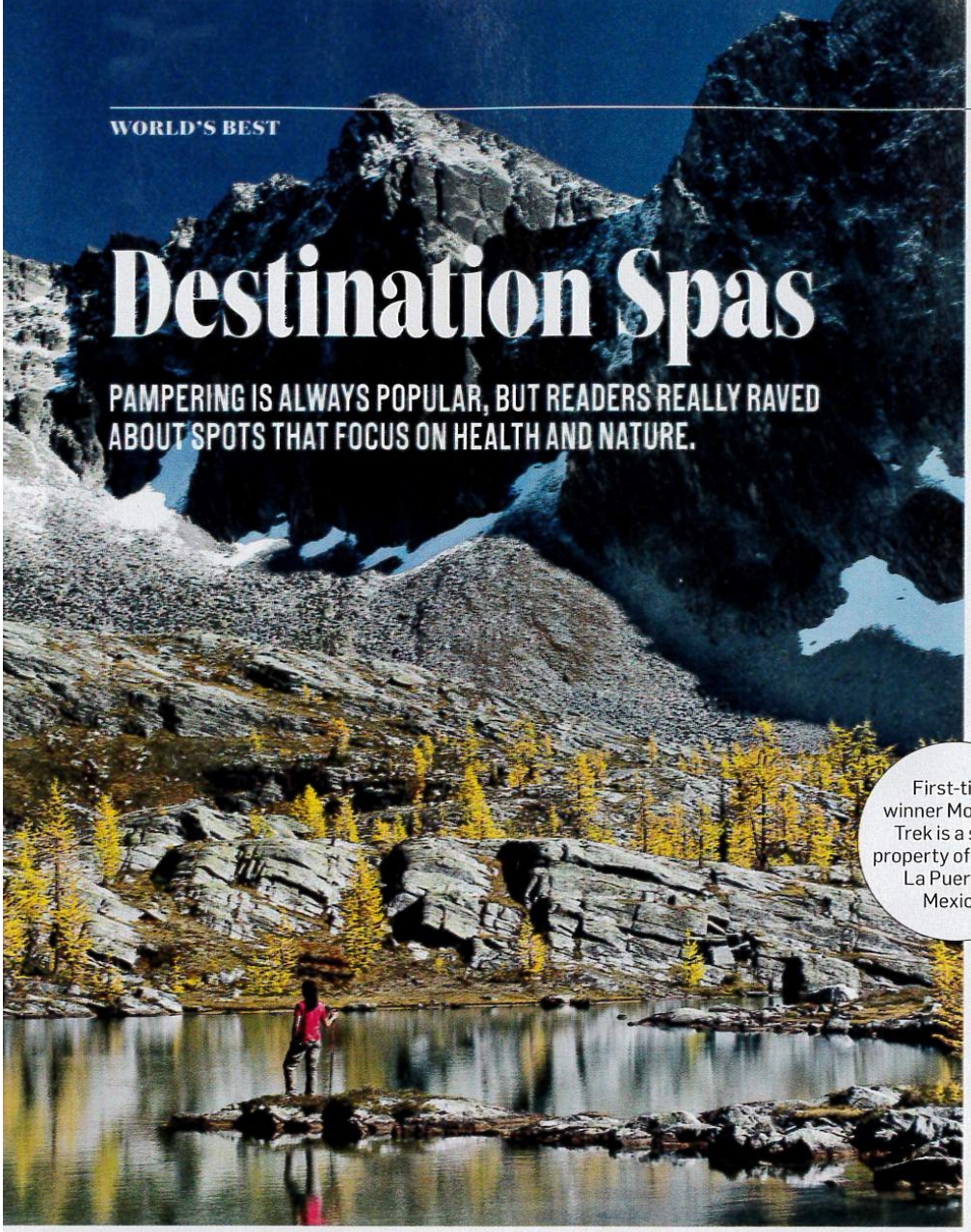
Destination Spas

PAMPERING IS ALWAYS POPULAR, BUT READERS REALLY RAVED ABOUT SPOTS THAT FOCUS ON HEALTH AND NATURE.



First-time winner Mountain Trek is a sister property of Rancho La Puerta in Mexico.

TOP 10

Domestic Spas

1. **New Life Hiking Spa** Killington, Vermont 99.74
2. **Westglow Resort & Spa** Blowing Rock, North Carolina 96.43
3. **The Ranch** Malibu, California 95.73
4. **Cal-a-Vie Health Spa** Vista, California 95.58
5. **Pearl Laguna** Laguna Beach, California 95.31
6. **Lodge at Woodloch** Hawley, Pennsylvania 94.50
7. **Mii Amo Spa** Sedona, Arizona 94.31 H
8. **Lake Austin Spa Resort** Austin, Texas 94.01 H
9. **Sundara Inn & Spa** Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 92.92
10. **Miraval Resort & Spa** Tucson, Arizona 92.83 H

TOP 5

International Spas

1. **Mountain Trek** British Columbia 98.13
2. **Rancho La Puerta** Tecate, Mexico 96.64 H
3. **Tabacón Grand Spa Thermal Resort** La Fortuna de San Carlos, Costa Rica 95.40
4. **BodyHoliday LeSport** Castries, St. Lucia 92.77
5. **Maya Tulum Resort** Tulum, Mexico 88.64

READERS SAY...

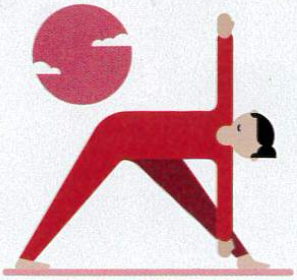
"Hikes were quite challenging at Mountain Trek, both physically and mentally. But climbing the mountain was a metaphor for a life journey, and I gained deep understanding and compassion for myself."

WINNER'S CIRCLE

NEW LIFE HIKING SPA

What New Life Hiking Spa doesn't offer: Frette sheets, facials, or TRX suspension trainers. What it does: daily guided hikes in the Green Mountains of Vermont, communal meals, and an all-inclusive price tag of just $250 a night. The 38-year-old spa has a very devoted following—roughly 46 percent of its guests are repeat visitors.

New Life devotees love the unpretentious vibe of the place. "It's kind of like adult camp," says Jimmy LeSage, who founded the spa in 1978. And just like camp, it's open only for part of the year—specifically, May through October. The guest quarters are done in rustic Vermont style, with queen-size beds. "It's a nice room, not the Ritz," LeSage says. That's certainly no deterrent for boldfaced names—New Life draws actors, professional athletes, and CEOs, and has even hosted a Supreme Court justice.



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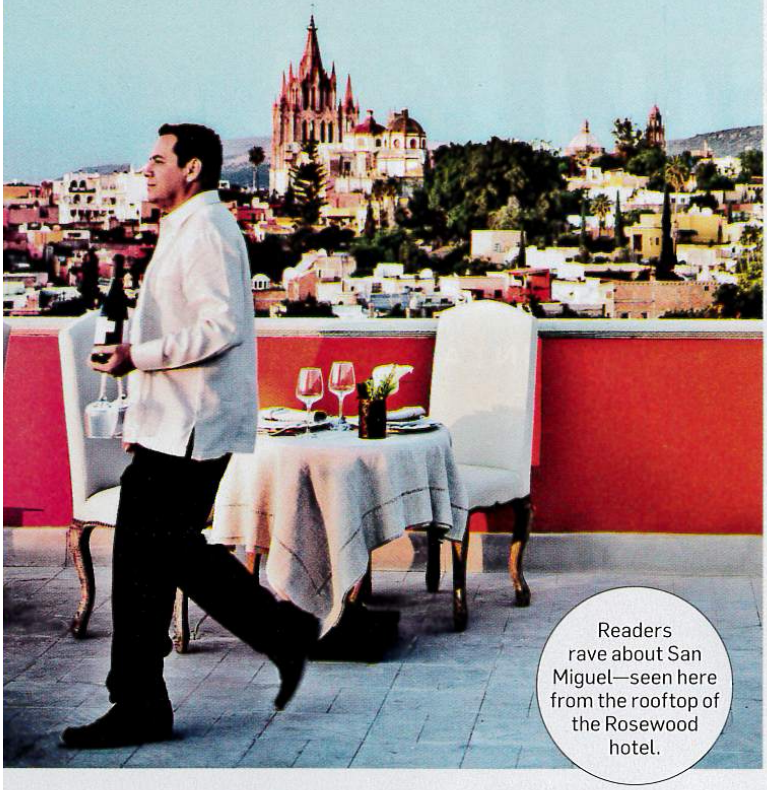
Mexico & Central & South America

THE GALÁPAGOS WINS BEST ISLAND FOR THE 13TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR.



Readers rave about San Miguel—seen here from the rooftop of the Rosewood hotel.

WINNER'S CIRCLE

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

San Miguel de Allende is known for its colonial churches and charming hotels—but not for modern sizzle. Now an intriguing food scene is changing that, led by Enrique Olvera's globally inspired hot spot Moxi. In April, French-Canadian expat Gilles Vachon opened Mon Bistro, which offers beef bourguignon, coq au vin, and live music. Mercado Centro is a grown-up food court—there are lamb meatballs at Los Meatballs and chicken potpies and pulled-pork sandwiches at Soul Kitchen. The new La Galería is reminiscent of a 1940s music club; Spanish bites are served alongside cocktails like the signature La Galería, with vanilla-infused tequila and pineapple juice, delivered flaming.

TOP 10 Cities

1. San Miguel de Allende Mexico 91.19
2. Cuzco Peru 88.96 H
3. Oaxaca Mexico 88.56
4. Mexico City 86.63
5. Mérida Mexico 86.29
6. Antigua Guatemala 85.92
7. Mendoza Argentina 85.37
8. Guadalajara Mexico 85.30
9. Bogotá Colombia 82.79
10. Buenos Aires 82.72 H

TOP 3 Islands

1. Galápagos Islands Ecuador 87.42 H
2. Isla Mujeres Mexico 83.44
3. Easter Island Chile 82.74

TOP 3 City Hotels Mexico

1. St. Regis Mexico City 92.54
2. Las Alcobas, a Luxury Collection Hotel Mexico City 91.20
3. Four Seasons Hotel Mexico City 89.90

TOP 10 City Hotels Central & South America

1. Casa Gangotena Quito, Ecuador 97.20
2. Hotel B Lima, Peru 94.46
3. Alvear Palace Hotel Buenos Aires 94.40 H
4. Alvear Art Hotel Buenos Aires 93.21
5. Belmond Palacio Nazarenas Cuzco, Peru 93.12
6. JW Marriott El Convento Cuzco, Peru 92.91
7. Belmond Hotel Monasterio Cuzco, Peru 91.26 H
8. Belmond Copacabana Palace Rio de Janeiro 91.15
9. Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires 90.71 H
10. Inkaterra La Casona Cuzco, Peru 90.67

TOP 5 Resort Hotels South America

1. Singular Patagonia Puerto Bories, Chile 97.14
2. Cavas Wine Lodge Mendoza, Argentina 96.99
3. Sol y Luna Sacred Valley, Peru 96.36
4. Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa Sacred Valley, Peru 95.11
5. Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa Torres del Paine National Park, Chile 93.44

TOP 5 Resort Hotels Central America

1. Nayara Springs Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 96.36
2. Nayara Hotel, Spa & Gardens Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 95.91
3. Matachica Resort & Spa Ambergris Cay, Belize 93.78
3. Casa Palopó Atitlán, Guatemala 93.78
5. Turtle Inn Placencia, Belize 92.79

TOP 10 Resort Hotels Mexico

1. Rosewood Mayakoba Playa del Carmen 96.39
2. Las Ventanas al Paraíso, A Rosewood Resort San José del Cabo 95.81
3. Zamas Hotel Tulum 95.49
4. La Casa Que Canta Zihuatanejo 94.96
5. Resort at Pedregal Cabo San Lucas 94.52
6. One&Only Palmilla Los Cabos 94.14 H
7. Rosewood San Miguel de Allende 94.12
8. Grand Velas Riviera Maya Playa del Carmen 93.73
9. Mahekal Beach Resort Playa del Carmen 93.58
10. Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita 93.56 H

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