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One of the most exciting annual celebrations at *Smart Meetings* is the unveiling of our Smart Stars Awards winners. These honors are particularly meaningful because they are selected by you—our discerning readers—based on your experiences all over the world. And each year, more of you participate in the nominating process, thereby increasing the significance and status of the awards.

The 2018 Smart Stars Awards recipients described in this issue represent the best of the best hotels, resorts, conference centers, cruise lines, attractions and more in North America. You selected 79 winners in 25 categories, ranging from Best Conference Center to Best Eco-Green Hotel.

Actually, the Smart Stars Awards fulfills a dual purpose. It is the ideal resource to bookmark for inspiration when planning your next event.

“We are honored and excited to celebrate our Smart Stars Award winners,” said Marin Bright, founder and CEO of Smart Meetings. “Our winners list also serves as a guide. We’ve done the legwork for you—now all of you can utilize it when looking for great places for your events.”

BEST AIRPORT HOTEL

CEDARBROOK LODGE AT SEATAC AIRPORT

Visitors to this environmental refuge in Seattle's Southside may forget they are airport-adjacent. The 2,675-square-foot Summit Auditorium features Dolby Digital Surround Sound and Big Cedar conference room offers views of the surrounding greenery. The 167 guest rooms and Copperleaf Restaurant are awash in local art, craft furnishings and farm-to-table delights.

cedarbrooklodge.com
[@cedarbrooklodge](https://www.instagram.com/cedarbrooklodge)

GRAND HYATT DFW

The recipe for a productive, Texas-size gathering just might call for 34,000 sq. ft. of modern meeting space linked to a central airport (may we suggest Dallas Fort Worth International Airport [DFW]) with award-winning catering. Add a generous dose (298) of newly renovated, soundproof guest rooms to a heap of easy access to historic downtown Grapevine, AT&T Stadium and Cowboys Golf course, and guests will clamor for more.

dfw.grand.hyatt.com
[@grandhyattdfw](https://www.instagram.com/grandhyattdfw)

HYATT LAX

This newly reinvented space is unquestionably un-airport. From the midcentury vibe to the 12,000-square-foot pool terrace and stunning views from the penthouse event space, meetings in the 50,000-square-foot conference center oasis, steps from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), one of the busiest airports on earth, can now be both convenient and hip.

losangelesairport.regency.hyatt.com
[@hyattregency_lax](https://www.instagram.com/hyattregency_lax)

BEST ATTRACTION/THEME PARK

MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

Have you considered a welcome reception with a view of pulsating jellies? Or a black-tie dinner that includes a presentation on the feeding habits of African penguins? At this multiple-Smart Star-winning, nonprofit conservation and research center in the heart of California's Central Coast, you can leverage the awe and wonder of the natural world to add meaning to any gathering. And, since the aquarium's Seafood Watch program has become the gold standard for ensuring sustainable, ocean-friendly ingredients, the meals are guaranteed to be low on waste and high on wow.

montereybayaquarium.org
[@montereybayaquarium](https://www.instagram.com/montereybayaquarium)

UNIVERSAL ORLANDO RESORT

Plan on a leisure-worthy stay, as this resort is back for another Smart Star Award with even more things to do and places to stay. Now home to six hotels, with another one opening in August—Universal's Aventura Hotel—this destination continues to grow in popularity. Universal Studios Florida, Universal's Islands of Adventure, and the new watery delights at Universal's Volcano Bay keep the thrills coming.

universalorlando.com
[@universalorlando](https://www.instagram.com/universalorlando)

WALT DISNEY WORLD

Add a little meeting magic to your event by hosting it in up to 700,000 sq. ft. of meeting, ballroom and breakout space supported by that famous Disney hospitality and more than 5,000 guest rooms from which to choose. The multi-Smart Star-winning destination in sunny Orlando offers four theme parks—Disney's Animal Kingdom, Epcot, Magic Kingdom Park and Disney's Hollywood Studios, which includes the brand-new Toy Story Land.

disneyworld.disney.go.com
[@waltdisneyworld](https://www.instagram.com/waltdisneyworld)

BEST CRUISE LINE

CELEBRITY CRUISES

With Celebrity Cruises, you can roll out the red carpet on the deck for a private charter. These luxurious floating resorts sail to more than 300 destinations and feature up to 1,500 state-rooms. The newest venue, The Meeting Place, can be found on *Celebrity Edge*. Guests can enjoy meals prepared by a Michelin-starred chef and a selection of 3,000 shore excursions.

celebritycruises.com
[@celebritycruises](https://www.instagram.com/celebritycruises)

HORNBLOWER CRUISES & EVENTS-NEW YORK

Your group can sail off for sunset-watching aboard a ship and wave to Lady Liberty aboard Hornblower Cruises. The fleet of six luxury yachts offer meeting space, dining and some of the best views of the Manhattan skyline. Hornblower even helps planners find suitable accommodations at nearby hotels.

hornblowernewyork.com
[@hornblowerny](https://www.instagram.com/hornblowerny)

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Planners can choose more than 275 of Royal Caribbean International's worldwide destinations, and drop anchor on one of 25 ships that feature the fastest internet at sea. The world's largest and arguably most Instagrammable cruise ship, *Symphony of the Seas*, made her maiden voyage in April. Theaters, lounges, an ice rink and solarium can accommodate up to 1,394 attendees. The conference center can hold up to 400 people.

royalcaribbean.com
[@royalcaribbean](https://www.instagram.com/royalcaribbean)
305-982-2172
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BEST BALLROOM

FAIRMONT DALLAS

With two ballrooms to set the mood, Dallas' premier event address since 1969 has been completely reimaged. The glamorous, 16,624-square-foot Regency Ballroom is crowned with 15—count them, 15—glittering chandeliers draped from soaring 27-foot ceilings and boasts skyline views worth writing home about. For a worldly feel, the 14,453-square-foot International Ballroom pairs a warm glow with fine cuisine and service.

fairmont.com/dallas
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kauai.grand.hyatt.com

@grandhyattkauai

MONARCH BEACH RESORT

High on a hillside above the Pacific in California's sun-blissed Orange County, this regal gem has the coastal lifestyle down pat. Championship golf, acclaimed spa services, water sports and fine dining are on the menu at this meetings mecca of 400 guest rooms, 30,000 sq. ft. of indoor meeting space and 60,000 sq. ft. more outside.

monarchbeachresort.com

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949-234-3200

Contact: mbrsales@monarchbeachresort.com



THE BREAKERS PALM BEACH

For generations of socialites and business barons, this was the place to have servants unpack your valises and steamer trunks. This Florida property exudes seaside luxury, layered with an agreeable mantle of sustainability. There are 538 guest rooms and 80,000 sq. ft. of space.

thebreakers.com

@thebreakers

BEST CONFERENCE CENTER

LIED LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER

On its resort-like, 260-acre Nebraska campus where Arbor Day was born, meetings are about finding inspiration and opportunities to foster creativity and breakthrough thinking. Venues—14,000 sq. ft. of flexible space—are supplemented by verdant, open-air vistas, a menu of group activities, field-to-table dining and first-class accommodations.

liedlodge.org

@liedlodge

MONTEREY CONFERENCE CENTER

Fresh from a \$60 million transformation, this newly modernized, state-of-the-art meeting facility offers more than 40,000 sq. ft. of space operated by the historic tourism destination of Monterey, California. Sustainability was a cornerstone of the renovation and LEED certification is in the offing. The center faces downtown Portola Plaza and has a capacity of 3,200 attendees.

montereyconferencecenter.org

@montereyconfcen

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER

Leesburg, in northern Virginia, is the historic setting for one of the most spacious corporate training and conference centers in the Mid-Atlantic region. Its 265,000 sq. ft. of meeting space is divided into "living learning modules," complemented by a ballroom, 917 guest rooms and walking trails that meander the 65-acre campus. Green practices are used throughout.

conferencecenter.com

@thenationalnova

BEST CONVENTION CENTER

ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER

The newest member of the elite "1 million square foot club," the recent addition of 200,000 sq. ft. has made this handsome facility across from Disneyland Resort in California the largest convention center on the West Coast. New ACC North blends the outdoors and indoors, drawing inspiration from ocean waves and the reflection of palm trees through the windows.

anaheim.net

@city_of_anaheim

AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER

Meeting in Austin, Texas, is as vibrant as the city's music scene at this LEED Gold-certified landmark. Spread over six downtown blocks, it bathes gatherings in natural light that shows off Texas limestone and granite. Meeting space totals 369,132 sq. ft.

austinconventioncenter.com

@accdtx

512-404-4200

Contact: conventionsales@austintexas.gov



LONG BEACH CONVENTION & ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Event space has been renovated to the tune of \$40 million, and the 400,000-square-foot, downtown facility in Southern California now offers a turnkey approach that gives meetings world-class features at no extra cost. Spaces include exhibit halls and meeting rooms.

longbeachcc.com

@lbconventionctr

BEST CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL

GAYLORD NATIONAL RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER

This much-heralded property in National Harbor, Maryland, boasts a 19-story glass atrium that features a water fountain show. There's 546,889 sq. ft. of meeting space, including the new RiverView Ballroom, 1,996 guest rooms, a private pier, a spa, a lap pool and a fitness center.

marriott.com

@gaylordnational

MANDALAY BAY RESORT AND CASINO, LAS VEGAS

Groups can go all in at this property, one of the largest meeting venues on The Strip, with 2.1 million sq. ft. of meeting and exhibit space and 3,215 guest rooms. Its Events Center is home to the new Las Vegas Aces NBA team. Mandalay Bay Beach and Shark Reef Aquarium offer unique settings for private events.

mandalaybay.com

@MandalayBay

ROSEN SHINGLE CREEK

With 1,501 guest rooms and 524,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, including one of the largest column-free ballrooms in the United States, this 255-acre, AAA Four Diamond property is one of the largest convention hotels in Orlando. The resort's many amenities include a spa, a fitness center, a golf course, dining, pools, tennis and basketball.

rosenshinglecreek.com

@RosenHotels

THE BROADMOOR

This Forbes Five Star and AAA Five Diamond resort in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is celebrating its 100th birthday. It has 185,000 sq. ft. of outstanding event space, 784 guest rooms, golf, tennis, pickleball, pools, a spa and a fitness center. Last year, the 1,500-square-foot The Overlook at Cloud Camp was added to the Wilderness Experience meeting offerings.

broadmoor.com

@thebroadmoor

BEST DESERT HOTEL

ARIA RESORT & CASINO

This AAA Five Diamond resort in Las Vegas underwent a \$170 million expansion that added 200,000 sq. ft. of meeting space (including a 3,000-square-foot executive lounge), bringing the total to 500,000 sq. ft. There are 4,004 guest rooms, and seafood restaurant Catch will open this fall.

aria.com

@arialv

LA QUINTA RESORT & CLUB

When it opened in December 1926, La Quinta quickly became a hideaway for Hollywood stars, such as Clark Gable and Shirley Temple. Today, this Palm Springs, California, resort has more than 190,000 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor event space, including three ballrooms and 780 guest rooms. Visitors can enjoy 41 pools and five championship golf courses.

laquintaresort.com

@laquintaresort

THE PHOENICIAN, A LUXURY COLLECTION RESORT, SCOTTSDALE

The amenities are getting grander at this AAA Five Diamond resort at the base of Camelback Mountain in Arizona. This spring, a new spa and sports complex opened, and in the fall, its golf course redesign will be complete. There are 160,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and 645 guest rooms.

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kauai.grand.hyatt.com

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THE US GRANT, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, SAN DIEGO

Located in the heart of the historic Gaslamp District, this San Diego gem has been dedicated to outstanding hospitality for the past century. Attendees can take an admiring stroll through the hotel's art collection, featuring artists from all around the world, then head to an event in its 33,000 sq. ft. of event space, including the Presidential Ballroom.

theusgrant.com
[@theusgrant](https://www.instagram.com/theusgrant)

BEST HOTEL POOL

ATLANTIS PARADISE ISLAND BAHAMAS

Attendees can have the time of their lives on an "aquaventure" at this Bahamian property. The resort features water slides, a mile-long river ride, 20 swimming areas and 11 pools. Host your guests in 30 meeting rooms and the 50,000-square-foot Imperial Ballroom.

atlantisbahamas.com
[@atlantisbahamas](https://www.instagram.com/atlantisbahamas)

FONTAINEBLEAU MIAMI BEACH

Between sessions, attendees can lounge in a cabana, order from the poolside menu or simply enjoy the Miami Beach sunshine at this hotel's sparkling pool, modeled after Morris Lapidus' signature bow-tie design, the hotel offers 107,000 sq. ft. of indoor meeting space, and famous hospitality.

fontainebleau.com
[@fontainebleau](https://www.instagram.com/fontainebleau)

GRAND WAILEA-A WALDORF ASTORIA RESORT

Your attendees can indulge their playful side or take a moment to relax at this property on Maui in Hawaii. The waterslides, rapids and rope swing allow for thrills, while the Hibiscus Pool is the perfect setting to do absolutely nothing.

The 28,000-square-foot Haleakala Ballroom and Garden can host events of all sizes, and there are 17 breakout rooms.

grandwailea.com
[@grandwailea](https://www.instagram.com/grandwailea)

NOBU EDEN ROC HOTEL

With three luxurious pools surrounded by rentable cabanas at this Miami Beach hotel, the beach is icing on a sumptuous cake. The "hotel within a hotel" offers more than 70,000 sq. ft. of event space and two classic ballrooms.

nobuedenroc.com
[@nobuhotelmiamibeach](https://www.instagram.com/nobuhotelmiamibeach)

BEST HOTEL SPA

GRAND VELAS RIVIERA MAYA

Groups looking for the ultimate spa day will love this Mexico property. This picturesque resort's specialty is the water ceremony, which includes the sauna, ice room and clay room followed by the legendary sensation pool. Meeting space totals 25,000 sq. ft.

rivieramaya.grandvelas.com
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MIRAVAL ARIZONA RESORT & SPA

Located on 400 sprawling acres north of Tucson, this is the place to relax every muscle in your body. After an unforgettable spa experience, groups can stop by the salon for more pampering, then head to the meeting in the 1,700-square-foot Arizona Room, or host a reception on the 651-square-foot Hidden Creek Deck.

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THE RESORT AT PEDREGAL

At this luxury resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, your attendees will find organic treatments inspired by the lunar cycle and sea, standard massage therapy and a salon to prep them from hair to toes. The property is perfect for smaller events—its traditional meeting rooms hold 40 to 80, but you can arrange for a party of 30 to 60 on its Casa Bella Vista.

resortatpedregal.com
@resortatpedregal

BEST INCENTIVE HOTELS

ONE&ONLY PALMILLA

With Michelin-starred chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten's steak and seafood restaurant, snorkeling and scuba diving in the Sea of Cortez, and a spa dedicated to pampering, this hotel in San Jose del Cabo, Mexico, is perfect for kicking back and taking a breather.

oneandonlyresorts.com
@oneandonlypalmilla

SEA ISLAND

Sea Island boasts four Forbes Five Star experiences—The Cloister at Sea Island, The Lodge Sea Island, The Spa at Sea Island and Georgian Room Restaurant. Indelible memories have been forged at this iconic Georgia property since 1928.

seaisland.com
@sea_island

THE ST. REGIS PUNTA MITA RESORT

With palm trees lining the way and a location right next to the ocean, it's hard to beat the peace that comes with an escape to this exclusive Mexico resort. Groups can golf on two different courses, head to a pool overlooking the sea and stay in a pristine guest room or private villa suite.

stregispuntamita.com
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BEST GOLF RESORT

NEMACOLIN WOODLANDS RESORT

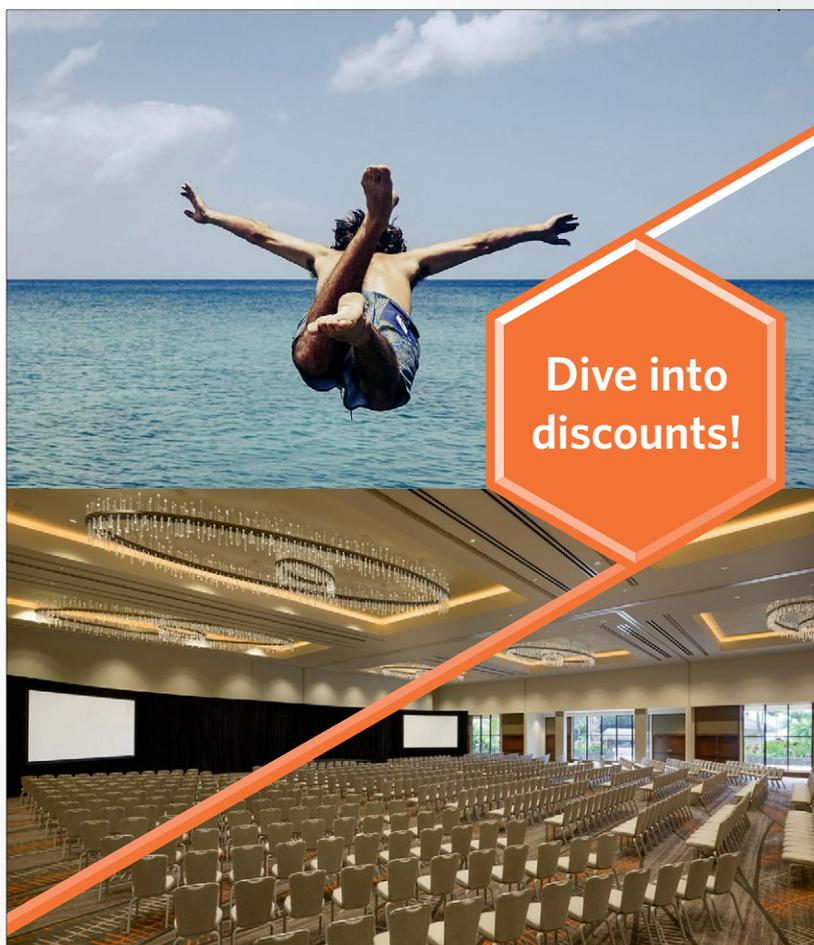
Located on 2,000 acres in Laurel Highlands, Pennsylvania, this resort offers a host of activities, but the golfing experience steals the show. If your attendees are new to the game, they can take lessons before taking on Shepherd's Rock or Mystic Rock courses.

nemacolin.com
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