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## **FODOR'S TRAVEL REVEALS THE 2012 FODOR'S 100 HOTEL AWARD WINNERS**

*Travel experts at Fodor's select top 100 Hotels from over 4,000 global nominations; U.S. hotels account for nearly a quarter of list, which features hotels in 41 different countries.*

**NEW YORK – November 14, 2012** – [Fodor's Travel](#), the leading name in travel guides for 76 years, today announces the [2012 Fodor's 100 Hotel Awards](#) winners. Chosen by the experts at Fodor's Travel, this second-annual list features an entirely new selection of hotels across nine categories that represent the year's global hospitality trends.

"Our Fodor's editors and contributors are constantly evaluating hotels throughout the year, and the Fodor's 100 represent our top picks for travelers right now," explained Arabella Bowen, Fodor's Travel executive editorial director. "We look for properties with great amenities and stellar service that offer a unique experience to guests. Every traveler will find a dream hotel on this list, no matter what their travel personality happens to be."

While the U.S. took top honors with 24 hotels in 2012, farther-flung locales like Botswana, India, Tasmania, and Vietnam are also represented in this year's Fodor's 100. The list features properties of all kinds, from flagships like the W Paris-Opéra and the Mandarin Oriental Bangkok, to independents like Washington School House and Boucan by Hotel Chocolat.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Each year, Fodor's Travel invites their roster of 700 global contributors to nominate the best hotels in their destinations. For the 2012 list, Fodor's senior editorial team deliberated on over 4,000 nominations, first, looking for properties that were already Fodor's Choice picks (Fodor's highest honor), then consulting independent travel reviews and conducting in-person site visits to further narrow down their top choices.

### **EXPERT QUALIFICATIONS**

Fodor's Travel publishes up to 85 guidebooks each year, with local correspondents covering over 7,500 destinations and 17,000-plus hotels around the globe. This expert travel advice is available in multiple formats, from guidebooks and eBooks to mobile apps and the Fodors.com website. Fodor's core editorial team also travels extensively to research destinations and identify top places to stay, visiting 600 hotels in the past 12 months alone.

### **THE FODOR'S 2012 100 HOTEL AWARD WINNERS**

- [New & Noteworthy](#) — The world's most noteworthy new hotels  
*Winners include: Conservatorium Hotel (The Netherlands); The NoMad Hotel (United States); Armani Hotel Milano (Italy)*

- **Global Icon** — Top-of-mind, landmark hotels that are part of a destination’s fabric  
*Winners include: Mount Nelson Hotel (South Africa); Mandarin Oriental Bangkok (Thailand); Bellagio (United States)*
- **Trendsetter** — Hotels that are changing the hospitality landscape  
*Winners include: The Out NYC (United States); Mashpi Lodge (Ecuador); Casa Calma (Argentina)*
- **Trip of a Lifetime**—Destination hotels that offer a complete escape  
*Winners include: Southern Ocean Lodge (Australia); Amansara (Cambodia); Raffles Praslin Seychelles (Seychelles)*
- **Local Experience** — Go-to hotels for an authentic sense of place  
*Winners include: Dorset Square Hotel (England); Alto Atacama (Chile); Aenaon Villas (Greece)*
- **City Chic** — Contemporary city hotels with great style  
*Winners include: Waldorf Astoria Chicago (United States); Istanbul Edition (Turkey); Hotel Topazz (Austria)*
- **Royal Pedigree** — Hotels with a royal past  
*Winners include: Palacio Nazarenas (Peru); Dromoland Castle (Ireland); Taj Lake Palace (India)*
- **Fun for All Ages** —Hotels that offer terrific experiences for kids and adults alike  
*Winners include: Fairmont Mayakoba Riviera Maya(Mexico); Ocean House (United States); Beaches Turks & Caicos Resort Villages & Spa (Turks & Caicos)*
- **Best All-Inclusive** —Worry-free resorts where everything’s included in the rate  
*Winners include: The BodyHoliday (St. Lucia); Saffire Freycinet (Tasmania); Viceroy Riviera Maya (Mexico)*

The complete list of this year’s Fodor’s 100 Hotel Award winners is available online at <http://www.fodors.com/hotel-awards/2012> and as a free eBook.

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