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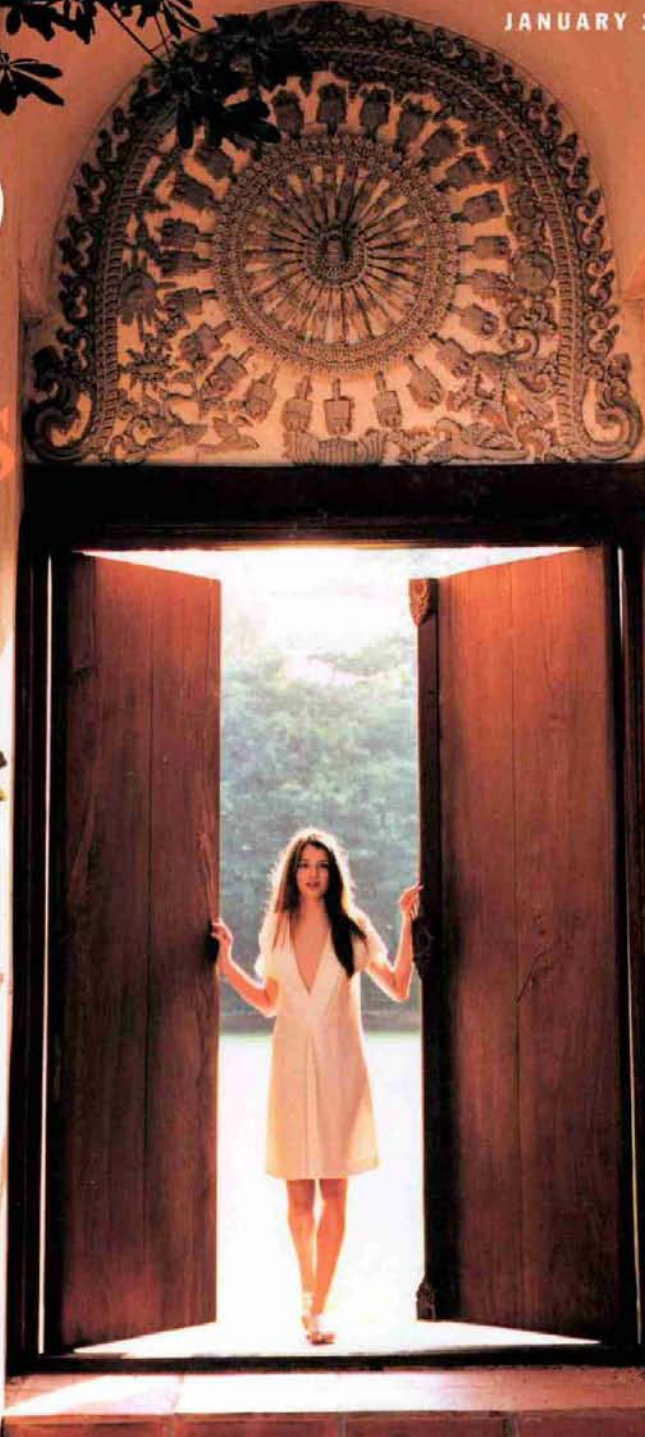
GOLD LIST WORLD'S BEST 504 HOTELS, RESORTS, CRUISE LINES

PLUS

EUROPE'S
RISING STAR

SOUTH
AMERICA'S
SECRET
PARADISE

INDIA'S
MAGIC CITY

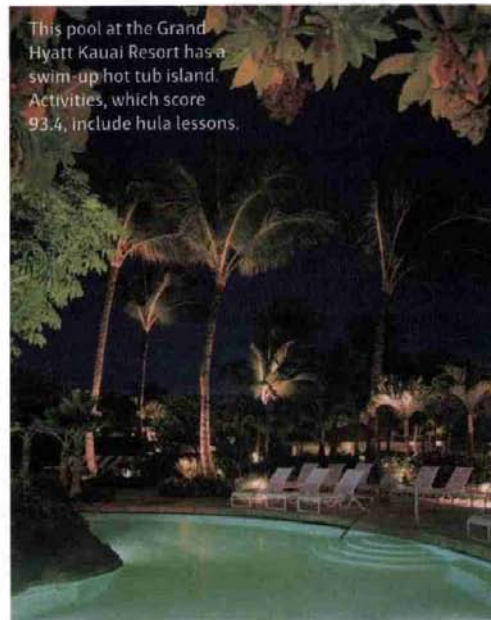


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UNITED STATES

What's truly American in the hottest new hotels? The great outdoors, from sea to shining sea

AMERICANS' LOVE OF nature is renowned, and it shows. Just look at 6 of the 14 new Gold List properties in our backyard: two resorts, one in Colorado and one in Montana, cupped by mountain ranges; one California property that looks out on the rolling Pacific and another that overlooks rolling vineyards; a ski retreat in the peaks of northern Vermont; and a stone castle in the forests of the Hudson River Valley. Traditional destinations are also benefiting from contemporary design, which explains why you'll encounter a modernist resort among the swaying palms of Palm Beach and a reinvented former prison in the historic Beacon Hill section of Boston.



This pool at the Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort has a swim-up hot tub island. Activities, which score 93.4, include hula lessons.

2011 GOLD LIST

KEY TO SYMBOLS

- 🛏 Rooms
- 🍽 Service
- 🍴 Food
- 📍 Location
- 🎨 Design
- 🎮 Activities

SCORES IN RED = OVERALL

NEW New to Gold List

- 🏆 Condé Nast Traveler 2010 Best Golf Resorts
- 🌟 Condé Nast Traveler 2010 Best Ski Resorts

For full reviews of every hotel and resort on the 2011 Gold List, with reader quotes, go to cntraveler.com/goldlist. (Or download our soon-to-be-released iPhone or iPad app: Condé Nast Traveler's 2011 Gold List.)

FLORIDA

- 🏆 **Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island 90.2**
🛏93.1 🍽90.5 🍴87.4 📍90.5 🎨91.1 🎮88.2
- Sundy House, Delray Beach 88.2**
🛏87.2 🍽91.3 🍴92.3 📍82.0 🎨88.2
- Marquesa Hotel, Key West 88.5**
🛏87.8 🍽88.8 🍴85.1 📍91.1 🎨89.8
- Sunset Key Guest Cottages (Westin), Key West 89.7**
🛏92.2 🍽90.0 🍴82.8 📍94.4 🎨92.2 🎮86.5
- Little Palm Island Resort & Spa, Little Torch Key 88.7**
🛏89.0 🍽87.5 🍴89.7 📍91.2 🎨89.7 🎮84.8
- Mandarin Oriental, Miami 88.3**
🛏90.8 🍽88.9 🍴89.5 📍82.2 🎨90.1
- The Setai, Miami Beach 93.4**
🛏94.8 🍽90.7 🍴88.5 📍95.9 🎨96.9
- Ritz-Carlton, Naples 90.9**
🛏92.4 🍽90.9 🍴86.7 📍93.9 🎨92.7 🎮87.8
- 🏆 **Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples 90.6**
🛏93.5 🍽94.2 🍴89.7 📍83.3 🎨91.5 🎮91.3
- Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club, Palm Beach 89.5**
🛏90.4 🍽90.4 🍴96.3 📍94.0 🎨90.4 🎮74.7
- 🏆 **The Breakers, Palm Beach 90.0**
🛏84.0 🍽89.5 🍴87.1 📍96.2 🎨93.7 🎮89.6

NEW Omphoy Ocean Resort, Palm Beach 91.1

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At this 18-month-old "modernist, angular block," the colorful design extends from the beige-and-white rooms with bronze-tile floors and beds that "seem to float" to the cabanas with orange seating and electric-blue backlighting. Michelle Bernstein's Mediterranean dishes, such as shrimp *tiradito*, are served in a contemporary space with floor-to-ceiling views of the Atlantic. Exhale Spa offers fitness sessions as well as body treatments.

NEW Lodge & Club, Ponte Vedra Beach 90.4

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"The food and service were tops" at this resort on "the best beach in the area." Twenty miles south of St. Augustine, the Spanish Mission resort has a terra-cotta tiled roof, stone fountains, stucco walls, and wrought iron lampposts. Guest rooms have four-poster beds and European fabrics, and some also come with balconies and marble-faced fireplaces. Dine oceanfront on American plates such as Cajun seared mahimahi at the Innlet Dining Room; Oasis's salads, sandwiches, and seafood are taken under a canopy of colorful umbrellas.

🏆 Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Ponte Vedra Beach 87.6

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WaterColor Inn & Resort, Santa Rosa Beach 90.8

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NEW MEXICO

Encantado, Santa Fe 87.6

🛏93.1 🍽89.7 🍴82.8 📍82.8 🎨89.7

El Monte Sagrado Living Resort and Spa, Taos 87.8

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