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Quiet. Small. Subdued. This is what travelers seem to be craving this year. How do we know? Well, once the surveys start pouring in—this year there were more than 429,000 of them—we become Tom Cruise in *Minority Report*, analyzing behaviors and locations, fitting together pieces of a puzzle until a full snapshot of where and how you travel emerges. This year it was all about comfort. You stayed closer to home than ever before, pushing more cities like Chicago, Charleston, and now Nashville to the top of our lists. You favored the Caribbean—even Hawaii felt far—and islands like Hilton Head, Amelia, and Kiawah. The properties that impressed you most were smaller and less flashy than in years past (the Sagamore Pendry Baltimore was your favorite hotel in the U.S.), and our small-cruise-ship list is longer than it's ever been, suggesting that the right kind of less is more. It's also been a year of self-care: Five spa resorts ranked higher than ever. The world has changed in ways no one could have predicted—fallen media moguls, an American president cozying up to dictators—and so it stands to reason that how we get away from it all would too.



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HOTELS

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PARIS
TOP 25

- 1 **La Réserve Paris — Hotel and Spa** 98.05
- 2 **Le Pavillon de la Reine** 97.57
- 3 **Four Seasons Hotel George V** 97.32
- 4 **Nolinski Paris** 97.32
- 5 **Hôtel de Crillon, A Rosewood Hotel** 97.14
- 6 **Le Bristol Paris** 97.06
- 7 **InterContinental Paris Le Grand** 97.02
- 8 **Mandarin Oriental, Paris** 96.98
- 9 **Saint James Paris** 96.43
- 10 **Relais Christine** 96.43
- 11 **The Peninsula Paris** 96.13
- 12 **Hôtel Vernet** 96.81
- 13 **Grand Hôtel du Palais Royal** 94.64
- 14 **Ritz Paris** 94.43
- 15 **Hôtel Esprit Saint Germain** 94.13
- 16 **Shangri-La Hotel, Paris** 93.83
- 17 **Le Meurice** 92.94
- 18 **Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme** 92.19
- 19 **Le Royal Monceau, Raffles Paris** 91.27
- 20 **Hôtel Plaza Athénée** 90.83
- 21 **L'Hotel du Collectionneur** 89.88
- 22 **Prince de Galles, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Paris** 88.69
- 23 **Hôtel Providence** 88.57
- 24 **The Westin Paris — Vendôme** 80.71
- 25 **Hôtel Lancaster** 80.36

FRANCE & MONACO

(not including Paris)

TOP 10

- 1 **Hôtel Métropole Monte-Carlo** 99.34
- 2 **Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, A Four Seasons Hotel, St-Jean-Cap-Ferrat** 98.21
- 3 **Hôtel Crillon le Brave, Crillon-le-Brave** 96.43
- 4 **Domaine Les Crayères, Reims** 94.64
- 5 **Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Cap d'Antibes** 90.91
- 6 **Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo** 89.29
- 7 **Le Negresco, Nice** 89.02
- 8 **Hôtel du Palais, Biarritz** 87.86
- 9 **InterContinental Bordeaux — Le Grand Hotel** 87.50
- 10 **Villa Marie Saint-Tropez, Ramatuelle** 80.36

ROME
TOP 10

- 1 **The First Roma** 96.98
- 2 **Villa Spalletti Trivelli** 96.23
- 3 **The Fifteen Keys Hotel** 96.19
- 4 **Boscolo Exedra Roma** 94.39
- 5 **Rome Cavalieri, A Waldorf Astoria Resort** 93.64
- 6 **J.K. Place Roma** 91.52
- 7 **Hassler Roma** 91.18
- 8 **The St. Regis Rome** 90.32
- 9 **Hotel de Russie (Rocco Forte Hotels)** 88.69
- 10 **Portrait Roma** 85.49

FLORENCE
TOP 12

- 1 **The St. Regis Florence** 96.43
- 2 **Villa Cora** 96.23
- 3 **Hotel Savoy (Rocco Forte Hotels)** 95.88
- 4 **Hotel Lungarno** 95.60
- 5 **Continental** 95.00
- 6 **Hotel Helvetia & Bristol** 93.30
- 7 **Il Salviatino** 91.67
- 8 **Belmond Villa San Michele** 91.29
- 9 **Four Seasons Hotel Firenze** 90.46
- 10 **Portrait Firenze** 89.92
- 11 **The Westin Excelsior, Florence** 88.62
- 12 **J.K. Place Firenze** 87.05

VENICE
TOP 10

- 1 **San Clemente Palace Kempinski** 98.21
- 2 **Aman Venice** 96.43
- 3 **Palazzo Venart Luxury Hotel** 95.24
- 4 **Hotel Londra Palace** 93.28
- 5 **The Gritti Palace, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Venice** 93.27
- 6 **Belmond Hotel Cipriani** 90.83
- 7 **Hotel Danieli, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Venice** 90.25
- 8 **Splendid Venice** 89.19
- 9 **The Westin Europa & Regina** 81.00
- 10 **Hilton Molino Stucky Venice** 80.73

ITALY

(not including Rome, Florence, or Venice)

TOP 20

- 1 **Belmond Hotel Splendido & Belmond Splendido Mare, Portofino** 98.70
- 2 **Hotel Il Pellicano, Porto Ercole** 98.57
- 3 **Grand Hotel Continental, Siena** 98.57
- 4 **Belmond Hotel Caruso, Ravello** 98.21
- 5 **Monastero Santa Rosa Hotel & Spa, Conca dei Marini** 98.21
- 6 **Il Sereno, Torno** 98.13
- 7 **Le Sirenuse, Positano** 97.96
- 8 **Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea, Taormina** 97.77
- 9 **Il San Pietro di Positano** 97.45
- 10 **La Posta Vecchia, Ladispoli** 97.45
- 11 **Grand Hotel Tremezzo, Lake Como** 97.41
- 12 **Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria, Sorrento** 96.88
- 13 **Palazzo Avino, Ravello** 96.83
- 14 **Caesar Augustus, Capri** 96.73
- 15 **Hotel Principe di Savoia, Milan** 96.80
- 16 **Belmond Grand Hotel Timeo, Taormina** 94.64
- 17 **Villa d'Este, Cernobbio** 93.93
- 18 **Grand Hotel Quisisana, Capri** 91.90
- 19 **Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni, Lake Como** 91.43
- 20 **Grand Hotel Convento di Amalfi** 91.19

SPAIN & PORTUGAL
TOP 20

- 1 **Abadía Retuerta LeDomaine, Valladolid, Spain** 99.52
- 2 **Finca Cortesin, Málaga, Spain** 99.18
- 3 **Mercer Hotel Barcelona** 98.68
- 4 **Tivoli Avenida Liberdade Lisboa** 98.47
- 5 **Hotel Maria Cristina, A Luxury Collection Hotel, San Sebastián, Spain** 98.25
- 6 **Palácio Belmonte, Lisbon** 98.01
- 7 **São Lourenço do Barrocal, Monsaraz, Portugal** 97.74
- 8 **Cotton House Hotel, Autograph Collection, Barcelona** 97.70
- 9 **The Yeatman Hotel, Porto, Portugal** 97.41
- 10 **Sant Francesc Hotel Singular, Mallorca, Spain** 94.91
- 11 **Majestic Hotel & Spa Barcelona** 94.84
- 12 **Hotel Arts Barcelona** 93.60
- 13 **Hotel 1898, Barcelona** 93.60
- 14 **Hotel Marqués de Riscal, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Elciego, Spain** 93.57
- 15 **The Westin Palace, Madrid** 91.84
- 16 **Hotel Alfonso XIII, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Seville, Spain** 91.55
- 17 **Olissippo Lapa Palace, Lisbon** 90.48
- 18 **Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon** 86.01
- 19 **Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona** 85.42
- 20 **W Barcelona** 84.80

GREECE & TURKEY
TOP 20

- 1 **Mystique, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Santorini** 99.19
- 2 **Archipelagos Hotel, Mykonos** 98.69
- 3 **Raffles Istanbul** 98.08
- 4 **Kos Aktis Art Hotel, Greece** 98.04
- 5 **King George, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Athens** 97.86
- 6 **Andronis Luxury Suites, Santorini** 97.81
- 7 **Perivolos, Santorini** 97.75
- 8 **Andronis Boutique Hotel, Santorini** 97.73
- 9 **Myconian Ambassador, Mykonos** 97.62
- 10 **Canaves Oia, Santorini** 97.18
- 11 **Grace Santorini** 97.12
- 12 **Chromata Up-Style Hotel, Santorini** 97.02
- 13 **Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet** 96.43
- 14 **Kirini Santorini** 96.37
- 15 **Patmos Aktis Suites & Spa, Greece** 95.83
- 16 **Hotel Grande Bretagne, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Athens** 95.38
- 17 **Sun Rocks, Santorini** 94.57
- 18 **Katikies Hotel, Santorini** 94.16
- 19 **Grace Mykonos** 89.52
- 20 **Bill & Coo Suites and Lounge, Mykonos** 87.86

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The number of hotels in Italy that made the list—the most of any country outside of the U.S., and the destination you most definitely plan to visit (again) next year.