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MORE THAN 128,000 of you took part in our 28th annual Readers' Choice Awards survey—the most in its history—submitting millions of ratings and tens of thousands of comments to help us create a list of winning favorites. The breadth of your top-rated experiences was impressive, from elegant castles in the Irish countryside to tented safari camps trailing the Great Migration across the Serengeti. You chose tiny private islands in the tropics, small culture-rich cities in Europe, and intimate river cruises. Most notably, you declared a passion for the authentic, the personalized, the unexpected—finding all three in both newcomers and stalwarts around the world. Turn the page for all of the results.

25
CRUISE LINES

50
ISLANDS

25
AIRLINES

2014 READERS' CHOICE AWARDS



Australia & the South Pacific

TOP 25

- 1 **Aro Hā Wellness Retreat**, Glenorchy, New Zealand 96.739
- 2 **The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs**, Matauri Bay, New Zealand 94.606
- 3 **Southern Ocean Lodge**, Kangaroo Island, Australia 94.231
- 4 **Le Taha'a Island Resort & Spa**, Raiatea, French Polynesia 93.122
- 5 **St. Regis Bora Bora Resort**, French Polynesia 91.667
- 6 **Qualia**, Great Barrier Reef, Australia 91.369
- 7 **Matangi Private Island Resort**, Fiji 90.179
- 8 **Matakauri Lodge**, Queenstown, New Zealand 89.951
- 9 **Huka Lodge**, Taupo, New Zealand 89.524
- 10 **Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora**, French Polynesia 89.214
- 11 **Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge**, Tasmania, Australia 89.025
- 12 **InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa**, French Polynesia 89.021
- 13 **Aitutaki Lagoon Resort & Spa**, Cook Islands 88.532
- 14 **Hilton Bora Bora Nui Resort & Spa**, French Polynesia 87.811
- 15 **Lizard Island**, Great Barrier Reef, Australia 87.723
- 16 **One&Only Hayman Island**, Great Barrier Reef, Australia 86.424
- 17 **Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort & Spa**, French Polynesia 86.235
- 18 **Hotel Kia Ora Resort & Spa**, Rangiroa, French Polynesia 86.012
- 19 **Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa**, French Polynesia 85.956
- 20 **Te Waonui Forest Retreat**, Franz Josef Glacier, New Zealand 85.583
- 21 **Heron Island**, Great Barrier Reef, Australia 85.254
- 22 **Castaway Island Fiji** 84.762
- 23 **Treetops Lodge & Estate**, Rotorua, New Zealand 84.755
- 24 **InterContinental Le Moana Bora Bora**, French Polynesia 82.727
- 25 **Longitude 131°**, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Australia 82.653

All but one of the resorts in Australia and the South Pacific are on islands—the farthest from the U.S. being Kangaroo Island, in the Great Australian Bight.

South Africa

TOP 12

- 1 **Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve & Wellness Retreat**, Cederberg Mountains 98.945
- 2 **andBeyond Lodges & Camps at Sabi Sand Game Reserve** 96.627
- 3 **Singita Sabi Sand** 96.561
- 4 **Madikwe Safari Lodge**, Madikwe Game Reserve 96.468
- 5 **andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve** 95.617
- 6 **Singita Kruger National Park** 95.211
- 7 **Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve** 95.035
- 8 **Londolzi Game Reserve**, Sabi Sand 94.986
- 9 **Lion Sands Game Reserve**, Sabi Sand 93.024
- 10 **MalaMala Game Reserve**, Sabi Sand 91.460
- 11 **Thornybush Game Lodge**, Kruger National Park 91.262
- 12 **Palace of the Lost City**, Sun City 83.508

Africa

(not including South Africa)

TOP 30

- 1 **Singita Grumeti**, Serengeti, Tanzania 99.745
- 2 **Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti**, Tanzania 96.805
- 3 **Sanctuary Swala Camp**, Tarangire National Park, Tanzania 95.739
- 4 **Kirawira Serena Camp**, Serengeti, Tanzania 94.773
- 5 **Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma**, Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia 93.043
- 6 **andBeyond Bateleur Camp**, Masai Mara, Kenya 92.857
- 7 **Sanctuary Chief's Camp**, Moremi, Botswana 92.483
- 8 **andBeyond Chobe Under Canvas**, Botswana 92.063
- 9 **Mombo Camp and Little Mombo**, Moremi, Botswana 91.733
- 10 **andBeyond Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp**, Tanzania 91.582
- 11 **andBeyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge**, Tanzania 90.883
- 12 **Savute Safari Lodge**, Chobe, Botswana 90.816
- 13 **andBeyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp**, Masai Mara, Kenya 90.451
- 14 **Tarangire Sopa Lodge**, Tanzania 90.052
- 15 **Fairmont Mara Safari Club**, Masai Mara, Kenya 89.146
- 16 **Governors' Camp Collection**, Masai Mara, Kenya 88.929
- 17 **Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge**, Tanzania 88.261
- 18 **Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club**, Kenya 88.236
- 19 **andBeyond Serengeti Under Canvas**, Tanzania 88.035
- 20 **Tortilis Camp**, Amboseli, Kenya 87.500
- 21 **Mara Serena Safari Lodge**, Masai Mara, Kenya 87.243
- 22 **Serengeti Sopa Lodge**, Tanzania 86.942
- 23 **Camp Okavango**, Botswana 85.737
- 24 **Samburu Game Lodge**, Samburu National Reserve, Kenya 85.281
- 25 **Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge**, Tanzania 84.694
- 26 **Serengeti Safari Camp**, Tanzania 83.399
- 27 **Sossusvlei Lodge**, Namib Desert, Namibia 83.151
- 28 **Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge**, Tanzania 83.086
- 29 **Serena Mountain Lodge**, Mount Kenya, Kenya 82.826
- 30 **Four Seasons Resort Marrakech** 82.106

The Middle East

TOP 5

- 1 **One&Only The Palm**, Dubai 96.875
- 2 **Emirates Palace**, Abu Dhabi 90.290
- 3 **Dan Eilat Red Sea Hotel**, Israel 88.593
- 4 **Kempinski Hotel Ishtar Dead Sea**, Jordan 88.010
- 5 **Qasr al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara**, Al Gharbia, U.A.E. 86.905

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The privately held land that Singita Grumeti, the No. 1 resort in the world, occupies adjacent to the Serengeti in Tanzania.