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It's a big world out there—so many destinations to visit, so many ways to get there, so many places to stay. How to choose? Answering that question is the aim of T+L's World's Best Awards, the annual survey where we invite you, our trusted, globe-trotting readers, to rate your recent trips to identify the leaders shaping travel today by providing top-notch service and remarkable experiences. This is the 22nd edition of World's Best, with more than 300,000 respondents submitting ratings in categories ranging from cities and hotels to airlines and destination spas. As always, the results surprise, delight, and inspire. (For more details on how the survey was conducted, turn to page 81). Thanks to everyone who took the time to participate, and congratulations to all the 2017 winners—bravo!

the world's best awards

Open the gatefold for our map of
the No. 1 hotels in 85 cities



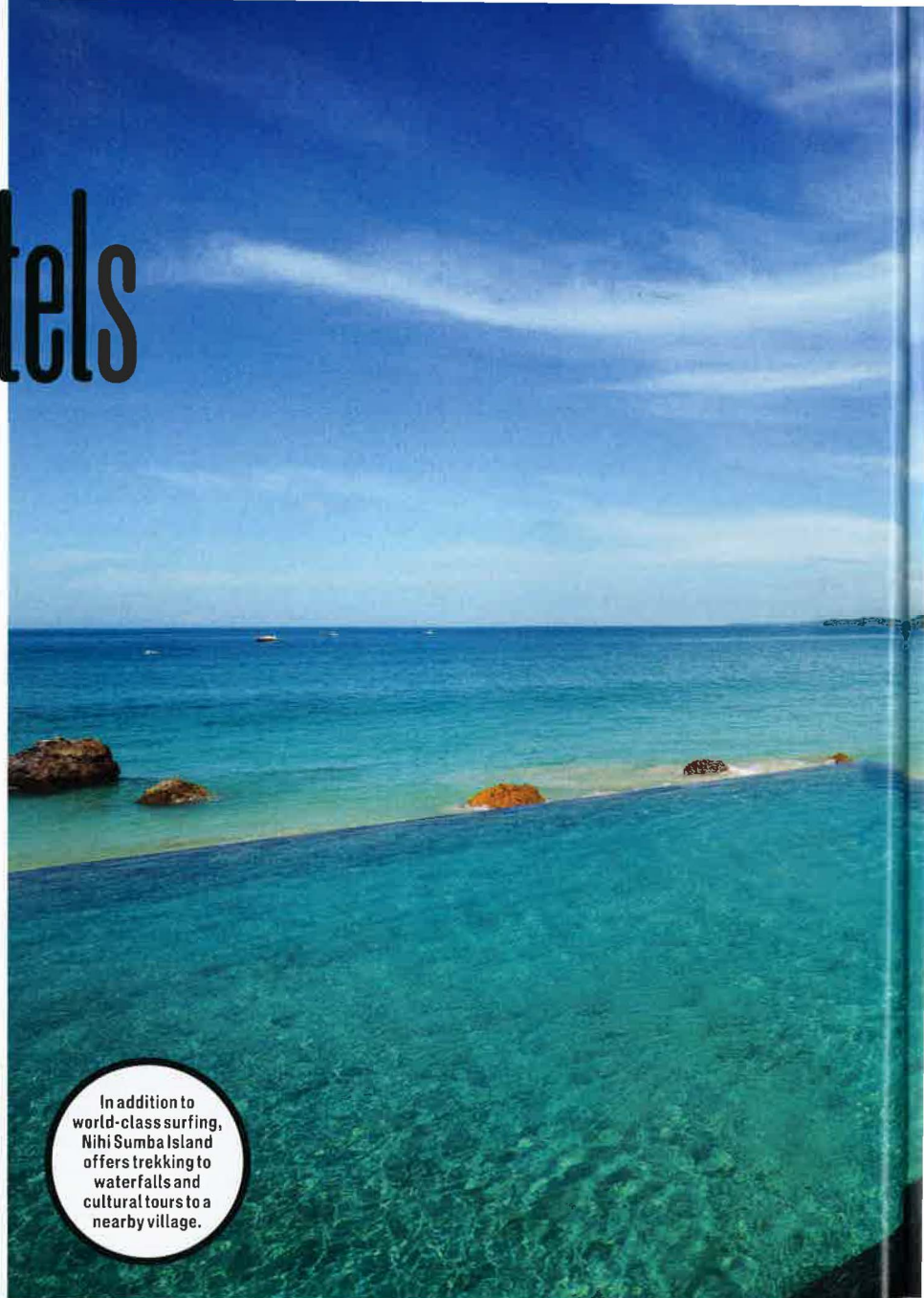
Faultless service and stunning views of the Aegean helped Katikies Hotel, in Santorini, become this year's No. 1 resort hotel in Greece.

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Top 100 Hotels

Nihi Sumba Island earns the No. 1 ranking for the second year in a row, while Rosewood, Oberoi, and Beyond, Auberge, and Four Seasons scored big, with a combined 20 hotels in the top 100.

- 1 **Nihi Sumba Island** (formerly Nihiwatu) Indonesia 99.17
- 2 **The Brando** Tahiti, French Polynesia 98.91
- 3 **Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch** Saratoga, Wyoming 98.77
- 4 **Lodge at Kauri Cliffs** Matauri Bay, New Zealand 98.61
- 5 **Gibb's Farm** Karatu, Tanzania 98.59
- 6 **Tswalu Kalahari** Tswalu Kalahari Reserve, South Africa 98.40
- 7 **Triple Creek Ranch** Darby, Montana 98.23
- 8 **Cavas Wine Lodge** Mendoza, Argentina 98.22
- 9 **Inn at Willow Grove** Orange, Virginia 98.13
- 10 **Rosewood CordeValle** San Martin, California 98.00
- 10 **Zarafa Camp Selinda Reserve**, Botswana 98.00
- 12 **Fogo Island Inn** Newfoundland 97.76
- 13 **137 Pillars House** Chiang Mai, Thailand 97.71
- 14 **Singita Sabi Sand** Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa 97.63
- 15 **Twin Farms** Bernard, Vermont 97.54
- 16 **Oberoi Vanyavilas** Ranthambhore, India 97.50
- 17 **Kamalame Cay** Andros, Bahamas 97.49
- 18 **La Residence** Franschoek, South Africa 97.41
- 19 **Temple House** Chengdu, China 97.37
- 20 **Hacienda AltaGracia**, an Auberge Resort Pérez Zeledón, Costa Rica 97.33
- 21 **andBeyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp** Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya 97.17
- 22 **Castello di Casole—A Timbers Resort Casole d'Elsa**, Italy 97.12
- 23 **Four Seasons Resort the Nam Hai** (formerly the Nam Hai) Hoi An, Vietnam 97.11
- 24 **Four Seasons Hotel Hangzhou at West Lake** Hangzhou, China 97.05
- 25 **Jade Mountain** St. Lucia 97.03
- 26 **Nisbet Plantation Beach Club** Nevis 97.00
- 27 **Manoir Hovey** North Hatley, Quebec 96.96
- 28 **Resort at Pedregal** Cabo San Lucas, Mexico 96.88
- 29 **Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan** Indonesia 96.88
- 30 **Rabbit Hill Inn** Lower Waterford, Vermont 96.87



In addition to world-class surfing, Nihi Sumba Island offers trekking to waterfalls and cultural tours to a nearby village.

- 31 **Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle** Chiang Rai, Thailand 96.86
- 32 **EcoCamp Patagonia Torres del Paine National Park**, Chile 96.84
- 33 **Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco** Montalcino, Italy 96.80
- 34 **Leela Palace** Udaipur, India 96.73
- 35 **Londolozzi Sabi Sand Game Reserve**, South Africa 96.71
- 36 **andBeyond Nxabega Okavango Tented Camp** Okavango Delta, Botswana 96.71
- 37 **Four Seasons Resort Koh Samui**, Thailand 96.71
- 38 **Mont Cervin Palace** Zermatt, Switzerland 96.63
- 39 **Ballyfin County Lacs**, Ireland 96.55
- 40 **Farm at Cape Kidnappers** Hawke's Bay, New Zealand 96.54
- 41 **Curtain Bluff** Antigua 96.45
- 42 **Gasparilla Inn & Club Boca Grande**, Florida 96.43
- 43 **Rambagh Palace, a Taj Hotel** Jaipur, India 96.41
- 44 **andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge** Phinda Private Game Reserve, South Africa 96.40
- 45 **The Wilcox Aiken**, South Carolina 96.38
- 46 **Blackberry Farm** Wolford, Tennessee 96.37
- 47 **Southern Ocean Lodge Kangaroo Island**, Australia 96.30
- 48 **Ko'a Kea Hotel & Resort** Kauai, Hawaii 96.30
- 49 **Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace** Budapest 96.26
- 49 **Rosewood Mayakoba** Playa del Carmen, Mexico 96.26
- 51 **Château du Sureau Oakhurst**, California 96.25
- 52 **Gateway Canyons Resort & Spa** Gateway, Colorado 96.24
- 53 **The Louise** Barossa Valley, Australia 96.22

Australia, New Zealand & the South Pacific

Repeat winners Sydney, Waiheke Island, and the Brando rub shoulders with two debut properties.



The 24-suite Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, on New Zealand's North Island, is set on 6,000 acres and overlooks Matauri Bay.

TOP 5 Cities

- 1 Sydney 87.31
- 2 Queenstown New Zealand 86.45
- 3 Melbourne 85.47
- 4 Wellington New Zealand 83.95
- 5 Auckland New Zealand 81.87

TOP 5 Islands

- 1 Waiheke Island New Zealand 87.47
- 2 Moorea French Polynesia 87.24
- 3 Bora-Bora French Polynesia 86.60
- 4 Cook Islands 86.23
- 5 Huahine French Polynesia 85.81

TOP 5 Resort Hotels The South Pacific

- 1 The Brando Tetiaroa, French Polynesia 98.91
- 2 InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa French Polynesia 93.90
- 3 Four Seasons Resort Bora-Bora, French Polynesia 93.62
- 4 St. Regis Bora Bora Resort French Polynesia 91.93
- 5 InterContinental Bora Bora Le Moana Resort French Polynesia 91.14

TOP 5 Resort Hotels Australia & New Zealand

- 1 Lodge at Kauri Cliffs Matauri Bay, New Zealand 98.61
- 2 Farm at Cape Kidnappers Hawke's Bay, New Zealand 96.54
- 3 Southern Ocean Lodge Kangaroo Island, Australia 96.30
- 4 The Louise Barossa Valley, Australia 96.22
- 5 Matakauri Lodge Queenstown, New Zealand 94.97

TOP 5 City Hotels Australia & New Zealand

- 1 QT Sydney 92.67
- 2 The Langham Sydney 92.21
- 3 Pullman Quay Grand Sydney Harbour 90.89
- 4 Park Hyatt Sydney 90.14
- 5 Crown Towers Melbourne 89.49



READERS SAY...
"The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs is a truly remarkable find at the end of the earth. The sommelier is extraordinary, as is the chef. Service is outstanding."