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THE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS



**THE TOP CITIES, HOTELS, CRUISE LINES,
DESTINATION SPAS, AIRLINES, TOUR COMPANIES,
AND MORE, AS DETERMINED
BY OUR VERY DISCERNING READERS.**



► Who's to judge? You are.

Every year T+L asks readers to dish on their travel experiences—to share their opinions on everything from Southern cities to Asian islands, all-inclusive beach resorts to hilltop palazzos. Those assessments collectively define excellence in travel today, forming the basis of the World's Best Awards.

This year's edition marks the biggest World's Best Awards ever. We counted a record number of votes—more than 200,000 respondents submitted ratings—added dozens of new categories, and saw a heap of new players make the lists. (For more details on how the awards work, turn to page 81.) Kudos to all the winners, and thanks to you.

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the No. 1 hotels in 86 cities



WORLD'S BEST

Destination Spas

PAMPERING IS ALWAYS POPULAR, BUT READERS REALLY RAVED ABOUT SPOTS THAT FOCUS ON HEALTH AND NATURE.

First-time winner Mountain Trek is a sister property of Rancho La Puerta in Mexico.

WINNER'S CIRCLE

NEW LIFE HIKING SPA

What New Life Hiking Spa doesn't offer: Frette sheets, facials, or TRX suspension trainers. What it does: daily guided hikes in the Green Mountains of Vermont, communal meals, and an all-inclusive price tag of just \$250 a night. The 38-year-old spa has a very devoted following—roughly 46 percent of its guests are repeat visitors.

New Life devotees love the unpretentious vibe of the place. "It's kind of like adult camp," says Jimmy LeSage, who founded the spa in 1978. And just like camp, it's open only for part of the year—specifically, May through October. The guest quarters are done in rustic Vermont style, with queen-size beds. "It's a nice room, not the Ritz," LeSage says. That's certainly no deterrent for boldfaced names—New Life draws actors, professional athletes, and CEOs, and has even hosted a Supreme Court justice.



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TOP 10

Domestic Spas

- 1 **New Life Hiking Spa** Killington, Vermont 99.74
- 2 **Westglow Resort & Spa** Blowing Rock, North Carolina 96.43
- 3 **The Ranch** Malibu, California 95.73
- 4 **Cal-a-Vie Health Spa** Vista, California 95.58
- 5 **Pearl Laguna** Laguna Beach, California 95.31

- 6 **Lodge at Woodloch** Hawley, Pennsylvania 94.50
- 7 **Mii Amo Spa** Sedona, Arizona 94.31
- 8 **Lake Austin Spa Resort** Austin, Texas 94.01
- 9 **Sundara Inn & Spa** Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 92.92
- 10 **Miraval Resort & Spa** Tucson, Arizona 92.83

TOP 5

International Spas

- 1 **Mountain Trek** British Columbia 98.13
- 2 **Rancho La Puerta** Tecate, Mexico 96.64
- 3 **Tabacón Grand Spa Thermal Resort** La Fortuna de San Carlos, Costa Rica 95.40
- 4 **BodyHoliday LeSport** Castries, St. Lucia 92.77
- 5 **Maya Tulum Resort** Tulum, Mexico 88.64



READERS SAY...

"Hikes were quite challenging at Mountain Trek, both physically and mentally. But climbing the mountain was a metaphor for a life journey, and I gained deep understanding and compassion for myself."