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Trends come and go, but one thing never changes: your insatiable appetite for seeing the world. This year you cast an almighty 798,867 votes in our 39th Readers' Choice Awards to tell us about the planet's best travel experiences. You fell hard for palace hotels in Morocco, cruised down the Amazon, and got swept up in New York City's exhilarating energy. Now read on to find out where your favorites fall among the winners—and get inspired for where to go next

Eden Rock – St Barths

"During a stay at Eden Rock – St Barths, I spent each afternoon in my lounger participating in an unofficial rite of passage: watching fellow guests swim out to the floating dock and perfect their diving skills."

TAYLOR EISENHAUER, *CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER*

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The Peninsula Istanbul

"The hotel terraces, with views of the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sofia, are a dreamy setting for a sprawling Turkish breakfast or a glass of raki at sundown."

LALE ARIKOGLU, *CNT*

Clockwise from left: The rooftop swimming pool at The Peninsula Istanbul; *Tear* by artist Richard Hudson on the Peninsula terrace; a dish at Rosewood Munich's Brasserie Cuvilliés

TÜRKIYE

1. **Raffles Istanbul** 99.38
2. **Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul** 99.35
3. **The Ritz-Carlton, Istanbul** 99.30
4. **Grand Hyatt Istanbul** 98.87
5. **Grand Hyatt İzmir İstinyePark** 98.21
6. **Argos in Cappadocia,** Uçhisar 97.29
7. **The Peninsula Istanbul** 96.72
8. **Shangri-La Bosphorus, Istanbul** 95.20
9. **Mandarin Oriental Bosphorus, Istanbul** 94.22
10. **10 Karakoy,** Istanbul 93.75

CENTRAL & SOUTHERN EUROPE

1. **Hotel Sacher Salzburg,** Austria 99.00
2. **Rosewood Vienna** 98.33
3. **Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace Budapest** 98.00
4. **Park Hyatt Vienna** 97.73
5. **The Phoenicia Malta,** Valletta 97.59

NORTHERN EUROPE

1. **Waldorf Astoria Helsinki** 99.10
2. **Hotel Sanders,** Copenhagen 99.0
3. **The Hotel,**
4. **The Fontenay,** Hamburg, Germany 98.00
5. **Grand Hôtel,** Stockholm 97.94
6. **Rosewood Munich** 97.93
7. **Fairmont Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten,** Hamburg, Germany 97.89
8. **Waldorf Astoria Berlin** 97.00
9. **Koenigshof, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Munich** 96.79
10. **Amerikalinjen,** Oslo 96.52

2 **Hotel Sanders,** Copenhagen 99.00

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