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Because they are repositories of local culture and keys to a destination, because the one you choose can often make—or break—a travel experience, we take hotels seriously at T+L. And we're glad to say our readers do, too. Every year we ask hundreds of thousands of them to cast their votes so we can determine the top 500 properties in the world. On the following pages, you'll also find our picks of hotels with notable rooftop scenes, culinary excursions, and wildlife treks. It's the list you've been waiting for—with more information than ever before available at TravelandLeisure.com to help you book your next trip.

One of the three pools at Rosewood
Mayakobá, on Mexico's Riviera Maya.

PAUL COSTELLO



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MONACO

MONTE CARLO

• **Hôtel Hermitage (82.80)** Belle Époque palace facing Monte Carlo's Marina, a 2-minute walk to Casino Square. Square Beaumarchais; 800/223-6800 or 377/98-06-40-00; hotelhermitagemontecarlo.com; doubles from \$727.

• **Hôtel Metropole (82.74)** Palatial hotel with a soaring glass atrium and Joël Robuchon's first Japanese restaurant, Yoshi, which opened in 2008. 4 Ave. de la Madone; 800/223-6800 or 377/93-15-15-15; metropole.com; doubles from \$971.

POLAND

KRAKÓW

NEW **Hotel Pod Różą (88.04)** Centuries-old Renaissance palace made for modern travelers, thanks to flat-screen TVs, Wi-Fi, and a full-service gym that looks out onto the city's medieval towers. 14 Florianska Ul.; 48-12/424-3300; hotel.com.pl; doubles from \$258.

PORTUGAL

ÉVORA

NEW **Convento do Espinheiro, a Luxury Collection Hotel & Spa (87.50)** A former convent—now a 92-room hotel—with candlelit arches and 3 pools on 23 acres in the Portuguese countryside. 800/325-3589 or 351-26/678-8200; luxurycollection.com; doubles from \$200.

RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG

NEW **Hotel Astoria (83.07)** Elegant interiors (parquet floors; white marble bathrooms), opposite St. Isaac's Cathedral and within walking distance of the Russian Museum. 39 Bolshaya Morskaya Ul.; 888/667-9477 or 7-812/494-5757; thehotelastoria.com; doubles from \$1,236.

SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH

NEW **Caledonian Hilton (83.68)** 1903 center-city hotel built on top of a 19th-century red-sandstone railway station, a 10-minute walk from Edinburgh Castle. Princes St.; 800/445-8667 or 44-131/222-8888; hilton.com; doubles from \$227.

ISLE OF SKYE

NEW **Kinloch Lodge (83.26)** Food-focused retreat where cookbook author Lady Claire Macdonald runs on-site culinary demonstrations. Sleat; 44-1471/833-333; kinloch-lodge.co.uk; doubles from \$441, including breakfast and 5-course dinner.

SPAIN

MADRID

NEW **Hotel Villa Magna (formerly Park Hyatt Villa Magna) (83.66)** Nine-story granite building—located in the

fashionable neighborhood of Salamanca—with 150 white-and-beige rooms that sparkle after a major renovation. 22 Paseo de la Castellana; 800/745-8883 or 34/91-587-1234; hotelvillamagna.com; doubles from \$822.

SAN SEBASTIÁN

• **Hotel Maria Cristina, a Luxury Collection Hotel (82.62)** Belle Époque property known for its old-world style (Oriental carpets; high ceilings; marble pillars) on the Urumea River, just 2 blocks from Old Town. 800/325-4545 or 34/94-343-7600; hotel-mariacristina.com; doubles from \$306.

SWITZERLAND

GSTAAD

NEW **Grand Hotel Park (86.06)** An Alpine chalet with views of Glacier 3000. The first and still the finest luxury hotel in Gstaad. 800/745-8883 or 41-33/748-9800; grandhotelpark.ch; doubles from \$1,770. *The hotel will be closed for renovations March–December 2010.*

LAUSANNE

• **Lausanne Palace & Spa (84.53)** An institution for high rollers since 1915, with a happening British colonial-style bar. 800/745-8883 or 41-21/331-3131; lausanne-palace.com; doubles from \$530.

ST. MORITZ

NEW **Suvretta House (85.42)** Castle-like property with 191 rooms and a family-friendly vibe, set among private chalets just outside St. Moritz proper. 800/223-6800 or 41-81/836-3636; suvretthouse.ch; doubles from \$918.

ZERMATT

NEW **Seiler Hotel Monte Rosa (86.10)** Zermatt's oldest hotel, on a coveted corner near the Matterhorn. 41-27/966-0333; monterosozermatt.ch; doubles from \$562, 7-night minimum in winter.

TURKEY

BODRUM

NEW **The Marmara (83.78)** The 95 rooms on a steep hill with views of the bay have either ground-floor terraces or sunny balconies. 90-252/313-8130; themarmarahotels.com; doubles from \$390.

ISTANBUL

• **Ceylan InterContinental (90.90)** Near Taksim Square, with a new spa that features a glass-walled circular relaxation room overlooking the Bosphorus. 1 Asker Ocagi Cad.; 800/327-0200 or 90-212/368-4444; intercontinental.com; doubles from \$500.

ASIA

BHUTAN

PARO

NEW **Amankora (91.25)** A collection of 5 stylish eco-lodges in western and central Bhutan. Guests are provided

with a full-time guide and driver. 800/477-9180 or 975/233-1333; amanresorts.com; doubles from \$1,400, all-inclusive.

CAMBODIA

PHNOM PENH

• **Raffles Hotel Le Royal (85.18)** 170-room French-colonial icon; don't miss the Jackie Kennedy-inspired Femme Fatale cocktail in the Elephant Bar. 92 Rukhak Vithei Daun Penh; 800/768-9009 or 855-23/981-888; raffles.com; doubles from \$180.

SIEM REAP

NEW **Hôtel de la Paix (88.68)** 107 guest rooms—with Art Deco and traditional Khmer design elements—encircling an inner courtyard, plus a fabulous (and affordable) spa. 855-63/966-000; hoteldelapaixangkor.com; doubles from \$330.

• **Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor (86.11)** Carefully restored French colonial retreat features a lap pool inspired by Angkor's royal baths. 800/768-9009 or 855-63/963-888; raffles.com; doubles from \$200.

• **Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort (84.23)** Stately property with 238 guest rooms, 5 restaurants, and its own off-site golf course. 800/763-4835 or 855-63/964-600; sofitel.com; doubles from \$170.

CHINA

BEIJING

• **China World Hotel (87.72)** Inspired by China's imperial palaces (lacquered red pillars; gold bamboo panels; crystal chandeliers), with escalator access to one of the city's most upscale shopping malls. 1 Jianguomenwai Rd.; 866/565-5050 or 86-10/6505-2266; shangri-la.com; doubles from \$323.

NEW **Park Hyatt (89.19)** Muted spa-like rooms (blond-wood furniture; white leather sofas) atop a 66-story skyscraper—the tallest on Chang'an Avenue. 2 Jianguomenwai Rd.; 800/233-1234 or 86-10/8567-1234; park.hyatt.com; doubles from \$732.

• **Peninsula Beijing (87.94)** Classic Chinese-inflected design meets of-the-moment amenities, such as 42-inch plasma TV's and spacious white-marble bathrooms. 8 Goldfish Lane; 866/382-8388 or 86-10/8516-2888; peninsula.com; doubles from \$280.

NEW **The Regent (88.37)** A mile from Tiananmen Square, with 500 streamlined rooms, top service (waiters remember how you take your coffee), and an indoor pool. 99 Jinbao St.; 800/967-9044 or 86-10/8522-1888; regenthotels.com; doubles from \$490.

NEW **Ritz-Carlton, Financial Street (90.52)** Glass-and-chrome tower in the Financial District, a quick cab

ride from the now-hip alleys of Nanluoguxiang. 1 Jin Cheng Fang St. E.; 800/241-3333 or 86-10/6601-6666; ritzcarrton.com; doubles from \$269.

• **Shangri-La Hotel (86.69)** 24-story building on well-manicured grounds. The Chi spa offers treatments from Thailand, Tibet, and China. 29 Zizhuyuan Rd.; 866/565-5050 or 86-10/6841-2211; shangri-la.com; doubles from \$374.

• **St. Regis (87.04)** Tony high-rise with a service focus (all rooms have 24-hour butlers) and Alexandra Champalimaud-designed interiors, near Tiananmen Square. 21 Jianguomenwai Rd.; 877/787-3447 or 86-10/6460-6688; stregis.com; doubles from \$370.

HONG KONG

• **Conrad (87.67)** Set on 21 floors of the Pacific Place Towers skyscraper, with larger-than-average guest rooms; downstairs is the posh Pacific Place Mall. Pacific Place, 88 Queensway; 800/266-7237 or 852/2521-3838; conradhotels.com; doubles from \$567.

• **Four Seasons Hotel (89.25)** 399 rooms have either Western or Chinese design elements (both equally plush) in the International Finance Center. 8 Finance St.; 800/332-3442 or 852/3196-8888; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$538.

• **Grand Hyatt (83.64)** Stunning views and sleek design; a favorite of business travelers to Hong Kong, as it's connected to the convention center. 1 Harbour Rd.; 800/233-1234 or 852/2588-1234; grand.hyatt.com; doubles from \$450.

• **InterContinental (86.56)** 17 red granite floors cantilevered on stilts above Victoria Harbour. An Alain Ducasse outpost is located on the lobby level and Nobu Matsuhisa has a restaurant on the 2nd floor. 18 Salisbury Rd.; 800/327-0200 or 852/2721-1211; intercontinental.com; doubles from \$333.

No.1 **Island Shangri-La (92.75)** The city's tallest hotel attracts business travelers and shoppers, thanks to its proximity to banks and the Pacific Place Mall. Pacific Place, Supreme Court Rd.; 866/565-5050 or 852/2877-3838; shangri-la.com; doubles from \$606.

• **Kowloon Shangri-La (88.93)** 700 rooms on the Tsim Sha Tsui East waterfront, with floor-to-ceiling bay windows. 64 Mody Rd.; 866/565-5050 or 852/2721-2111; shangri-la.com; doubles from \$490.

• **Mandarin Oriental (87.50)** There's a 1-to-1 staff-to-guest ratio at this art-filled icon; many of the 501 rooms have balconies overlooking Victoria Harbour. 5 Connaught Rd.; 800/526-6566 or 852/2522-0111; mandarinoriental.com; doubles from \$606.

• **Peninsula Hong Kong (92.23)** A Neoclassical landmark with a dazzling Philippe Starck-designed

