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## THE WORLD'S TOP 100

THE BEST ISLANDS, HOTELS,  
SPAS, CITIES & COUNTRIES

FRESH LOWDOWNS  
ON CLASSIC  
DESTINATIONS

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YOUR FAVOURITE PLACES, FIXERS & MOVERS IN THE WORLD

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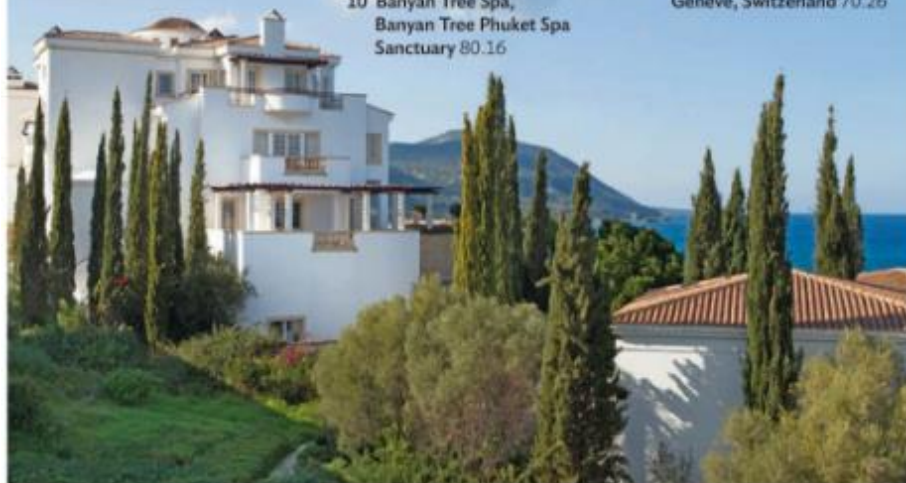
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# SPAS

## OVERSEAS HOTEL SPAS

These are the places where the wellness is excellent but isn't the only focus – so you can book an Ayurvedic Abhyanga session then arrange a cookery lesson or, in the case of **Schloss Elmau**, a literary masterclass for the kids. Pretty family-run Italian hotel **Borgo Egnazia** is liked for fresh-air programmes, from energy-flow to Iyengar, while **One&Only Reethi Rah** was appreciated for its bedrooms – some of which have over-water hammocks – and tropical, coconut-shaking range of treatments. It was **Anassa** on Cyprus, though, that rose to first place, with top points for its nimble-fingered therapists.

- 1 **THALASSA SPA, ANASSA, CYPRUS** 91.60
- 2 **Vair Spa, Borgo Egnazia, Puglia, Italy** 88.54
- 3 **The Spa, Royal Mansour, Marrakech** 87.09
- 4 **The Oriental Spa, Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok** 86.96
- 5 **One&Only Spa, One&Only Reethi Rah, Maldives** 86.40
- 6 **Six Senses Spa, Six Senses Zighy Bay, Oman** 85.21
- 7 **The Spa My Blend by Clarins, Le Royal Monceau – Raffles Paris** 84.37
- 8 **The Spa & Ayurvedic Retreat, Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru** 82.86
- 9 **COMO Shambhala Retreat, COMO Parrot Cay, Turks & Caicos** 81.16
- 10 **Banyan Tree Spa, Banyan Tree Phuket Spa Sanctuary** 80.16
- 11 **Huvafen Spa, Huvafen Fushi, Maldives** 79.44
- 12 **Sense, A Rosewood Spa, Rosewood Mayakoba, Mexico** 78.58
- 13 **Six Senses Spa, Six Senses Yao Noi, Thailand** 77.88
- 14 **Guerlain Spa at One&Only The Palm, Dubai** 77.07
- 15 **Spa La Mamounia, Marrakech** 75.36
- 16 **Cheval Blanc Spa, Cheval Blanc St-Barth Isle de France, St Barth's** 75.01
- 17 **Maia Spa, Fusion Maia, Da Nang, Vietnam** 74.60
- 18 **Schloss Elmau, Bavaria, Germany** 72.92
- 19 **T Spa, Grand Hotel Tremezzo, Lake Como, Italy** 72.00
- 20 **Spa Nescens, La Réserve Genève, Switzerland** 70.26



## UK HOTEL SPAS

By hotel spas we don't just mean a small treatment room and a visiting local masseuse, but truly dedicated spaces with a reputation for pinpoint treatments and assured therapists. Last year's runner-up, **Chewton Glen**, is this year's winner, with perceptive scores for its skilled therapists, holistic programmes and bedrooms, although Bath's **Gainsborough Spa** came a close second. In London, the **Corinthia**, with its brain-boosting mindfulness programme, nudged just ahead of the new-look **Mandarin Oriental**, but both had respectable scores for their range of treatments and therapists.

- 1 **THE SPA, CHEWTON GLEN, HAMPSHIRE** 87.59
- 2 **Spa Village Bath, The Gainsborough Bath Spa** 86.02
- 3 **Herb House, Lime Wood, Hampshire** 84.60
- 4 **The Spa at Coworth Park, Ascot** 84.14
- 5 **ESPA Life at Corinthia, Corinthia Hotel, London** 83.23
- 6 **Roof Top Spa, Rudding Park, Harrogate** 81.85
- 7 **The Spa at Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London** 81.20
- 8 **ESPA at Lucknam Park, Wiltshire** 80.20
- 9 **House Spa, Dormy House, Worcestershire** 79.78
- 10 **The Pavilion Spa, Cliveden House, Berkshire** 78.31
- 11 **Barnsley Spa, Barnsley House, Cotswolds** 77.15
- 12 **The Scarlet Spa, The Scarlet, Cornwall** 76.52
- 13 **The Dorchester Spa, The Dorchester, London** 75.09
- 14 **Cowshed Spa, Soho Farmhouse, Oxfordshire** 74.07
- 15 **Grayshott Health Spa, Surrey** 73.61

## DESTINATION SPAS

Thailand's **Chiva-Som**, soon to reopen after a major facelift, has lasted the distance since we launched, while other long-term favourites include Switzerland's **Clinique La Prairie** (which you rated highly for its range of treatments) and the **Original FX Mayr** in Austria (you thought its bedrooms were in the best shape). But **Lanserhof Tegernsee**, set in the Bavarian countryside and only open since 2014, has fast become your go-to retreat, with hearty scores for its therapists and its full-on Mayr method programmes.

- 1 **LANSERHOF TEGERNSEE, BAVARIA, GERMANY** 94.72
- 2 **Original FX Mayr, Maria Wörth, Austria** 90.20
- 3 **Clinique La Prairie, Montreux, Switzerland** 89.84
- 4 **Palace Merano – Espace Henri Chenot, Merano, Italy** 89.41
- 5 **Park Igls, Innsbruck, Austria** 89.36
- 6 **Chiva-Som, Hua Hin, Thailand** 88.92
- 7 **Villa Stéphanie, Brenners Park Hotel & Spa, Baden Baden, Germany** 88.24
- 8 **Vana, Uttarakhand, India** 87.44
- 9 **VIVAMAYR Altaussee, Austria** 87.16
- 10 **Lefay, Lake Garda, Italy** 85.95
- 11 **Les Sources de Caudalie, Bordeaux, France** 85.83
- 12 **Kamalaya Koh Samui, Thailand** 85.76
- 13 **Grand Resort Bad Ragaz, Switzerland** 84.76
- 14 **Ananda in the Himalayas, Uttarakhand, India** 84.53
- 15 **COMO Shambhala Estate, Bali, Indonesia** 83.29
- 16 **Cal-a-Vie Health Spa, Vista, California** 81.50
- 17 **Bamford Haybarn Spa, Daylesford, Cotswolds** 80.97
- 18 **Miraval Arizona Resort & Spa, USA** 79.24
- 19 **Banyan Tree Spa Ungasan, Bali, Indonesia** 78.93
- 20 **BodyHoliday, St Lucia** 77.28



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# THE WORLD'S TOP 100



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|---|---|---|--|
| 1 GREEK ISLANDS 95.63   | 13 Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru 91.71                 | 49 Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong (Overseas business hotel) 87.18 | 72 Saffire Freycinet, Tasmania, Australia 85.39                    |
| 2 Lanserhof Tegernsee, Bavaria, Germany 94.72                           | 14 Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa 89.58                       | 50 VIVAMAYR Altaussee, Austria 87.16                            | 73 Mandarin Oriental Bodrum, Turkey 85.38                          |
| 3 The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur, India 94.49                            | 27 Viceroy Riviera Maya, Mexico 89.58                                     | 51 The Spa, Royal Mansour, Marrakech, Morocco 87.09             | 74 Ponant 85.33  |
| 4 The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Mumbai, India (Asian holiday hotel) 94.25 | 29 Palace Merano – Espace Henri Chenot, Italy 89.41                       | 52 Jumby Bay Island, Antigua 87.01                              | 75 The St Regis Bali Resort, Indonesia 85.21                       |
| 5 Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Antibes, France 93.65                          | 30 Park Igls, Innsbruck, Austria 89.36                                    | 53 The Oriental Spa, Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok 86.96           | 75 Blanket Bay, Glenorchy, New Zealand 85.21                       |
| 6 One&Only Palmilla, Los Cabos, Mexico 93.18                            | 31 Ulusaba Private Game Reserve, South Africa 89.32                       | 54 The Brando, French Polynesia 86.81                           | 75 Six Senses Spa, Six Senses Zighy Bay, Oman 85.21                |
| 7 The Peninsula Hong Kong (Asian holiday hotel) 92.48                   | 32 Fullerton Hotel, Singapore 89.09                                       | 55 Ma I, Hong Kong 86.78  | 78 Cheval Blanc Randheli, Maldives 85.09                           |
| 8 Belmond Mount Nelson, Cape Town 92.25                                 | 33 Belmond Hotel Cipriani, Venice, Italy 89.05                            | 56 Seabourn 86.53   | 79 Emirates 85.03  |
| 9 Singita Sabi Sand, South Africa 92.01                                 | 34 Chiva-Som, Hua Hin, Thailand 88.92                                     | 57 Jamaica Inn, Ocho Rios, Jamaica 86.47                        | 80 Hôtel de Crillon, A Rosewood Hotel, Paris 84.99                 |
| 10 Eden Rock – St Barths 91.99  | 35 The Cotton House, Mustique, St Vincent & Grenadines 88.90              | 58 One&Only Reethi Rah, Maldives 86.45                          | 81 Crosby Street Hotel, New York, USA 84.85                        |
| 11 La Réserve Paris, France 91.96                                       | 36 Vair Spa, Borgo Egnazia, Puglia, Italy 88.54                           | 59 One&Only Spa, One&Only Reethi Rah, Maldives 86.40            | 82 Grand Resort Bad Ragaz, Switzerland 84.76                       |
| 12 Six Senses Douro Valley, Portugal 91.83                              | 37 The Peninsula Hong Kong 88.49  | 60 Spa Village Bath, The Gainsborough Bath Spa, UK 86.02        | 83 The Capri Palace Hotel & Spa, Italy 84.64                       |
|   | 38 Taj Lake Palace Hotel, Udaipur, India 88.35                            | 60 Four Seasons Hotel Ritz Lisbon, Portugal 86.02               | 84 Herb House, Lime Wood, Hampshire 84.60                          |
|   | 39 Villa Stéphanie, Brenners Park Hotel & Spa, Baden-Baden, Germany 88.24 | 62 The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai, India 85.97                    | 85 Ananda in the Himalayas, Uttarakhand, India 84.53               |
|   | 40 Italy 88.21  | 63 Lefay, Lake Garda, Italy 85.95                               | 86 Spa My Blend by Clarins, Le Royal Monceau – Raffles Paris 84.37 |
|   | 41 Hawaii 88.05   | 64 Emirates Palace, Abu Dhabi 85.92                             | 87 Song Saa Private Island, Cambodia 84.35                         |
|   | 42 Cape Grace, Cape Town, South Africa 87.84                              | 65 Les Sources de Caudalie, Bordeaux, France 85.83              | 88 Rosewood Beijing, China 84.24                                   |
|   | 42 Le Bristol Paris, France 87.84   | 66 Kamalaya, Koh Samui, Thailand 85.76                          | 89 Viking 84.20  |
|   | 44 Suvretta House, St Moritz, Switzerland 87.78                           | 67 Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora, French Polynesia 85.73        | 90 The Spa at Coworth Park, Berkshire 81.14                        |
|   | 45 Greece 87.72   | 68 Thailand 85.68   | 91 Paris 84.04   |
|   | 46 The Spa, Chewton Glen, Hampshire 87.59                                 | 69 Bali 85.56   | 92 Hotel de Russie, Rome 83.92                                     |
|   | 47 Vana, Uttarakhand, India 87.44   | 70 Sicily 85.53   | 92 Australia 83.92   |
|   | 48 St Lucia 87.32   | 71 Silversea Cruises 85.50                                      | 94 COMO The Treasury, Perth, Australia 83.86                       |
|   |   |   | 95 Mauritius 83.85   |
|   |   |   | 96 One&Only Le Saint Géran, Mauritius 83.84                        |
|   |   |   | 97 The Beverly Hills Hotel, Los Angeles 83.67                      |
|   |   |   | 98 South Africa 83.64  |
|   |   |   | 99 Singapore Airlines 83.58  |
|   |   |   | 100 Koh Samui, Thailand 83.49                                      |

## HOW OUR QUESTIONNAIRE PRODUCED YOUR 'BEST OF THE BEST' LIST

Questionnaires were posted at [cntraveller.com](http://cntraveller.com) from 4 March to 3 May 2018. The results were collated and analysed by an independent market-research company called Market Management. The 25 categories for nominations are listed below, with the criteria by which they were judged. Figures for all criteria and the Top 100 are percentages representing overall average levels of satisfaction.

Countries Scenery • Food • Culture • Places to stay • Value for money • People Islands Beaches • Scenery • Food • Places to stay • People • Value for money UK & overseas cities Architecture • Culture • Restaurants and bars • Nightlife • People • Places to stay Ski resorts Restaurants and bars • Hotels and chalets • Atmosphere • Range and quality of rooms • Lift system/efficiency UK holiday hotels Design • Value for money • Food • Location • Service • Rooms • Facilities • Atmosphere UK & overseas business hotels Design • Value for money • Food • Location • Service • Rooms • Facilities • Atmosphere Overseas holiday hotels: Europe, Turkey & Russia; the Americas & Caribbean; the Middle East, Africa & the Indian Ocean; Asia & the Indian subcontinent; Australia & the South Pacific Design • Value for money • Food • Location • Service • Rooms • Facilities • Atmosphere Airlines short- & long-haul holidays Food • Airport lounge • Service • Punctuality • Range of routes • Loyalty reward schemes Airlines: business travel Food • Airport lounge • Service • Punctuality • Range of routes • Loyalty reward schemes Airports Design • Flight information • Restaurants • Location • Shops • Efficiency of security checks Cruise lines: small & large ships Design • Facilities • Food • Cabins • Service • Entertainment • Itinerary Tour operators & specialist tour operators Reliability • Variety of destinations/focus on single destinations • Service • Ranges of places to stay • First-hand knowledge of destination Villa rental companies Range of villas • Range of destinations/focus on single destinations • Value for money • Presentation of villas • On-the-ground support Spas in UK & overseas hotels; destination spas Therapists • Range of treatments • Programmes • Bedrooms