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Il Falconiere, in Cortona, Italy, rated No. 1 by T+L readers for value in Europe among hotels in the \$250 to \$400 category.

2008 World's Best Hotel Values

Where are the top hotel values around the globe? T+L has the answers.

EVERY YEAR IN OUR World's Best Awards survey, we ask T+L readers to review their recent travels in terms of value. Here, you'll find the winners, grouped by region and price range—whether an affordable European city hotel for under \$200 or an African safari camp that will run you more than \$2,000—so you can decide when to save or splurge.

TOP 20 HOTELS FOR VALUE OVERALL

- 1 Peninsula Bangkok 89.34 (\$280*)
- 2 Il Falconiere, Cortona, Italy 89.06 (\$386)
- 3 Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur, India 88.97 (\$745)
- 4 Strand Hotel, Yangon, Myanmar 88.89 (\$450)
- 5 Sweetwaters Tented Camp, Sweetwaters Game Reserve, Kenya 88.75 (\$335)
- 6 Fairmont Mara Safari Club, Masai Mara, Kenya 88.46 (\$560)
- 7 Four Seasons Hotel, Bangkok 88.39 (\$338)
- 8 Ritz-Carlton Millenia, Singapore 88.24 (\$545)
- 9 Four Seasons Hotel Cairo at Nile Plaza 88.00 (\$340) »

*Throughout, hotel prices are for a standard double room, high season (resorts) or rack rate (city hotels).



Global Winners

From left: Four Seasons Resort Whistler, the winner in the Over \$400 category; Wickaninnish Inn, another favorite in the Over \$400 group; the Woodlands Resort & Inn in South Carolina, the highest U.S. scorer in the \$250 to \$400 category.

INSIDER HOTEL TIPS

For our top tips on how to get the best hotel rates, go to travelandleisure.com.

- 10 Milestone Hotel, London 87.50 (\$523)
- 10 Tortilis Camp, Amboseli National Park, Kenya 87.50 (\$880)
- 10 Fullerton Hotel, Singapore 87.50 (\$558)
- 13 The Oriental, Bangkok 87.40 (\$390)
- 14 Singita Sabi Sand, Kruger National Park, South Africa 87.21 (\$2,600)
- 15 Woodlands Resort & Inn, Summerville, South Carolina 86.96 (\$325)
- 16 The Conrad, Bangkok 86.91 (\$205)
- 17 Jao Camp, Moremi Game Reserve, Botswana 86.84 (\$2,670)
- 17 Ritz-Carlton, Istanbul 86.84 (\$400)
- 19 Four Seasons Hotel, Buenos Aires 86.79 (\$450)
- 20 Kichwa Tembo, Masai Mara, Kenya 86.67 (\$855)

CONTINENTAL U.S. AND CANADA

- UNDER \$250**
- 1 Tu Tu' Tun Lodge, Gold Beach, Oregon 84.21 (\$233)
- 2 Inn at Montchanin Village, Delaware 84.00 (\$179)
- 3 Auberge Saint-Antoine, Quebec City 82.96 (\$199)
- 4 Madrona Manor, Healdsburg, California 81.82 (\$240)

- 5 Monmouth Plantation, Natchez, Mississippi 80.95 (\$195)

\$250 TO \$400

- 1 Woodlands Resort & Inn, Summerville, South Carolina 86.96 (\$325)
- 2 Post Hotel & Spa, Lake Louise, Alberta 81.45 (\$315)
- 3 Fearington House Country Inn, Pittsboro, North Carolina 80.44 (\$250)
- 4 Planters Inn, Charleston, South Carolina 80.26 (\$295)
- 5 Keltic Lodge Resort & Spa, Ingonish Beach, Nova Scotia 80.21 (\$301)

OVER \$400

- 1 Four Seasons Resort Whistler, British Columbia 82.69 (\$435)
- 2 Rusty Parrot Lodge & Spa, Jackson Hole, Wyoming 79.84 (\$405)
- 3 Blantyre, Lenox, Massachusetts 79.35 (\$550)
- 4 Sooke Harbour House, Vancouver Island, British Columbia 79.17 (\$495)
- 5 Wickaninnish Inn, Tofino, Vancouver Island 78.47 (\$480)

HAWAII

UNDER \$400

- 1 Four Seasons Resort Lanai, The Lodge at Koele 79.52 (\$345)

- 2 Kahala Hotel & Resort, Oahu 74.14 (\$395)
- 3 Maui Prince Hotel 73.81 (\$255)

OVER \$400

- 1 Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Hawaii 80.05 (\$775)
- 2 Hotel Hana-Maui & Honua Spa, Maui 79.63 (\$495)
- 3 Halekulani, Oahu 78.13 (\$445)

EUROPE

UNDER \$250

- 1 Hôtel d'Europe, Avignon, France 82.56 (\$249)
- 2 Domaine des Hauts de Loire, Onzain, France 79.17 (\$191)
- 3 Hotel Eisenhut, Rothenburg, Germany 75.00 (\$229)
- 4 InterContinental Budapest 74.51 (\$162)
- 5 Grand Hotel Minerva, Florence, Italy 74.27 (\$218)

\$250 TO \$400

- 1 Il Falconiere, Cortona, Italy 89.06 (\$386)
- 2 Ritz-Carlton, Istanbul 86.84 (\$400)
- 3 La Bastide de Moustiers, Provence, France 81.82 (\$279)
- 4 Le Méridien Bristol, Warsaw 80.00 (\$292)
- 5 G Hotel, Galway, Ireland 77.63 (\$294)

OVER \$400

- 1 Milestone Hotel, London 87.50 (\$523)
- 2 Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet 85.00 (\$456)
- 3 Four Seasons Gresham Palace, Budapest 83.51 (\$500)
- 4 41, London 82.96 (\$405)
- 5 Four Seasons Hotel, Prague 82.42 (\$499)

ASIA

UNDER \$250

- 1 The Conrad, Bangkok 86.91 (\$205)
- 2 Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel & Towers, Bangkok 85.97 (\$231)
- 3 Shangri-La Hotel, Bangkok 84.59 (\$240)
- 4 Grand Hyatt Erawan, Bangkok 83.33 (\$229)
- 5 JW Marriott Hotel, Bangkok 81.25 (\$210)

\$250 TO \$400

- 1 Peninsula Bangkok 89.34 (\$280)
- 2 Four Seasons Hotel, Bangkok 88.39 (\$338)
- 3 The Oriental, Bangkok 87.40 (\$390)
- 4 Sofitel Metropole, Hanoi 82.90 (\$259)
- 5 Peninsula Manila 80.56 (\$250) >>