



# The GOLD LIST

*Celebrating ten years*



**I**N 2005 LUXURY TRAVEL magazine held the first Gold List Awards, asking our readers to vote for their favourite luxury travel experiences in 22 major categories. This issue, we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of these prestigious awards that have become synonymous with the very best in the industry. The awards have grown to include

This icon signifies that the award winner has made the Gold List every year for the past five years or more. They are our Hall of Fame members and deserve special recognition.

34 categories and hundreds of hotels, resorts, boutique properties, cruises, rail journeys, food and wine experiences, adventure travel and everything in between. Thank you to our readers and Virtuoso members for making these awards such a success over the past 10 years and for voting in your thousands again in 2014. We hope you will stay with us for the next decade of luxury travel.

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Best Australian hotel

1. Crown Towers, Melbourne, VIC

An old favourite is back on top! Crown Towers won this category way back in 2007 and has always been near the top, but it's beaten out some hot contenders to win again in 2014. The top four hotels are all previous winners, showing that our readers are loyal to their favourite Australian properties.

2. The Langham, Melbourne, VIC  
3. Park Hyatt Sydney, Sydney, NSW  
4. Palazzo Versace, Gold Coast, QLD  
5. Mansion Hotel & Spa at Werribee Park, Werribee Park, VIC  
6. InterContinental Sydney, Sydney, NSW  
7. The Westin Melbourne, Melbourne, VIC  
8. Shangri-La Hotel, Sydney, NSW  
9. Four Seasons Hotel Sydney, Sydney, NSW  
10. The Westin Sydney, Sydney, NSW  
11. Park Hyatt Melbourne, Melbourne, VIC  
12. QT Sydney, Sydney, NSW  
13. Sofitel Melbourne on Collins, Melbourne, VIC  
14. Sheraton on the Park, Sydney, NSW  
15. The Henry Jones Art Hotel, Hobart, TAS  
16. Hyatt Hotel Canberra  
A Park Hyatt Hotel, Canberra, ACT  
17. The Langham, Sydney, NSW  
18. Hilton Sydney, Sydney, NSW  
19. Grand Hyatt Melbourne, Melbourne, VIC  
20. Sir Stamford at Circular Quay, Sydney, NSW  
21. QT Gold Coast, Gold Coast, QLD  
22. Crown Metropal, Melbourne, VIC  
23. BLUE Sydney, Sydney, NSW  
24. Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, Sydney, NSW  
25. The Darling, Sydney, NSW  
26. Swissotel Sydney, Sydney, NSW

Right: Melbourne sparkles from a deluxe suite at Crown Towers. Below: Take the chopper to The Peninsula Hong Kong.



Best overseas hotel

1. The Peninsula Hong Kong, Hong Kong

2014 makes it 10 for 10 for The Peninsula Hong Kong, a record run. London is the long-haul winner this year with three properties on the list, including two first time entries.

2. Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong  
3. Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris, France  
4. Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
5. The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Canada  
6. Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok, Thailand  
7. Raffles Singapore, Singapore  
8. Burj al Arab, Dubai, UAE  
9. The Savoy, London, England  
10. The Goring, London, England  
11. Villa d'Este, Lake Como, Italy  
12. Hotel Adlon Kempinski, Berlin, Germany  
13. Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at the Bosphorus, Istanbul, Turkey  
14. The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Canada  
15. The Langham, London, England  
16. Crosby Street Hotel, New York City, USA  
17. Raffles Dubai, Dubai, UAE

Best Australian resort

1. qualia, Hamilton Island, QLD

qualia takes the top spot two years in a row, with the newly rebranded One&Only Hayman Island (which will undergo a multi-million dollar refurb this year) again the runner up. It's great to see a reopened Bedarra back on the list.

2. One&Only Hayman Island, Hayman Island, QLD  
3. Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef, QLD  
4. Bedarra, Great Barrier Reef, QLD  
5. Pullman Resort Bunker Bay, Margaret River, WA  
6. Chateau Elan at The Vintage, Hunter Valley, NSW  
7. The Byron at Byron Resort and Spa, Byron Bay, NSW  
8. Sheraton Mirage Resort & Spa, Gold Coast, Gold Coast, QLD  
9. Pullman Port Douglas Sea Temple Resort & Spa, Port Douglas, QLD  
10. Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas Resort, Port Douglas, QLD  
11. Sheraton Noosa Resort & Spa, Noosa, QLD  
12. Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, Broome, WA  
13. Heron Island, Great Barrier Reef, QLD  
14. Smiths Beach Resort, Margaret River, WA  
15. Bonville International Golf Resort, Bonville, NSW

Best overseas resort

1. Likuliku Lagoon Resort, Fiji



Congratulations Likuliku! With five wins in a row we are thrilled to welcome this favourite overseas resort to the Hall of Fame. The finalists are a much more diverse bunch this year with resorts across the Pacific, Asia and beyond all featuring.

2. Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora, French Polynesia  
3. AYANA Resort & Spa, Jimbaran, Bali  
4. The Mulia, Mulia Resort & Villas, Nusa Dua, Bali  
5. The Nam Hai, Hoi An, Vietnam  
6. Four Seasons Resort Langkawi, Langkawi, Malaysia  
7. Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort, Fiji  
8. The Datai Langkawi, Langkawi, Malaysia  
9. Alila Villas Uluwatu, Uluwatu, Bali  
10. Four Seasons Resort Lana'i at Manele Bay, Hawaii, USA  
11. Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea, Hawaii, USA

12. The St Regis Bora Bora Resort, French Polynesia  
13. Sun City South Africa, Western Cape, South Africa  
14. Taj Exotica Resort and Spa, Maldives  
15. Castaway Island, Fiji  
16. W Retreat & Spa, Maldives

✓ Editor's pick

Four Seasons Maldives  
Kuda Huraa, Maldives

"Arriving at this resort felt like arriving in paradise and the views are consistently amazing. There's also a great reef regeneration and sea turtle protection program"



Above: Saffire looks out over The Hazards mountain range. Below: Adults-only Likuliku is made for romance.

Best Australian boutique property, villa or lodge

1. Saffire Freycinet, Coles Bay, TAS

Our readers headed south this year, putting the ultra luxe Saffire lodge into the top spot for the first time. Bells at Killcare, just outside of Sydney, also makes an impressive entry in 2014 – it was outside the top 20 last year and has jumped up to second.

2. Bells at Killcare, Killcare, NSW  
3. Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island, SA  
4. Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island, NSW  
5. Peppers Mineral Springs Retreat, Daylesford, VIC  
6. Longitude 131°, Yulara, NT  
7. Lake House, Daylesford, VIC  
8. Echoes Boutique Hotel and Restaurant, Katoomba, NSW  
9. Jonah's, Whale Beach, NSW  
10. Lindenderry at Red Hill, Red Hill, VIC  
11. Spicers Peak Lodge, Maryvale, QLD  
12. Islington Hotel, Hobart, TAS  
13. Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Wolgan Valley, NSW  
14. Emporium Hotel Brisbane, Brisbane, QLD  
15. El Questro Wilderness Park, Kununurra, WA  
16. Spicers Clovelly Estate, Montville, QLD  
17. Villa Howden, Howden, TAS  
18. Cape Lodge, Margaret River, WA  
19. Kims Beach Hideaway, Toowoomb Bay, NSW  
20. Indijup Spa Retreat, Margaret River, WA







Best overseas boutique property, villa or lodge

1. **Huka Lodge, Taupo, New Zealand**

It's a New Zealand whitewash in this category with the top six spots taken by luxury lodges from the Land of the Long White Cloud. South Africa is the breakout star of the year with four new entries making the finals.

2. Blanket Bay, Glenorchy, New Zealand  
3. The Farm at Cape Kidnappers, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand  
4. Whare Kea Lodge & Chalet, Wanaka, New Zealand  
5. The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, Matauri Bay, New Zealand  
6. Matakauri Lodge, Queenstown, New Zealand  
7. Villa Sungai, Cepaka, Bali  
8. Borgo Santo Pietro, Tuscany, Italy  
9. Post Ranch Inn, California, USA  
10. La Sirenuse, Positano, Italy  
11. Azur Lodge, Queenstown, New Zealand  
12. Fiordland Lodge, Te Anau, New Zealand  
13. La Mirande, Avignon, France  
14. Laucala Island, Fiji  
15. Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa, Johannesburg, South Africa  
16. Moraine Lake Lodge, Banff, Canada  
17. Ratua Private Island, Vanuatu  
18. Royal Davui Island Resort, Fiji  
19. Savanna Private Game Reserve, South Africa  
20. Song Saa Private Island, Cambodia  
21. CLASKA, Tokyo, Japan  
22. andBeyond Phinda Homestead, South Africa  
23. The Havannah, Efate Island, Vanuatu  
24. Treetops Lodge & Estate, Rotorua, New Zealand  
25. Casa del Mar, Langkawi, Malaysia  
26. Trisara, Phuket, Thailand  
27. Ulusaba Private Game Reserve, South Africa  
28. Villa 25, Port Vila, Vanuatu  
29. Yasawa Island Resort & Spa, Fiji  
30. Villa Samadhi, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
31. Ubud Hanging Gardens, Ubud, Bali



**The Peninsula House, Samana, Dominican Republic**  
"This stunning Spanish-style property has just six bedrooms and is like staying at the home of a hugely wealthy (and mildly eccentric) friend."



Best New Zealand property within driving distance of the city

1. **Huka Lodge, Taupo**

Four years in a row for Huka – can they hold on for 2015 to join the Hall of Famers?

2. Blanket Bay, Glenorchy  
3. The Farm at Cape Kidnappers, Hawke's Bay  
4. Wharekauhau Lodge, Pailiser Bay  
5. The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, Matauri Bay  
6. Millbrook Resort, Queenstown  
7. Otahuna Lodge, Christchurch  
8. Black Barn Vineyards, Hawke's Bay  
9. Matakauri Lodge, Queenstown



**Whare Kea Lodge & Chalet, Wanaka**  
"The food is sensational and with a helipad at the door and a mountain transfer service to some great ski resorts, this lodge in one of the best skiing and heli-skiing bases in the southern hemisphere."

Best Australian property within driving distance of the city

1. **Bells at Killcare, Killcare, NSW**

Bells has made an incredible leap this year, up from 16<sup>th</sup> to take out first place in 2014. A great showing from Spicers with four properties making the cut.

2. Lake House, Daylesford, VIC  
3. Saffire Freycinet, Coles Bay, TAS  
4. Peppers Mineral Springs Retreat, Daylesford, VIC  
5. Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Wolgan Valley, NSW  
6. Mansion Hotel & Spa at Werribee Park, Werribee Park, VIC  
7. Lilianfels Blue Mountains Resort & Spa, Katoomba, NSW  
8. Lindenderry at Red Hill, Red Hill, VIC  
9. Spicers Peak Lodge, Maryvale, QLD

10. Kims Beach Hideaway, Toowoomb Bay, NSW  
11. Jonah's, Whale Beach, NSW  
12. Spicers Clovelly Estate, Montville, QLD  
13. Oceans Mooloolaba Beach, Mooloolaba, QLD  
14. The Louise, Barossa Valley, SA  
15. Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat, Gold Coast, QLD  
16. Chateau Yering, Yarra Valley, VIC  
17. Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld, VIC  
18. Bannisters, Mollmook, NSW  
19. Chateau Elan at The Vintage, Hunter Valley, NSW  
20. Sangoma Retreat, Bowen Mountain, NSW  
21. Spicers Hidden Vale, Grandchester, QLD  
22. Spicers Tamarind Retreat, Maleny, QLD  
23. Tower Lodge, Hunter Valley, NSW



Best overseas family resort

1. **Jean-Michel Cousteau Fiji Islands Resort, Fiji**

It's a Fiji top three again this year as perennial favourite Jean-Michel Cousteau is back on top, with 2013 winner Castaway Island placing third. Asia and the USA are firm family favourites again in 2014.

2. Malolo Island Resort, Fiji  
3. Castaway Island, Fiji  
4. Disneyland Resort, California, USA  
5. Fiji Beach Resort & Spa, Managed by Hilton, Denarau Island, Fiji  
6. Club Med Bali, Nusa Dua, Bali  
7. Club Med Bintan Island, Indonesia  
8. Club Med Cherating Beach, Malaysia

9. Disney World Resort, Florida, USA  
10. Grand Wailea, Maui, Hawaii, USA  
11. Radisson BLU Resort Fiji, Denarau Island, Fiji  
12. Musket Cove Island Resort, Fiji  
13. Sheraton Fiji Resort, Denarau Island, Fiji  
14. InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa, Fiji

Below from top: Tropical island paradise at Jean-Michel Cousteau; Rejuvenate at Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat.



Best overseas health and wellness property

1. **Kamalaya Wellness Sanctuary, Koh Samui, Thailand**

After a seven year reign Kamalaya has finally taken the top spot from Chiva-Som! There were lots of new entries this year including newly opened properties in Bali and New Zealand.

2. Chiva-Som, Hua Hin, Thailand  
3. Sukhavati Ayurvedic Retreat & Spa, Bebangnan, Bali  
4. COMO Shambhala, Ubud, Bali  
5. Ananda in the Himalayas, Uttarakhand, India  
6. Aro Ha, Queenstown, New Zealand  
7. Canyon Ranch, Arizona, USA  
8. Enchantment Resort, Arizona, USA  
9. Six Senses Yao Noi, Phang Na, Thailand  
10. Spa Village Resort, Tembok, Bali



Best Australian health and wellness property

1. **Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat, Gold Coast, QLD**

Gwinganna holds on against stiff competition for its fourth win in a row. The top five remains mostly unchanged with just the one new entry, Solar Springs.

2. The Golden Door Health Retreat Elysia, Hunter Valley, NSW  
3. Peppers Mineral Springs Retreat, Daylesford, VIC  
4. Gaia Retreat & Spa, Byron Bay, NSW  
5. Eden Health Retreat, Currumbin Valley, QLD  
6. Solar Springs Health Retreat, Bundanoon, NSW

Best Australian family resort

1. **Sea World Resort, Gold Coast, QLD**

Sea World hasn't won this category since 2011, so congratulations for making it back to the top. Queensland dominates the list again this year as Australian families are looking for fun in the sun.

2. One&Only Hayman Island, Hayman Island, QLD  
3. Sheraton Mirage Resort & Spa, Gold Coast, Gold Coast, QLD  
4. Peppers Beach Club & Spa, Palm Cove, QLD  
5. Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, Broome, WA  
6. Peppers Salt Resort & Spa, Kingscliff, NSW  
7. Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Wolgan Valley, NSW  
8. Sheraton Mirage Port Douglas Resort, Port Douglas, QLD  
9. Sheraton Noosa Resort & Spa, Noosa, QLD  
10. Heron Island, Great Barrier Reef, QLD  
11. Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa, Surfers Paradise, QLD  
12. Palazzo Versace, Gold Coast, QLD  
13. Smiths Beach Resort, Margaret River, WA





Best rail journey

1. The Ghan, Adelaide – Darwin, Australia



Congratulations to our second Hall of Fame member for 2014 – The Ghan! The finalist list is quite similar to last year, though there's been some reshuffling with Rocky Mountaineer and Orient-Express the big winners.

2. Rocky Mountaineer, Vancouver to Banff, Canada
3. Venice-Simplon Orient-Express, London to Paris to Venice
4. Indian Pacific, Sydney to Perth, Australia
5. The Blue Train, Cape Town to Pretoria, South Africa
6. Eastern & Oriental Express, Bangkok to Singapore
7. Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express, Moscow to Vladivostok, Russia
8. The Hiram Bingham, Cusco to Machu Picchu, Peru
9. Palace on Wheels, Delhi to Agra, India

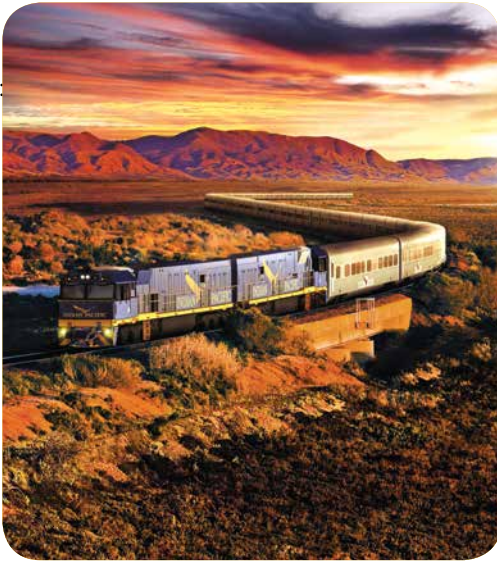


Best Australian ski property

1. QT Falls Creek, Falls Creek, VIC

This luxe Falls Creek property was your favourite last year and you still love it with its fresh rebrand to a QT. The finalists are a mix of slick hotels, cosy chalets and plush apartments.

2. Thredbo Alpine Hotel, Thredbo, NSW
3. Perisher Valley Hotel, Perisher, NSW
4. Mt Buller Chalet, Mt Buller, VIC
5. Hotel Pension Grimus, Mt Buller, VIC
6. Huski Apartments, Falls Creek, VIC
7. Perisher Manor, Perisher, NSW
8. Ski In Ski Out Chalets, Thredbo, NSW
9. Zirky's Apartments, Mount Hotham, VIC
10. The Denman Hotel & Spa, Thredbo, NSW



Above from left: See the red centre from The Ghan; Powder days at Thredbo.

Best Australian ski resort

1. Thredbo Alpine Village, NSW



Thredbo hangs onto its Hall of Fame spot with another win in 2014. Perisher climbs back into second spot and Dinner Plain, a boutique resort close to Mount Hotham, makes its first appearance.

2. Perisher, NSW
3. Falls Creek Alpine Resort, VIC
4. Mt Buller, VIC
5. Mount Hotham Alpine Resort, VIC
6. Charlotte Pass Ski Resort, NSW
7. Dinner Plain Alpine Village, VIC

Best overseas ski property

1. The Little Nell, Aspen, USA

The Little Nell holds on for a second year to take top honours in this category. You think Whistler and Aspen have the best options for luxury travellers, making up seven of the 10 finalists.

2. Four Seasons Resort and Residences Whistler, Whistler, Canada
3. The St Regis Aspen Resort, Aspen, USA
4. The Westin Whistler Resort & Spa, Whistler, Canada
5. The Fairmont Chateau Whistler, Whistler, Canada
6. The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Canada
7. Aspen Square, Aspen, USA
8. North of Nell at Aspen Mountain, Aspen, USA
9. The Vale Niseko, Niseko, Japan
10. The Lodge at Vail, Vail, USA



Best overseas ski resort

1. Whistler Blackcomb, Canada

The rivalry between your two favourite northern hemisphere resorts continues with Whistler just edging out Aspen again this year. The US wins overall though with five resorts in the finals.

2. Aspen/Snowmass, USA
3. Niseko, Japan
4. Vail Ski Resort, USA
5. Beaver Creek Resort, USA
6. Cardrona Alpine Resort, New Zealand
7. Steamboat, USA
8. Deer Valley Resort, USA
9. Chamonix Mont Blanc, France
10. Telluride Ski Resort, Colorado
11. Zermatt, Switzerland
12. Lech am Arlberg, Austria
13. St Moritz, Switzerland

Best first class airline

1. Singapore Airlines

Singapore and Emirates have swapped positions again this year as the Asian carrier moves back to first place. German carrier Lufthansa is the only new entry.

2. Emirates
3. Qantas
4. Etihad Airways
5. Cathay Pacific
6. Qatar Airways
7. Thai Airways International
8. British Airways
9. Malaysia Airlines
10. Lufthansa

Best business class airline

1. Emirates

So close! Qantas has slipped back to third place just one year before it could enter the Hall of Fame. Emirates has never won this category before, but we've flown them a lot and we definitely agree!

2. Singapore Airlines
3. Qantas
4. Air Canada
5. Cathay Pacific
6. Etihad Airways
7. Qatar Airways
8. Air New Zealand
9. British Airways
10. Virgin Australia
11. Malaysia Airlines
12. Thai Airways International
13. Virgin Atlantic

✓ *Editor's pick*

LAN

"The seats are incredibly spacious – even with the seat extended to a flat bed there is enough room to comfortably walk around the end from the window seat. They also serve great pisco sours!"



Above: If you can make it there you can make it anywhere: New York!

Best overseas city

1. New York, USA

It could only be the city so nice they named it twice that could knock Paris from first place for the first time ever. Well done! Apart from the big upset at the top the list has stayed much the same this year – you know what you like.

2. Paris, France
3. London, England
4. Rome, Italy
5. Venice, Italy
6. Barcelona, Spain
7. Singapore
8. Hong Kong
9. Florence, Italy
10. Vancouver, Canada
11. Berlin, Germany
12. Prague, Czech Republic
13. Istanbul, Turkey
14. Vienna, Austria
15. San Francisco, USA
16. Tokyo, Japan
17. Shanghai, China
18. Cape Town, South Africa
19. Edinburgh, Scotland
20. Amsterdam, Netherlands

Best overseas country

1. New Zealand

The change continues! Our closest neighbour is now your favourite country to visit, sneaking ahead of last year's winner Italy. It must be that amazing combination of food and wine, luxury lodges, super ski resorts and cinematic scenery. We love it!

2. Italy
3. France
4. USA
5. Canada
6. Spain
7. England
8. Switzerland
9. South Africa
10. Germany
11. Japan
12. Thailand
13. Ireland
14. Greece
15. Turkey
16. Singapore
17. Vietnam
18. Scotland
19. China





Above: Where the fairways meet the sea at Cape Kidnappers.

Best overseas golf resort

1. Cape Kidnappers, Hawke's Bay, New Zealand

Three from three for the links at Cape Kidnappers, with the list almost unchanged from 2013.

2. Kauri Cliffs, Matauri Bay, New Zealand  
3. Pebble Beach Resorts, California, USA  
4. Millbrook Resort, Queenstown, New Zealand  
5. Mission Hills, Shenzhen, China  
6. St Andrews Links, Scotland  
7. Gleneagles, Scotland  
8. Pan Pacific Nirwana Bali Resort, Tabanan, Bali  
9. Sun City South Africa, Western Cape, South Africa

Best Australian golf resort

1. Barnbougle Dunes, Bridport, Tasmania

Barnbougle wins again as Hamilton Island makes a huge jump from the bottom of the list to third place.

2. Chateau Elan at The Vintage, Hunter Valley, NSW  
3. Hamilton Island Golf Club, Dent Island, QLD  
4. Sanctuary Cove Golf Club, Hope Island, QLD  
5. Peppers Moonah Links, Morningside Peninsula, VIC  
6. Noosa Springs Golf & Spa Resort, Noosa, QLD  
7. Joondalup Resort, Perth, WA  
8. Bonville International Golf Resort, Bonville, NSW  
9. Cypress Lakes Resort, Hunter Valley, NSW  
10. Royal Pines Resort, Surfers Paradise, QLD  
11. Links Lady Bay Resort, Normanville, SA  
12. Quay West Resort Magenta Shores, Magenta, NSW  
13. The Vines Resort & Country Club, Swan Valley, WA  
14. The Heritage Golf & Country Club, Yarra Valley, VIC

Best cruise ship / LARGE

1. Queen Mary II



Another member of the perfect record club, Queen Mary II has won this category every year since 2005. Congratulations!

2. Crystal Symphony  
3. Queen Victoria  
4. ms Eurodam  
5. Oasis of the Seas  
6. Queen Elizabeth  
7. Diamond Princess  
8. Crystal Serenity  
9. Dawn Princess  
10. Voyager of the Seas  
11. Sea Princess  
12. Celebrity Solstice  
13. Rhapsody of the Seas  
14. Radiance of the Seas

Best cruise ship / SMALL

1. True North

Adventure cruising is still your favourite with True North on top again and two more ships in the list. Two river cruise ships have also entered the finalist list, just in time for Europe's river cruise season.

2. Seabourn Sojourn  
3. Silver Shadow  
4. National Geographic Orion  
5. Silver Spirit  
6. MV Great Escape  
7. Seven Seas Mariner  
8. AmaVerde  
9. Seabourn Odyssey  
10. AmaBella  
11. Silver Cloud



Orcaella, Orient-Express

"With just 50 passengers it's the most luxurious way to cruise the Ayeyarwady and the food is sublime."

Best cruise company

1. North Star Cruises

Last year's surprise winner North Star holds on again against the big international lines. River cruise companies also proved popular.

2. Seabourn  
3. Silversea Cruises  
4. Regent Seven Seas Cruises  
5. Cunard Line  
6. Great Escape Charter Company  
7. APT  
8. Princess Cruises  
9. Scenic Tours  
10. Holland America Line  
11. Crystal Cruises  
12. Oceania Cruises  
13. Azamara Club Cruises  
14. Royal Caribbean International  
15. Celebrity Cruises

Best eco tourism property

1. Longitude 131°, NT

It turned out to be an all-Australian affair in this category for 2014 with luxury outback lodges, bush camps and eco resorts across the country making the finals.

2. Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, Cape Range National Park, WA  
3. Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Wolgan Valley, NSW  
4. Gwinganna Lifestyle Retreat, Gold Coast, QLD  
5. Daintree Eco Lodge & Spa, Daintree, QLD  
6. Eco Beach Resort, Broome, WA  
7. Bay of Fires Lodge, Mt William National Park, TAS  
8. Silky Oaks Lodge, Port Douglas, QLD  
9. El Questro Wilderness Park, Kununurra, WA  
10. Saffire Freycinet, Coles Bay, TAS  
11. Bamurru Plains, Mary River, NT



Best travel agency

1. Mary Rossi Travel

Mary Rossi Travel makes it two years in a row as World Travel Professionals romp into second.

2. World Travel Professionals  
3. Executive Edge Travel + Events  
4. Gregor & Lewis Bespoke Travel  
5. Clean Cruising  
6. Main Beach Travel  
7. Travelscene American Express  
8. Concierge Traveller  
9. Phil Hoffmann Travel  
10. Spencer Travel  
11. Travel Associates  
12. Bicton Travel  
13. Oasis Travel  
14. Escape Travel

Best tour operator

1. APT

APT is a first-time winner this year ahead of 2013 champion Scenic Tours and 2012's top operator A&K. It's always good to see global names like andBeyond alongside local operators like Bill Peach Journeys.

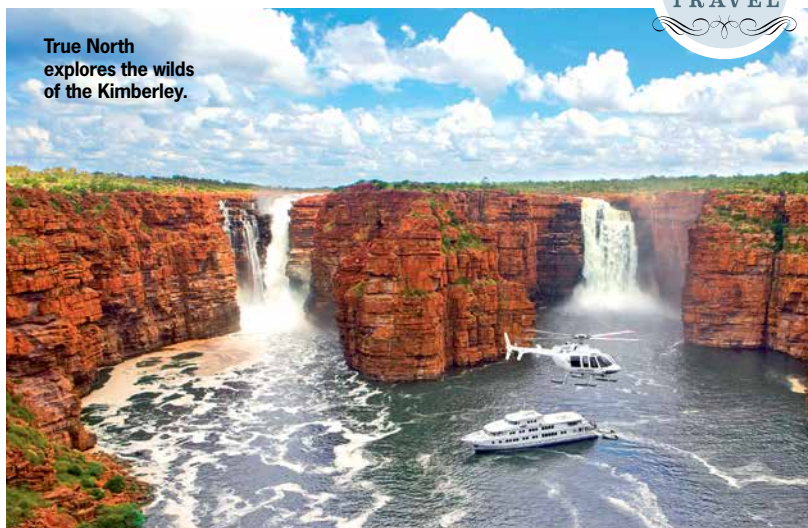
2. Scenic Tours  
3. Abercrombie & Kent  
4. Captain's Choice  
5. Tauck  
6. Bill Peach Journeys  
7. andBeyond  
8. Orient-Express  
9. Insight Vacations  
10. Globus

Below: Eco friendly without compromise at Longitude 131°.





True North  
explores the wilds  
of the Kimberley.



Fine dining at  
your favourite  
restaurant, The  
Argus Dining  
Room.



## Best Australian adventure experience

### 1. True North

North Star Cruises repeats its amazing performance from last year, taking out three categories with the expedition ship True North. Our readers love to cruise, walk and fly all around the country.

2. Great Escape Charter Company
3. Longitude 131°, Yulara, NT
4. National Geographic Orion
5. APT Kimberley Wilderness Adventures, WA
6. El Questro Wilderness Park, Kununurra, WA
7. Outback Spirit Tours
8. Bay of Fires Lodge Walk, Mt William National Park, TAS
9. Bill Peach Journeys Private Airtours
10. The Maria Island Walk, Maria Island, TAS
11. Cradle Mountain Huts Walk, Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, TAS

✓ *Editors pick*

Kimberley Coastal Camp,  
Kimberley, Western Australia

"The Kimberley is one of the last untouched wildernesses. This camp is the perfect base to explore the rugged but beautiful coast."

## Best new property to visit

### 1 Aro Ha, Queenstown, New Zealand

We visited this boutique health retreat the week it opened (see our story on page 15) and now we know that our readers can't wait to get there either. It's a really diverse list this year with safari lodges, city hotels, beach resorts and the latest property from the Louis Vuitton brand at number nine.

2. 1888 Hotel, Sydney, NSW
3. Mahali Mzuri, Kenya
4. Cicada Lodge, Nitmiluk National Park, NT
5. Four Seasons Hotel Lion Palace St Petersburg, St Petersburg, Russia
6. Bedarra, Great Barrier Reef, QLD
7. The Mulia, Mulia Resort & Villas, Nusa Dua, Bali
8. Hotel Hotel, Canberra, ACT
9. Cheval Blanc Randheli, Maldives

## Best Australian food & wine experiences

### Region

1. Hunter Valley, NSW
2. Margaret River, WA
3. Barossa Valley, SA
4. Yarra Valley, VIC
5. Mornington Peninsula, VIC
6. Kangaroo Island, SA

### Dining

1. The Argus Dining Room at Peppers, Mineral Springs Retreat, Daylesford, VIC
2. Vue de Monde, Melbourne, VIC
3. Tetsuya's, Sydney, NSW
4. Attica, Melbourne, VIC
5. Kazuki's, Daylesford, VIC
6. Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld, VIC
7. Quay, Sydney, NSW
8. Mr Wong, Sydney, NSW
9. Cutler & Co, Melbourne, VIC
10. Appellation at The Louise, Barossa Valley, SA

### Property

1. Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island, SA
2. Bells at Killcare, Killcare, NSW
3. Lake House, Daylesford, VIC
4. Saffire Freycinet, Coles Bay, TAS
5. Capella Lodge, Lord Howe Island, NSW
6. Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa, Wolgan Valley, NSW
7. qualia, Hamilton Island, QLD
8. Longitude 131°, NT
9. Spicers Peak Lodge, Maryvale, QLD
10. Jonah's, Whale Beach, NSW