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TripAdvisor Reveals The Best Hotels Across The Globe With 2017 Travelers' Choice Awards

Aria Hotel Budapest by Library Hotel Collection in Hungary Named the Top Hotel in the World; Massachusetts' Nantucket Hotel & Resort is #1 in America Annual Awards Recognize Top Hotels Overall and Top Accommodations in the Categories of Luxury, Bargain, Small, Service, B&Bs and Inns, Romance and Family

NEEDHAM, Mass., Jan. 24, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>TripAdvisor</u>, the travel planning and booking site, today announced the winners of its Travelers' Choice[®] for Hotels awards. Travelers' Choice award winners were determined based on the millions of reviews and opinions collected in a single year from TripAdvisor travelers worldwide. In the 15th year of the awards, TripAdvisor has highlighted the world's top 7,612 properties in 109 countries and eight regions worldwide, in the categories of Top Hotels Overall, Luxury, Bargain, Small, Service, B&Bs and Inns, Romance and Family. The hallmarks of Travelers' Choice hotels winners are remarkable service, value and quality.



"TripAdvisor relies on the experiences and opinions of our travel community to determine the winners of the Travelers' Choice for Hotels," said Barbara Messing, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. "Travelers planning 2017 trips can find inspiration for some of the best places to book around the world from this diverse group of outstanding accommodations."

"TripAdvisor and the pursuit of 100% guest satisfaction has long been the cornerstone of everything we do at the Library Hotel Collection," said Henry Kallan, president of the group. "Winning the prestigious Travellers' Choice for Hotels for Aria Hotel Budapest makes us all extremely proud. The Aria's design concept blends the passion for music and beautiful architecture that Budapest is known for, and our guests simply love."

The United States featured the most unique hotel winners with 171, Italy had 162 properties recognized and France featured 158 award winners. The average nightly rate of Travelers' Choice award-winning Top Hotels on TripAdvisor is \$340; Luxury is \$457; Bargain is \$84; Small Hotels is \$304; Service is \$311; B&Bs and Inns is \$126; Romance is \$317 and Family is \$228.

Top 10 Travelers' Choice Hotels in the U.S.:

1. <u>The Nantucket Hotel & Resort</u> - Nantucket, Massachusetts - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$465 per night. Most affordable month to visit: January or March (\$235 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$450 during June 11 - 17.

The Nantucket Hotel & Resort is the island's premier grand and historic hotel, originally built in 1891 and completely renovated in 2012. While the exterior is classic Nantucket, the interior meets the needs of today's travelers, along with resort services. The family-owned hotel has luxurious guest rooms, and travelers can enjoy the beautiful Breeze Restaurant, signature on-site yoga and fitness classes, two heated swimming pools, shuttle transportation and children's activities. A TripAdvisor reviewer commented, "This is a very special hotel and resort. The service is top-notch, the facilities are wonderful, the staff is amazing - we loved our stay! We feel lucky to have found this gem on the island."

- Three reasons to book The Nantucket Hotel & Resort: Family-friendly hotel, fitness center with outdoor hot tub, exceptional staff.
- Fun fact: Guests can enjoy an afternoon treat with fresh lemonade and cookies in the lobby at 3 p.m.
- 2. <u>The Charmant Hotel</u> La Crosse, Wisconsin Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$212 per night. Most affordable month to visit: January (\$162 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$222 during August 29 September 4.

This 67-room luxury boutique hotel is a renovated candy factory that pays homage to its rich history by celebrating the golden era of candy manufacturing in its offerings, interior design and name. A short 15-minute drive from La Crosse Regional Airport, The Charmant Hotel is convenient to the area's seasonal festivals and activities that guests can explore via La Crosse Segway Tours. A TripAdvisor reviewer commented, "The staff is first-class, the room is fantastic and the food was great. The front desk took care of us and had a cab waiting when we requested it. The hotel is very historic you almost feel like you are back in the 1800's when the building was built."

- Three reasons to book The Charmant Hotel: Rooftop bar, history, riverside.
- Fun fact: Travelers say some of the original maple wood flooring still emanate the sweet smell of candy.
- 3. <u>The Oxford Hotel</u> Bend, Oregon Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$318 per night. Most affordable month to visit: January (\$224 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$344 during May 30 June 5.

After exploring the nearby Cascade Mountain Range, travelers are invited to rejuvenate in one of 59 luxurious rooms at the eco-friendly Oxford Hotel. On-site amenities include a Jacuzzi spa, sauna and steam room. Its state-of-the-art fitness facility on the top floor offers breathtaking city views. "We loved this quirky, eco-friendly, luxurious find in Bend. The staff goes well beyond most other hotels to make sure every need is met. The staff is friendly, professional, and extremely helpful with suggestions for food and activities. I highly recommend this heavenly spot," commented a TripAdvisor reviewer.

- Three reasons to book The Oxford Hotel: Heart of downtown, French pressed coffee, beautiful rooms.
- Fun fact: Dog owners are invited to bring their pooches during their stay too.
- 4. <u>Stephanie Inn</u> Cannon Beach, Oregon Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$468 per night. Most affordable month to visit: January (\$332 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$571 during July 4 July 10.

Named after their daughter Stephanie, the hoteliers opened this popular inn in 1993 to define luxe coastal hospitality. A Northwest icon, this oceanfront property offers comfort, elegance and relaxation on the Oregon Coast. With a full range of spa services, specialty experiences, and the finest local cuisine, travelers can truly retreat on the stunning Cannon Beach. One TripAdvisor reviewer said, "This was my first time at The Stephanie Inn and I was pampered from the moment I stepped onto the property. Such a great place to relax and forget about everything else. The property and the views are spectacular."

- Three reasons to book Stephanie Inn: Wine tasting, romantic getaway, Jacuzzi tub.
- **Fun fact:** Travelers enjoy a complimentary gourmet chef's breakfast buffet, along with wine & beer gatherings in the oceanfront library.
- 5. The Inn at Lost Creek Mountain Village, Colorado Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$306 per night. Most affordable month to visit: November (\$140 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$306 during January 18 24.

This luxury boutique inn offers 32 suites, one of Telluride's best restaurants, and a team that delivers highly personalized and quality service. With a prime location in this popular ski resort area, The Inn offers direct access to year-round outdoor activities, including hiking and biking, and taking in the sights on the free <u>Telluride Mountain Village Gondola</u> ride. "Kudos to the staff. From the minute our car pulled up to unload our luggage until the day we sadly left, staff members were exceptionally friendly, personable, helpful, respectful, enthusiastic, and went out of their way to assist us in any way they could. Breakfasts were bountiful and the chefs and staff will happily prepare any dish to meet one's dietary needs."

- Three reasons to book The Inn at Lost Creek: Steam shower, rooftop hot tub, perfect location.
- **Fun fact:** The front desk provides travelers with complimentary sunscreen for a day outdoors, and then welcomes guests back with daily cookies and hot chocolate.
- 6. <u>French Quarter Inn</u> Charleston, South Carolina Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$415 per night. Most affordable month to visit: January (\$303 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$419 during November 7 13.

Travelers can embrace the southern charm of this boutique hotel located in the historic French Quarter of Charleston with exceptional service and views. The Inn has comforting amenities and a perfect location close to many of the city's famous shops, excellent restaurants and event sites. One TripAdvisor reviewer noted, "The breakfast, afternoon cookies, and wine and cheese hour are unbeatable. When we checked out, we all went through a bit of a small depression - we did not want to leave. Every touch that the inn provides is very nice and first class. From the moment that we checked in until we checked out, we felt very pampered, comfortable, and welcomed."

- Three reasons to book the French Quarter Inn: Champagne upon arrival, warm cookies and milk, turndown service.
- Fun fact: The hotel offers seven unique pillow choices on its "Sound Sleep" menu so guests can enjoy a comfortable

7. <u>Icona Diamond Beach</u> - Wildwood Crest, New Jersey - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$340 per night. Most affordable month to visit: January (\$134 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$454 during June 27 - July 3.

Icona overlooks one of New Jersey's only private beaches, Diamond Beach. The hotel boasts luxurious suites, and beach attendants who serve fresh cocktails and delicious bites right on the beach. Amenities include a sundeck, outdoor heated pool and Beach Bar. "The Icona Diamond Beach made our family trip to Cape May memorable. The staff was fabulous! They went out of their way to ensure we had a wonderful stay. The room was perfect for us- plenty of space, beautiful kitchenette, comfortable beds. A must-stay for anyone visiting the Wildwoods/Cape May area," noted a TripAdvisor reviewer.

- Three reasons to book the Icona Diamond Beach: Kid-friendly, view of the ocean, heated pool.
- Fun fact: The hotel delights with elegant, feel-the-ocean-air interiors by celebrity designer Blanche Garcia.
- 8. Rusty Parrot Lodge and Spa Jackson, Wyoming Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$342 per night. Most affordable month to visit: April (\$204 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$430 during September 19 25.

Jackson is filled with Old West saloons and art galleries, incredible outdoor recreation, outstanding restaurants, and world-class skiing and European spas - perfect for travelers who want to savor the full flavors of life. The Rusty Parrot is a family-run 32-room lodge, known for personal attention to guests. One TripAdvisor reviewer commented, "This top-notch luxury boutique hotel in Jackson Hole is within walking distance to town. The lodge is very comfortable and furnished with high-end items that are elegant but still very casual. The entire staff provides personal attention to all guests, which is so welcoming."

- Three reasons to book the Rusty Parrot Lodge and Spa: Cozy library area, champagne and chocolate covered strawberries upon check-in, comfortable rooms.
- Fun fact: "Ted," a cute stuffed teddy bear, greets guests in their rooms each night.
- 9. <u>Ambassador Hotel Tulsa, Autograph Collection</u> Tulsa, Oklahoma Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$202 per night. Most affordable month to visit: July (\$195 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$195 during June 27 July 4.

Travelers can enjoy a 55-room luxury boutique hotel in downtown Tulsa, conveniently located near shopping and dining of Cherry Street, Brookside, and Utica Square, as well as the Downtown urban areas of the Brady Art District and Blue Dome Entertainment District. The Ambassador combines the energy of Tulsa with unrivaled hospitality and service tailored to each individual, including luxury shuttle service. "The exterior set the tone immediately and we felt relieved upon arrival. The lobby is gorgeous, warm and cozy, as reception gave us cold bottles of water upon arrival and provided a smooth check-in. Our room was large, immaculately cleaned, cozy, comfortable and well appointed. The bed was luxurious and we slept soundly without a single disturbance," noted one TripAdvisor reviewer.

- Three reasons to book Ambassador Hotel Tulsa, Autograph Collection: Charming hotel, huge rooms, on-site Chalkboard Restaurant.
- Fun fact: Travelers are treated to airport pickup and local "shuttle" service in a Cadillac Escalade.
- 10. <u>Hotel Emma</u> San Antonio, Texas *Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$338 per night. Most affordable month to visit: August (\$312 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$354 during March 28 April 3.*

A historic hotel, Hotel Emma was once Pearl's Brewhouse in the 19th century. Now it's an extraordinary riverfront hotel and the flagship for Pearl's culinary and cultural community on the northern edge of downtown San Antonio. Upon check-in, guests are greeted in the Library with a traditional La Babia margarita. "This quirky hotel was rebuilt from the skeleton of the brewery. It is a very modern hotel, but many parts were left untouched to appreciate its architectural origins. Two restaurants, a coffee shop, bar and a gift shop offer amenities and the surrounding Pearl Brewery district offers many opportunities for dining, browsing, shopping or just walking, jogging and hiking," such as visiting The Alamo, noted one TripAdvisor reviewer.

- Three reasons to book Hotel Emma: Hotel bar, the Pearl brewery, River Walk views.
- Fun fact: Pearl was the only San Antonio brewery to survive Prohibition, due to the owner's leadership.

Top 10 Travelers' Choice Hotels in the World:

- 1. Aria Hotel Budapest by Library Hotel Collection Budapest, Hungary
 - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$288 per night. Most affordable month to visit: March (\$252 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$307 during September 5 11.

2. Mandapa, A Ritz-Carlton Reserve - Ubud, Indonesia

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$502 per night. Most affordable month to visit: May (\$449 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$478 during June 20 - 27.

3. Turin Palace Hotel - Turin, Italy

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$180 per night. Most affordable month to visit: August (\$149 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$189 during October 17 - 23.

4. Hotel The Serras - Barcelona, Spain

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$420 per night. Most affordable month to visit: January (\$247 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$444 during May 9 - 15.

5. <u>BoHo Prague Hotel</u> - Prague, Czech Republic

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$209 per night. Most affordable month to visit: February (\$139 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$219 during June 6 - June 12.

6. Portrait Firenze - Florence, Italy

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$676 per night. Most affordable month to visit: February (\$410 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$718 during October 24 - 30.

7. Shinta Mani Resort - Siem Reap Province, Cambodia

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$151 per night. Most affordable month to visit: June (\$132 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$162 during September 19 - 25.

8. Hanoi La Siesta Hotel & Spa - Hanoi, Vietnam

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$102 per night. Most affordable month to visit: June (\$91 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$111 during March 21 - 27.

9. Tulemar Bungalows & Villas - Province of Puntarenas, Costa Rica

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$323 per night. Most affordable month to visit: October (\$198 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$423 during December 12 - 18.

10. JA Manafaru - Haa Alif Atoll, Maldives

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$811 per night. Most affordable month to visit: June (\$677 per night). Lowest weekly rate during peak season: \$844 during February 29 - March 6.

Other Travelers' Choice Hotel Category Winners for 2017:

	World	U.S.
Top Luxury Hotel	Nayara Springs- Province of Alajuela, Costa Rica	Fairmont Grand Del Mar- San Diego, California
Best Bargain Hotel	Elm Tree Hotel- Wales, UK	The Inn Above Oak Creek- Sedona, Arizona
Top Small Hotel	The Oberoi Vanyavilas - Rajasthan, India	Union Street Inn- Nantucket, Massachusetts
Best Hotel for Service	Lawton Court Hotel- Wales, UK	Hotel California - Palm Springs, California
Best B&B and Inn	Bindon Bottom B&B- West Lulworth, England	The Cedar House Inn- Saint Augustine, Florida
Best Hotel for Romance	The Place Luxury Boutique Villas- Koh Tao, Thailand	Belamere Suites- Perrysburg, Ohio
Best Hotel for Families	Cavallino Bianco Family Spa Grand Hotel- Ortisei, Italy	Floridays Resort Orlando- Orlando, Florida

To see all 7,612 unique winners of the 2017 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice for Hotels, visit: www.tripadvisor.com/TravelersChoice-Hotels. Travelers can also follow the conversation on Twitter at #TravelersChoice.

Notes to editors:

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Average nightly rates of properties are based on historical TripAdvisor pricing data for check-ins from January 1 - December 31, 2016, aggregated from booking partners including online travel agencies and direct hotel suppliers.

²Most affordable month to book each property is based on TripAdvisor pricing data for January 1 - December 31, 2016, aggregated from booking partners including online travel agencies and direct hotel suppliers.

³Least expensive week during peak season is based on the lowest average weekly rate during peak season.

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