

THE Robb Report

100

RESORTS

EARTH'S MOST EXCLUSIVE RETREATS

The *Robb Report* 100, originally known as *Robb Report Luxury Resorts*, initially debuted as a stand-alone publication in the summer of 2006. Our inaugural list of the world's most exclusive retreats was the result of countless hours spent analyzing and debating the detailed reports we gleaned from editors, writers, readers, travel consultants, and other experts on their far-reaching adventures around the globe. Eight years later, our list—much like the state of travel itself—continues to evolve as we reevaluate our old favorites, investigate new contenders, and whittle the selections down to a perfectly rounded 100. This year's edition represents our most diverse collection of properties to date, from elite island retreats in Mozambique, Mauritius, and Montenegro to groundbreaking new resorts in Zambia, Nicaragua, and the Ecuadorian cloud forest. Whether close to home or in Earth's most remote corners, adventurous or utterly relaxing, the *Robb Report* 100 is sure to include the consummate escape for every *Robb Report* traveler. >



All pricing information is listed in U.S. dollars per room, per night, based on double occupancy, unless otherwise noted.

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AUSTRALIA
Berkeley River Lodge

KIMBERLEY
 Twenty villas set on massive sand dunes above the Timor Sea deliver remote wilderness with all the trimmings. The journey to the resort, which is accessible only by air or sea, is as breathtaking as the destination, where you can fish for barramundi and spy crocodiles and rock wallabies. (Three-night packages from \$3,600 per person, all inclusive) www.berkeleyriver.com.au

Saffire Freycinet
TASMANIA

This polished 20-suite lodge with views out to Great Oyster Bay and the Hazards mountain range is a nature lover's paradise. Hike, fish, or kayak among the pristine surroundings, or visit the Freycinet Marine Oyster Farm for fresh oysters plucked straight from the bay. (\$1,630–\$2,500, including meals) www.saffire-freycinet.com.au

Qualia

HAMILTON ISLAND
 The ultimate Great Barrier Reef getaway, with 60 hillside pavilions (some with private pools) nestled among eucalyptus trees above the Coral Sea. Beyond the resort's 30

private acres, guests can enjoy golfing, snorkeling, and sailing. (\$875–\$4,670) www.qualia.com.au

Southern Ocean Lodge
KANGAROO ISLAND
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BHUTAN
Amankora

Five distinct lodges, with a total of 72 Bhutanese-style suites, set throughout the Himalayan country's central and western valleys. For a truly immersive experience, book the Amankora Journey, an 11-night pilgrimage from Paro to Bumthang that stops at each lodge. (\$775 per person) www.amanresorts.com

CAMBODIA
Amansara
SIEM REAP

A former guest villa of the Cambodian king Norodom Sihanouk, the breathtaking 24-suite estate is tops for setting, service, and amenities in this "temple town" near the Angkor archaeological site. Take a journey to the nearby ruins in one of the resort's custom *remorks* (motor-powered rickshaws). (\$1,050–\$1,350) www.amanresorts.com

FIJI
Laucala Island

Just 25 villas—each outfitted with a pool—inhabit this 3,200-acre private-island hideaway. The James Bond-worthy amenities are many, including a fleet of 14 boats, a David McLay Kidd golf course, and, debuting this year, a submarine. (\$4,200–\$40,000) www.laucala.com

FRENCH POLYNESIA
Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora
BORA BORA

Set above a gin-clear lagoon, the property's 100 thatch-roofed bungalows and seven villas accommodate everyone from honeymooners to multigenerational families. Enjoy a catamaran outing through the coral-filled Pacific, a Tahitian ritual at the spa, and French-Polynesian cuisine at Arii Moana. (\$1,045–\$14,930) www.fourseasons.com

INDIA
Amanbagh
JAIPUR

A lush oasis on a maharaja's former estate, featuring traditional Moghul-style architecture and 40 opulent guest rooms



adorned with Udaipur green marble and Indian silks. Explore the Sariska jungle on horseback or camelback before taking a sunset cruise on Lake Mansarovar. (\$800–\$1,400) www.amanresorts.com



ENGLAND
Chewton Glen
Hotel & Spa
 HAMPSHIRE

This 70-room estate on 130 acres offers a classic English country-house experience—stately accommodations, croquet on manicured lawns, afternoon tea on a trellised terrace—but adds adventurous twists such as the 12 new tree-house suites that overlook Hampshire's New Forest. Ideal for families. (\$540–\$3,760) www.chewtonglen.com

Coworth Park
 ASCOT

The Dorchester Collection's impressive reimagining of a

240-acre Georgian manor, with smoked-oak floors, leather-covered vanities, and copper bathtubs in the 70 guest rooms. The resort, located just a few miles south of Windsor Castle, also includes an equestrian center and a contemporary spa. (\$475–\$6,985, including breakfast) www.coworthpark.com

FRANCE
Cap Estel
 ÈZE

This late-19th-century mansion on a private peninsula near the border of Monaco offers 12 suites and eight rooms on a secluded 5-acre,

palm-fringed estate. A hideaway of resplendent living with two pools, a private beach, a screening room, and a gourmet restaurant. (\$630–\$15,065) www.capestel.com

Cheval Blanc
Courchevel

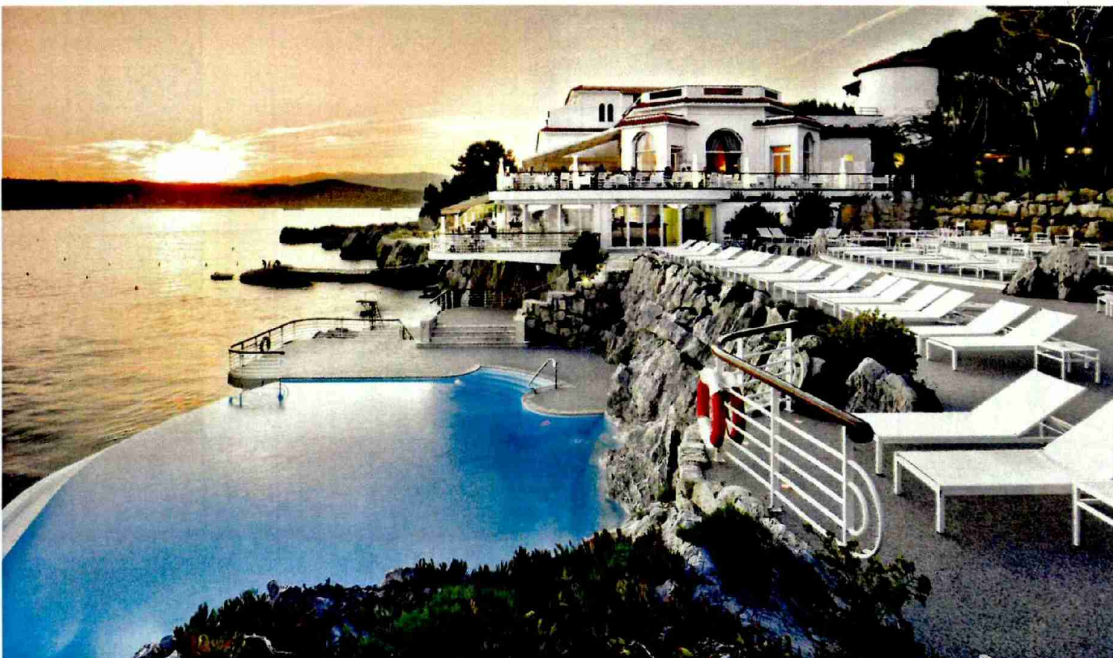
COURCHEVEL 1850 Commissioned by the LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton CEO Bernard Arnault, this ultra-luxurious ski-in/ski-out chalet is Courchevel's pièce de résistance, with 36 guest rooms, a spa featuring Guerlain treatments, a Mongolian yurt-cum-cigar-lounge, and a Michelin two-star

restaurant by Yannick Alléno. Open December through April. (From \$2,110, including breakfast) www.chevalblanc.com

Hotel du
Cap-Eden-Roc
 ANTIBES

Dramatically perched on the tip of Cap d'Antibes, this 142-year-old hotel with 118 sun-drenched rooms, a Champagne lounge, a seaside spa, a private pier, and a saltwater swimming pool is a Côte d'Azur icon. Two private villas are perfect for families. (\$1,155–\$15,475, including breakfast) www.hdcer.com

The legendary Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc has presided over the southern tip of Cap d'Antibes for nearly a century and a half.





ARGENTINA

**The Vines
Resort and Spa**
UCO VALLEY

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BRAZIL

Ponta dos Ganchos
GOVERNADOR CELSO
RAMOS

A refined beach and rain-forest hideaway that offers a peaceful escape from the nearby surfing and party city of Florianópolis. The 25 rustic-modern bungalows, built into a jungle-covered hillside, are ideal for couples seeking privacy. The decadent 10-course breakfast is not to be missed. (\$630–\$2,230) www.pontadosganchos.com

A high-style hideaway, the Kelly Wearstler-designed Viceroy Anguilla caters to both couples and families.

CARIBBEAN/ ATLANTIC

**Dorado Beach,
a Ritz-Carlton
Reserve**

PUERTO RICO

Laurance S. Rockefeller's original Dorado Beach hotel has been reborn as an elite Ritz-Carlton retreat. Set on a mile of scalloped beaches, the 114-room property borders the development's famed golf courses and features a 5-acre spa and a José Andrés restaurant. (\$800–\$5,300) www.ritzcarlton.com

Eden Rock
St Barths



ST. BARTHS

Cast over a picture-perfect stretch of downy sands on St. Jean Bay, this getaway has 34 stylish suites and villas that embody St. Barths' French-Caribbean glamour. The yacht-inspired, 16,000-square-foot Villa Rockstar is arguably the island's most coveted address. (\$680–\$20,500) www.edenrockhotel.com

Jade Mountain

ST. LUCIA

Carved into a hillside near St. Lucia's highest point, this dramatic resort claims unrivaled views of the island's twin Pitons from 29 open-air guest rooms (each with its own swimming pool or hot tub), a fine-dining

restaurant, and a sprawling rooftop lounge. (\$1,025–\$3,100) www.jademountain.com

Musha Cay
BAHAMAS

Illusionist David Copperfield's ultimate Caribbean paradise, comprising 11 private islands with 40 white-sand beaches. Guests stay on the main island in five impeccable estates and enjoy such amenities as three glass-bottom docks and a fleet of watercraft. Activities include treasure hunts and fireworks displays. (From \$39,000 per night for as many as 12 guests, all inclusive) www.mushacay.com

Necker Island
BRITISH VIRGIN
ISLANDS

An exclusive-use private island owned by Richard Branson that combines barefoot luxury and world-class service. Guests can stay in six Balinese-style villas or the all-new, nine-bedroom Great House, which debuted in 2013 after the original residence was destroyed in a fire. (From \$62,000 for the entire island for up to 30 adults, all inclusive) www.neckerisland.com

Viceroy Anguilla
ANGUILLA

Spectacularly remote and effortlessly stylish, this 188-room resort on Barnes Bay stands out as much for its chic Kelly Wearstler-designed interiors as for its 32,000 feet of white-sand beachfront. Enjoy five restaurants, three pools, and a sprawling oceanfront spa complex. (\$500–\$6,600) www.viceroyhotelsandresorts.com

CHILE

**Tierra Patagonia
Hotel & Spa**

TORRES DEL PAINE

A sweeping adventure lodge set just outside Chile's Torres del Paine National Park. Forty minimalist rooms and a sleek indoor pool afford panoramic views of the Paine massif. Private guided excursions explore the park as well

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