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TOP 20 MAINLAND U.S.

Great hotels are more than the sum of their amenities. Those that make lasting memories also rely on the personal touch — your favorite fruit in the room, your preferred newspaper with your morning coffee, and an of-course attitude on the part of the concierge. *Celebrated Living* readers selected — and salute — the following properties as the very best hotels. — ELAINE GLUSAC

1 JW MARRIOTT CAMELBACK INN RESORT & SPA, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

In the wake of a major \$45 million renovation, Camelback takes the lead among U.S. hotels. Readers rave about the new BLT Steak restaurant, the restoration of the original adobe brick lobby, and the new fire-lit outdoor lounge, ideal for cocktails under the stars. (888) 772-5869, camelbackinn.com

2 THE BROADMOOR, COLORADO SPRINGS

Proving classic and contemporary mix, the Broadmoor boasts new fairway-fronting cottages, newly resurfaced tennis courts, and music-emitting massage tables in the spa. (800) 634-7711, broadmoor.com

3 HOTEL DEL CORONADO, SAN DIEGO

This Victorian beachfront icon invested with a fresh \$150 million surges onto the list with new residential-style villas and cottages featuring fireplaces, spa-style baths, and deluxe entertainment systems. (800) 468-3533, hoteldel.com

4 FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CHICAGO

Extensive redecorating of this luxury hotel by Pierre-Yves Rochon now extends to the party ballroom adjoined by a new bridal lounge. (800) 332-3442, fourseasons.com/chicagofs

5 THE WALDORF ASTORIA, NEW YORK

A Guerlain Spa checks in to New

York's art-deco landmark on the 19th floor with expert skin care and panoramic Manhattan views. (800) 925-3673, waldorf.com

6 FOUR SEASONS RESORT AND CLUB DALLAS AT LAS COLINAS (tie)

A two-year, \$60 million project included a new sports bar, family pool, and tennis show-court. Plus, this summer, check out the new sports club villas. (800) 819-5653, fourseasons.com/dallas

6 THE PENINSULA CHICAGO (tie)

By midsummer, expect refurbished rooms to include plasma TVs and iPod docking stations. European



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meets Asian spa philosophies in multiple-treatment "ceremonies" from ESPA. (866) 288-8889, peninsula.com

8 THE PHOENICIAN, SCOTTSDALE

Delicious enticements in the desert include a new steakhouse from Jean-Georges Vongerichten. A new audio art tour examines the resort's \$25 million collection. (800) 888-8234, thephoenician.com

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9 MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MIAMI

Do good while living well by participating in the Mandarin Miami's "voluntourism" tree-planting and recycling in nearby Everglades National Park. (866) 888-6780, mandarinoriental.com/miami

10 ROSEWOOD MANSION ON TURTLE CREEK, DALLAS

Two new fireplaces on The Mansion's Terrace lounge have created a casual-chic dining hot spot at this A-list entry. (800) 527-5432, mansiononturtlecreek.com

11 FOUR SEASONS HOTEL NEW YORK

The famed Midtown power lodger aims to offer a new lobby dinner concept later this year. Meanwhile, fans content themselves with L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon. (800) 819-5053, fourseasons.com/newyork

12 BILTMORE, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

Cook alongside resort chefs in the new Biltmore Culinary Academy. Improve your golf stroke using a 3-D analysis with the just-launched golf performance program. (800) 727-1926, biltmorehotel.com

13 ST. REGIS MONARCH BEACH RESORT, DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA

Locals and hotel guests queue up for Kate Somerville facials in the spa. A new Spa Café might extend their stay. (866) 242-3391, stregismb.com

14 MANDARIN ORIENTAL, NEW YORK

To celebrate five years in New York, the Mandarin is offering half-off premier suite stays of three days throughout the summer. (866) 801-8880, mandarinoriental.com/newyork

15 BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL AND BUNGALOWS

Flat-screen TVs, updated armoires, and new fabrics will check in to all rooms by year end. New in-room spa treatments aim to soothe the sleep-deprived. (800) 283-8885, beverlyhillshotel.com

16 AUBERGE DU SOLEIL, RUTHERFORD, CALIFORNIA

A water course of baths and steams now preps you for spa treatments. Later, dine under a private pavilion amid the olive groves. (800) 348-5406, aubergedusoleil.com

17 OMNI LA MANSIÓN DEL RIO, SAN ANTONIO

La Mansión's Las Canarias restaurant boosts its appeal under recently appointed executive chef John Brand, who dishes Texas Hill Country cbow. (888) 444-6664, omnilamansion.com

18 THE PLAZA, NEW YORK

After three years and \$400 million, the iconic New Yorker has turned debutante, with 282 rooms and suites, Champagne Bar, Caudale Vinotherapie Spa, Warren-Tricomi Salon, and the Rada Fitness Centre. (888) 850-0900, fairmont.com/theplaza

19 THE RITZ-CARLTON SAN FRANCISCO

Keeping pace with today's palates, small bites from head chef Ron Siegel and a 111-item half-bottle menu raise the bar fare. (800) 241-3333, ritzcarlton.com

20 THE ST. REGIS, NEW YORK

Interior designer Richard Mishaan recently redesigned the Presidential Suite to evoke a Manhattan *pièce-à-torre* with quintessential Central Park views. (888) 625-5144, stregis.com/newyork >

