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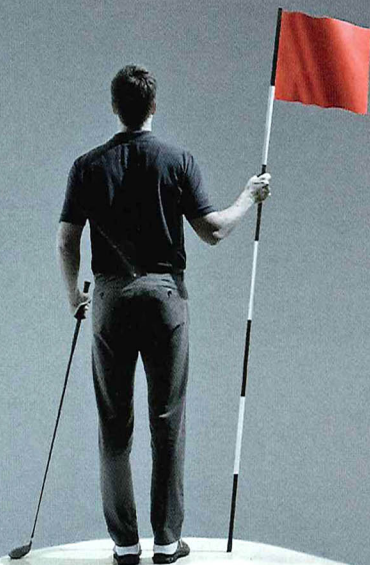
WHETHER YOU ARE A passionate linksman or a casual duffer, what more pleasurable place to play a round and then unwind in style than at one of the top golf resorts, as elected by thousands of *Condé Nast*

Traveler readers?

In our **sixteenth annual golf poll**, winners extend from coastal Hawaii to the Cape vineyards of South Africa, 121 properties that promise gorgeous golf for all skill levels coupled with unrivaled lodgings, food, and service. Great memories, if not a great score, are all but guaranteed

“The ardent golfer would play Mount Everest if somebody put a flagstick on top”

—Pete Dye,
golf course architect



Top 10 Arizona Golf Resorts

	★	🏌️	👨‍🍳	🏠	🍴	📷	✂️	✅	💰
1 Canyon Suites at the Phoenician, Scottsdale	90.5	87.0	95.7	92.4	90.8	86.3	90.1	91.0	\$\$\$
2 Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North	87.6	93.1	86.1	93.9	90.9	85.7	77.9	89.5	\$\$\$
3 Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch	86.5	81.5	87.0	86.0	86.0	80.7	88.7	91.1	\$\$
4 The Boulders, Carefree	85.9	94.7	98.7	84.5	87.5	78.6	83.0	87.9	\$\$
5 JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa	85.4	88.6	91.9	89.1	88.5	79.4	78.1	87.8	\$\$
6 Fairmont Scottsdale Princess	84.8	95.2	93.7	89.2	88.2	79.1	80.5	84.0	\$\$
7 Loews Ventana Canyon, Tucson	84.7	85.5	85.5	84.5	84.9	78.5	88.8	86.8	\$
8 JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa	84.5	97.1	91.2	89.7	86.5	78.9	78.0	85.0	\$
9 Legacy Golf Resort, Phoenix	84.1	86.4	81.8	98.0	84.3	62.5	78.4	88.2	\$
10 Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale	83.3	82.1	84.6	85.2	82.2	75.1	84.0	85.7	\$\$

THE DIGS YOU DIG
Lodgings at the Legacy Golf Resort, at the base of South Mountain in Phoenix, get the highest rooms score in Arizona. Accommodations are all suites with kitchens or kitchenettes, washers and dryers, and a balcony or patio.

Top 15 California Golf Resorts

	★	🏌️	👨‍🍳	🏠	🍴	📷	✂️	✅	💰	
1 Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Coast	96.6	100	97.6	97.7	95.4	93.1	96.6	97.7	97.0	\$\$\$
2 Lodge at Pebble Beach	95.4	97.9	97.9	92.3	95.7	92.5	98.9	96.8	93.5	\$\$\$
3 Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach	92.8	96.1	93.3	92.2	92.3	91.8	95.7	90.2	93.0	\$\$\$
4 Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay	90.7	91.4	85.7	92.4	92.4	87.5	92.4	90.8	89.1	\$\$\$
5 St. Regis Resort, Monarch Beach, Dana Point	89.4	71.4	75.0	95.2	89.4	88.9	88.9	90.9	87.7	\$\$\$
6 Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Carlsbad	87.4	98.7	93.2	92.4	92.8	84.6	77.9	85.2	86.5	\$\$
7 Lodge at Torrey Pines, La Jolla	86.4	95.2	79.0	86.9	86.6	84.4	91.9	86.4	81.8	\$\$
8 Ojai Valley Inn & Spa	84.4	91.1	92.9	85.5	86.0	78.8	83.5	82.9	85.4	\$\$
9 JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa, Palm Desert	83.9	90.3	90.9	83.7	80.1	74.9	86.2	86.2	88.3	\$\$
10 Rancho Bernardo Inn Golf Resort & Spa, San Diego	82.4	78.1	90.6	82.8	82.8	80.4	84.9	80.6	81.6	\$
11 Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas & Spa, Indian Wells	79.8	93.9	93.9	79.0	78.1	65.4	85.8	79.5	84.0	\$
12 Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa, Rancho Mirage	79.0	89.3	94.6	84.3	75.0	63.1	80.8	80.9	81.4	\$
13 Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa, Indian Wells	78.2	92.3	88.5	82.9	76.7	68.5	78.6	78.1	80.1	\$
14 Carmel Valley Ranch	78.0	80.0	83.7	80.7	77.7	73.9	78.2	75.8	79.6	\$\$\$
15 La Quinta Resort & Club	77.5	93.3	88.5	76.6	73.9	68.9	79.1	79.9	79.1	\$

LIGHTNING DOES STRIKE TWICE
Securing the top spot in California last year when it debuted on the list, the Resort at Pelican Hill wins again in 2012. It is the only California property to get a perfect score—for its three 18-hole courses, one of which, the Ocean South Course, has a thirteenth hole with two greens.

CALL OF THE WILD
Few golf resorts can claim to be next to a state preserve, but the Lodge at Torrey Pines neighbors the 2,000-acre Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve, home to beaches, the eponymous pines, and a seabird-favored lagoon.

Top 20 Florida Golf Resorts

	★	🏌️	👨‍🍳	🏠	🍴	📷	✂️	✅	💰	
1 LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort, Naples	92.7	95.0	93.3	94.6	93.4	88.9	95.7	92.7	90.4	\$\$
2 The Breakers, Palm Beach	91.4	71.1	86.7	87.0	91.5	88.9	96.7	95.2	92.4	\$\$\$
3 Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples	90.3	86.4	95.3	94.2	93.2	89.9	83.2	90.5	90.4	\$\$\$
4 Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort, Golf Club & Spa	89.2	95.5	86.4	88.9	88.9	79.5	94.0	92.6	90.8	\$\$
5 Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island	88.8	86.7	92.0	91.2	89.7	83.8	89.9	90.4	87.4	\$
6 Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Ponte Vedra Beach	88.1	79.3	79.3	88.2	90.2	89.1	91.9	88.3	85.2	\$
7 Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa, Lake Buena Vista	87.3	100	96.8	84.5	86.2	77.4	93.7	90.3	90.4	\$\$\$
8 Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota	85.8	95.2	95.2	88.1	92.9	82.8	82.9	84.4	81.8	\$\$
9 Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables	85.1	65.2	86.4	84.3	84.8	86.7	84.7	89.7	82.4	\$\$\$
10 Gasparilla Inn & Club, Boca Grande	84.6	85.7	85.7	80.4	85.6	80.2	89.7	83.3	90.4	\$
11 Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes	84.5	91.3	91.3	89.3	89.3	82.2	71.6	87.4	85.8	\$
12 Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, Orlando	83.9	100	97.1	82.7	81.5	75.8	84.5	86.5	88.8	\$
13 JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes	82.9	82.4	85.3	87.4	86.1	75.7	79.0	83.4	85.8	\$
14 Boca Raton Resort & Club	80.2	78.1	87.3	81.1	76.9	76.3	82.6	80.9	82.8	\$
15 Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort, Amelia Island	79.8	86.3	82.9	80.1	76.3	72.1	87.5	78.8	82.0	\$
16 Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, Bonita Springs	79.6	81.3	78.1	87.1	81.2	73.2	72.0	81.5	82.6	\$
17 Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa, Hollywood	79.2	71.4	78.6	86.7	77.2	69.8	78.7	86.0	77.8	\$
18 South Seas Island Resort, Captiva	77.3	64.1	71.8	80.3	70.6	65.7	90.1	79.1	80.5	\$
19 PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens	76.4	90.5	90.5	76.3	75.3	64.8	73.4	74.5	81.3	\$
20 Renaissance World Golf Village Resort, St. Augustine	73.6	100	96.3	78.8	70.7	58.7	66.7	80.8	71.3	\$

GOLF NIRVANA
Orlando and its environs have two of the three resorts in Florida that score perfectly for Course Design & Access—Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa and the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress.

A FAMILY OF FANATICS?
Golf addicts can (try to) get their kids hooked by enrolling them in the junior golf clinic—for ages eight and up—at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

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 🍴 Service 🍷 Food/Dining 📷 Location ✂️ Overall Design ✅ Activities/Facilities
 Bold-faced scores are the highest for their criterion.

PINING FOR PERFECTION

While resorts that score a perfect 100 in a given category appear throughout these lists, only four do so in both Course Design & Access and Golf Staff & Services: Avon, Colorado's Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa; the Steenberg Hotel near Cape Town; the Four Seasons Resort, Punta Mita, in Mexico; and in Nevis, the Four Seasons Resort, where vervet monkeys wandering along the course are as diverting as the views of Nevis Peak.

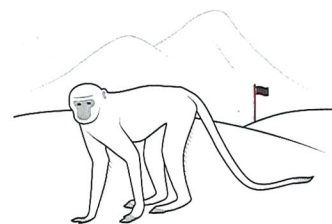


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Top 15 Hawaii Golf Resorts

	★	▶	👤	🔑	🏠	🍴	📍	✂️	✓	\$	
1	Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea	93.9	96.8	93.5	93.1	95.2	90.9	96.6	93.6	93.9	\$\$\$
2	Four Seasons Resort Lana'i at Manele Bay	93.8	96.4	98.2	95.5	94.8	84.4	95.5	94.8	95.4	\$\$
3	Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Big Island	93.5	96.3	94.4	94.0	94.8	92.6	93.5	94.0	91.3	\$\$\$
4	Four Seasons Resort Lana'i, The Lodge at Koele	93.3	96.9	93.8	97.8	94.6	92.4	89.1	94.6	89.9	\$\$
5	Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa	92.6	92.9	92.9	90.2	91.6	88.1	96.8	94.8	94.0	\$\$\$
6	Fairmont Orchid, Big Island	91.5	95.5	97.7	88.1	91.3	89.2	94.4	91.7	92.4	\$\$
7	Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui	89.3	97.0	93.9	90.2	88.7	80.7	95.1	92.6	86.2	\$\$\$
7	Grand Wailea, Maui	89.3	94.6	83.8	89.9	84.7	80.9	96.2	91.8	92.2	\$\$
9	Mauna Lani Bay Hotel & Bungalows, Big Island	87.5	100	94.4	86.5	87.1	79.5	93.2	87.0	86.8	\$\$
10	Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, Maui	87.3	97.7	88.6	88.2	90.9	87.3	83.9	86.1	85.2	\$\$\$
11	JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa, Oahu	86.8	87.5	83.9	91.6	87.3	81.5	83.6	90.9	85.9	\$\$
12	Kauai Marriott Resort & Beach Club	84.9	87.0	91.3	83.6	84.2	73.9	91.9	85.7	89.0	\$
13	Hilton Waikoloa Village, Big Island	84.2	93.9	92.7	83.1	80.1	74.8	89.4	86.5	88.5	\$
14	Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Big Island	83.9	95.8	91.7	83.1	82.2	69.8	92.4	89.0	82.5	\$\$\$
15	Turtle Bay Resort, Oahu	82.9	91.3	95.7	81.0	81.7	70.1	89.4	85.0	87.6	\$\$\$

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While not the most gripping aspect of the game of golf, grip is a key part of a player's repertoire. Too heavy a touch and you restrict the motion of your swing, too light and you compromise control and distance. Using finger-mounted sensors, **SensoGlove** monitors the pressure applied on a club during a stroke and, via its digital display, helps golfers adjust (sensoglove.com).



Available in seven fun color schemes and weighing less than four pounds, **Nike's Vapor X Carry** golf bags have an 8.5-inch oval top for roomy access, a five-way divider for efficient club distribution, and a double strap system for ease of carrying (nike.com). Add extra golfing gravitas to the bag with **Callaway's** forged wedges, Razr X black irons, and Razr Fit driver and fairway woods (callawaygolf.com).



PRIDE OF THE LOWER PENINSULA

The 81 holes of golf at **Treetops Resort**, 230 miles north of Detroit, score a perfect 100. Its five courses were designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr., Tom Fazio, and Rick Smith. The resort also has a spa and skiing, tubing, and snowboarding in winter.

Top 10 Northern U.S. Golf Resorts

	★	▶	☑	🏠	🍴	📍	🏗️	🎯	✓	\$	
1	Stowe Mountain Lodge, Vt.	93.4	98.0	100	93.7	90.9	89.0	95.5	94.1	95.0	\$
2	West Baden Springs Hotel, Ind.	88.0	87.0	91.3	91.8	89.6	82.9	78.6	95.7	88.8	\$
3	American Club, Kohler, Wis.	87.8	97.6	95.1	88.5	93.0	89.6	74.2	87.1	89.4	\$\$
4	Grand View Lodge, Nisswa, Minn.	86.0	95.0	90.0	90.5	88.1	69.0	90.5	83.3	88.1	\$
5	Samoset Resort, Rockport, Me.	83.2	90.0	84.3	81.7	80.8	79.5	88.6	81.3	84.6	\$\$\$
6	The Equinox, Manchester Village, Vt.	82.7	80.0	80.0	80.1	84.4	77.4	88.6	84.0	82.6	\$
7	Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, Cambridge, Md.	78.7	90.0	90.0	85.2	80.5	73.0	70.7	80.5	78.5	\$
8	Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, Lake Geneva, Wis.	76.2	93.8	91.7	73.0	75.2	73.2	79.0	68.9	80.2	\$
9	Shanty Creek Resorts, Bellaire, Mich.	74.8	89.3	89.3	68.9	73.6	62.5	83.8	75.3	73.2	\$
10	Treetops Resort, Gaylord, Mich.	73.7	100	92.9	61.0	75.0	52.6	75.6	65.0	80.5	\$

TRUMP CARD

The Wynn Las Vegas and its neighbor, sister resort Encore, share the distinction of being the only properties on the Strip to have their own golf course.

Top 5 Western U.S. Golf Resorts

	★	▶	☑	🏠	🍴	📍	🏗️	🎯	✓	\$	
1	Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa, Avon, Colo.	96.2	100	100	97.7	94.4	94.0	96.5	97.2	96.8	\$
2	The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs	91.6	91.5	90.6	93.4	92.8	89.0	91.1	92.8	90.7	\$\$\$
3	Wynn Las Vegas	91.2	79.2	91.7	96.7	89.1	91.2	87.1	93.9	89.7	\$
4	Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch, Avon, Colo.	89.5	92.9	85.7	92.0	88.5	84.1	90.5	90.5	91.6	\$
5	Coeur d'Alene Resort, Idaho	83.9	92.9	95.2	83.4	80.2	76.4	92.0	82.0	83.6	\$

SHARING THE SPOILS

Four states dominate the list in the region—Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia—with five resorts apiece. The most storied resort in the South, though, is in West Virginia: **The Greenbrier** has hosted more than 25 presidents since opening in the late 1700s.

Top 25 Southern U.S. Golf Resorts

	★	▶	☑	🏠	🍴	📍	🏗️	🎯	✓	\$	
1	Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, S.C.	95.9	95.7	95.7	98.1	95.8	92.8	96.6	96.2	95.8	\$\$\$
2	Barnsley Gardens Resort, Adairsville, Ga.	90.6	96.6	96.6	93.8	93.3	86.7	84.9	92.1	89.0	\$
3	Inn at Palmetto Bluff, Bluffton, S.C.	90.1	97.2	100	95.3	90.0	81.4	86.8	93.1	89.1	\$\$\$
4	The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.	89.9	97.0	93.9	89.5	92.7	88.1	83.6	91.3	92.0	\$\$\$
5	Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, Ga.	89.2	98.0	100	91.8	91.9	83.8	80.0	90.6	91.0	\$
6	Inn at Harbour Town, Hilton Head Island, S.C.	88.9	95.5	90.9	93.0	89.8	80.4	89.8	88.1	88.7	\$
7	The Cloister, Sea Island, Ga.	88.8	94.9	92.3	92.9	89.8	81.1	86.7	89.1	90.2	\$\$\$
8	Williamsburg Inn, Va.	87.4	100	94.1	86.5	84.2	82.3	93.7	87.3	88.1	\$\$\$
9	Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa, Asheville, N.C.	85.6	79.1	83.3	80.1	86.0	83.7	90.8	87.7	86.5	\$
10	The Homestead, Hot Springs, Va.	85.5	93.1	89.7	80.2	87.6	79.8	85.5	87.0	89.5	\$
10	Williamsburg Lodge, Va.	85.5	97.0	97.0	82.1	84.4	79.0	92.4	86.3	85.9	\$
12	Lodge at Sea Island Golf Club, St. Simons Island, Ga.	85.3	92.9	85.7	88.2	84.2	78.4	88.2	84.2	85.5	\$\$\$
13	Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa, San Antonio	84.9	97.2	97.2	84.9	87.2	74.4	77.8	87.8	92.0	\$
13	Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, S.C.	84.9	95.2	95.2	87.9	79.5	75.8	88.8	85.6	88.1	\$
15	Four Seasons Resort and Club Dallas at Las Colinas, Tex.	84.8	87.5	87.5	89.0	88.4	82.9	76.7	84.8	86.0	\$
15	Pinehurst Resort, Pinehurst, N.C.	84.8	95.1	93.8	69.9	86.0	78.5	87.3	81.6	95.0	\$
17	Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa, Point Clear, Ala.	84.6	87.0	92.6	84.9	87.4	79.4	85.8	84.3	83.8	\$
18	Tides Inn, Irvington, Va.	84.2	81.4	95.3	83.5	84.6	81.7	84.6	80.6	88.5	\$
19	Beau Rivage, Biloxi, Miss.	83.9	92.6	88.9	86.6	81.1	77.9	87.3	87.2	82.6	\$
20	Hilton Head Marriott Resort & Spa, S.C.	82.3	86.8	84.2	85.0	80.8	70.5	90.6	82.3	82.3	\$
21	Jekyll Island Club Hotel, Ga.	81.8	80.8	87.5	76.9	80.1	80.9	88.1	84.9	78.8	\$
22	Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa, Tex.	81.6	92.0	96.0	84.8	84.0	74.0	75.0	80.6	86.2	\$
23	Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, Va.	81.0	95.7	91.3	83.3	79.2	64.8	83.5	82.5	85.6	\$
23	Westin La Cantera Resort, San Antonio	81.0	87.8	87.8	79.7	79.7	72.8	77.5	86.8	85.7	\$\$\$
25	Barton Creek Resort & Spa, Austin	80.7	96.2	89.9	79.8	80.4	74.0	75.2	80.8	85.2	\$

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We could go on and on about the leather upper of **Adidas's Tour360 ATV** golf shoe, its contoured foam insole, ten-spike configuration, slender outsole for stability and traction, and the two-year warranty for waterproofness, but in truth all we really want to say is that this shoe looks damn good (adidasgolf.com).

METHODOLOGY

Condé Nast Traveler's 2012 Golf Poll results were derived from our 2011 Readers' Choice survey, whose questionnaire was available through a secure Web site. Tabulation of the 28,876 responses was done by Global Market Insite, Inc., of Boston. Golf resorts were rated excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor on eight criteria: Course Design & Access, Golf Staff & Services, Rooms, Service, Food/Dining, Location, Overall Design, and Activities/Facilities. Criterion scores, which represent the percentage of respondents who rated a golf resort excellent or very good, were averaged to determine the overall score. Only resorts that received a required minimum number of responses were included in these rankings.

A SENSE OF HISTORY

A spectacular newcomer to the list, South Africa's **Steenberg Hotel** is on the oldest farm in the Western Cape, at the base of the Steenberg Mountains. Some of its buildings date to the 1680s.

A TESTAMENT TO TIME

Set in the rolling countryside of Ireland's County Limerick, **Adare Manor Hotel & Golf Resort** was built in the 1800s with an unmistakable nod to the Roman calendar—the castle has 365 stained glass windows and 52 chimneys.

NORTHERN EXPOSURE

The Canadian hotel and resort chain **Fairmont** dominates the list of Foreign Resorts. Its six properties here—in Bermuda, Canada, and Mexico—account for more than a quarter of the total.

Top 20 Foreign Golf Resorts

	★	▶	✉	🏠	🍴	📍	✂️	🗳️	💰	
1 Steenberg Hotel , Constantia Valley, South Africa	96.4	100	100	95.7	95.7	95.7	95.7	95.6	\$\$\$	
2 One&Only Palmilla , Los Cabos, Mexico	96.3	94.4	88.9	98.3	96.6	94.1	96.6	97.5	97.4	\$\$\$\$
3 The Reefs , Bermuda	94.8	90.9	87.5	91.5	95.8	95.8	97.5	95.5	93.0	\$\$\$
4 Four Seasons Resort , Punta Mita, Mexico	93.6	100	100	94.3	94.3	93.4	91.5	92.5	92.3	\$\$
5 Esperanza , Cabo San Lucas, Mexico	92.4	90.0	90.0	96.5	94.5	88.4	92.5	93.5	89.7	\$\$\$
6 Adare Manor Hotel & Golf Resort , County Limerick, Ireland	92.3	93.1	89.7	89.9	92.7	90.6	95.4	95.4	90.3	\$\$\$
7 Rosewood Tucker's Point , Bermuda	90.9	96.6	93.1	94.7	81.8	85.7	93.5	94.8	91.9	\$\$
8 Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo	90.4	100	96.6	92.2	91.3	82.5	92.3	89.4	90.2	\$\$\$\$
9 Fairmont Chateau Whistler , Canada	90.1	100	90.0	87.3	88.7	87.4	92.8	90.5	92.5	\$
9 Fairmont Mayakoba , Riviera Maya, Mexico	90.1	100	95.8	94.4	89.7	83.2	86.9	90.7	92.4	\$\$
11 Dromoland Castle , County Clare, Ireland	90.0	75.0	83.3	92.4	91.0	88.8	91.7	93.1	86.1	\$\$\$
12 Fairmont Banff Springs , Banff, Canada	87.9	92.0	86.0	79.2	86.4	85.3	95.5	91.9	88.9	\$\$\$
13 Four Seasons Resort , Nevis	87.1	100	100	88.9	87.9	78.8	86.9	87.9	85.6	\$\$\$
14 Turnberry Resort , Ayrshire, Scotland	86.3	95.8	91.7	83.3	76.7	73.3	93.3	86.7	93.1	\$\$\$
15 Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort , Cancún	85.0	98.4	95.2	88.0	87.6	76.1	78.9	84.1	89.4	\$
16 Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge , Jasper, Canada	83.5	97.1	91.2	76.4	81.2	78.7	92.2	83.7	86.1	\$\$
17 Fairmont Southampton , Bermuda	82.7	79.3	79.3	85.9	80.0	81.0	83.8	82.1	84.4	\$
18 Fairmont Acapulco Princess , Mexico	82.2	92.0	88.0	85.6	85.2	75.8	77.9	84.5	81.3	\$
19 Casa de Campo , La Romana, Dominican Republic	80.1	95.0	92.5	78.7	73.1	71.8	82.0	78.6	86.4	\$\$\$\$
20 Atlantis, Paradise Island , Bahamas	78.9	87.5	82.1	73.3	66.8	66.5	88.7	86.6	91.0	\$\$\$
20 Ritz-Carlton Golf and Spa Resort, Rose Hall , Jamaica	78.9	96.9	100	80.7	80.7	73.8	75.2	79.3	74.8	\$\$

Rates are for the least-expensive double during peak golf season: \$ = \$299 and under; \$\$ = \$300-\$399; \$\$\$ = \$400-\$599; \$\$\$\$ = \$600 or more.

★ Overall average ▶ Course Design & Access ✉ Golf Staff & Services 🏠 Rooms
 🍴 Service 📍 Food/Dining 📍 Location ✂️ Overall Design 🗳️ Activities/Facilities
 Bold-faced scores are the highest for their criterion.

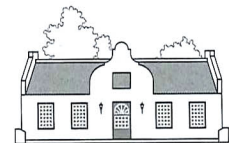


The V49 line of visors from **Scala Collezione** are made of organic raffia with cotton trim and are sure to brighten up any tee time. Available in 11 colors—shown here are white, sky, and fuchsia—and with an adjustable Velcro back-

strap, these sun hats come with generous brims that will shade and protect your eyes whether you're sitting on a beach, riding in a boat, or lining up a game-winning putt on the eighteenth green (for retailers, call 800-367-3626).

LITTLE GEMS

▶ Duffers who prefer their digs on an intimate scale will find just what they're



looking for at the following resorts—all of which have fewer than 100 rooms:

- Steenberg Hotel, Constantia Valley, South Africa (24 rooms)
- Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico (57 rooms)
- Inn at Harbour Town, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (61 rooms)
- Williamsburg Inn, Virginia (62 rooms)
- The Reefs, Bermuda (81 rooms)
- Barnsley Gardens Resort, Adairsville, Georgia (90 rooms)
- Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, South Carolina (93 rooms)

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Are these your top golf resorts? Now's your chance to vote—and win a trip! The 2012 Readers' Choice survey is at cntraveler.com/vote.

"Golf, like measles, should be caught young, for, if postponed to riper years, the results may be serious"

—P. G. Wodehouse



POST-PLAY PAMPERING, ANYONE?

After hours of walking the fairways and padding around the greens—or just stepping on the accelerator on your golf cart—you deserve to decompress with some swank. What better way to recover from a day on the links, or prep for one, than by being pummeled and pampered at a great spa. The following golf resorts all scored 95.0 or higher in our annual ranking of spa resorts (see "Readers' Poll: Top 250 Spas," June 2011, or go to condenasttraveler.com/spas).

- Esperanza, *Cabo San Lucas, Mexico*
- Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo
- Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, *Big Island*
- Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea
- Grand Wailea, *Maui*
- Inn at Palmetto Bluff, *Bluffton, South Carolina*
- Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation, *Greensboro, Georgia*
- Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, *Florida*
- Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, *South Carolina*
- Stowe Mountain Lodge, *Vermont*
- Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa, *Avon, Colorado*