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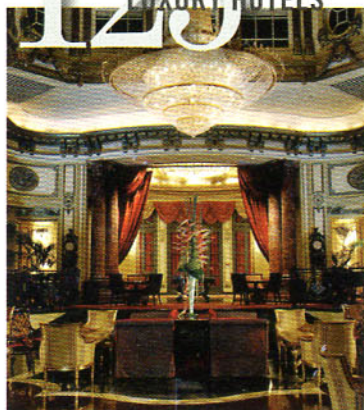
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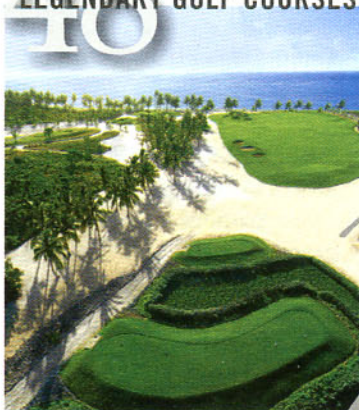
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Welcome to *Celebrated Living's* Readers' Choice Platinum List, a perennial favorite and popular summer tradition. These hotels, golf courses, spas, and cruise lines have received the highest endorsement from our discerning, travel-savvy readers. Make the following pages your ultimate resource for travel planning, with more than 200 ideas for your next getaway. ➤

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 chow. (888) 444-6664, [omnilamansion.com](http://omnilamansion.com)

### 18 THE PLAZA, NEW YORK

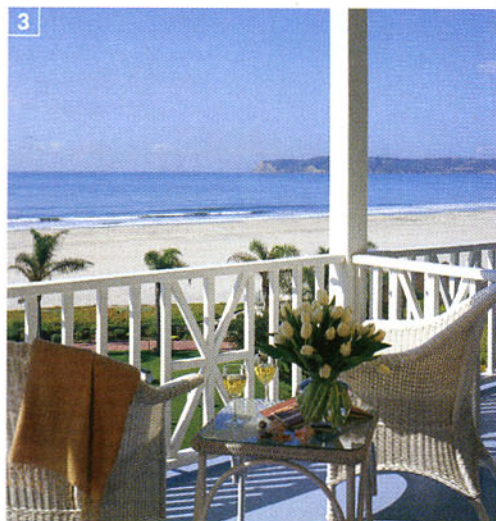
After three years and \$400 million, the iconic New Yorker has turned debutante, with 282 rooms and suites, Champagne Bar, Caudalie Vinotherapie Spa, Warren-Tricomi Salon, and the Radu Fitness Centre. (888) 850-0909, [fairmont.com/theplaza](http://fairmont.com/theplaza)

### 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](http://ritzcarlton.com)

### 20 THE ST. REGIS, NEW YORK

Interior designer Richard Mishaan recently redesigned the Presidential Suite to evoke a Manhattan *piéd-à-terre* with quintessential Central Park views. (888) 625-5144, [stregis.com/newyork](http://stregis.com/newyork) ▶





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### 8 THE OCEAN COURSE, KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA (tie)

Pete Dye's testy track jumped six spots, and The Sanctuary hotel notched another Mobil Five Star Award. (800) 654-2924, kiawahresort.com

### 10 THE PLANTATION COURSE, MAUI

The Mercedes-Benz Championship course's No. 18 stretches 663 yards, making it the PGA Tour's longest hole. (888) 227-6054, kapaluamaui.com

### 11 TPC FOUR SEASONS LAS COLINAS, IRVING, TEXAS

HP Byron Nelson Championship host course is new to the list, and sports a \$10 million redo. (800) 819-5053, fourseasons.com/dallas

### 12 COG HILL COURSE NO. 4 (DUBSDREAD), LEMONT, ILLINOIS

Following a yearlong Rees Jones

renovation, Dubsdread hosts September's PGA Tour BMW Championship. (866) 264-4455, coghillgolf.com

### 13 BANDON DUNES, BANDON, OREGON (tie)

The Inn is the resort's new lodging choice; next summer Old Macdonald will be a fourth course choice. (888) 345-6008, bandondunesgolf.com

### 13 WHISTLING STRAITS (THE STRAITS), MOSEL, WISCONSIN (tie)

Vijay Singh won the PGA Championship here in 2004; the major tournament returns August 2010. (800) 344-2838, destinationkohler.com

### 15 BAY HILL CLUB, ORLANDO

The Arnold Palmer Invitational course closes May 15 for green renovations; the Charger nine remains open. (888) 422-9445, bayhill.com

### 16 TROON NORTH GOLF CLUB (MONUMENT), SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Reconfiguration of Troon's 36 makes the Monument's closest best-of-desert golf rival its sibling, the Pinnacle. (888) 876-6687, troonnorthgolf.com

### 17 THE CHALLENGE AT MANELE, LANA'I CITY, HAWAII (tie)

A monster when the wind blows, this Nicklaus course earns its moniker. (808) 565-2000, fourseasons.com/manelebay

### 17 MONARCH BEACH GOLF LINKS, DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA (tie)

Anyone for 106 holes along the Pacific? The Unlimited Golf Package foments temptation. (949) 240-8247, stregismb.com

### 17 TPC SAWGRASS (STADIUM COURSE), PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FLORIDA (tie)

Site of the Tour Academy, the ultimate boot camp for improving your game. (904) 273-3235, tpc.com/sawgrass

### 20 BETHPAGE STATE PARK BLACK COURSE, FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK

The U.S. Open returns to A.W. Tillinghast's muscular WPA-era design, and vocal New York fans, June 18 to 21. (516) 249-4040, nysparks.state.ny.us/golf >



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