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TRAVELERS HAVE ANY number of hotel ratings systems at their disposal, offering stars, diamonds, and even crowns to compare properties from Dubai to Des Moines. More often than not, however, such rankings fail to address the basic issue of which property is the single best place to stay in its given location. For this year's *Robb Report 100*, our editors, writers, readers, and expert travel consultants all weighed in on that fundamental question to create a one-of-a-kind compendium of the top hotels in 100 cities worldwide. Sometimes the decision was unanimous; other times it was not so clear—in some cases leading us to declare a tie (see London, Paris, New York, Las Vegas, and Hong Kong for examples). Still, whether for business or leisure, if your travels take you to any of the 100 cities featured on the following pages, *Robb Report* has a singular spot for you. →

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



The Peninsula Beverly Hills

Montreal Ritz-Carlton Montréal

→ The seat of social and business liaisons for 101 years, this neoclassical landmark reopened in 2012 after a reverential restoration. Updates included a Maison Boulud restaurant, a rooftop pool, and 129 rooms with high-tech sensors for guests' temperature and lighting preferences. (\$425–\$10,000) www.ritzmontreal.com

Nashville The Hermitage Hotel

→ Opulence with a Southern accent defines the mood at this historic Beaux-Arts building downtown. Music City's 103-year-old masterpiece offers 122 commodious guest rooms and suites, the Capitol Grille restaurant, and a grand lobby with a stained-glass skylight. (\$275–\$3,000) www.thehermitagehotel.com

New Orleans The Ritz-Carlton, New Orleans

→ This famous Canal Street address is the crème de la crème in the French Quarter, with double soaking tubs in each of the 527 guest rooms, a 22-treatment-room destination spa, and the cozy Davenport Lounge, where crooner Jimmy Davenport holds court. (\$200–\$5,000) www.ritzcarlton.com

hula performances. (\$500–\$7,000) www.halekulani.com

Houston The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa

→ A country house at the gates of urbanity, this low-rise 289-room hotel sits on 18 acres of wooded grounds amid Houston's downtown skyscrapers. A country-club atmosphere pervades the property, which includes a spa and a private sports and fitness center. (\$250–\$3,500) www.houstonian.com

Las Vegas Bellagio

→ Immediately recognizable by the fountains dancing in its front yard, this 15-year-old Goliath of the Strip stands out for its lesser-known features,

including the poker world's most competitive forum and the Villas at Bellagio—nine estate-style accommodations with full-size pools. (\$175–\$5,000) www.bellagio.com

Mandarin Oriental, Las Vegas

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The Mansion at MGM Grand

→ Twenty-nine villa-style accommodations serviced by a staff of 170 are among Sin City's most exclusive. Entrée to the little-known enclave gains access to a private screening room, spa, casino, and game room. (\$5,000–\$15,000) www.mgmgrand.com/themansion

Los Angeles The Peninsula Beverly Hills

→ Old-world style and service in the heart of

Beverly Hills. Renovated in 2012, the 194 guest rooms include 16 Villa Suites amid the ground-level gardens. Cabanas at the rooftop pool offer ideal settings for enjoying the Southern California climate. (\$700–\$8,500) www.peninsula.com

Miami The St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort

→ Directly across from the Bal Harbour Shops, this three-tower complex designed by Yabu Pushelberg is a modernist monument to style and service. Daily amenities at the 243-room hotel (all with ocean views) include a complimentary chauffeured Bentley, Champagne tastings, and live music in the bar. (\$850–\$10,000) www.stregis.com