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2013 READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

TOP 20 HIDEAWAYS, CITY HOTELS AND
SAFARI LODGES, PLUS BEACH, FOOD AND
WINE, SPA, GOLF AND FAMILY RESORTS

{ TRAVELING THE WORLD IN SEARCH OF TRULY ENCHANTING PLACES }

2013 Reader Survey Results

FROM ANDREW HARPER ⁴

U.S. HIDEAWAYS ⁶

INTERNATIONAL HIDEAWAYS ⁸

CITY HOTELS ¹⁰

BEACH RESORTS ¹²

FOOD AND WINE RESORTS ¹⁴

SPA RESORTS ¹⁶

SAFARI LODGES ¹⁸

GOLF RESORTS ²⁰

FAMILY RESORTS ²²

COVER Zarafa Camp, Botswana, is new to the survey this year

OPPOSITE Blackberry Farm, Tennessee, appears in three categories

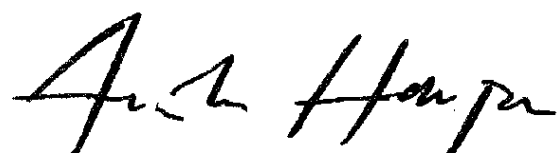


I am the editor of *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report*, a luxury travel newsletter that first appeared in 1979. I travel anonymously and pay full rate. Hotels have no idea who I am, or that I am there to write a review. In other words, I am treated exactly as you might be. Today, this approach is extremely unusual. Most other travel publications and websites, even well-known and well-respected ones, accept discounted rates or free accommodations, which can color their judgment.

Each year, I conduct a survey of my subscribers' favorite hotels. *Hideaway Report* readers are the most enthusiastic and knowledgeable luxury travelers in the world; they vacation an average of 35 days a year, and 33 percent plan to travel more in the coming year. Their favorite countries are Italy, France and England, but I also learned of travel plans that ranged from Australia to Zambia. Every year, the survey offers some surprises in addition to perennial favorites.

This year, perhaps the most astonishing result was that California's Post Ranch Inn was voted No. 1 U.S. Hideaway for the sixth time in a row! Two of my personal favorites — Ireland's Ballyfin Demesne and Zarafa Camp in Botswana — made it onto the list of top International Hideaways for the first time. As was the case in 2012, the favorite new discovery was Amangiri in Utah. In addition to classic hideaways with fewer than 99 rooms in the United States and abroad, here you will find lists of favorite beach resorts, city hotels, family escapes, food and wine properties, golf destinations and spas.

More information about each hotel is available by clicking on its name in green.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Harper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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FROM TOP, CLOCKWISE: Ballyfin Demesne, County Laois, Ireland; Zarafa Camp, Selinda Reserve, Botswana; Amangiri, Canyon Point, Utah



2013
READERS'
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hideaways (UNITED STATES)

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| 1 | POST RANCH INN
Big Sur, California | 11 | VENTANA
Big Sur, California |
| 2 | BLACKBERRY FARM
Walland, Tennessee | 12 | THE INN AT PALMETTO BLUFF
Bluffton, South Carolina |
| 3 | TWIN FARMS
Woodstock, Vermont | 13 | RANCHO VALENCIA
Rancho Santa Fe, California |
| 4 | SAN YSIDRO RANCH
Montecito, California | 14 | THE SWAG
Waynesville, North Carolina |
| 5 | AUBERGE DU SOLEIL
Rutherford, California | 15 | THE LOWELL
New York City, New York |
| 6 | THE INN AT LITTLE WASHINGTON
Washington, Virginia | 16 | THE WHITE BARN INN
Kennebunk Beach, Maine |
| 7 | TRIPLE CREEK RANCH
Darby, Montana | 17 | LAKE PLACID LODGE
Lake Placid, New York |
| 8 | AMANGIRI
Canyon Point, Utah | 18 | LITTLE PALM ISLAND
Little Torch Key, Florida |
| 9 | AMANGANI
Jackson, Wyoming | 19 | MEADOWOOD NAPA VALLEY
St. Helena, California |
| 10 | BLANTYRE
Lenox, Massachusetts | 20 | POETRY INN
Napa, California |



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FROM TOP, CLOCKWISE: Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, California; Twin Farms, Woodstock, Vermont; Blackberry Farm, Walland, Tennessee



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hideaways (INTERNATIONAL)

- 1 GRAND HOTEL A VILLA FELTRINELLI**
Gargnano, Italy
- 2 SOUTHERN OCEAN LODGE**
Kangaroo Island, Australia
- 3 SINGITA BOULDERS LODGE**
Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa
- 4 LAS VENTANAS AL PARAISO**
San José del Cabo, Mexico
- 5 HUKA LODGE**
Taupo, New Zealand
- 6 AMANSARA**
Siem Reap, Cambodia
- 7 THE WAKAYA CLUB & SPA**
Wakaya Island, Fiji
- 8 LE SIRENUSE**
Positano, Italy
- 9 LIZARD ISLAND**
Lizard Island, Queensland, Australia
- 10 AMANDARI**
Ubud, Bali, Indonesia
- 11 AMAN-I-KHAS**
Ranthambhore National Park, India
- 12 ZARAFKA CAMP**
Selinda Reserve, Botswana
- 13 HOTEL SPLENDIDO**
Portofino, Italy
- 14 HOTEL SAN REGIS**
Paris, France
- 15 RELAIS CHRISTINE**
Paris, France
- 16 MOMBO CAMP**
Okavango Delta, Botswana
- 17 MAROMA RESORT AND SPA**
Riviera Maya, Mexico
- 18 LA SCALINATELLA**
Capri, Italy
- 19 BALLYFIN DEMESNE**
County Laois, Ireland
- 20 BUCKLAND MANOR**
Worcestershire, England



FROM TOP, CLOCKWISE: Southern Ocean Lodge, Kangaroo Island, Australia; Singita Boulders Lodge, Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa; Grand Hotel à Villa Feltrinelli, Gargnano, Italy



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city hotels

- 1 THE PENINSULA**
Beverly Hills, California
- 2 THE PENINSULA**
Chicago, Illinois
- 3 THE LOWELL**
New York City, New York
- 4 MANDARIN ORIENTAL**
Bangkok, Thailand
- 5 FOUR SEASONS**
Chicago, Illinois
- 6 THE PENINSULA**
Hong Kong, China
- 7 FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GEORGE V**
Paris, France
- 8 THE CARLYLE**
New York City, New York
- 9 THE STAFFORD**
London, England
- 10 LE BRISTOL**
Paris, France
- 11 THE PENINSULA**
New York City, New York
- 12 MANDARIN ORIENTAL**
New York City, New York
- 13 MANDARIN ORIENTAL**
San Francisco, California
- 14 THE ST. REGIS**
New York City, New York
- 15 HOTEL BEL-AIR**
Los Angeles, California
- 16 FOUR SEASONS**
New York City, New York
- 17 PARK HYATT**
Sydney, Australia
- 18 THE PENINSULA**
Shanghai, China
- 19 THE RITZ-CARLTON**
San Francisco, California
- 20 THE MARK**
New York City, New York



FROM TOP, CLOCKWISE: The Peninsula, Beverly Hills, California; The Peninsula, Chicago, Illinois; The Lowell, New York City, New York



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beach resorts

- 1 CAP JULUCA**
Maundays Bay, Anguilla
- 2 ROSEWOOD LITTLE DIX BAY**
Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands
- 3 MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH**
Laguna Beach, California
- 4 CANEEL BAY**
St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands
- 5 MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL**
Kohala Coast, Hawaii
- 6 ESPERANZA**
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- 7 FOUR SEASONS HUALALAI**
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
- 8 FOUR SEASONS**
Wailea, Maui, Hawaii
- 9 LAS VENTANAS AL PARAISO**
San José del Cabo, Mexico
- 10 MAROMA RESORT AND SPA**
Riviera Maya, Mexico
- 11 LIZARD ISLAND**
Lizard Island, Queensland, Australia
- 12 ONE&ONLY PALMILLA**
San José del Cabo, Mexico
- 13 HOTEL DU CAP-EDEN-ROC**
Antibes, France
- 14 LITTLE PALM ISLAND**
Little Torch Key, Florida
- 15 THE SANCTUARY**
Kiawah Island, South Carolina
- 16 WATERCOLOR INN & RESORT**
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida
- 17 HALEKULANI**
Honolulu, Hawaii
- 18 ONE&ONLY OCEAN CLUB**
Paradise Island, Bahamas
- 19 AMANPURI**
Phuket, Thailand
- 20 THE CLOISTER**
Sea Island, Georgia



FROM TOP, CLOCKWISE: Cap Juluca, Maundays Bay, Anguilla; Montage Laguna Beach, Laguna Beach, California; Rosewood Little Dix Bay, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands



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food and wine resorts

1 MEADOWOOD NAPA VALLEY
St. Helena, California

2 BLACKBERRY FARM
Walland, Tennessee

3 AUBERGE DU SOLEIL
Rutherford, California

4 TWIN FARMS
Woodstock, Vermont

5 THE INN AT LITTLE WASHINGTON
Washington, Virginia

6 POST RANCH INN
Big Sur, California

7 THE WHITE BARN INN
Kennebunk Beach, Maine

8 THE ALLISON INN & SPA
Newberg, Oregon

9 CALISTOGA RANCH
Calistoga, California

10 BERNARDUS LODGE
Carmel Valley, California

11 CAVAS WINE LODGE
Lujan de Cuyo, Argentina

12 HOTEL LES MARS
Healdsburg, California

13 HUKA LODGE
Taupo, New Zealand

14 LE MANOIR AUX QUAT'SAISONS
Oxfordshire, England

15 MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH
Laguna Beach, California

16 POETRY INN
Napa, California

17 SOLAGE CALISTOGA
Calistoga, California

18 SOUTHERN OCEAN LODGE
Kangaroo Island, Australia

19 VILLA D'ESTE
Cernobbio, Italy

20 BARDESSONO
Yountville, California



FROM TOP, CLOCKWISE: *The Restaurant at Meadowood*, St. Helena, California; mussels at the *Restaurant at Auberge du Soleil*, Rutherford, California; fall picnic tables at *Blackberry Farm*, Walland, Tennessee



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spa resorts

- 1** **MIRAVAL**
Tucson, Arizona
- 2** **CANYON RANCH**
Lenox, Massachusetts
- 3** **CANYON RANCH**
Tucson, Arizona
- 4** **MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH**
Laguna Beach, California
- 5** **CAL-A-VIE**
Vista, California
- 6** **ESPERANZA**
Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- 7** **CANYON RANCH**
Miami Beach, Florida
- 8** **ENCHANTMENT RESORT**
Sedona, Arizona
- 9** **TWIN FARMS**
Woodstock, Vermont
- 10** **AMANSARA**
Siem Reap, Cambodia
- 11** **BLACKBERRY FARM**
Walland, Tennessee
- 12** **LAKE AUSTIN SPA RESORT**
Austin, Texas
- 13** **MAROMA RESORT AND SPA**
Riviera Maya, Mexico
- 14** **MAYFLOWER INN & SPA**
Washington, Connecticut
- 15** **MANDARIN ORIENTAL**
Bangkok, Thailand
- 16** **RANCHO LA PUERTA**
Baja California, Mexico
- 17** **BERNARDUS LODGE**
Carmel Valley, California
- 18** **FOUR SEASONS**
Chiang Mai, Thailand
- 19** **FOUR SEASONS HUALALAI**
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
- 20** **FOUR SEASONS**
Wailea, Maui, Hawaii



FROM TOP, CLOCKWISE: Spa outdoor relaxation deck at Miraval, Tucson, Arizona; Sonoran Desert surrounding Canyon Ranch, Tucson, Arizona; indoor pool at Canyon Ranch, Lenox, Massachusetts



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safari lodges

- 1 SINGITA BOULDERS LODGE**
Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa
- 2 MOMBO CAMP**
Okavango Delta, Botswana
- 3 NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE**
Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania
- 4 SANCTUARY CHIEF'S CAMP**
Okavango Delta, Botswana
- 5 ZARAFKA CAMP**
Selinda Reserve, Botswana
- 6 LONDOLOZI**
Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa
- 7 SINGITA LEBOMBO LODGE**
Kruger National Park, South Africa
- 8 ROYAL MALEWANE**
Kruger National Park, South Africa
- 9 VUMBURA PLAINS CAMP**
Okavango Delta, Botswana
- 10 JAO CAMP**
Okavango Delta, Botswana
- 11 OL DONYO LODGE**
Chyulu Hills, Kenya
- 12 PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE**
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
- 13 SINGITA EBONY LODGE**
Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa
- 14 TSWALU KALAHARI**
Northern Cape, South Africa
- 15 SANCTUARY BAINES' CAMP**
Okavango Delta, Botswana
- 16 ELSA'S KOPIE**
Meru National Park, Kenya
- 17 JACK'S CAMP**
Makgadikgadi Pan, Botswana
- 18 KLEIN'S CAMP**
Serengeti National Park, Tanzania
- 19 SINGITA GRUMETI RESERVES**
Serengeti National Park, Tanzania
- 20 SANCTUARY OLONANA**
Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya



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FROM TOP, CLOCKWISE: Singita Boulders Lodge, Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa; Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania; Mombo Camp, Okavango Delta, Botswana



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golf resorts

- 1 THE LODGE AT PEBBLE BEACH**
Pebble Beach, California
- 2 BANDON DUNES**
Bandon, Oregon
- 3 THE RESORT AT PELICAN HILL**
Newport Beach, California
- 4 THE SANCTUARY**
Kiawah Island, South Carolina
- 5 THE LODGE**
Sea Island, Georgia
- 6 FOUR SEASONS**
Scottsdale, Arizona
- 7 THE BROADMOOR**
Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 8 THE GREENBRIER**
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
- 9 PINEHURST RESORT**
Pinehurst, North Carolina
- 10 THE LODGE AT TORREY PINES**
La Jolla, California
- 11 MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL**
Kohala Coast, Hawaii
- 12 THE BOULDERS**
Carefree, Arizona
- 13 THE GLENEAGLES HOTEL**
Perthshire, Scotland
- 14 THE LODGE AT KAURI CLIFFS**
Matauri Bay, North Island, New Zealand
- 15 THE FARM, CAPE KIDNAPPERS**
Hawke's Bay, North Island, New Zealand
- 16 FOUR SEASONS HUALALAI**
Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
- 17 THE INN AT SPANISH BAY**
Pebble Beach, California
- 18 THE RITZ-CARLTON**
Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii
- 19 THE INN AT PALMETTO BLUFF**
Bluffton, South Carolina
- 20 TURNBERRY RESORT**
Ayrshire, Scotland



FROM TOP, CLOCKWISE: Seventh hole, Pebble Beach Golf Links at Pebble Beach Resorts, Pebble Beach, California; 17th hole, Ocean North Course at The Resort at Pelican Hill, Newport Beach, California; 11th hole, Pacific Dunes course at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Bandon, Oregon



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family resorts

- 1 THE CLOISTER**
Sea Island, Georgia
- 2 THE BROADMOOR**
Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 3 THE GREENBRIER**
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
- 4 MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL**
Kohala Coast, Hawaii
- 5 WALT DISNEY WORLD**
Orlando, Florida
- 6 FOUR SEASONS**
Jackson Hole, Wyoming
- 7 FOUR SEASONS**
Wailea, Maui, Hawaii
- 8 WEQUASSETT**
Chatham, Massachusetts
- 9 ATLANTIS**
Paradise Island, Bahamas
- 10 BLACKBERRY FARM**
Walland, Tennessee
- 11 CHATHAM BARS INN**
Chatham, Massachusetts
- 12 FOUR SEASONS**
Punta Mita, Mexico
- 13 ROSEWOOD LITTLE DIX BAY**
Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands
- 14 MONTAGE DEER VALLEY**
Deer Valley, Utah
- 15 OCEAN HOUSE**
Watch Hill, Rhode Island
- 16 THE INN AT PALMETTO BLUFF**
Bluffton, South Carolina
- 17 THE RESORT AT PAWS UP**
Greenough, Montana
- 18 ROSEWOOD MAYAKOBA**
Playa del Carmen, Mexico
- 19 THE SANCTUARY**
Kiawah Island, South Carolina
- 20 WATERCOLOR INN & RESORT**
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida



FROM TOP, CLOCKWISE: The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colorado; The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia; The Cloister, Sea Island, Georgia