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In our 14th annual poll, which takes a measure of the very best in travel in the Asia-Pacific region, we turn to readers for their favorite hotels, destinations, airlines, spas, and more.





CAMBODIA

1 Anantara Angkor Resort & Spa

Personal “experience butlers” are just one of the ways the 39-suite Anantara Angkor sets the bar high for hospitality in Siem Reap. Arranged around a tranquil courtyard pool, the guest quarters exude modern Khmer refinement, whereas signature restaurant Chi and Anantara Spa—which offers Kampot salt scrubs—put the spotlight on local techniques and ingredients.

- 2 Park Hyatt Siem Reap
- 3 Raffles Grand Hôtel d'Angkor
- 4 Hôtel Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort
- 5 Shinta Mani Angkor
- 6 Song Saa Private Island
- 7 Amansara Resort
- 8 Belmond La Residence Angkor
- 9 Rosewood Phnom Penh
- 10 Le Méridien Angkor



CHINA

1 The Peninsula Shanghai

Poised at the northern end of the Bund, the retro-style Peninsula Shanghai makes a sympathetic addition to the neighboring art deco structures. Its 235 rooms and suites continue the nostalgic theme, while one-Michelin-starred Sir Elly's beckons with modern European fare and a rooftop cocktail bar.

- 2 The Ritz-Carlton Shanghai, Pudong
- 3 Rosewood Beijing
- 4 Grand Hyatt Shanghai
- 5 Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai
- 6 Park Hyatt Shanghai
- 7 Pudong Shangri-La, East Shanghai
- 8 Kerry Hotel, Beijing
- 9 The St. Regis Beijing
- 10 The Ritz-Carlton Beijing



HONG KONG

1 The Peninsula Hong Kong

More than 90 years after it first opened, the beloved Pen still leads the pack when it comes to high-end hospitality in Hong Kong. Its butlers and afternoon tea service continue to impress, as does the range of in-room amenities. Notably, the hotel is the only one in the territory with its own private helipads, from which guests can embark on 15- to 45-minute flight-seeing tours.

- 2 Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong
- 3 The Landmark, Mandarin Oriental
- 4 Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong
- 5 The Ritz-Carlton Hong Kong
- 6 The Upper House
- 7 InterContinental Hong Kong
- 8 Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel
- 9 Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong
- 10 Conrad Hong Kong

Clockwise from below: The Peninsula Shanghai affords views of the Pudong skyline; table service at Anantara Angkor Resort & Spa; The facade of The Peninsula Hong Kong. *Opposite:* Overlooking the Opera House from Park Hyatt Sydney's rooftop terrace.