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**THE
142 HOTELS
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When you work at *Condé Nast Traveler*, the one question that's always being asked of you—by friends, your therapist, strangers you've only just met—isn't *Where should I go?* More often than not it's *Where should I stay?* As hotel obsessives, we get it. A great hotel isn't simply a place to spend the night. It's about the super-secret perfect bar just off the lobby, or the wallpaper in your suite that makes you want to redecorate your entire home. And if you love a hotel enough, it can become a reason in itself to go. For our twenty-second annual Gold List, we offer you our global short list—the recommendations we give without even thinking about it.

For more on this year's Gold List, check out www.cntraveler.com/gold-list.



GO FARTHER—IT'S WORTH IT

Dunton Hot Springs
Dunton, Colorado

It's a two-hour drive from already-remote Telluride, winding through the San Juan Mountains, sometimes on dirt roads. But the payoff is huge: a stay in one of 12 isolated, hand-hewn log cabins in a stunning alpine valley, with reviving soaks in mineral-rich hot springs at the restored 1900s bathroom.

Explora

Patagonia, Chile
As the center of Torres del Paine National Park (and five hours from the closest airport), Explora's white-timber lodge has 40 spacious rooms—all with views of either the Paine ridge or Sator Chino Waterfall. Take your pick of more than 80 guided hikes and horse trails, then unwind over the best Chilean wines at the steak. Explorer's Bar

Wickanishish Inn

Talfoo, British Columbia
At this secluded resort on Vancouver Island's rugged west coast, days are spent hiking through old-growth cedar forests, exploring tide pools, trying your hand at cold-water surfing, or simply watching Pacific storms roll in beyond the log-bay windows of your ocean-facing suite.

ARCHITECTURAL WONDERS IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE

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The minimalist resort is constructed entirely of multicolored ophiolite rock and seems to hover over a steep gorge in the Hajar Mountains.

Amangiri

Canyon Point, Utah
Its gravity-defying geometric stone blend seamlessly into the austere desert.

Fogo Island Inn Newfoundland, Canada

It'll take at least two flights, a 90-mile drive, and then a 45-minute ferry ride to reach this ultramodern spaceship of a hotel overlooking the wild Atlantic (right).

Longitude 131°

Tyleria, Australia
Ever wonder what a luxury resort on Mars might look like? Probably not unlike these tented pavilions arrayed in front of the magnetized sandstone research of Uluru.

Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa

San Pedro de Atacama, Chile
A stargazing fortress of stone, adobe bricks, and rammed earth, with glass walls to maximize views of the Llorobolobur volcano and the vast Atacama Desert.

Vigilias

Mountn Mountain Resort
Monte San Vigilio, Italy
Accessible only by cable car (it's nearly 8,000 feet above sea level), this resort feels like the tree house you always wanted, with its dramatic wooden-lattice facade.



IF YOU LOVE THE **FOUR SEASONS PENINSULA PAPAGAYO** IN COSTA RICA, TRY **MUKUL** IN NIGARAGUA



THE SPA WHERE TREATMENTS ARE JUST THE HALF OF IT

Five spa retreats telegraph bliss as well as the seventeenth-century **Bio-Hotel Stangweil**, in the Austrian Alps, the outdoor soaking pools, steam baths, and saunas are crafted of

sandstone and pinewood sourced from the nearby wilderness—and even a lazy hour in the relaxation room, with its floor-to-ceiling views of Tyroler peaks, is as rejuvenating as a turn on the massage table.

6 OTHER SPA GETAWAYS TO BOOK RIGHT NOW

Badrut's Palace
St. Moritz, Switzerland
Clique La Prairie
Clarens-Montreux, Switzerland
Les Sources de Caudalie
Bordeaux

One&Only Palmira
Las Casas
Park Hyatt New York
Parrot Cay
by COMO
Turks and Caicos

THE HOTELS WE ALWAYS RETURN TO IN PARIS

- FOUR SEASONS HOTEL
- GEORGE V
- HÔTEL PLAZA ATHÉNÉE
- LE MÉRIDIEN
- THE PENINSULA PARIS
- SHANDORI LA HOTEL, PARIS