

LIFESTYLE + TRAVEL READERS' CHOICE AWARDS 2008

At the beginning of the year we asked you, our readers, to tell us who you thought were the best performing hotels, resorts, spas, bars, restaurants, serviced apartments and airlines in the region. The response was overwhelming, and with your help we managed to come up with first a top three and then finally a winner in each of our 44 categories. Although a number of outstanding resort operations and airlines did figure more than once in our shortlist, overall the results demonstrated the massive array of truly great tourism options in the region, providing yet further evidence that Southeast Asia is a world beater when it comes to travel. We celebrate the best of the best.

THAILAND

BEST URBAN HOTEL

WINNER:

The Mandarin Oriental Hotel Bangkok
www.mandarinoriental.com

RUNNERS UP:

The Sukhothai Hotel Bangkok
www.sukhothaihotel.com
The Peninsula Bangkok
www.peninsula.com



BEST RESORT

WINNER:

Four Seasons Resort
Koh Samui
www.fourseasons.com

RUNNERS UP:

Pimalai Resort & Spa,
Koh Lanta
www.pimalai.com
Mandarin Oriental Dhara
Dhevi, Chiang Mai
www.mandarinoriental.com



BEST URBAN SPA

WINNER:

Devarana Spa at the Dusit Thani
Bangkok
www.devaranaspa.com

RUNNERS UP:

i.sawan Residential Spa & Club at
the Grand Hyatt Bangkok
www.bangkok.grand.hyatt.com
Harn Heritage Spa, Bangkok
www.harnn.com

BEST SERVICED APARTMENTS

WINNER:

Ascott Bangkok Sathorn
www.the-ascott.com

RUNNERS UP:

Fraser Suites, Sukhumvit,
Bangkok
www.fraserhospitality.com
Emporium Suites, Sukhumvit,
Bangkok
www.emporiumsuites.com



BEST DESTINATION SPA

WINNER:

Six Senses Destination Spa Phuket
www.sixsenses.com

RUNNERS UP:

Kamalaya, Koh Samui
www.kamalaya.com
Chiva-Som International Health Resort
Hua Hin
www.chivasom.com



BEST RESTAURANT

WINNER:

Fifty Five at Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok
www.centarahotelsandresorts.com

RUNNERS UP:

Angelini at the Shangri-La Hotel Bangkok
www.breezebkk.com
Spice Market at the Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok
www.fourseasons.com



BEST BAR

WINNER:

Sirocco, Iebua at State Tower
Bangkok
www.iebua.com

RUNNERS UP:

Three Sixty Lounge at the
Millennium Hilton Bangkok Hotel
www.hilton.com
Bed Supperclub, Bangkok
www.bedsupperclub.com



SINGAPORE



BEST HOTEL

WINNER:

The Ritz-Carlton Millennia Singapore
www.ritzcarlton.com

RUNNERS UP:

The Fullerton Hotel Singapore
www.fullertonhotel.com
Grand Hyatt Singapore
www.singapore.grand.hyatt.com



BEST RESORT

WINNER:

Sentosa Resort & Spa
www.thesentosa.com

RUNNERS UP:

The St Regis Singapore
www.starwoodhotels.com
Crowne Plaza Hotel Singapore
www.ichotelsgroup.com

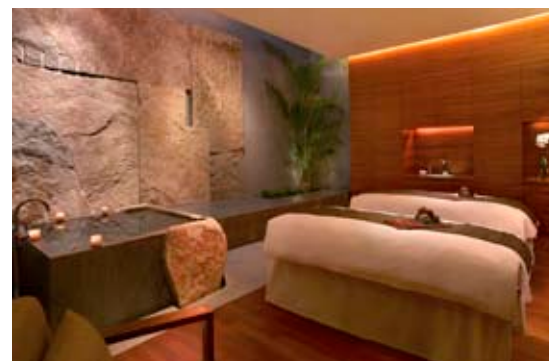
BEST BAR

WINNER:

Post Bar at the Fullerton Hotel
www.fullertonhotel.com

RUNNERS UP:

Le Noir, Singapore
www.barlenoir.com
Zouk Club Singapore
www.zouclub.com.sg



BEST URBAN SPA

WINNER:

Damai Spa at the Grand Hyatt Singapore
www.singapore.grand.hyatt.com

RUNNERS UP:

Comfort Space Helio Asia
www.helioasia.com
Amrita Spa
www.amritaspa.com



BEST DESTINATION SPA

WINNER:

Spa Botanica
www.spabotanica.com

RUNNERS UP:

Aramsas The Garden Spa
www.aramsaspas.com
The Retreat Spa at Changi Village Hotel
www.theretreat.com



BEST SERVICED APARTMENTS

WINNER:

Pan Pacific Serviced Suites
www.panpacific.com

RUNNERS UP:

Orchard Parksuites
www.fareastsvcapt.com.sg
Great World Serviced Apartments
www.greatworld.com.sg

BEST RESTAURANT

WINNER:

Inagiku
www.fairmont.com/singapore

RUNNERS UP:

Ristorante Bologna
www.meritus-hotels.com
Golden Peony
www.singapore.conradmeetings.com



HONG KONG

BEST HOTEL

WINNER:

The Peninsula Hong Kong
www.peninsula.com

RUNNERS UP:

W Hotel Hong Kong
www.starwoodhotels.com
 JIA Boutique Hotel Hong Kong
www.jiahongkong.com



BEST BOUTIQUE RESIDENCE

WINNER:

The Fleming Hong Kong www.thefleming.com.hk

RUNNERS UP:

Four Seasons Place www.fsphk.com
 Lanson Place Hotel www.lansonplace.com



BEST RESORT

WINNER:

Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong
www.shangri-la.com

RUNNERS UP:

Le Méridien Cyberport
www.starwoodhotels.com
 Disney Hollywood Hotel, Hong Kong
www.park.hongkongdisneyland.com



BEST RESTAURANT

WINNER:

Nobu at the Intercontinental Hong Kong Hotel www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental

RUNNERS UP:

Opia at Jia Hong Kong
www.jiahongkong.com
 Aspasia
www.aspasia.com.hk



BEST BAR

WINNER:

Felix Bar in The Peninsula Hong Kong
www.peninsula.com

RUNNERS UP:

Drop
www.drophk.com
 Beijing Club
www.beijingclub.com.hk

BEST SPA

WINNER:

Plateau Spa at the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong
www.hongkong.grand.hyatt.com

RUNNERS UP:

The Peninsula Spa by ESPA
www.peninsula.com
 Chuan Spa at Langham Place Hotel
www.hongkong.langhamplacehotels.com

INDONESIA

BEST DESTINATION SPA

WINNER:

Kayumanis Jimbaran Private Estate & Spa
www.kayumanis.com

RUNNERS UP:

COMO Shambhala Retreat at Uma Ubud
www.uma.com.bz

Thermes Marins Bali at the Ritz-Carlton Bali at Jimbaran Bay
www.ritzcarlton.com



BEST URBAN SPA

WINNER:

The Spa at Club Bimasena, Dharmawangsa Hotel
www.the-dharmawangsa.com

RUNNERS UP:

Taman Sari Royal Heritage Spa
www.tamansarispa.com
 Prana Spa at The Villas
www.thevillas.net



BEST BAR

WINNER:

The Pool Bar at The Legian Bali
www.ghmluxuryhotels.com

RUNNERS UP:

Ku De Ta Bar, Seminyak
www.kudeta.net
 Terrace Bar And Lounge at Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay
www.fourseasons.com



BEST RESORT

WINNER:

The Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan
www.fourseasons.com

RUNNERS UP:

The Ritz-Carlton Bali Resort & Spa
www.ritzcarlton.com
 The Legian Bali
www.ghmluxuryhotels.com



BEST URBAN HOTEL

WINNER:

Grand Hyatt Jakarta
www.jakarta.grand.hyatt.com

RUNNERS UP:

JW Marriott Hotel, Jakarta
www.marriott.com
 Shangri-La Hotel, Jakarta
www.shangri-la.com

MALAYSIA

BEST SERVICED APARTMENTS

WINNER:

Prince Hotel & Residence, Kuala Lumpur
www.princehotelkl.com

RUNNERS UP:

Ascott Kuala Lumpur
www.the-ascott.com
Darby Park Apartments
www.apartmentsmalaysia.net



BEST URBAN HOTEL

WINNER:

The Westin Kuala Lumpur
www.westin.com/kualalumpur

RUNNERS UP:

Hotel Nikko, Kuala Lumpur
www.hotelnikko.com.my
Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur
www.mandarinoriental.com

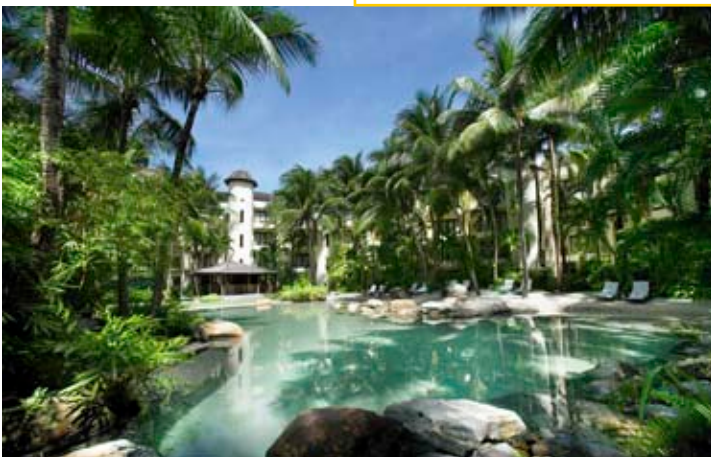
BEST RESORT

WINNER:

Tanjung Rhu Resort, Langkawi
www.tanjungrhu.com

RUNNERS UP:

Tanjong Jara Resort
www.tanjongjararesort.com
Cameron Highlands Resort, Pahang
www.cameronhighlandsresort.com



BEST URBAN SPA

WINNER:

Spa Village at the Ritz-Carlton
Kuala Lumpur
www.ritzcarlton.com

RUNNERS UP:

Angsana Spa at Crowne Plaza
Mutiarra
www.angsanaspa.com
Energy Day Spa, Kuala Lumpur
www.energymindbodyspirit.com



BEST DESTINATION SPA

WINNER:

Spa at the Four Seasons Resort Langkawi
www.fourseasons.com

RUNNERS UP:

Spa Village at Tanjong Jara Resort
www.tanjongjararesort.com
Margo Utomo Hotel & Resort, Kalibaru
www.margoutomo.com

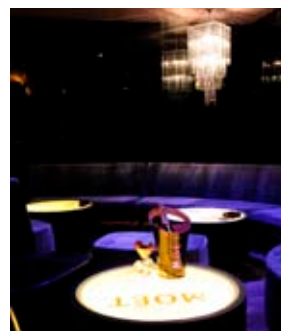
BEST RESTAURANT

WINNER:

Villa Daniele at the Sheraton Imperial
Kuala Lumpur Hotel
www.starwoodhotels.com

RUNNERS UP:

Nero Vivo
www.nerovivo.com
Third Floor at the JW Marriott
www.thirdfloor.com.my



BEST BAR

WINNER:

Zouk Kuala Lumpur
www.zoukclub.com.my

RUNNERS UP:

No Black Tie
www.noblacktie.com
Cloth & Clef, Bukit Bintang
T: +60 (0) 32143 3034



INDOCHINA



BEST RESORT

WINNER:

La Résidence Phou Vao, Luang Prabang, Laos

www.residencephouvao.com

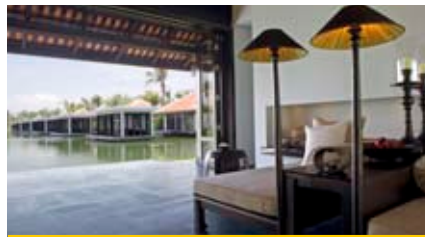
RUNNERS UP:

Amansara, Siem Reap, Cambodia

www.amanresorts.com

Victoria Sapa Resort & Spa, Vietnam

www.victoriahotels-asia.com



BEST SPA

WINNER:

Spa at The Nam Hai, Hoi An, Vietnam

www.ghmluxuryhotels.com

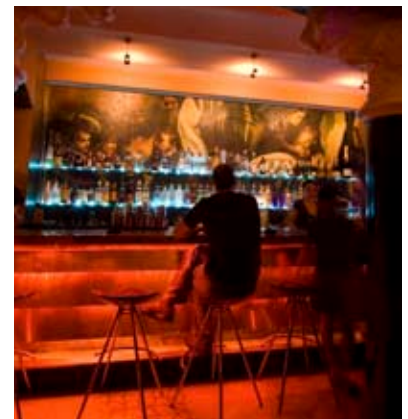
RUNNERS UP:

Nagas by Alila, Luang Prabang, Laos

www.alilahotels.com

Xuan Spa at Park Hyatt Saigon, Vietnam

www.saigon.park.hyatt.com



BEST URBAN HOTEL

WINNER:

Park Hyatt Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

www.saigon.park.hyatt.com

RUNNERS UP:

Sofitel Metropole Hanoi, Vietnam

www.sofitel.com

Raffles Hotel Le Royal, Siem Reap, Cambodia

www.raffles.com



BEST RESTAURANT

WINNER:

The Temple Club, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam T: +84 (0) 8829 9244

RUNNERS UP:

Meric, Hôtel de la Paix, Siem Reap, Cambodia

www.hoteldelapaixangkor.com

Les 3 Nagas at Alila, Luang Prabang, Laos

www.alilahotels.com

BEST BAR

WINNER:

Q Bar, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

www.qsaigon.com

RUNNERS UP:

Foreign Correspondents Club, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

www.fcccambodia.com

Le Club at Sofitel Metropole, Hanoi, Vietnam

www.sofitel.com



BEST AIRPORT

WINNER:

Hong Kong International Airport

www.hongkongairport.com

RUNNERS UP:

Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok

www.airportsuvarnabhumi.com

Samui Airport

www.samuiairportonline.com



THE GREEN AWARD

WINNER:

Six Senses Resorts & Spas

www.sixsenses.com

RUNNERS UP:

The Tong sai Bay, Samui

www.tongsaibay.com

Banyan Tree Hotels and Resorts

www.banyantree.com

BEST AIRLINE



FIRST CLASS
WINNER:
 Singapore Airlines
www.singaporeair.com
RUNNERS UP:
 Emirates
www.emirates.com
 Etihad Airways
www.etihad.com



BEST INFLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT
WINNER:
 Emirates
www.emirates.com
RUNNERS UP:
 Etihad Airways
www.etihad.com
 Jet Airways
www.jetairways.com

FREQUENT FLYER PROGRAMME
WINNER:
 Star Alliance Gold
www.staralliance.com
RUNNERS UP:
 One World
www.oneworld.com
 KrisFlyer
www.singaporeair.com

BUSINESS CLASS
WINNER:
 Cathay Pacific Airways
www.cathaypacific.com
RUNNERS UP:
 Jet Airways
www.jetairways.com
 Qatar Airways
www.qatarairways.com



ECONOMY CLASS
WINNER:
 Bangkok Airways
www.bangkokair.com
RUNNERS UP:
 Singapore Airlines
www.singaporeair.com
 Cathay Pacific Airways
www.cathaypacific.com

READERS WHO WON

- Irene Tan of Singapore won the Grand Prize of a three-night stay in a two-bedroom villa with Continental breakfast for four at Miskawaan Luxury Beachfront Villas, Samui, Thailand including airport transfers, and a personal Thai chef valued at USD 3,700
- Fritz Kahler of Philippines won a two-night stay in a Deluxe Garden View Room with ABF for two at Rocky's Boutique Resort, Samui, Thailand.
- Lievre Frederic of China won a two-night stay in a Hillside Room for two at Kamalaya Koh Samui, Thailand.
- Kok Meng Ng of Malaysia won a two-night stay in a Sunset Jacuzzi Room with ABF for two at Baan Sabai Sunset Beach Samui, Thailand.
- Catharine Nicol of Hong Kong won a two-night stay in a Deluxe Room with ABF for two at La Flora Resort Patong, Phuket, Thailand.
- Kittichai Chaliewroongkamol of Thailand won a two-night stay in a Deluxe Room with ABF for two at De Naga, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

FIVE READERS WON TRAVEL ACCESSORIES FROM CARLTON

- Hans-Peter Betz, Thailand
 - Ekkarat Benjamasurathin, Thailand
 - Rotjarin Lalee, Thailand
 - Vanlapha Sudkhaw, Thailand
 - Wanna Chaisupatanakul, Thailand
- Chunxia Gao, Thailand won a pair of sunglasses from Burberry.

10 READERS WON A ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TO LIFESTYLE + TRAVEL MAGAZINE VALUED AT USD 33 EACH

- Rainer Stampfer, Thailand
 - Paphurin Sawatpru, Thailand
 - Acharawadee Ounchaiya, Thailand
 - Prinya Sittivarakul, Thailand
 - Shanutshakarn Phromjarn, Thailand
 - Wim Somers, Thailand
 - Siripol Dechprasit, Thailand
 - Sophon O-In, Thailand
 - Phongsan Klinhom, Thailand
 - Surangrat Sarinthu, Thailand
- Punpimon Dangrasmisopon, Thailand wins a body care set from L'Occitane.