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The Greatest Show on Earth

Global Traveler honors the best travel acts of 2011. BY KIMBERLY KROL

Step right up as *Global Traveler* announces the winners of the 2011 GT Tested Reader Survey awards.

BEST AIRLINE FOR FIRST CLASS: Emirates

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From the high flying to the grandest ground performers, the travel industry enhanced the show in 2011.

From city to city and country to country, our esteemed readers took in all the travel industry's acts before voting on the best of the best in the biz. Over an eight-month period, frequent travelers voted for their favorites in nearly 70 different categories covering airlines, hotels and travel products. 2011 marks our eighth year conducting the survey.

So welcome to the Big Top as we announce the winners.



2011

BEST HOTEL IN THE UNITED STATES

1. The Peninsula Beverly Hills
2. The Peninsula Chicago
3. Elysian Hotel, Chicago
4. Jumeirah Essex House, New York City
5. Taj Campton Place, San Francisco
6. Mandarin Oriental, New York City
7. The Montage Beverly Hills
8. The Mansion on Turtle Creek, Dallas
9. The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, Calif.
10. Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles

BEST HOTEL IN THE EASTERN UNITED STATES

1. Jumeirah Essex House, New York City
2. Mandarin Oriental, New York City
3. Mandarin Oriental, Washington, D.C.
4. Taj Pierre, New York City
5. The Carlyle, New York City
6. St. Regis, New York City
7. Four Seasons Hotel New York City
8. Four Seasons Hotel Boston
9. The Breakers Palm Beach
10. The Willard InterContinental Washington

BEST HOTEL IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

1. The Peninsula Beverly Hills
2. The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colo.
3. The Montage Beverly Hills
4. The Montage Laguna Beach
5. Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa, Phoenix
6. Taj Campton Place, San Francisco
7. Four Seasons Hotel San Francisco
8. Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles
9. Terranea Resort, Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.
10. Shutters on the Beach, Santa Monica, Calif.



its fourth consecutive win for Best Hotel in the Eastern United States. The Middle Eastern brand wins two nods this year, as Jumeirah Hotels and Resorts claims the Best Hotel Chain in the Middle East award for its sixth year in a row. The brand has six new hotels and resorts in the pipeline for the near future.

Hyatt takes home two titles this year, and both mark the second consecutive win for each, continuing the streak of topping these categories since their inclusion in our survey. Andaz is the 2011 winner for Best Lifestyle Hotel, and Grand Hyatt's Grand Club earns Best Hotel Club Floor.

Rounding out the hotel category, we acknowledge the stand-outs in Europe, Asia and Latin America. St. Regis, with properties in Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom, stars as Best European Hotel Chain. Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts will open more than 20 new properties throughout Asia by 2015, further enhancing its presence as the Best Hotel Chain in Asia. An annual favorite is Sheraton Hotels and Resorts, the Best Hotel Chain in Latin America for the eighth consecutive year.

Which worldwide destinations rank as your favorite stops on the traveling circuit? Domestically, both coasts get standing ovations. Oregon, known for its

BEST DOMESTIC TOURISM DESTINATION: Oregon

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