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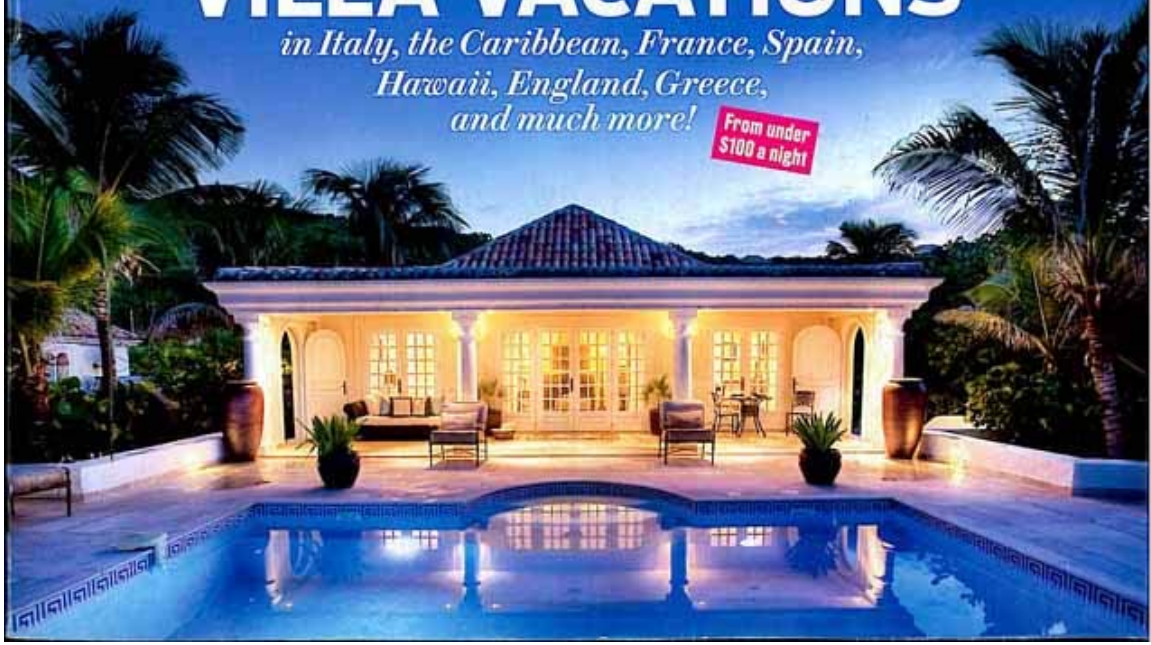
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## WORD OF MOUTH / Top 80 Golf Resorts '10 / Readers' Poll



### PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ-CARLTON

Eight of Ritz-Carlton's outstanding properties earn spots in the Top 80—that's 10 percent of the entire list, and more than any other brand in the world. They range from Hawaii to Florida, with the top scorer on the California coast: the Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, in Dana Point (92.3).



### FORE AND AWAY

The Top 10 Foreign Golf Resorts are dominated by Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, with four properties—including three in western Canada, led by the Fairmont Chateau Whistler (87.5). In the United States, Fairmont claims three more winners, one in Arizona and two in Hawaii.

#### Top 10 California Golf Resorts

	Holes	Rooms	Overall Avg	Course Design	Access	Golf Staff	Services	Rooms	Service	Food/Dining	Location	Overall Design
1	Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach	81	\$\$\$	93.2	97.2	96.3	93.4	91.7	90.8	95.9	92.0	
2	Lodge at Pebble Beach	81	\$\$\$	92.6	100	100	91.7	89.3	90.0	96.7	91.6	
3	Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, Dana Point	18	\$\$\$	92.3	91.3	91.3	92.2	92.7	90.4	94.5	91.9	
4	Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay	36	\$\$	89.3	90.9	78.3	92.1	88.3	85.9	91.5	89.7	
5	St. Regis Resort, Monarch Beach, Dana Point	18	\$\$\$	88.6	77.8	80.6	94.4	87.8	85.1	87.8	89.3	
6	Lodge at Torrey Pines, La Jolla	36	\$\$\$	88.5	92.3	79.7	88.8	87.9	85.4	92.5	88.9	
7	Four Seasons Resort Aviara, Carlsbad	18	\$\$	88.2	97.1	94.1	93.5	90.9	87.1	79.0	87.5	
8	Ojai Valley Inn & Spa	18	\$\$	84.7	90.4	92.3	84.4	85.6	80.9	86.2	83.9	
9	Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa, Rancho Mirage	36	\$\$	82.7	94.6	94.4	88.2	84.9	69.6	80.5	82.4	
10	Desert Springs JW Marriott Resort & Spa, Palm Desert	36	\$	80.2	87.9	89.9	80.7	77.4	73.9	83.8	81.9	

#### Top 5 Western U.S. Golf Resorts

1	The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colo.	54	\$\$	92.1	94.7	94.7	92.3	92.8	89.9	92.1	92.5	
2	Wynn Las Vegas, Nev.	18	\$	90.5	82.1	92.6	96.0	86.9	90.4	86.8	92.6	
3	Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch, Avon, Colo.	144	\$\$	90.1	90.3	90.3	91.9	90.4	84.5	91.0	92.5	
4	Hyatt Regency Tamsaya Resort, Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M.	18	\$	85.7	84.0	80.0	89.7	85.2	83.1	82.1	89.2	
5	Coeur D'Alene Resort, Idaho	18	\$	84.9	98.7	98.7	83.5	82.9	76.9	92.2	83.2	

#### Top 10 Foreign Golf Resorts

1	Esperanza, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico	99	\$\$\$	90.0	92.6	91.3	95.7	93.2	90.3	91.8	92.8	
2	Dromoland Castle, County Clare, Ireland	18	\$\$\$	89.5	90.9	90.9	88.5	91.2	89.8	92.9	92.2	
3	Old Course Hotel, St. Andrews, Scotland	18	\$\$\$	88.5	96.3	88.9	86.9	89.3	78.3	96.4	84.5	
4	Fairmont Chateau Whistler, B.C., Canada	18	\$	87.5	97.1	94.3	83.9	86.4	83.2	93.9	89.2	
5	Turnberry Resort, Ayrshire, Scotland	45	\$\$	86.7	96.4	92.9	80.3	84.2	78.9	92.1	86.8	
6	Fairmont Banff Springs, Alberta, Canada	27	\$\$\$	86.5	95.6	86.7	76.9	85.8	84.6	94.3	90.4	
7	Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Alberta, Canada	18	\$\$\$	84.1	90.9	87.9	76.3	82.4	80.5	93.1	86.4	
8	Hilton Los Cabos Beach & Golf Resort, Mexico	117	\$\$	81.4	85.7	85.7	87.9	84.1	75.0	75.0	87.1	
9	Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort, Cancun, Mexico	18	\$\$	80.3	86.7	91.1	83.8	83.9	74.5	75.0	77.6	
10	Fairmont Southampton, Bermuda	36	\$\$\$	79.4	65.0	72.5	83.3	77.7	76.8	82.4	78.5	

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No. of holes Double rooms OVERALL AVERAGE Course Design & Access Golf Staff & Services Rooms Service Food/Dining Location Overall Design

## SPAS FOR SPOUSES

Want to keep your non-golfing spouse happy? Consider staying at one of this year's top golf resorts that scored above 90.0 for both their golf and their spa. Here are their spa scores, as reported in "The New Age of the American Spa" (in our April 2010 issue and online at [enrtraveler.com/spas](http://enrtraveler.com/spas)):

- Four Seasons Resort, Lodge at Koele, Lanai 97.5
- Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea 95.8
- Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, Big Island 94.7
- Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, S.C. 94.3
- Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch, Avon, Colo. 93.1
- Wynn Las Vegas 93.0
- Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel, Dana Point, Calif. 92.2
- The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs 91.6



"THE MORE I practice, THE LUCKIER I GET"  
-Arnold Palmer

### BEST FOR GOLF STAFF & SERVICES

100  
FOUR SEASONS LANA'I AT MANEHE BAY  
Hawaii

100  
LODGE AT PEBBLE BEACH  
California

100  
RENAISSANCE RESORT AT WORLD GOLF VILLAGE  
Florida

90.2  
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