

The Best Destination Spas in the US & Around the World: 2024 Readers' Choice Awards

Unforgettable food. Cutting-edge design. Immersive experiences. These are some of your top criteria for judging what makes a quality **hotel**—not to mention a worthy **resort, cruise, spa, or island**. In tallying up the 575,048 votes cast in our 37th annual **Readers' Choice Awards** survey, we were struck by both your eagerness to embrace the new and your reverence for tried-and-true classics. Your favorite hotel in the five boroughs is the two-year-old **Ritz-Carlton New York, NoMad**, but you also can't stop returning to storied French Polynesian resort **The Brando**. You've jetted through the sprawling Istanbul International Airport, booked intrepid sailings to Antarctica, and fallen in love with historic yet innovative cities like Copenhagen. Read on to start planning your next round of travels—these are the best spas in the US and the rest of the world, as voted by our readers.



HOTEL

8. The Ranch Malibu — California →

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Tough love is the order of the day at this health retreat. The core program is seven days of rigor, and nothing is optional: not the 5:30 a.m. wake-up knocks (they will persist until you answer), not the 6 a.m. yoga or stretching sessions, not the hours of morning hiking, nor the afternoons spent in the gym or the near-vegan eating plan. If you wonder why people pay for this, you aren't alone. But if you're among the people who get it, then it's the sort of yearly wellness tune-up that you'll look forward to. The Ranch tends to attract type-A personalities, so there can be competition on the hiking trail, but the guides are supportive and encouraging for guests of all levels. And the payoff is better muscle tone, glowing skin, and a well-earned sense of accomplishment. It helps that the lodgings are sublimely comfortable, there are daily massages, and the food—pared down as it may be—is made from the best organic ingredients and beautifully presented.

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