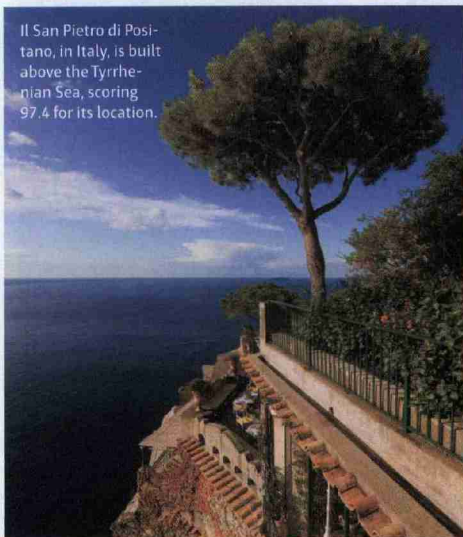


# EUROPE

*What's in vogue across the pond? Intimate properties that become de facto homes away from home*

**A**T THE GOLD LIST hotels and resorts in Europe, you can stay within the ramparts of a walled French city, sip a prosecco gazing down upon Rome's Spanish Steps, or golf on the Holy Grail of courses at a Scottish resort. But the real news in this region is the rise of the small hotel. All six new European properties on this year's Gold List have fewer than 150 rooms, the tiniest with a Lilliputian 28 (London's Egerton House Hotel). Their lure: truly personal attention, a natural sense of place by virtue of their size, and the unwavering belief that, in terms of the guest experience, smaller is always better.



Il San Pietro di Positano, in Italy, is built above the Tyrrhenian Sea, scoring 97.4 for its location.

vidually designed rooms "add to the charm of the hotel." The Drawing Room is known for afternoon tea, the bar for martinis. "The service was genuine—the staff could not do enough for us."

- The Goring, London 93.0**  
 85.2 98.3 91.5 96.7 93.3
- The Halkin, London 92.8**  
 89.3 96.4 88.9 92.9 96.4
- The Lanesborough, London 91.9**  
 91.1 97.5 85.9 93.8 91.1
- Milestone Hotel, London 95.8**  
 98.1 100 92.2 92.3 96.2
- One Aldwych, London 88.2**  
 86.2 89.7 82.1 89.7 93.1
- Renaissance London Chancery Court Hotel, London 86.9**  
 90.4 85.2 77.7 88.1 92.6
- Soho Hotel, London 91.0**  
 89.7 93.1 82.1 96.6 93.1

## FRANCE

- Hotel Villa Gallici, Aix-en-Provence 90.0**  
 93.8 93.8 87.2 85.4 89.6
  - Hôtel de la Cité, Carcassonne 90.0**  
 87.7 89.2 86.9 95.4 90.6
  - La Réserve de Beaulieu & Spa, Beaulieu-sur-Mer, Côte d'Azur 93.5**  
 92.0 88.0 91.7 100 96.0
  - Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc, Cap d'Antibes, Côte d'Azur 91.0**  
 85.7 82.1 92.6 96.4 92.9 96.4
  - Château de la Chèvre d'Or, Eze, Côte d'Azur 92.5**  
 90.2 90.2 96.1 94.0 92.2
  - Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat, St-Jean Cap-Ferrat, Côte d'Azur 90.4**  
 90.0 90.0 87.5 92.5 92.1
  - Royal Riviera, St-Jean Cap-Ferrat, Côte d'Azur 89.6**  
 88.9 81.5 80.8 96.3 100
  - Domaine des Hauts de Loire, Onzain 90.3**  
 87.9 93.9 90.9 87.9 90.9
  - Four Seasons George V, Paris 95.1**  
 95.2 94.0 94.8 97.2 94.4
  - Hôtel Plaza Athénée, Paris 89.3**  
 88.4 87.5 90.6 91.6 88.5
  - Le Meurice, Paris 90.5**  
 92.7 86.6 87.8 95.1 90.1
  - Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme, Paris 91.1**  
 92.5 89.5 84.5 96.2 92.5
  - The Ritz, Paris 92.5**  
 94.0 91.7 91.7 92.9 92.4
  - Four Seasons Provence at Terre Blanche, Provence 87.5**  
 91.7 87.5 87.5 83.3 91.7 83.3
- "The setting is isolated but very scenic" at this contemporary resort 30 minutes from Cannes. "Beautiful rooms" in hillside villas have rattan chairs, local art, and private terraces with "gorgeous mountain views." At the spa, treatments like a sugar and honey scrub "are expensive but worth it." Guadina serves Provençal specialties on the terrace. "Staff are very friendly and speak many languages."
- Domaine les Crayères, Reims 88.8**  
 85.4 89.6 93.8 87.5 87.5

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## AUSTRIA

**Hotel Goldener Hirsch (Luxury Collection), Salzburg 86.9**  
 85.1 88.2 85.4 94.4 81.4

**Hotel Sacher, Salzburg 89.6**  
 87.4 93.3 87.4 92.4 87.6

**Hotel Bristol (Luxury Collection), Vienna 86.7**  
 82.8 86.7 81.5 96.1 86.3

**Hotel Imperial (Luxury Collection), Vienna 90.2**  
 91.0 90.0 78.4 92.0 92.9

**Hotel Sacher, Vienna 88.0**  
 84.9 89.7 86.0 95.4 83.7

**König von Ungarn, Vienna 90.3**  
 89.2 94.6 78.4 100 89.2

## CROATIA

**Regent Esplanade, Zagreb 87.6**  
 91.1 84.8 84.8 91.1 86.1

## CZECH REPUBLIC

**Aria Hotel, Prague 86.7**  
 85.1 83.0 82.2 95.7 87.2

A few minutes' walk from Old Town Square, this music-themed former theater strikes a playful tone starting with the music-note floor mosaic in the lobby. Rooms, on floors named for genres like opera and jazz, have views of St. Nicholas Church or the hotel's gardens, and modern or traditional decor. Restaurant Coda's Continental-Czech

menu—think crispy Vodyňany duck—gives "plenty of choice, and the waitstaff are superb"; a terrace overlooking red-tile rooftops is open in warmer months.

**Four Seasons, Prague 93.9**  
 95.2 95.2 88.7 95.9 94.4

**Mandarin Oriental, Prague 93.5**  
 100 95.3 92.9 90.7 88.4

## ENGLAND

**Chewton Glen, Hampshire 94.4**  
 100 96.0 92.0 88.0 96.0

**Four Seasons, Hampshire 89.5**  
 96.0 92.0 92.0 76.0 91.7

**41, London 90.3**  
 90.0 93.3 88.1 90.0 90.0

**Claridge's, London 88.5**  
 87.9 89.8 86.5 93.0 85.3

**The Connaught, London 89.9**  
 81.3 96.1 87.8 92.1 92.1

**The Dorchester, London 92.8**  
 91.7 92.6 90.0 95.0 94.9

**Dukes Hotel, London 88.5**  
 83.8 91.9 80.6 97.3 88.9

**Egerton House Hotel, London 87.0**  
 90.3 93.5 67.7 93.5 90.0

Close to Harrods and the Natural History Museum, this Victorian town house is "warm and cozy" and has artwork by Picasso, Matisse, and Toulouse-Lautrec. Done in neutrals or pastels or deep turquoise, indi-

**La Colombe d'Or, St-Paul de Vence 91.8**  
 Ⓜ86.2 Ⓜ93.1 Ⓜ96.7 Ⓜ93.1 Ⓜ89.7

**GERMANY**

**Brenner's Park Hotel & Spa, Baden-Baden 91.6**  
 Ⓜ89.6 Ⓜ93.6 Ⓜ93.6 Ⓜ93.8 Ⓜ87.5

**Grand Hotel Esplanade, Berlin 86.6**  
 Ⓜ93.3 Ⓜ83.3 Ⓜ79.3 Ⓜ86.7 Ⓜ90.0

**Grand Hyatt, Berlin 89.0**  
 Ⓜ94.5 Ⓜ86.5 Ⓜ79.2 Ⓜ93.2 Ⓜ91.5

**Hotel Adlon Kempinski, Berlin 93.0**  
 Ⓜ94.2 Ⓜ93.2 Ⓜ89.1 Ⓜ97.1 Ⓜ91.2

**The Regent, Berlin 93.8**  
 Ⓜ100 Ⓜ92.3 Ⓜ88.0 Ⓜ96.2 Ⓜ92.3

**Ritz-Carlton, Berlin 91.4**  
 Ⓜ94.8 Ⓜ92.2 Ⓜ89.6 Ⓜ89.6 Ⓜ90.9

**Swissôtel, Berlin 89.0**  
 Ⓜ89.7 Ⓜ89.7 Ⓜ72.4 Ⓜ100 Ⓜ93.1

**Park Hyatt, Hamburg 88.9**  
 Ⓜ92.6 Ⓜ88.9 Ⓜ85.2 Ⓜ88.9 Ⓜ88.9

**Mandarin Oriental, Munich 89.2**  
 Ⓜ92.0 Ⓜ92.0 Ⓜ84.0 Ⓜ92.0 Ⓜ86.0

**Le Méridien Grand Hotel, Nuremberg 89.9**  
 Ⓜ89.5 Ⓜ92.1 Ⓜ86.5 Ⓜ92.1 Ⓜ89.2

**GREECE**

**Hotel Grande Bretagne (Luxury Collection), Athens 90.2**  
 Ⓜ88.2 Ⓜ91.3 Ⓜ83.6 Ⓜ96.5 Ⓜ91.2

**Perivolos, Santorini 95.3**  
 Ⓜ95.3 Ⓜ95.3 Ⓜ90.5 Ⓜ98.4 Ⓜ96.8

**HUNGARY**

**Four Seasons Gresham Palace, Budapest 95.0**  
 Ⓜ94.9 Ⓜ94.2 Ⓜ91.9 Ⓜ97.8 Ⓜ96.4

**IRELAND**

**Dromoland Castle, County Clare 89.5**  
 Ⓜ87.7 Ⓜ90.6 Ⓜ89.5 Ⓜ92.5 Ⓜ92.9 Ⓜ83.7

**Ballynahinch Castle Hotel, County Galway 88.6**  
 Ⓜ87.3 Ⓜ90.9 Ⓜ85.2 Ⓜ90.7 Ⓜ88.7

**Mount Juliet Estate, County Kilkenny 87.6**  
 Ⓜ84.1 Ⓜ86.9 Ⓜ81.0 Ⓜ90.3 Ⓜ90.5 Ⓜ93.2

**Adare Manor Hotel & Golf Resort, County Limerick 90.9**  
 Ⓜ89.4 Ⓜ90.2 Ⓜ88.2 Ⓜ94.7 Ⓜ93.8 Ⓜ89.1

**Ashford Castle, County Mayo 92.0**  
 Ⓜ87.7 Ⓜ93.5 Ⓜ90.3 Ⓜ94.2 Ⓜ96.8 Ⓜ89.7

**Four Seasons, Dublin 87.7**  
 Ⓜ94.8 Ⓜ92.7 Ⓜ90.5 Ⓜ71.9 Ⓜ88.4

**The Merrion, Dublin 88.3**  
 Ⓜ90.3 Ⓜ93.8 Ⓜ86.6 Ⓜ87.6 Ⓜ82.9

**ITALY**

**Hotel Santa Caterina, Amalfi 90.0**  
 Ⓜ84.0 Ⓜ92.6 Ⓜ90.0 Ⓜ91.3 Ⓜ92.5

**Hotel Villa Cipriani, Asolo 90.3**  
 Ⓜ85.4 Ⓜ91.7 Ⓜ89.4 Ⓜ95.8 Ⓜ89.4

**Grand Hotel Quisisana, Capri 88.0**  
 Ⓜ85.7 Ⓜ85.7 Ⓜ84.1 Ⓜ94.0 Ⓜ90.5

**La Scalinatella, Capri 91.9**  
 Ⓜ88.9 Ⓜ96.3 Ⓜ88.9 Ⓜ92.6 Ⓜ92.6

**Villa San Michele, Fiesole 94.9**  
 Ⓜ93.6 Ⓜ100 Ⓜ97.9 Ⓜ87.2 Ⓜ95.7



This bed in the Imperial Suite at The Ritz, Paris, replicates the one in Marie-Antoinette's bedroom at Versailles. Such lavish accommodations give the hotel a 94.0 score for rooms.



**READERS SPEAK**

*"Accommodations are beautifully integrated into the surroundings, each maximizing the view of the UNESCO World Heritage Site crater"*

NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE, NGORONGORO CRATER, TANZANIA

*"Rooms feel organic, with curved white walls and white fabrics, touches of fuchsia, mauve, and rose, and no TV"*

PERIVOLAS, SANTORINI

*"Beautiful rooms of exceptional size have butterscotch walls, golden mahogany furniture, remarkable vistas, and spectacular bathrooms"*

THE PENINSULA, CHICAGO

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- Four Seasons, Florence 94.4**  
 95.7 95.7 93.5 93.5 93.6
- Grand Hotel (Luxury Collection), Florence 87.2**  
 85.9 91.0 86.6 87.9 84.8
- Westin Excelsior, Florence 91.4**  
 94.9 91.6 84.4 93.5 92.5
- Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni, Lake Como 90.5**  
 89.7 88.1 85.2 97.2 92.5
- Villa d'Este, Lake Como 91.4**  
 89.5 88.9 92.1 97.4 94.2 86.0
- Four Seasons, Milan 90.0**  
 92.4 91.5 88.7 89.6 87.7
- Park Hyatt, Milan 88.5**  
 89.2 86.2 85.9 92.3 89.1
- Grand Hotel Miramare, Portofino 86.8**  
 89.5 86.8 81.1 92.1 84.2
- Hotel Splendido & Splendido Mare, Portofino 87.3**  
 79.4 86.6 89.7 91.2 89.6
- Il San Pietro di Positano, Positano 97.2**  
 97.4 96.2 96.2 97.4 98.7
- Le Sirenuse, Positano 95.1**  
 92.9 92.1 94.4 98.4 97.6
- Palazzo Sasso, Ravello 91.9**  
 80.8 96.2 92.2 96.2 94.2

**NEW Fortyseven Hotel, Rome 88.2**  
 92.3 84.6 78.3 96.2 88.5  
 Near the Forum and Circus Maximus, this "modern hotel dedicates each of its five levels to a different Italian artist of the twentieth century, such as Umberto Mastroianni or Emilio Greco. Rooms have parquet floors; suites come with Nespresso coffee machines and "terraces with fantastic views." The Circus Roof Garden dishes up Mediterranean cuisine, but it's "incredibly overpriced and the service isn't great."

- Hotel Hassler, Rome 91.1**  
 87.6 91.9 87.6 99.1 89.3
- Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria, Sorrento 90.0**  
 88.4 94.3 84.9 90.8 91.9
- Bauer Hotel, Venice 90.1**  
 86.5 87.5 84.9 99.0 92.6
- Bauer II Palazzo, Venice 90.1**  
 94.0 91.7 80.5 100 84.1
- Hotel Cipriani, Venice 88.1**  
 88.3 90.9 84.6 89.7 87.2
- Londra Palace, Venice 89.4**  
 86.2 92.3 82.0 98.5 87.5
- Luna Hotel Baglioni, Venice 87.2**  
 85.7 88.3 81.3 97.4 83.1

- MONACO**
- Hôtel de Paris, Monte Carlo 95.4**  
 96.1 88.5 96.2 100 96.2
  - Hôtel Hermitage, Monte Carlo 87.0**  
 86.4 84.7 84.7 91.4 87.7
  - Hotel Métropole, Monte Carlo 92.3**  
 93.5 90.3 87.1 96.8 93.5

- NETHERLANDS**
- Hotel de l'Europe, Amsterdam 86.6**  
 83.3 85.0 82.8 95.0 86.7

- PORTUGAL**
- Bairro Alto Hotel, Lisbon 91.0**  
 88.9 96.3 85.2 92.6 92.0



With a design score of 96.8, Ashford Castle, in County Mayo, Ireland, was built in the Norman style as a monastery in 1228.

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- Four Seasons Ritz, Lisbon 90.3**  
 95.9 94.8 86.6 84.5 89.7
  - Olisippo Lapa Palace, Lisbon 87.6**  
 94.6 91.9 91.9 67.6 91.9
- SCOTLAND**
- Turnberry (Luxury Collection), Ayrshire 87.3  
 80.4 80.4 80.4 95.7 91.3 95.6
  - The Balmoral, Edinburgh 86.5**  
 84.9 84.9 82.2 96.6 84.0
  - Inverlochy Castle, Fort William 88.0**  
 88.0 88.0 88.0 92.0 84.0

- Culloden House Hotel, Inverness 91.6**  
 88.9 93.3 91.1 91.1 93.3
- Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire 86.9**  
 88.1 88.1 85.7 88.1 83.3 87.8
- Old Course Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa, St. Andrews 90.2  
 89.1 89.1 80.4 97.8 93.5 91.1

- SPAIN**
- Hotel Arts, Barcelona 87.7**  
 93.9 88.4 86.9 77.7 91.5

**NEW Hotel Jazz, Barcelona 86.7**  
 87.9 84.8 63.0 97.0 96.9  
 The location of this sleek property near Plaza Catalunya is "perfect because it's well away from the crowds and noise" but still a short walk from the Ramblas. Artwork and bright pillows liven up the neutral palette in the "middle-of-the-road rooms." The outdoor rooftop pool has "views worth the price of your stay." "Staff are friendly." Expect only a breakfast buffet since there is no restaurant on-site.

**NEW Gran Hotel Domine, Bilbao 87.0**  
 92.0 84.0 73.9 92.0 92.0  
 This "outstanding hotel" with a glass exterior and wavy central atrium takes inspiration from the Guggenheim, the city's iconic architectural site, which is just across the street. Spacious rooms have "very clever contemporary design," with bright-orange chairs, chocolate-brown duvets, and "great views of the museum." Staff "are pretty helpful"; black, white, and stainless steel dominate Le Café Metropol.

- Hotel Ritz, Madrid 87.4**  
 84.3 88.0 85.0 93.5 86.1

- Hotel Urban, Madrid 89.0**  
 93.1 86.2 86.2 86.2 93.1
- Hotel Villa Real, Madrid 89.5**  
 100 100 66.7 100 75.0
- Hotel Maria Cristina (Luxury Collection), San Sebastián 88.9**  
 92.5 90.0 78.9 95.0 87.5
- Parador Hostal dos Reis Católicos, Santiago de Compostela 89.9**  
 84.4 84.4 90.6 96.9 93.5
- Hotel Alfonso XIII (Luxury Collection), Seville 92.0**  
 92.1 88.6 85.9 97.6 95.8

- SWITZERLAND**
- Mandarin Oriental, Geneva 87.9**  
 85.7 92.9 89.3 89.3 82.1

- Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel & Spa, Interlaken 91.0**  
 90.7 93.2 88.9 93.2 89.2
- Beau-Rivage Palace, Lausanne 94.6**  
 95.8 91.7 91.7 95.8 97.9

- Palace Luzern, Lucerne 88.2**  
 87.7 90.8 84.4 92.2 86.2
- Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, Montreux 93.3**  
 81.0 95.2 95.2 100 95.2

- Grand Hotel Zermatterhof, Zermatt 88.8**  
 83.3 88.9 86.1 97.1 97.2 80.0
- Baur au Lac, Zurich 93.9**  
 90.7 97.3 89.2 98.7 93.3
- Park Hyatt, Zurich 90.4**  
 92.0 94.0 85.7 92.0 88.0

- TURKEY**
- Çırağan Palace Kempinski, Istanbul 91.8**  
 95.9 94.3 85.1 89.3 94.2
  - Four Seasons Istanbul at Sultanahmet, Istanbul 95.9**  
 99.2 96.9 90.6 96.9 96.1
  - Four Seasons Istanbul at the Bosphorus, Istanbul 90.5**  
 95.5 86.4 81.8 93.2 95.5
  - Swissôtel The Bosphorus, Istanbul 89.7**  
 90.3 90.3 89.3 90.3 88.1

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