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**THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL AWARDS GALA DINNER 2019**  
WAS HELD ON THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019  
AT THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' HALL, LONDON

Honouring the **WORLD'S FINEST BOUTIQUE HOTELS**

&

bringing together members of

**THE MASTER KEY SOCIETY**

**THE WORLD'S BEST BOUTIQUE HOTELS ARE REVEALED**

The winners of the **Boutique Hotel Awards 2019** were announced last night at the prestigious Awards ceremony held at the **Merchant Taylors' Hall**, London. The ceremony brought together an array of boutique hotel owners, travel and lifestyle press and travel industry influencers from all four corners of the globe.

This year's keynote speech was delivered by **Maureen O'Hare**, travel expert and CNN journalist. Maureen is a Senior Digital Producer for CNN Travel. She commissions, edits and writes travel news and features from around the world for CNN's global audience of millions. She has more than 15 years' experience in digital media, working for organisations including Microsoft and the BBC. Her work reporting for CNN has taken her to travel destinations in Kenya, Azerbaijan, Hong Kong, Greece, New York and beyond. Born and raised in Northern Ireland, she is based at CNN's London bureau

**INFORMATION ON THE AWARDS**

**The Boutique Hotel Awards** is the first and only international awards organisation exclusively dedicated to recognising unique excellence among boutique hotels. The Awards, now in its 9th year, honours the people behind these outstanding properties and brings together members of **The Master Key Society**; where relationships are built exclusively among the Award Winners by facilitating hotel exchange visits between them.

**AWARDS PROCESS**

What makes a Boutique Hotel Award meaningful? Simply put, the hotels and private villas are *actually visited*. It is the only independent awards organisation in hospitality where each and every property is visited personally by an experienced hotel judge, who specialises in each category, and where decisions on winners depend on true first-hand guest experience at the property.

The winners were selected from over 300 Nominees in over 80 countries. Each entrant was nominated by a member of the Awards Nomination Committee, comprising 70 leading trailblazing travel experts, whose business it is to be 'in the know' concerning the extraordinary boutique hotels. The Awards then coordinate judge evaluation visits with each shortlisted nominee. The judges document all aspects of the guest experience covering six categories: dining and entertainment, design, facilities, location and, most importantly, staff service and overall emotional impact. Finally, these extensive hand-written evaluations are meticulously studied by our Awards Panel, which decides our regional and World's Best Award winners.



## FROM THE NIGHT:

*“There are not many unique hotels in the world so if you are one of them you should be part of these awards.” - Isabella Grohn, Arctic Hotel Collection*

*“Every winner stands for making their dream come true and each founding story could make a synopsis of a film. It is all about sharing your passions and executing it in the best way possible. Also offering a unique experience is the name of the game, not only in the Hotel industry. As a founder of an eco-luxury skincare line, I can identify strongly with all of these concepts. I feel very close at heart with our winners!” - Elisabeth Visoanska, Founder of Visoanska, Boutique Hotel Awards Host 2019*

*“It was an honour to co-host the Xth World Boutique Hotel Awards at Merchant Taylor’s Hall. Travel has always been a passion not just a job for me, and meeting many of the luxury boutique hoteliers has certainly given me lots of inspiration for 2020 and beyond.” - Cally Squires, has written for The Times, The Telegraph & GQ*





The **2019 World's Best Category Winners** and **Best in Region** are listed below.

## **WORLD'S BEST BOUTIQUE HOTEL**

### **Awarta Nusa Dua Resort & Villas, Bali, Indonesia**

<b>World's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel</b>	Emaho Sekawa Resort, Fiji, South Pacific
<b>World's Best City Explorer Hotel</b>	Riad Kheirredine, Marrakech, Morocco
<b>World's Best Chic Elegance Hotel</b>	Arctic Light Hotel, Rovaniemi, Finland
<b>World's Best Classic Elegance Hotel</b>	Relais & Châteaux Hotel Heritage, Bruges, Belgium
<b>World's Best Culinary Excellence Hotel</b>	Velaa Private Island, Maldives
<b>World's Most Inspired Design Hotel</b>	Byblos Art Hotel, Verona, Italy
<b>World's Best Honeymoon Hideaway Hotel</b>	Drake Bay Getaway Resort, Drake Bay, Costa Rica
<b>World's Best Newcomer Hotel</b>	Te Koi The Lodge At Bronte, New Zealand
<b>World's Best Relaxation Retreat Hotel</b>	Green SPA Resort Stanglwirt, Austria
<b>World's Most Romantic Retreat Hotel</b>	Rancho Pacifico, Uvita, Costa Rica
<b>World's Most Eco Friendly Hotel</b>	Donkey Bay Inn, Russell, New Zealand
<b>World's Best Wellness Spa Hotel</b>	Masseria San Domenico, Puglia, Italy
<b>World's Most Stunning Views Hotel</b>	Hanging Gardens of Bali, Bali, Indonesia
<b>World's Best Family Hotel</b>	Chitwa Chitwa Private Game Lodge, Greater Kruger, South Africa
<b>Best Farm To Table Hotel</b>	Masseria Susafa Hotel
<b>Best Host Of The Year</b>	Riccardo Barsottelli Of Locanda Al Colle
<b>The Finest Home – Grown Wine Pairing</b>	Tenuta Montemagno

## **REGIONAL CATEGORY WINNERS**

### **Best Beach or Coastal Hotel**

**The America's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel**

**Asia's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel**

**Australasia's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel**

Zorah Beach Hotel, Brazil

Reethi Faru Resort, Maldives

Emaho Sekawa Resort, Fiji



**Europe's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Best Beach or Coastal Hotel**

Onar Andros, Andros Town Greece  
Aleenta Phuket, Phuket, Thailand

**Best City Explorer Hotel**

**Africa's Best City Explorer Hotel**  
**The America's Best City Explorer Hotel**  
**Asia's Best City Explorer Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Best City Explorer Hotel**

Riad Kheirredine, Marrakech, Morocco  
Hotel Quadrifoglio, Bolivar, Columbia  
The Merchant House, London, England  
The Chiang Mai Old City, Chiang Mai, Thailand

**Best Classic Elegance Hotel**

**The America's Best Classic Elegance Hotel**  
**Europe's Best Classic Elegance Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Best Classic Elegance Hotel**

Rosedon Hotel, Pembroke, Bermuda  
Relais & Châteaux Hotel Heritage, Bruges, Belgium  
The Marndadee Heritage, Chiang Mai, Thailand

**Best Culinary Excellence Hotel**

**The America's Best Culinary Excellence Hotel**  
**Asia's Best Culinary Excellence Hotel**  
**Europe's Best Culinary Excellence Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Best Culinary Excellence Hotel**

Abracadabra Pousada, Buzios, Brazil  
Velaa Private Island, Maldives  
Bellevue Hotel & Spa, Cognac, Italy  
Awarta Nusa Dua Resort & Villas, Bali, Indonesia

**Most Inspired Design Hotel**

**The America's Most Inspired Design Hotel**  
**Asia's Most Inspired Design Hotel**  
**Australasia's Most Inspired Design Hotel**  
**Europe's Most Inspired Design Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Most Inspired Design Hotel**

Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, Tofino, Canada  
Setouchi Aonagi, Ehime, Japan  
Donkey Bay Inn, Russell, New Zealand  
Byblos Art Hotel, Verona, Italy  
Mestyle Garage Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

**Best Honeymoon Hideaway Hotel**

**Africa's Best Honeymoon Hideaway Hotel**  
**The America's Best Honeymoon Hideaway Hotel**  
**Asia's Best Honeymoon Hideaway Hotel**  
**Australasia's Best Honeymoon Hideaway Hotel**  
**Europe's Best Honeymoon Hideaway Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Best Honeymoon Hideaway Hotel**

Akademie Street Boutique Hotel, Franschoek, South Africa  
Drake Bay Getaway Resort, Costa Rica  
Leopard Trails, Pahala Maragahawewa, Sri Lanka  
Emaho Sekawa Resort, Savusavu, Fiji  
Ca Maria Adele, Venezia, Italy  
Awarta Nusa Dua Resort & Villas, Bali, Indonesia

**Best Newcomer Hotel**

**The America's Best New Hotel**  
**Asia's Best New Hotel**  
**Australasia's Best New Hotel**  
**Europe's Best New Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Best New Hotel**

Hotel Casona del Colegio, Cartagena Columbia  
Al Joud Boutique Hotel, Mecca, Saudi Arabia  
Te Koi Lodge, Bronte, New Zealand  
Pestana Plaza Mayor Madrid, Spain  
Avani + Samui Resort, Surat Thani, Thailand

**Best Chic Elegance Hotel**

**The America's Best Chic Elegant Hotel**  
**Asia's Best Chic Elegant Hotel**  
**Australasia's Best Chic Elegant Hotel**  
**Europe's Best Chic Elegant Hotel**

Hotel Bella Grace, Charleston, United States  
The Address Montgomerie, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Te Koi The Lodge At Bronte New Zealand  
Arctic Light Hotel, Rovaniemi, Finland

**Best Relaxation Retreat Hotel**

**Africa's Best Relaxation Retreat Hotel**  
**The America's Best Relaxation Retreat Hotel**

Akademie Street Boutique Hotel, Franschoek, South Africa  
Hotel Wara, Copiapó, Chile





**Asia's Best Relaxation Retreat Hotel**  
**Australasia's Best Relaxation Retreat Hotel**  
**Europe's Best Relaxation Retreat Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Best Relaxation Retreat Hotel**

Kayumanis Yangshuo, Guangxi, China  
Aga Reef Resort  
Green SPA Resort Stanglwirt, Austria  
Hidden Hills Villas, Bali, Indonesia

**Most Romantic Retreat Hotel**

**The America's Most Romantic Retreat Hotel**  
**Asia's Most Romantic Retreat Hotel**  
**Australasia's Most Romantic Retreat Hotel**  
**Europe's Most Romantic Retreat Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Most Romantic Retreat Hotel**

Rancho Pacifico, Uvita, Costa Rica  
Hyakuna Garan, Japan  
Taveuni Palms, Fiji  
Mykonos No5 Suites & Villas, Greece  
Awarta Nusa Dua Resort & Villas, Bali, Indonesia

**Most Eco Friendly Hotel**

**Africa's Most Eco Friendly Hotel**  
**The America's Most Eco Friendly Hotel**  
**Asia's Most Eco Friendly Hotel**  
**Australasia's Most Eco Friendly Hotel**  
**Europe's Most Eco Friendly Hotel**

Chitwa Chitwa Private Game Lodge, South Africa  
Fond Doux Plantation & Resort, St Lucia  
Sukau Rainforest Lodge, Sabah, Malaysia  
Donkey Bay Inn, Russell, New Zealand  
Alladale Wilderness Reserve, United Kingdom

**Best Wellness Spa Hotel**

**Africa's Best Wellness Spa Hotel**  
  
**Europe's Best Wellness Spa Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Best Wellness Spa Hotel**

Kapama Karua Private Game Reserve, Hoedspruit, South Africa  
  
Masseria San Domenico, Fasano, Italy  
Hanging Gardens Of Bali, Bali, Indonesia

**Most Stunning Views Hotel**

**Africa's Most Stunning Views Hotel**  
**The America's Most Stunning Views Hotel**  
**Australasia's Most Stunning Views Hotel**  
**Europe's Most Stunning Views Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Most Stunning Views Hotel**

Kasbah Tabelkoukt, Mirleft, Morocco  
Drake Bay Getaway Resort, South Africa  
Taveuni Palms, Fiji  
Boutique Hotel Villa Sostaga, Gargnano, Italy  
Hanging Gardens Of Bali, Bali, Indonesia

**Best Family Hotel**

**Africa's Best Family Hotel**  
**Asia's Best Family Hotel**  
**Europe's Best Family Hotel**  
**Southeast Asia's Best Family Hotel**

Chitwa Chitwa Private Game Lodge, South Africa  
Velaa Private Island, Maldives  
Athenaeum, London, England  
The Chiang Mai Riverside, Chiang Mai, Thailand

**FOR FULL INFORMATION, AWARDS CEREMONY PHOTOS AND PHOTOS OF THE WINNING PROPERTIES PLEASE SEE [THIS DOWNLOAD FOLDER](#).**

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The 2020 Boutique Hotel Awards are now open.  
To nominate your favourite boutique hotels, find out about participating in the Awards, and read the reviews of all the winners go to:

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