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The 12 best luxury hotel chains in the world

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Six Senses ranks among top 12 luxury brands in the world, according to Luxury Travel Intelligence. Luxury Travel Intelligence

- **LTI — Luxury Travel Intelligence — recently released its latest ranking of the world's best luxury hotel brands.**
- **LTI's extensive algorithm is based on 123 criteria. The company analyzed luxury hotel brands with 10 or more properties worldwide to find the 12 best.**
- **The top spots included well-known names like Six Senses, Belmond, and Mandarin Oriental.**

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While luxury travel destinations that look flawless on your Instagram feed can be underwhelming (or downright disappointing), some companies do successfully give wealthy travelers the high-end experience they're hoping for when they book a trip.

To that end, LTI - Luxury Travel Intelligence (a members-only digital resource for all things luxury travel) recently released its annual ranking of the top luxury hotel brands in the world. Turns out, the consensus on which chains are the best of the best has shifted drastically since the company's last list was released.

LTI's ranking (which focused only on brands with 10 or more properties) is based on 123 "touch points" relating to overall brand performance. The assessment process took place over the course of 12 months.

"It's all about a brand's ability to deliver: its passion, commitment, ethos and values, as well as the quality of its management and staff," LTI said in a release, adding that "continuing investment" in new and existing properties is another important factor.

LTI said that it decided not to adjust its typical ranking algorithm as a result of COVID-19, since "each brand's response is still unfolding."

Here are the world's best luxury hotel brands, ranked in ascending order.

12. Alila

Alila's Purnama live-aboard yacht in Indonesia. Luxury Travel Intelligence

Alila scored 69.9%. It didn't make the top 12 in LTI's 2019 ranking.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence

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11. Peninsula

The Royal Patio Suite at The Peninsula Beverley Hills. Luxury Travel Intelligence

Peninsula scored 72.1%. It did not make the top 12 in LTI's 2019 ranking.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence

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10. COMO

COMO Uma Canggu in Bali, Indonesia. Luxury Travel Intelligence

COMO scored 72.8%. It also placed 10th in LTI's 2019 ranking.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence

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9. St. Regis

St. Regis Tianjin in China. Luxury Travel Intelligence

St. Regis scored 73.3% and also placed 9th in LTI's 2019 ranking.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence

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8. Four Seasons

Four Seasons Resort Seychelles. Luxury Travel Intelligence

Four Seasons scored 74.5% and dropped from 3rd place in LTI's 2019 ranking.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence

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7. Rosewood

Rosewood Mayakoba in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. Luxury Travel Intelligence

Rosewood scored 76% and also placed 7th in LTI's 2019 ranking.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence

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6. One&Only

One&Only Cape Town in South Africa. Luxury Travel Intelligence

One&Only scored 76.6% and moved up from 11th place in LTI's 2019 ranking.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence

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5. Mandarin Oriental

Mandarin Oriential in Jumeirah, Dubai, UAE. Luxury Travel Intelligence

Mandarin Oriental scored 78% and dropped from 2nd place in LTI's 2019 ranking.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence

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4. Belmond

Belmond Reid's Palace in Madeira, Portugal. Luxury Travel Intelligence

Belmond scored 78.7% and dropped from 1st place in LTI's 2019 ranking.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence

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3. Auberge

THE VANDERBILT GRACE

Auberge's The Vanderbilt in Newport, Rhode Island. Luxury Travel Intelligence.

Auberge scored 79.3% and moved up from 5th place in LTI's 2019 ranking.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence

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2. Aman

Amanzoe in Kranidi, Greece. Luxury Travel Intelligence

Aman scored 82.3% and also earned 2nd place in LTI's 2019 ranking.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence

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1. Six Senses

View of a pool villa and diving guests at Six Senses Fiji. Luxury Travel Intelligence

Six Senses scored 82.8% and moved up from the 8th place in LTI's 2019 ranking, taking the top spot in LTI's ranking for the first time.

Source: Luxury Travel Intelligence