

# The ULTRAS 2016

Each year, we invite readers to nominate their favourites in the world of luxury travel. Here, we present the 20 winners and 80 runners-up, plus our own Editors' Awards



## BEST EUROPEAN AIRLINE British Airways

Runners-up  
EasyJet  
KLM  
Lufthansa  
Virgin Atlantic

## BEST NORTH AMERICAN AIRLINE American Airlines

Runners-up  
Air Canada  
Delta Air Lines  
United Airlines  
Virgin America

## BEST ASIAN AIRLINE Singapore Airlines

Runners-up  
AirAsia  
Cathay Pacific  
Malaysian Airlines  
Thai Airways

## BEST MIDDLE EASTERN AIRLINE Emirates

Runners-up  
Etihad Airways  
Qatar Airways  
Royal Jordanian  
Turkish Airways

## BEST AIRLINE IN THE WORLD Emirates

Runners-up  
American Airlines  
British Airways  
Cathay Pacific  
Singapore Airlines

## BEST AIRPORT IN THE WORLD Changi, Singapore

Runners-up  
Dubai  
Gatwick  
Heathrow  
Hong Kong

## BEST HOTEL IN EUROPE The Ritz London

Runners-up  
Bellevue Syrene, Sorrento  
Claridge's, London  
Four Seasons Hotel George V, Paris  
The Savoy, London

## BEST HOTEL IN THE AMERICAS Four Seasons Hotel New York

Runners-up  
Bellagio, Las Vegas  
One&Only Pamilla, Los Cabos, Mexico  
The Plaza, New York  
Waldorf Astoria New York

## BEST HOTEL IN ASIA/AUSTRALASIA The Peninsula Hong Kong

Runners-up  
Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok  
Mandarin Oriental, Hong Kong  
Raffles Hotel Singapore  
Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur

## BEST HOTEL IN THE MIDDLE EAST Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, Dubai

Runners-up  
Al Maha Desert Resort & Spa, Dubai  
Jumeirah Beach Hotel, Dubai  
One&Only The Palm, Dubai  
Raffles Dubai

## BEST HOTEL IN AFRICA/INDIAN OCEAN One&Only Reethi Rah, Maldives

Runners-up  
Banyan Tree, Seychelles  
Cape Grace, Cape Town  
Fairmont Zimbali Resort, Durban  
Le Touessrok Resort & Spa, Mauritius

## BEST HOTEL IN THE WORLD Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, Dubai

Runners-up  
Claridge's, London  
One&Only Pamilla, Los Cabos, Mexico  
One&Only The Palm, Dubai  
The Ritz London

## BEST LARGE LUXURY TOUR OPERATOR Kuoni

Runners-up  
Cox & Kings  
Hayes and Jarvis  
Trailfinders  
Virgin Holidays



## Editors' Award MOST INNOVATIVE AIRLINE Etihad Airways

First class has not felt the same since Etihad launched its ground-breaking Residence suite, swiftly followed by First Apartments that provide a new level of comfort, privacy, service and space. The airline continues to grow: 10 years ago it had 22 aircraft flying to 42 destinations; now it has 120 flying to 116



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## Editors' Award MOST INNOVATIVE HOTEL GROUP The Lime Wood Group

Founded by Robin Hutson, this group has helped to revitalise the British country-house hotel scene: first with Lime Wood in Hampshire, with its superlative spa and Angela Hartnett restaurant, and its Courchevel sister, Portetta, and then the five Pigs, which offer laid-back luxury in fabulous locations.



## BEST SMALL LUXURY TOUR OPERATOR Abercrombie & Kent

Runners-up  
Audley Travel  
Elegant Resorts  
Scott Dunn  
The Ultimate Travel Company

## BEST LARGE LUXURY CRUISE LINE Cunard

Runners-up  
Celebrity Cruises  
P&O Cruises  
Princess Cruises  
Royal Caribbean International

## BEST SMALL LUXURY CRUISE LINE Silversea

Runners-up  
Crystal Cruises  
Lindblad Expeditions  
Seabourn  
SeaDream Yacht Club

## BEST RIVER CRUISE LINE Viking River Cruises

Runners-up  
APT  
Avalon Waterways  
Riviera Travel  
Scenic

## BEST GOLF RESORT IN THE WORLD The Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland

Runners-up  
Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, USA  
La Manga Club, Spain  
Pebble Beach Resorts, USA  
St Andrews Links, Scotland

## BEST SKI RESORT IN THE WORLD Whistler, Canada

Runners-up  
Méribel, France  
Revelstoke, Canada  
Val d'Isère, France  
Zermatt, Switzerland

## FAVOURITE COUNTRY FOR A HOLIDAY United States

Runners-up  
Australia  
France  
Italy  
Thailand

WINNING COMBINATION  
Clockwise from left: Whistler, Canada; Etihad Airways' new livery; The Peninsula Hong Kong; Lime Wood hotel, Hampshire; Cunard's Queen Mary 2 leaving New York; Kuoni Travel, best Large Luxury Tour Operator; and the grand staircase at The Ritz London

