

The Best Spa Resorts in the U.S. & Around the World: 2021 Readers' Choice Awards

The places inspiring your return to travel.

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For our 34th annual [Readers' Choice Awards](#) survey, registered voters weighed in on their favorite spa resorts around the globe. And as concepts of wellness and self-care continue to transform, we've noticed some exciting newcomers emerge alongside the established spa brands you've turned to over the decades. As the world has begun to reopen, the results reflect the kinds of properties you longed to visit when you couldn't travel and the ones you returned to first once you could. More than 800,000 of you filled out our survey, and while we're always curious about where you've been and where you're going, we're especially excited to learn about the truly memorable places that sparked your imagination and stayed with you when your next trip seemed out of reach. Here are the spa resorts you loved most this year.

Find the full list of the top spa resorts in the U.S. [here](#), and the top spa resorts in the world [here](#).



Courtesy The Retreat Costa Rica

7. The Retreat Costa Rica — Atenas, Costa Rica

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When celebrity chef and best-selling author Diana Stobo founded The Retreat Costa Rica, her goal was to create a Costa Rican version of “heaven on Earth”—which, in this case, translates to a wellness located deep in the rainforest. The 13 rooms are simple (no phones or TVs) and feature balconies and patios with views of the surrounding vegetation and Pacific Ocean. The spa, Vida Mia, offers treatments such as Ayurveda massages, Costa Rican coffee scrubs, and crystal healing facials; Boca Dulce restaurant has outdoor seating overlooking the mountains, and all dishes are free of gluten, dairy, and refined sugars.

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