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# World Travel Awards Winners

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Travel professionals gathered on Sunday 13 at the Royal Opera House in London for their industry's equivalent of the Oscar's.

At the 12th annual World Travel Awards, hundreds of bronze statues were awarded in recognition of everything from the World's Leading Beach (Providenciales, Turks & Caicos) to the World's Leading Hotel Brand Internet Site ([www.fairmont.com](http://www.fairmont.com)<sup>1</sup>).

Big winners included Jumeirah, a Dubai-based group with a line of luxury hotels, which cleaned up with 10 awards, Conrad Hotels with seven awards and South African Airways with four awards.

Winners are decided by travel agents from more than 140 countries who cast more than two million votes. Here's a sampling of the winners:

**World's Leading All-Suite Hotel:** *Burj Al Arab*  
[www.burj-al-arab.com](http://www.burj-al-arab.com)<sup>2</sup>

**World's Leading Luxury Hotel Brand:** *Conrad Hotels*  
[www.conradhotels.com](http://www.conradhotels.com)<sup>3</sup>

**World's Leading Presidential Suite:** *Emperor Suite at The Empire Hotel & Country Club, Brunei*  
[www.empire.com.bn](http://www.empire.com.bn)<sup>4</sup>

**World's Leading Private Island Resort:** *Palm Island, The Grenadines*  
[www.palmislandresorts.com](http://www.palmislandresorts.com)<sup>5</sup>


**World's Leading Private Jet Tour Operator:** *Intrav*  
[www.intrav.com](http://www.intrav.com)<sup>6</sup>

**World's Leading Spa Resort:** *Le Meridien Limassol Spa & Resort, Cyprus*  
<http://cyprus.lemeridien.com><sup>7</sup>

**World's Leading First Class Airline:** *British Airways*  
[www.britishairways.com](http://www.britishairways.com)<sup>8</sup>

**World's Leading Flatbed Seat:** *Qatar Airways*

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[www.qatarairways.com](http://www.qatarairways.com)<sup>9</sup>

### World's Leading Luxury Train: *Rovos Rail*

[www.rovos.co.za](http://www.rovos.co.za)<sup>10</sup>

### World's Leading Luxury Cruise Ship: *Crystal Harmony (Crystal Cruises)*

[www.crystalcruises.com](http://www.crystalcruises.com)<sup>11</sup>

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