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Canada And California Win Big In Top Cities Awards; Hawai'i And Florida Islands Also Top The Charts

Conde Nast Travel has put out its annual list of top cities, islands, airlines and hotels, and both my home state and adopted country did well. Hawai'i, which is like home to me, also put on a strong performance, as did Florida.

The magazine today listed Victoria as the number two small city in the world, while Montreal (10) and Quebec City (5) were named among the top ten best big cities on the planet. Chicago was first for big U.S. cities, followed by Honolulu and San Diego. San Francisco was seventh for big U.S. cities, and New York City fifth.

For U.S. islands, Hawai'i grabbed five spots in the top 11. Maui was fifth, followed by Oahu, Hawai'i Big Island and Lana'i. Kauai came 11th. Hilton Head, South Carolina was first, followed by Kiawah Island, South Carolina and Amelia Island, Florida. Sanibel and Captiva islands, which were slammed by Hurricane Ian last week, finished ninth and Marco Island was 12th. The top three Caribbean islands were St. Barts, Anguilla (which I love) and the Turks & Caicos.

For Asia/Pacific islands, Fiji came out on top, followed by Bora Bora (Tahiti, French Polynesia), Tasmania, Moorea (Tahiti, French Polynesia) and Tahiti island.

Here are the top 15 hotels in Canada, according to Conde Nast readers.

1. Auberge Saint-Antoine, Quebec City (amazing historic touches)
2. Le Place d'Armes, Montreal (haven't been)
3. The Hazelton Hotel, Toronto (luxurious, with terrific service)
4. Hotel Nelligan, Montreal (love this hotel)
5. Hotel William Gray, Montreal (haven't been)
6. 1 Hotel Toronto (very hip, with a focus on sustainability)
7. Fogo Island Inn, Newfoundland (truly spectacular)
8. Auberge du Vieux-Port, Montreal (haven't been)
9. Hotel 71, Quebec City (haven't been)
10. Fairmont Chateau Frontenac, Quebec City (a fairy tale castle)
11. Fairmont Chateau Montebello, Quebec (relaxed and lovely)
12. Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (a B.C. classic)
13. Hotel Le Germain, Montreal (cool and hip)
14. Magnolia Hotel & Spa, Victoria, B.C. (sleek and stylish)
15. Rosewood Hotel Georgia, Vancouver (gorgeous and roomy)

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