

Culture: The Leading Hotels of the World

Spencer Bailey, with a foreword by Pico Iyer



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Phaidon, Monacelli, and The Leading Hotels of the World (LHW) are pleased to announce ***Culture: The Leading Hotels of the World***, the second book in a multi-volume series created in close collaboration with LHW and the New York-based media company The Slowdown. Richly illustrated and expertly edited, ***Culture*** celebrates legendary hospitality through lasting traditions and exquisite artistry in more than 80 of the world's most beloved hotels, carefully selected from LHW's legendary portfolio.

Since 1928, LHW has pioneered exceptional luxury hospitality and today encompasses more than 400 hotels across 80 countries. ***Culture*** celebrates this unparalleled heritage, highlighting LHW's impeccable properties with contributions from today's top travel, art, and design journalists. The book opens with a foreword by acclaimed travel writer Pico Iyer, situating regional culture at the heart of hospitality. Spencer Bailey, the co-founder and editor-in-chief of The Slowdown, presents an introduction that highlights the diverse range of cultural attributes belonging to the featured hotels, including art, architecture, and gastronomy. Cynthia Rosenfeld, a long-time journalist and travel-trade veteran, serves as the project's executive editor. Expert insights and travel tips from dozens of notable cultural figures—Sarah Arison, Andy Baraghani, Stephen Fry, Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn, and Deborah Needleman among them—are also included.

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The Leading Hotels of the World, Ltd. (LHW), founded in 1928, is the premier collection of over 400 independent luxury hotels in more than 80 countries. From alpine chalets to safari camps, LHW curates unique properties for curious seekers and luxury enthusiasts, uniting them in a passion for distinctive travel experiences.

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Each hotel in this lavish volume embodies LHW's commitment to treasured cultural heritage. Organized geographically, hotels receive multi-page spreads replete with stunning images that showcase each property's distinctive cultural attributes, from ancient craftsmanship and mouth-watering local dishes to sublime natural landscapes. Accompanying texts provide context into the beloved traditions, histories, and cultures that breathe life into each hotel's distinctive offerings and location. Whether traditional Mayan building practices at Chablé Yucatán or intricately layered venetian craftsmanship at Palazzo Venart Luxury Hotel, these extravagant stays exemplify how local touches, age-old rituals, and international art serve exceptional contemporary hospitality.

The book offers more intimate glimpses into the marvelous breadth of LHW's properties through six feature stories and an in-depth conversation between Solange Azagury-Partridge and Tom Dixon at Brown's Hotel in London, all with newly commissioned images by acclaimed photographers such as Mark Borthwick, Stefan Giffthaler, and Ilyes Griyeb. At De L'Europe in Amsterdam, tulips and burnt-orange velvet curtains provide an opulent Dutch foreground for a museum edition of Vincent Van Gogh's famed *Sunflowers* painting. A lush Indonesian jungle dominates at the Capella Ubud in Bali, prompting visitors to lean on bamboo walking sticks as they navigate moss-covered stone paths to their colorfully appointed private hideaways. Local pottery is central to São Lourenço do Barrocal in Monsaraz, Portugal, where roughly 350,000 terra-cotta bricks were fired nearby and installed. Additional features on Le Sirenuse in Positano, Italy; Royal Mansour Marrakech; and Violino d'Oro in Venice, Italy, showcase the boundless cultural diversity of LHW's unrivaled portfolio.

As Pico Iyer writes in the forward, "'Culture' is as hard to define as 'beauty' or 'taste,' but we know it when we see it... [it] is that hidden treasure that goes beyond simply seeing the sights and gives us a new pair of eyes." **Culture** gives readers exactly that. This compelling volume dives beneath the surface of glamour, offering a deeper, more considered definition of luxury.

Designed by the award-winning graphic designer Michael Bierut with Jena Sher, **Culture** is presented in a deep Moroccan-blue silken case with an eye-catching pattern inspired by Moorish-style screens. Silver foil details, painted edges, and complementary ribbons add to the book's impressive package, which fully embodies the elevated luxury that LHW is known for. A beautiful addition to this quintessential travel series, this elegant sequel is a must-read for the cultivated traveler with a keen eye for style and a roving curiosity.

FEATURED HOTELS IN VOLUME 2

Africa & the Middle East

The Chedi Katara Hotel & Resort
La Badira
Royal Mansour Marrakech
The Setai Tel Aviv
Thanda Safari Private Game Reserve

Americas & the Caribbean

The Brazilian Court
Chablé Yucatán
Country Club Lima Hotel
The Fifth Avenue Hotel
The Georgian Halekulani
Hotel Casa San Agustin
Hôtel Swexan
The Joule
Le Mount Stephen
Marquis Los Cabos

Asia, Australia & the Indian Ocean

Capella Shanghai, Jian Ye Li
Capella Ubud, Bali
The Hotel Seiryu Kyoto Kiyomizu
Hylla Vintage Hotel
Jackalope Hotel, Mornington Peninsula
The Lodhi, New Delhi
Raya Heritage
The Shilla Seoul

Europe

Adare Manor
Anantara Palazzo Naiadi Rome Hotel
Anantara Villa Padierna Palace Benahavis Marbella Resort
Anassa
The Ashbee Hotel
Beau-Rivage Genève
Brown's Hotel, a Rocco Forte Hotel
Castell Son Claret
Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul
The Danai
De L'Europe Amsterdam
Gleneagles Townhouse
Grand Hotel Alassio Beach & SPA Resort
Grand Hotel Continental Siena-Starhotels

Collezione
Grand Hotel et de Milan
Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria
Grand Hotel Fasano
Grand Hotel Majestic "già Baglioni"
Grand Hotel Miramare
Grand Hôtel Stockholm
The Grand Mark Prague
Hôtel Barrière Fouquet's Paris
Hôtel Barrière Le Royal Deauville
Hotel Casa Fuster
Hôtel Chais Monnet & Spa
Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo
Hotel Kämp
Hotel La Perla
Hotel Sacher Salzburg
Hotel Splendide Royal Lugano
Ikador Luxury Boutique Hotel & Spa
J.K. Place Capri
Katikies Garden
L'Andana Resort
La Réserve Eden au Lac Zurich
Le Negresco
Lesante Cape Resort & Villas
Le Sirenuse
Maison Albar-Le Monumental Palace
Majestic Hotel & Spa Barcelona
Masseria Donna Menga
The Merrion Hotel
Palace Elisabeth, Hvar Heritage Hotel
Palacio de los Duques, a Gran Meliá Hotel
Palais Coburg Residenz
Palazzo Venart Luxury Hotel
The Phoenicia Malta
The PLACE Firenze
Relais San Maurizio
São Lourenço do Barrocal
Vidago Palace Hotel
Villa Cora
Villa d'Este
Villa e Palazzo Aminta
Villa La Massa
Violino d'Oro
The Westbury

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Africa

Constance Lemuria,
Seychelles
Constance Prince Maurice
La Badira
La Mamounia
Maradiva Villas Resort & Spa
Ngorongoro Lodge, Member
of Melia Collection
Royal Mansour Casablanca
Royal Mansour Marrakech
Royal Mansour Tamuda Bay
Royal Palm Beachcomber
Luxury
Saxon Hotel, Villas & Spa
Shambala Private Game
Reserve
Steyn City Hotel by Saxon
Thanda Island
Thanda Safari
The Chedi El Gouna Hotel
The Giza Palace Hotel and
SPA
The Manor House at Fancourt

Asia

Aleenta Phuket - Phang Nga
Resort and Spa
Aleenta Retreat Chiang Mai
Ayan Zalaat Hotel and SPA
Capella Bangkok
Capella Hotel, Singapore
Capella Shanghai, Jian Ye Li
Capella Ubud, Bali
Espacio The Hakone
Geihinkan Rin-Poh-Ki-Ryu
Fauchon Hotel Kyoto
Halekulani Okinawa
Hylla Vintage Hotel
Imperial Floors at Imperial
Hotel Tokyo
Imperial Hotel, Tokyo
J Hotel Shanghai Tower
Lohkah Hotel and Spa
Nihi Sumba
Palace Hotel Tokyo
Pushine Jinfoshan Resort
Hotel
Raya Heritage
Rayavadee
Signiel Seoul
SIWA Cliffs
Soori Bali
The Anandi Hotel and Spa

The Capitol Kempinski Hotel
Singapore
The Datai Langkawi
The Hotel Seiryu Kyoto
Kiyomizu
The Imperial
The Kahala Hotel & Resort
Yokohama
The Legian Seminyak, Bali
The Lodhi
The Murray Hong Kong, a
Niccolo Hotel
The Nai Harn
The Okura Prestige Bangkok
The Okura Tokyo
The PuLi Hotel and Spa
The PuXuan Hotel and Spa
The Shilla Seoul
Yan Garden, Shanghai

The Caribbean

Blue Monkey Hotel & Beach
Club
Canouan Estates
Grace Bay Club
Le Sereno Hotel, Villas & SPA
Mammee Bay Resort Jamaica
Rock House Resort
Sandy Lane
Silversands Beach House
Silversands Grand Anse
The Strand
Tortuga Bay
VERANO San Juan
Vie L'Ven Resort &
Residences
Wymara Resort and Villas

Central America

Nayara Bocas del Toro
Nayara Gardens
Nayara Tented Camp

Europe

Abadia Retuerta LeDomaine
Adare Manor
Alpenroyal Hotel
Alpin Resort Sacher Seefeld
– Tirol
Althoff Dom Hotel Cologne
Althoff Seehotel Ueberfahrt
Althoff St. James's Hotel &
Club London
Althoff Villa Belrose

Amathus Beach Hotel
Limassol
Anantara New York Palace
Budapest
Anantara Palazzo Naiadi
Rome
Anantara Plaza Nice Hotel
Anantara The Marker Dublin
Hotel
Anantara Villa Padierna
Palace
Ananti Resort, Residences &
Beach Club
Anassa
Anthology of Athens
ARIA Retreat & SPA
Armancette
Asia Gardens Hotel & Thai
Spa
Avant Mar
Badrutt's Palace Hotel
Baglioni Hotel Luna
Baglioni Hotel Regina
Baglioni Resort Sardinia
Bagni di Pisa Palace and
Thermal Spa
Bahia del Duque
Bairro Alto Hotel
Baur au Lac
Bayerischer Hof
Beau-Rivage Palace
Beau-Rivage, Geneve
Bellevue Palace Bern
Belvedere Hotel
Bill & Co Mykonos
BLESS Hotel Ibiza
BLESS Hotel Madrid
Bodrum Loft
Borgo Egnazia
Borgo Santo Pietro
Botania Relais & Spa
Botanic Sanctuary Antwerp
Britannia Hotel
Brown's Hotel, a Rocco Forte
Hotel
Bürgenstock Hotel & Alpine
Spa
Cala Beach Resort
Camiral Golf & Wellness
Cap Vermell Grand Hotel
Capri Tiberio Palace
Carlton Hotel St. Moritz
Casa Angelina
Casa Baglioni

Casadelmar Hotel
Castel Monastero
Castell Son Claret
Castello del Sole Beach
Resort & Spa
Chalet RoyAlp Hotel & Spa
Château de Théoule
Chateau Papillon Resort
Hotel & Spa
Chiemgauhof Lakeside
Retreat
Çirağan Palace Hotel
Kempinski
Colombi Hotel
COMO Alpina Dolomites
D Maris Bay
d'Angleterre
Due Torri Hotel
El Palace, Barcelona
Elounda Bay Palace
Elounda Beach Hotel & Villas
Es Princep
Excelsior Hotel Ernst
Falkensteiner Hotel Kronplatz
Falkensteiner Hotel Montafon
Falkensteiner Schlosshotel
Velden
Fauchon L'Hotel - Paris
Fonteverde
Gleneagles Townhouse
Gran Hotel Ingles
Gran Hotel La Florida
Gran Hotel Miramar 5*GL
Grand Forest Metsovo
Grand Hotel Alassio Beach &
SPA Resort
Grand Hotel Continental
Siena - STARHOTELS
Collezione
Grand Hotel Des Étrangers
Grand Hotel et de Milan
Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria
Grand Hotel Fasano
Grand Hotel Heiligendamm
Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois
Basel
Grand Hotel Majestic "già
Baglioni"
Grand Hotel Miramare
Grand Hotel Principe di
Piemonte
Grand Hotel Quisisana
Grand Hotel Stockholm
Grand Hotel Vesuvio

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Europe cont'd.

Grand Park Hotel Rovinj	Hotel Las Arenas	Courmayeur	Palazzo Shedir
Grand Resort Bad Ragaz	Hotel Metropole Monte-Carlo	Le Mirador Resort and Spa	Palazzo Venart Luxury Hotel
Grand Resort Lagonissi	Hotel Monte Mulini	Le Negresco	Park Hotel Vitznau
Grande Real Villa Italia	Hotel Nassauer Hof	Le Royal Hotels & Resorts - Luxembourg	Patria Palace Hotel
Grantley Hall	Hotel Okura Amsterdam	Le Sirenuse	Pensione America
Gstaad Palace	Hotel Palace Berlin	LeCrans	Pestana Palace Lisboa- Hotel & National Monument
Guarda Golf Hotel & Residences	Hotel Puente Romano Beach Resort	Lesante Blu Exclusive Beach Resort	Pestana Palácio do Freixo - Pousada & National Monument
Hassler Roma	Hotel Quinta do Lago	Lesante Cape Resort & Villas	Portrait Firenze
Helvetia & Bristol Firenze - Starhotels Collezione	Hotel Quinta do Paral	Lido Palace	Portrait Milano
Hostal de la Gavina	Hotel Royal - Evian Resort	Lily of the Valley	Portrait Roma
Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin	Hotel Royal-Riviera	Lotte Hotel Moscow	Princes' Palace Resort
Hotel Amigo, a Rocco Forte Hotel	Hotel Sacher Salzburg	Lotte Hotel St. Petersburg	Principe Forte dei Marmi
Hotel Ancora	Hotel Sacher Wien	Maison Albar - Le Monumental Palace	Relais San Maurizio
Hôtel Barrière Fouquet's Paris	Hotel Santa Caterina	Maison Albar - L'Imperator	Riffelalp Resort 2222m
Hôtel Barrière Le Grand Hôtel Dinard	Hotel Schweizerhof Bern & Spa	Maison Albar Amoure	Ritz Paris
Hôtel Barrière Le Majestic Cannes	Hotel Splendide Royal	Majestic Hotel & Spa	Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa
Hôtel Barrière Le Royal	Hotel Splendide Royal Roma	Marbella Club Hotel Golf Resort & Spa	Royal Hotel Sanremo
Hotel Barrière Les Neiges	Hotel Weisses Rössl Kitzbühel	Masseria Donna Menga	Royal Myconian Resort
Hotel Botanico & The Oriental Spa Garden 5*GL	Huus Quell by Appenzeller Huus	Masseria San Domenico Spa-Thalasso & Golf	Royal Savoy Hotel & Spa Lausanne
Hotel Byblos	Il Sereno Lago di Como	Maxx Royal Bodrum Resort	Santavenere
Hotel Capo d'Orso Thalasso e Spa	J.K. Place Capri	Maxx Royal Kemer Resort	São Lourenço do Barrocal
Hotel Casa Fuster	J.K. Place Paris	Mazzarò Sea Palace	Savoy Palace
Hotel Château du Grand-Lucé	J.K. Place Roma	ME Ibiza	Schloss Elmau Luxury Spa Retreat & Cultural Hideaway
Hotel Colón, a Gran Melia Hotel	Katikies Chromata	Mezzatorre Hotel & Thermal Spa	Seaside Grand Hotel Residencia
Hotel Continental	Katikies Garden	Mont Cervin Palace	Sport Hotel Hermitage & Spa
Hotel De L'Europe Amsterdam	Katikies Kirini	Myconian Imperial Resort	Square Nine Hotel Belgrade
Hotel De Mar, a Gran Melia Hotel	Katikies Mykonos	Na Praia	Sun Gardens Dubrovnik
Hotel de Paris Monte-Carlo	Katikies Santorini	Olissippo Lapa Palace	Suvretta House
Hotel de Rome, a Rocco Forte Hotel	Kulm Hotel St. Moritz	Opera Hotel	Telegraph Tbilisi Georgia
Hotel des Indes	L'Andana Resort	Palace Elisabeth, HVAR Heritage Hotel	Terme di Saturnia Natural SPA & Golf Resort
Hotel des Trois Couronnes	L'oscar London	Palacio Arriluce Hotel	Terre Blanche Hotel Spa Golf Resort
Hotel Eden Roc, Ascona	La Bobadilla, A Royal Hideaway Hotel	Palacio de Los Angeles - La Rioja	The Adria
Hotel Fenix, a Gran Melia Hotel	La Posta Vecchia Hotel	Palacio De Los Duques, a Gran Melia Hotel	The Ashbee Hotel
Hotel Gabrielli - Starhotels Collezione	La Réserve de Beaulieu, Hôtel & Spa	Palacio de Sancti Petri, Gran Melia	The Charles Hotel
Hotel Hermitage Monte-Carlo	La Réserve Eden au Lac Zurich	Palais Coburg Residenz	The Chedi Andermatt
Hotel Il Pellicano	La Réserve Genève Hotel and Spa	Palazzo Avino	The Chedi Luštica Bay
Hotel Kämp	La Reserve Paris Hotel and Spa	Palazzo Doglio	The Danai
Hotel La Perla	La Réserve Ramatuelle - Hotel, Spa and Villas	Palazzo Firenze by Baglioni Hotels & Resorts	The Dolder Grand
	Lausanne Palace	Palazzo Parigi Hotel & Grand Spa	The Dylan Amsterdam
	Le K2 Altitude	Palazzo Portinari Salvati	The Florentin, an Althoff COLLECTION Hotel
	Le K2 Chogori	Palazzo Roma	The Fontenay
	Le K2 Palace		The Gleneagles Hotel
	Le Massif Hotel & Lodge,		The Grand Mark Prague

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The Hotel Chais Monnet & Spa
The Killarney Park
The Landmark London
The Merrion Hotel
The Montgomerie Golf Club
by Maxx Royal Resorts
The Phoenicia
The Place Firenze
The Reserve
The Ritz London
The Westbury
Therasia Resort Sea & Spa
Tivoli Avenida Liberdade
Tschuggen Grand Hotel,
Arosa
Valverde Sintra Palácio de
Seteais
Van Oys Maastricht Retreat
Verdura Resort, a Rocco
Forte Hotel
Victoria-Jungfrau Grand Hotel
& Spa
Vidago Palace
Vila Vita Parc
Villa Agrippina, a Gran Melia
Hotel
Villa Cora
Villa d'Este
Villa del Parco & Spa
Villa Dubrovnik
Villa e Palazzo Aminta
Villa Eden – The Private
Retreat
Villa La Massa
Villa Le Blanc, a Gran Melia
Hotel

Villa Maia
Villa Nai 3.3
Villars Palace
Vinha Boutique Hotel
Violino d'Oro Venezia
VISTA OSTUNI
Widder Hotel

Indian Ocean

Baglioni Maldives Luxury All-
Inclusive
Constance Halaveli Maldives
Emerald Faarufushi Resort &
Spa
Emerald Maldives Resort &
Spa
Sirru Fen Fushi, Private
Lagoon Resort

Middle East

Dan Tel Aviv
Islamabad Serena Hotel
King David Jerusalem
One&Only The Palm Dubai
Residence & Spa at
One&Only Royal Mirage
The Biltmore Hotel Villas
The Chedi Katara Hotel &
Resort
The Chedi Muscat
The Setai Tel Aviv

North America

Acqualina Resort &
Residences on the Beach
Alexander
Ambiente A Landscape Hotel
AZUR Legacy Collection

Hotel
Beach Club at The Boca
Raton
Carillon Miami Wellness
Resort
Casa Chablé
Casa Polanco
Chable Maroma
Chable Yucatan
Espacio, The Jewel of Waikiki
Halekulani
Hotel Bardo Savannah
Hotel Granduca Houston
Hôtel Swexan
Hutton Hotel
La Casa de la Playa
Le Mount Stephen
Lowell Hotel
Malibu Beach Inn
Marquis Los Cabos All
Inclusive Resort & Spa
Marquis Reforma Hotel & Spa
Nine Orchard
Paradero Todos Santos
Paradisus Los Cabos Adults
Only
Parker Palm Springs
San Ysidro Ranch
Sensira Resort & Spa -
Riviera Maya
Sonnenalp Hotel
The Brazilian Court Hotel
The Fifth Avenue Hotel
The Georgian
The Greenwich Hotel
The Hay-Adams
The Hazelton Hotel
The Joule Hotel

The Kahala Hotel & Resort
The Knickerbocker Hotel
The Newbury Boston
The Rittenhouse
The Setai, Miami Beach
The Whitfield Las Olas Hotel
& Spa
UNICO 20° 87° Hotel Riviera
Maya
Villa Mara Carmel
Washington School House
Hotel
Xmulbalam

Oceania

Jackalope

South America

Alvear Palace Hotel
Arakur Ushuaia Resort & Spa
Cayena - Caracas
Country Club Lima Hotel
Hotel AWA
Hotel Casa San Agustin
Hotel Montevideo
Hotel Santos de Piedra
Las Majadas
Mari Mari Natural Reserve
Nayara Alto Atacama
Nayara Hangarao
The Singular Patagonia,
Puerto Bories Hotel
The Singular Santiago,
Lastarria Hotel
The Vines Resort & Spa
Tivoli Mofarrej Sao Paulo

