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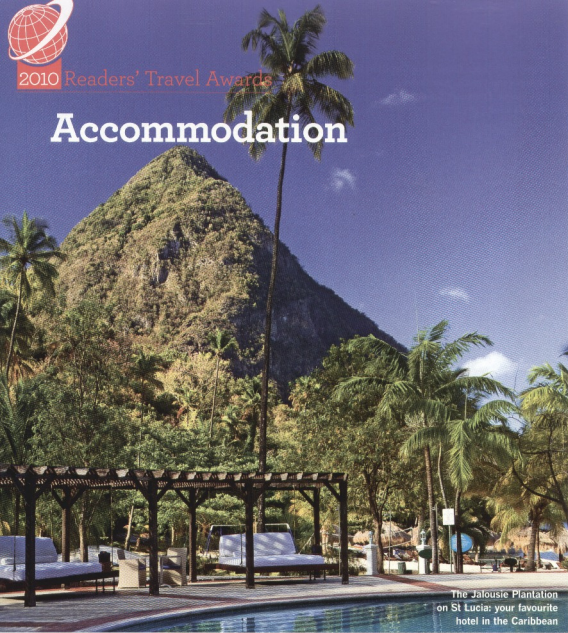
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Accommodation



The Jalousie Plantation on St Lucia: your favourite hotel in the Caribbean

OVERSEAS LEISURE HOTELS

There is no hotel in **The Americas & the Caribbean** you would rather stay in than **The Jalousie Plantation** on St Lucia. Giving it a top score of **92.49** for its location, you also rated it above **90** for environmental friendliness and service. **Hôtel Saint-Barth Isle de France** took the lead for food/restaurants (**94.20**), while you reckon **Peter Island Resort** in the BVIs is the most family-friendly (**87.99**).

Hotel Splendido in Italy's chic Portofino is your favourite hotel in **Europe, Asia Minor & the Russian Federation**: it scored highest for family-friendliness (**87.38**), food/restaurants (**94.78**) and location (**90.34**). You found Venice's legendary **Hotel Cipriani** difficult to fault on service (**91.31**) and standard of accommodation (**97.90**), and gave high praise to **La Residencia** on Mallorca for its environmental friendliness (**82.20**).

Your preferred hotel in **Australasia & the South Pacific** is **Sails in the Desert Hotel** in Australia, which you awarded **95.26** for ambience/decor and **92.22** for its sensational desert location. New Zealand's **Blanket Bay** was best for environmental friendliness (a clear **95.66**) and Australia's **Hayman** the most family-friendly (**95.54**).

In **Asia & the Indian Subcontinent**, the **Obero Udaivilās** in Rajasthan captured your imagination for its location on Lake Pichola (**92.61**) and service/staff (**94.56**); you also thought it deserved top marks for ambience/decor (**89.39**). **The Datali** in Malaysia came out best for environmental friendliness (**92.65**) and the **Four Seasons Resort Chiang Mai** in Thailand for food/restaurants (**91.73**) and leisure facilities (**89.68**).

Remote **Jack's Camp** in Botswana is your favourite hotel in the **Middle**

East, Africa & the Indian Ocean Islands. In fact, you gave it so many points it was propelled to number one in our Top 100 (see page 50), with scores above **95** for environmental friendliness, ambience/decor and its Kalahari location. Elsewhere, the **Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru** cannot be bettered for family-friendliness (**95.91**) and you felt **Bushmans Kloof** in South Africa should be given top marks for food/restaurants (**96.27**).

The Americas & the Caribbean

- The Jalousie Plantation, St Lucia** 91.87
- Hôtel Saint-Barth Isle de France, St Barts** 91.46
- Sandy Lane, Barbados** 90.56
- Parrot Cay, Turks & Caicos** 89.40
- Peter Island Resort & Spa, British Virgin Islands** 88.39
- Four Seasons Resort Whistler,**

- British Columbia, Canada** 87.36
- Carlisle Bay, Antigua** 86.34
- 8 Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge, Peru** 85.26
- Hotel del Coronado, San Diego** 84.55
- Cap Juluca, Anguilla** 83.32
- Anse Chastenet, St Lucia** 83.01
- Cotton House, Mustique** 81.73
- Rosewood Little Dix Bay, British Virgin Islands** 80.48
- Explora en Patagonia Hotel Salto Chico, Chile** 80.01
- One&Only Ocean Club, Paradise Island, Bahamas** 79.04
- Hotel Saratoga, Havana** 77.55
- Ladera, St Lucia** 76.60
- Soho Grand Hotel, New York** 76.09
- The Wickaninnish Inn, British Columbia, Canada** 75.23
- Hotel Monasterio, Cusco, Peru** 74.33

Europe, Asia Minor & the Russian Federation

- Hotel Splendido, Portofino, Italy** 94.65
- Hotel Cipriani, Venice** 93.83
- Four Seasons Hotel George V Paris** 93.16
- La Residencia, Mallorca** 92.48
- Grand Hotel a Villa Feltrinelli, Lake Garda, Italy** 91.26
- Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbul** 90.36
- Four Seasons Hotel Firenze** 89.38
- Hotel Astoria, St Petersburg** 88.63
- The Clarence, Dublin** 86.82
- Hotel Costes, Paris** 86.72
- Palazzo Sasso, Ravello, Italy** 85.62
- San Domenico Palace Hotel, Taormina, Sicily** 84.96
- Four Seasons Hotel Istanbul at Sultanahmet, Turkey** 83.71
- Il Pellicano, Porto Ercole, Italy** 82.91
- The Dolder Grand, Zürich** 82.08
- Hotel de Russie, Rome** 81.04
- Hôtel Le Bristol, Paris** 80.43
- Anassa, Cyprus** 79.13
- La Colombe d'Or, St-Paul-de-Vence, France** 78.19
- Castello del Nero, Tuscany, Italy** 78.03