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Luxury Travel Advisor has named the 2013 winners of its prestigious Awards of Excellence. Our advisory board, an invitation-only panel of those influential travel advisors who have graced the cover of *Luxury Travel Advisor*, selected each of the nominees across several categories. *Luxury Travel Advisor* readers then voted exclusively to determine the best of each segment. Please join us in congratulating the 2013 *Luxury Travel Advisor* Awards of Excellence winners.



Best Hotel Villa Residences on Grace Bay, Grace Bay Resort, Turks & Caicos

International jet-setters flock to this enclave within the resort for the quiet and privacy. But what has us buzzing about the three luxury homes, each with its own 95-foot-wide stretch of private beach, is the space. The homes have 6,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor space, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half bathrooms and 2,600 square feet of external area with private deck, an infinity pool and outdoor shower. The two oversized master bedrooms have oceanfront views, and the master bathrooms have free-standing tubs, glass showers and double vanities.

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Top Europe Hotel Opening in 2013

Four Seasons Hotel Lion Palace St. Petersburg

Four Seasons Hotel Lion Palace St. Petersburg is filled with history; the triangular building was originally conceived in 1817 by Auguste Montferrand as the private address of the city's elite, close to the Winter Palace. During the renovation, many elements were maintained. Neo-classic materials were acquired from across Europe (like gilt mirrors and marble fixtures). The hotel has several dining options: In the Tea Lounge, styled as a winter garden filled with trees and flowers, guests can try traditional Russian specialties, while locals can opt for modern interpretations of old favorites.



Top North America Hotel Opening in 2013

NOBU at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas

This boutique hotel is a collaboration between Caesars Palace, Chef Nobu Matsuhisa, actor Robert De Niro and Hollywood film producer Meir Teper. Nobu Hotel Caesars Palace is the first celebrity chef-branded hotel venture in Las Vegas. David Rockwell led the overall interior design for the boutique hotel which has 181 guest rooms, including 18 suites that range from one-bedroom to five-bedroom. The Nobu Restaurant and Lounge, at 12,775 square feet, is the world's largest Nobu Restaurant.



Top Asia Hotel Opening in 2013

Park Hyatt Siem Reap

After an extensive renovation, the Park Hyatt Siem Reap reopened last year with 108 guest rooms, a spa, two swimming pools, and lovely food options including a deli-patisserie, a bar lounge, and The Dining Room where the menu features a French-Indochine mélange. Note: Suites come with private gardens or pools. Surrounded by lush gardens, this five-star hotel has long been considered one of the top places to stay while visiting the 12th century ruins of Angkor Wat.



Top Africa, Indian Ocean or Middle East Hotel Opening in 2013

The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi

Inspired by 15th to early 17th century Renaissance architecture and the urban planning of the city of Venice, The Ritz-Carlton Abu Dhabi, Grand Canal is located at the waterfront and consists of 10 buildings arranged in a crescent formation. Overlooking the 1,600-square-meter pool, the backdrop of the hotel is the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. The property features 447 guest rooms and suites, in addition to 85 private one- and two-bedroom villas with outdoor terraces, separate arrival palazzo and private butler service.