

TRIPADVISOR NAMES WORLD'S MOST ROMANTIC HOTELS WITH 2016 TRAVELLERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort in Palm-Eagle Beach, Aruba named Top in the World; Spicers Vineyards Estate in Pokolbin, Australia #3 in the World

[TripAdvisor®](#), the world's largest travel site*, today announced the winners of its Travellers' Choice™ awards for Romantic Hotels. Unlike any other hotel honours, TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice winners are based on millions of valuable reviews and opinions from travellers around the world.

Award winners were determined using an algorithm that took into account the quantity and quality of reviews from travellers on TripAdvisor gathered over a 12-month period with emphasis placed on reviews marked as a couples stay. The average nightly rate of Travellers' Choice award-winning Romantic Hotels on TripAdvisor is \$448.

"Travellers looking to enjoy a relaxing getaway with their special someone can confidently book these award-winning properties that consistently win over the hearts of their guests," said Barbara Messing, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. "From outstanding service, to lavish amenities and stunning surroundings, it's easy to see why these hotels are beloved by travellers around the world."

Top 10 Travellers' Choice Hotels for Romance in Australia:

1. [Spicers Vineyards Estate](#) – Pokolbin, NSW – Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate¹ of \$522 per night

Nestled in the picturesque Hunter region, Spicers Vineyards Estate is the perfect spot for a couple's romantic weekend retreat. Situated amongst rolling vineyards and native bushland, you won't want to leave. A TripAdvisor reviewer exclaimed, "It was the most beautiful stay I have ever experienced. Amazing service, activities and views".

2. [Saffire Freycinet](#) – Coles Bay, TAS - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$2115.90 per night

[Saffire Freycinet](#) is one of Australia's most exquisite luxury coastal sanctuaries on Tasmania's East Coast, delivering sophisticated and intimate style and an unforgettable experience. Discreetly positioned overlooking the Hazards Mountains, you will be mesmerised by the region's beauty. A TripAdvisor reviewer said, "I would like to congratulate Saffire and its wonderful team! Very professional, very high standard, very unique, very precious!"

3. [Southern Ocean Lodge](#) - Kangaroo Island, SA - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$501 per night

Considered one of Australia's super lodges, Southern Ocean Lodge, is positioned atop a secluded cliff on a rugged stretch of coast on Kangaroo Island. Refined as a sanctuary for comfort and luxe, the lodge is a must visit for those planning a romantic getaway. "Hands down the best travel experience we've ever had. From the friendly Mercedes pick up at the airport to the "welcome home" greeting, to the stunning views and room, gourmet meals, and environmental sustainability," said a TripAdvisor reviewer.

4. [Qualia Resort](#) – Hamilton Island, QLD - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$1177.50 per night

Located at the iconic waters of North Queensland, Qualia offers guests the indulgent choice of 60 individual pavilions that have been perfectly nestled into the natural environment to complement the unique surroundings. All pavilions boast stunning postcard views either of the Whitsundays or the spectacular tropical bushlands. One reviewer said, "Why go overseas when absolute luxury can be found in our great country. Beautiful views, outstanding service and complete luxury."

5. [Grand Mercure Basildene Manor](#) – Margaret River, WA - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$345.40 per night

Situated in the manicured gardens of the Margaret River wine region Grand Mercure Basildene Manor blends old world charm with a contemporary twist. Featuring 17 rooms and suites, the manor is in close range to some of the region's award winning wineries and restaurants. A TripAdvisor reviewer commented, "Old world charm, with exceptional service and beautifully maintained rooms. Excellent staff, very attentive and friendly."

6. Bedarra Island Resort – Bedarra Island, QLD - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$819.40 per night

Looking for a luxurious island escape? There is no better place to disappear than Bedarra Island Resort. Bedarra is an all-inclusive, private, tropical haven, situated on one of Australia's much loved islands. A TripAdvisor reviewer said, "Simply the best island resort. A beautiful location with fabulous gardens, amazing views from every villa, wonderful beaches."

7. Longitude 131 – Yulara, NT - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$267.50 per night

Located amidst the phenomenal red-dune landscape of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, the luxurious, tented resort is a must visit for anyone looking to explore Australia's spiritual centre. Longitude 131 has 15 luxurious tents available for guests. "Just an excellent experience with great location, great room/tent and service hard to match. A very warm welcome and all activities set up for those who wish to partake," said a TripAdvisor reviewer.

8. Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley – Wolgan Valley, NSW - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$2001.40 per night

Located a scenic 2.5 hours' drive from Sydney in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, the resort is nestled in a 7,000 acre wildlife reserve surrounded by a sea of greenery. Whilst visiting this ultra-luxury resort, guests can experience the very best of Wolgan Valley and take part in nature walks, horse riding, mountain bike riding and wildlife safaris. A TripAdvisor reviewer commented, "You are secluded in nature, embedded in it really, and it is fantastic. Our villa was lushly appointed, and clean and well-maintained."

9. Islington Hotel – Hobart, TAS - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$483.35 per night

Built in 1847 in the Regency style, this upscale boutique hotel is set amid an acre of beautifully manicured gardens in South Hobart. Tucked away at the back of the new extension, smart and simple ground-floor Garden Rooms 6 and 7 are the recommended rooms for views of the garden and Mount Wellington. A TripAdvisor reviewer said, "This is a very special little hotel. It's quaint and quirky yet also very sophisticated and elegant."

10. Splinters Guest House – Pokolbin, NSW - Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$455.55 per night

Splinters Guest House continues to charm visitors with its relaxed atmosphere and welcoming country ambience situated in the heart of the Hunter Valley wine region. The guest house is the perfect retreat for couples and groups showcasing three Queen Ensuite Rooms and two fully-contained cottages. A TripAdvisor reviewer commented, "We have just had a fabulous stay at Splinters with a lovely warm welcome from Mark and Pup. We are on our extended honeymoon and they could not have done more to make us feel special and welcomed."

Top 10 Travellers' Choice Hotels for Romance in the World:

1. Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort Aruba – Palm-Eagle Beach, Aruba

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$627 per night.

2. The Old Rectory Hotel – Martinhoe, United Kingdom

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$206 per night.

3. Spicers Vineyards Estate – Pokolbin, Australia

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$522 per night.

4. Anastasis Apartments – Imerovigli, Greece

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$574 per night.

5. Komandoo Maldives Island Resort – Komandoo, Maldives

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$1,515 per night.

6. Lindos Blu – Lindos, Greece

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$473 per night.

7. Coco Plum Island Resort – Coco Plum Cay, Belize

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$383 per night.

8. Baros Maldives – Baros Island, Maldives

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$1,660 per night.

9. The Place Luxury Boutique Villas – Ko Tao, Thailand

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$325 per night.

10. Tokoriki Island Resort – Tokoriki Island, Fiji

Bookable on TripAdvisor for an average rate of \$853 per night.

For the complete list of winners from the 2016 Travellers' Choice Awards for Romantic Hotels, more reviews and candid traveller photos, go to www.tripadvisor.com.au/TravelersChoice-Hotels-cRomance.

To see the best hotels for luxury, bargain, and more, as honoured in TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards for Hotels from January, go to <http://www.tripadvisor.com.au/TravelersChoice-Hotels>.

Notes to editors:

¹Average nightly rates of properties are based on TripAdvisor pricing data for February 1 through July 31, 2016, aggregated from booking partners including online travel agencies and direct hotel suppliers. All prices have been converted to AUD on February 1 2016 using XE.

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