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Top 10 Resort Hotels in the U.K. and Ireland

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There are travelers who shrug at the prospect of staying at a balmy beachside hideaway, a flower-carpeted rainforest lodge, or the latest stylish high-rise hotel. For these folks, it's a castle or nothing. Give them misty mornings, polished paneling, and brass door knockers. And of course, England, [Scotland](#), and [Ireland](#) have no shortage of these regal retreats.


Every year for our [World's Best Awards](#) survey, T+L asks readers to weigh in on travel experiences around the globe – to share their opinions on the top hotels, resorts, cities, islands, cruise ships, spas, airlines, and more. [Hotels were rated](#) on their facilities, location, service, food, and overall value. Properties were classified as city or resort based on their locations and amenities.

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Seven of the properties on this year's top 10 list can be found in Ireland. "A lovely hotel with an abundance of character and history," wrote one reader of Dromoland Castle (No. 7), an 1835 building with appropriately castellated towers in County Clare. Another voter called it "a dream getaway with fabulous activities on site. Our kids loved the pedal go-karts and still talk about them a year on." Set in the remote, atmospheric Connemara region – a "beautiful woodland setting," said one reader – Ballynahinch (No. 6) is "very romantic, with a tinge of rustic."

One reader deemed Adare Manor, a 19th-century charmer in County Limerick at the No. 4 spot, "one of my favorite places in my entire life." As the fan gushed, "the staff conducts service with pristine grace, kindness, and warmth. It was such a joy and comfort that I changed my plans so that I could stay there longer." Another reader's description of Ashford Castle (No. 3), a sublime pile once owned by the Guinness family, sums up the appeal of the enchanted structure succinctly, likening to it to "a comfortable cocoon."

To see the full list – and which storied property won this year's top accolade – continue reading.



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