The 10 Best Hotels in Charleston

As any native Southerner will tell you, the dreamy, soft-focus version of the region shown in photographs — all Spanish moss and stately mansions and gravity-defying biscuits at every meal — doesn’t often match up with reality.

Except, that is, in Charleston, which is exactly as charming as photos imply. From the candy-colored houses of Rainbow Row to the jewel-box shops of King Street, this little city is full of treasures to discover. As a perennial traveler favorite — T+L readers voted it No. 1 in the U.S. and No. 3 in the world this year — it’s got a roster of high-end hotels so stacked it’s hard to go wrong.

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.

8. The Dewberry

Score: 89.86

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