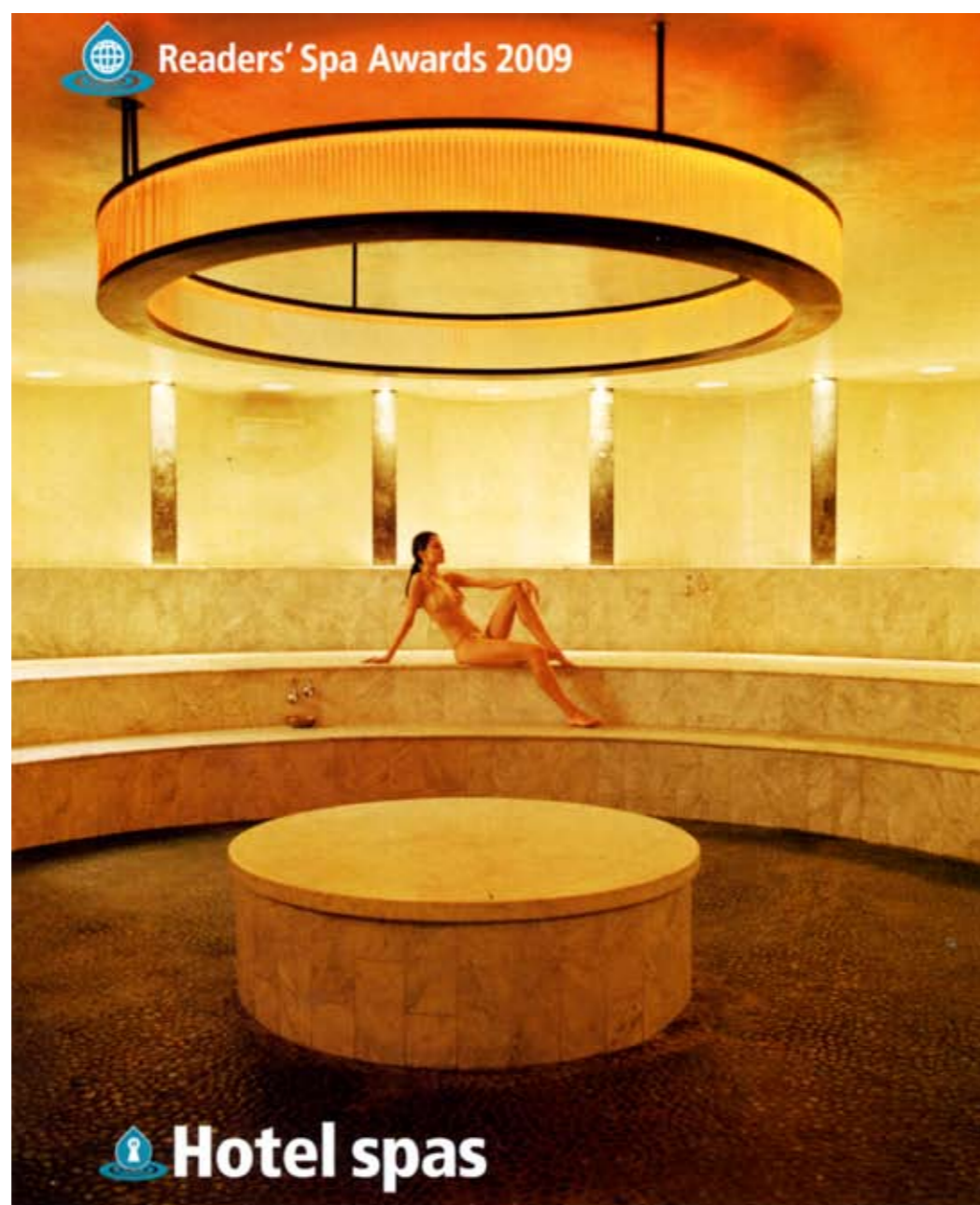




## Readers' Spa Awards 2009



## Hotel spas

We received so many nominations – the world has more spas than ever – that a new category had to be created: hotel spas in the UK. We asked you to rate these and all your favourite hotel spas overseas according to 10 criteria. The winning UK hotel spa is at **Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London**, which you liked best for its *accommodation*. In The Americas & Caribbean you appreciated the *amenities* at **The Peninsula Chicago** and *individual approach* at **The Standard, Miami Beach**. In Australasia & the South Pacific, having the rainforest to exercise in is what you liked most about **Daintree Eco Lodge & Spa** in the Northern Territories. Nowhere beat the *body treatments* at **Earth Spa at Six Senses Hideaway Hua Hin** in Thailand, or the *accommodation* at Rajasthan fort **Devi Garh**, in Asia & the Indian Subcontinent. In the Middle East, Africa & the Indian Ocean, you applauded the *ambience* at **The Chedi, Muscat** in Oman, loved the *facials* at **Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa** in South Africa and felt the *facilities* at **One&Only Reethi Rah** in the Maldives were second to none. You also appreciated the *facials* at **Porto Elounda** in Crete, the *ambience* of **Castello del Nero** in Italy and the *facilities* at **La Residencia** in Mallorca. And you loved the *service and cuisine* at the **Marqués de Riscal** in Spain's Rioja, which not only swept the board in its region but also topped our list of the 25 best spas in the world (see page 16).



Marqués de Riscal, home to the Caudalie Vinotherapie Spa, in Rioja, Spain. Top, the hammam in the spa at The Standard, Miami Beach

### The Americas & Caribbean

- 1 The Standard Spa, The Standard, Miami Beach, USA 94.81
- 2 The Peninsula Spa by ESPA, The Peninsula Chicago, USA 94.42
- 2 COMO Shambhala at Parrot Cay, Turks & Caicos 94.42
- 4 The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Miami, USA 94.22
- 5 Blue Spa, Carlisle Bay, Antigua 93.38
- 6 The Spa at Sandy Lane, Barbados 90.25
- 7 The Spa at Esperanza, Los Cabos, Mexico 89.67
- 8 The Spa at Four Seasons Resort Whistler, Canada 89.60
- 9 The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, New York, USA 87.43
- 10 Sense, a Rosewood Spa, Rosewood Little Dix Bay, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands 87.37

### UK

- 1 The Spa at Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London 94.75
- 2 Cowshed, St Moritz Hotel, Wadebridge, Cornwall 93.39
- 3 The Spa, Chewton Glen, New Milton, Hampshire 92.89
- 4 Sequoia, The Grove, Hertfordshire 91.63
- 5 C-Side, Cowley Manor, Cowley, Gloucestershire 89.78
- 6 The Spa at Gleneagles by ESPA, Perthshire, Scotland 89.67
- 7 The Spa at The Dorchester, London 89.41
- 8 One Spa at Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh 88.29
- 9 Cowshed, Babington House, Frome, Somerset 88.22
- 10 Calcot Spa, Calcot Manor, Gloucestershire 88.00

### Europe, Asia Minor & the Russian Federation

- 1 Caudalie Vinotherapie Spa, Marqués de Riscal, Rioja, Spain 95.45
- 2 Six Senses Spa at Porto Elounda, Crete, Greece 94.80
- 3 Cinq Mondes Spa, Spa, Beau-Rivage Palace, Lausanne, Switzerland 94.19
- 4 The Spa at The Bulgari Hotel, Milan, Italy 93.67
- 5 ESPA at Castello del Nero, Florence, Italy 92.67
- 6 Six Senses Spa at Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay, Bodrum, Turkey 92.45
- 7 The Spa at La Residencia, Mallorca, Spain 92.00
- 8 The Spa, Four Seasons Hotel George V Paris, France 90.00
- 9 I-Spa by Algorithem, InterContinental Paris Le Grand, France 89.14
- 10 SAMAS, Park Hotel Hotel Kenmare, Ireland 88.50

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The spa at The Standard,  
Miami Beach, your  
favourite hotel spa in the  
Americas & Caribbean



## Your choice of the world's best spas

Welcome to our sixth annual Readers' Spa Awards. Last autumn we asked you to visit our website at [www.cntraveller.com](http://www.cntraveller.com) and tell us where you most like to go to relax, detox and generally soothe away the stresses of the world – something we need more than ever right now. You nominated your favourite spas, from sassy urban day spas to glorious countryside retreats. Here we reveal the winners in each of the 11 categories, and rank the highest scorers overall in the world's top 25

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