

T+L 500

~ YOUR GUIDE TO ~

THE WORLD'S BEST HOTELS

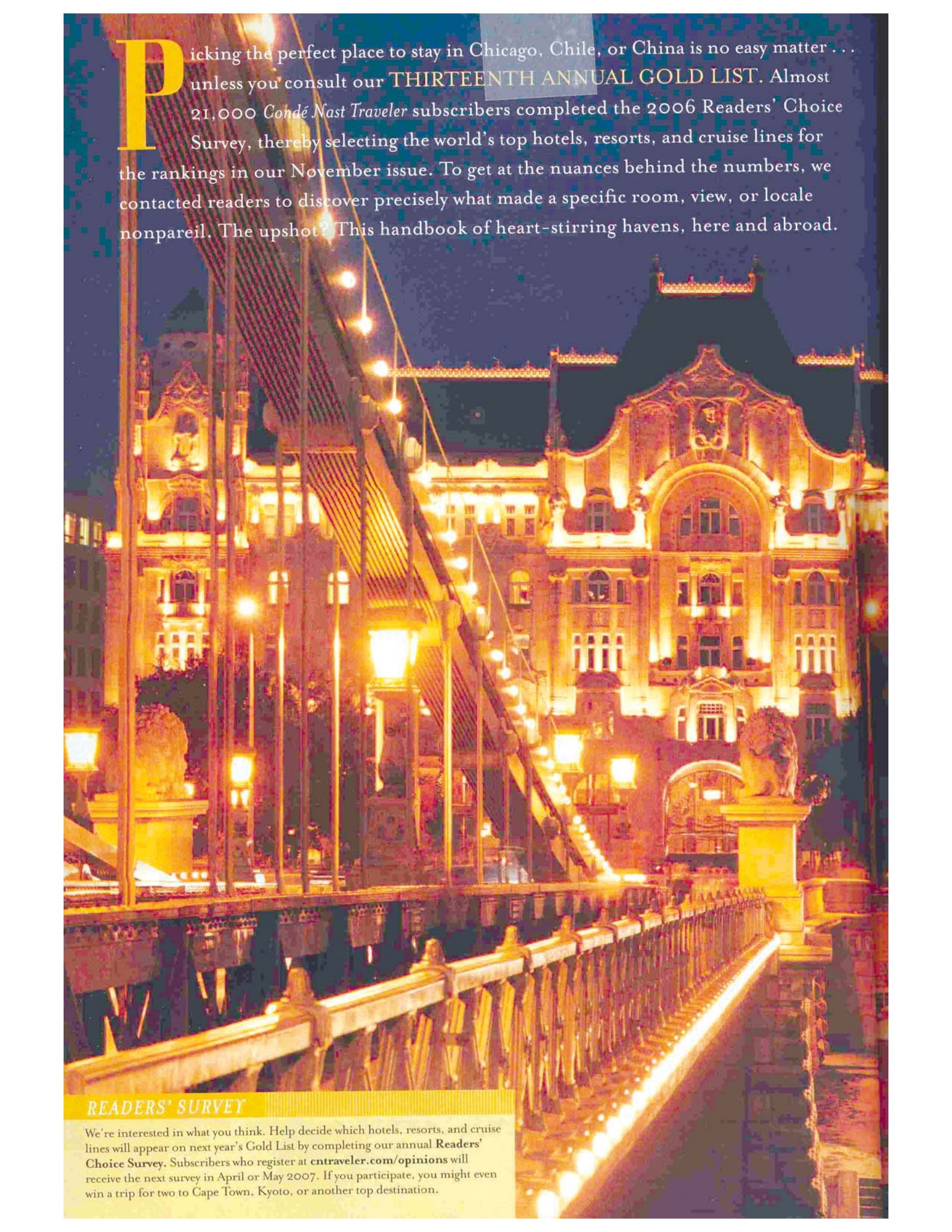
ONCE AGAIN, WE'VE CALLED ON our team of editors and reporters around the globe to deliver the T+L 500—the definitive guide to the greatest hotels worldwide. Since we first introduced the T+L 500 five years ago, the list of properties has shifted and broadened according to our readers' selections in the annual *Travel + Leisure* World's Best Awards survey. The United States and Canada, which represented 55 percent of the list in 2003, now account for 43 percent. Asia's share, meanwhile, has grown by nearly 60 percent. But one constant remains: our commitment to giving you the most authoritative and comprehensive resource possible as you plan your next trip. We've included how each hotel rates against other properties on the list (see overall score), what distinguishes it from the competition, and how to make the most of your stay. So go ahead, turn (and return) to the T+L 500 throughout the year. It's the ultimate hotel guide.



T+L ONLINE The T+L 500 is also available online, with special features including direct hotel links, searchable destination guides, and satellite mapping from Google Earth. Visit travelandleisure.com for more planning tools.

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Picking the perfect place to stay in Chicago, Chile, or China is no easy matter . . . unless you consult our **THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GOLD LIST**. Almost 21,000 *Condé Nast Traveler* subscribers completed the 2006 Readers' Choice Survey, thereby selecting the world's top hotels, resorts, and cruise lines for the rankings in our November issue. To get at the nuances behind the numbers, we contacted readers to discover precisely what made a specific room, view, or locale nonpareil. The upshot? This handbook of heart-stirring havens, here and abroad.

READERS' SURVEY

We're interested in what you think. Help decide which hotels, resorts, and cruise lines will appear on next year's Gold List by completing our annual Readers' Choice Survey. Subscribers who register at cntraveler.com/opinions will receive the next survey in April or May 2007. If you participate, you might even win a trip for two to Cape Town, Kyoto, or another top destination.

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Chained melody: The Four Seasons Gresham Palace, a former insurance company headquarters with an Art Nouveau facade, is just steps from the Danube and Budapest's historic Chain Bridge (shown).

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UNITED STATES * EUROPE * THE AMERICAS * MIDDLE EAST

the **WORLD'S**
BEST PLACES
to **STAY**

GOLD

LIST

700 **HOTELS,**
RESORTS, AND
CRUISE LINES

AUSTRALIA * THE PACIFIC * AFRICA * ASIA * CRUISE LINES

activities

GOLD LIST 2007



READERS SPEAK

They always offer fun activities you could normally never do at a resort, such as carriage driving and falconry.

GLENEAGLES HOTEL, AUCHTERARDER, SCOTLAND

You can ski on two mountains right outside your door.

PAN PACIFIC WHISTLER MOUNTAINSIDE,
WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Put on your flippers and walk off the beach and into the most impressive sea life.

VOYAGES LIZARD ISLAND, GREAT BARRIER REEF

A FOR ACTIVITIES

Explora en Patagonia,

Torres del Paine
National Park **93.5**

After trekking to a glacier or roaming Patagonia on horseback, follow this walkway to the pool and sauna—a welcome respite for weary muscles.

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THE BEST BY

ACTIVITIES



UNITED STATES

Four Seasons Lodge Lana'i
at Koele 100
Lana'i

Inn at Palmetto Bluff 96.2
Bluffton, South Carolina

Inn at Spanish Bay 95.8
Pebble Beach, California

EUROPE

Gleneagles Hotel 97.1
Auchterarder, Scotland

Westin Turnberry Resort 96.2
Ayrshire, Scotland

Mount Juliet Conrad 95.8
County Kilkenny

THE AMERICAS

Four Seasons 98.0
Whistler, British Columbia

**Pan Pacific Whistler
Mountainside** 95.8
Whistler, British Columbia

Fairmont Chateau Whistler 94.7
Whistler, British Columbia

ASIA, AUSTRALIA & PACIFIC NATIONS

Voyages Lizard Island 100
Great Barrier Reef

Four Seasons Bali at Sayan 97.3
Ubud, Bali

**Four Seasons Bali at Jimbaran
Bay** 96.1
Jimbaran Bay, Bali

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

Camp Okavango 100
Okavango Delta, Botswana

Chief's Camp 100
Moremi, Botswana

MalaMala Game Reserve 97.8
Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa

CRUISE LINES

Crystal 91.4

SeaDream Yacht Club 90.4

Disney 89.5