

National Geographic Traveller (UK) announces the winners of its Big Sleep Awards 2019

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LONDON (30 July 2019) — National Geographic Traveller (UK) has announced the winners of its annual Big Sleep Awards, celebrating the best new hotels across the world in 16 different categories.

From exceptional service to top eco credentials, the Big Sleep Awards acknowledge the best new tastemakers, trendsetters and game-changers in the business.

Each of the 16 categories has a winner and two runners-up, meaning a total of 48 hotels received recognition in this year's awards. The full results can be seen in the September 2019 issue of National Geographic Traveller (UK).

Pat Riddell, editor of National Geographic Traveller (UK), said: "Hotels continue to reach new heights in terms of service, design and innovation, and the Big Sleep Awards seek to highlight the best in the business. The process to reach our 16 winners and 32 runners-up is a long and exhaustive, but we feel this list singles out the world's best new hotels."

The winners are:

City slicker: Raffles Europejski Warsaw

Hangout: Stamba Hotel, Tbilisi

Lord of the manor: Heckfield Place, Hampshire

Wellness wonder: The Retreat at Blue Lagoon, Iceland

Design den: Morpheus, Macau

Breath of fresh air: Shipwreck Lodge, Namibia

Clean & green: Shinta Mani Wild, Cambodia

Game-changer: The Annex, Toronto

Castaway: Islas Secas, Panama

Gourmet getaway: Bless Hotel, Madrid

Grand redesigns: Hôtel Lutetia, Paris

Boutique break: The Fife Arms, Braemar

Love shack: Can Bordoy Grand House & Garden, Palma de Mallorca

On the money: Alila Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur

Snow queen: Experimental Chalet, Verbier

Comeback kid: Paramount House Hotel, Sydney

National Geographic Traveller (UK) launched its first annual Big Sleep Awards in June 2017. The winning hotels can be seen in the September 2019 issue of National Geographic Traveller (UK), on sale 1 August 2019, priced £4.60.

To view the winners and runners-up, visit: [nationalgeographic.co.uk/travel/2019/07/big-sleep-awards-2019](https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/travel/2019/07/big-sleep-awards-2019) (<https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/travel/2019/07/big-sleep-awards-2019>)

The judging panel consisted of Julia Buckley, freelance travel writer; Lee Cobaj, freelance travel writer; Emma Gregg, freelance travel writer; Francisca Kellett, freelance travel writer; Juliet Kinsman, freelance travel writer; John O’Ceallaigh, luxury travel editor, The Telegraph; Pól Ó Conghaile, freelance travel writer; David Whitley, freelance travel writer; and the National Geographic Traveller (UK) team

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