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# ISLANDS

TOP

## EUROPE ISLANDS

1. Mykonos and the Cyclades 77.4
2. Madeira 74.8
3. Capri 74.2
4. Sicily 71.9
5. Crete 71.6
6. Mallorca and the Balearics 71.2
7. Hvar and the Dalmatians 70.4
8. Rhodes and the Dodecanese 69.1
9. Sardinia 68.6
10. Corfu and the Ionians 67.9

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## ASIA/INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS

1. Maldives 91.5
2. Bali 85.9
3. Phuket 81.8
4. Langkawi, Malaysia 80.1
5. Koh Samui, Thailand 78.1
6. Seychelles 77.8
7. Zanzibar 71.6
8. Cebu, Philippines 71.0
9. Borneo 63.2
10. Mauritius 62.7

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## CARIBBEAN/ATLANTIC ISLANDS

1. Bermuda 80.5
2. St. John 80.4
3. British Virgin Islands 75.2
4. Anguilla 74.3
5. St. Barts 74.0
6. Nevis 73.0
7. St. Lucia 70.7
8. St. Vincent and the Grenadines 69.0
9. Turks and Caicos 68.9
10. St. Martin 67.7



The world is getting smaller—a trite adage perhaps, but one that is proving truer every year as little-known destinations join the ranks of reader favorites. Case in point: For the first

time since the inception of the Islands category 13 years ago, perennial champ **Maui** fails to claim top honors, even with an impressive 90.2. Instead, the atolls of the **Maldives** lead the pack, earning an overall score of 91.5. Bolstered by category-high scores for Ambience (98.1), Beaches (96.2), and Lodging (94.0), the Maldivian islands have a lot to brag about. Not to be easily outdone, Hawaii wins for Scenery with **Kauai's** 98.3, and Maui's Restaurants lead with 84.9. Returning to the Top 10 after a nine-year absence, Ecuador's **Galápagos** Islands earn the highest island Activities score (95.8).

Europe has fewer surprises, with the **Cyclades** victorious for the third consecutive year. In fact, four of the Top 10 European spots belong to Greece. The region's biggest mover, **Madeira**, jumped 6.1 points from its sixth-place standing in 2005, ranking second this year with 74.8. **Capri** is the most scenic of the European islands: Its 97.9 for that criterion is the second highest in the world.

Among Caribbean and Atlantic islands, **Bermuda** once again reigns supreme at 80.5, taking back the crown from last year's winner, **St. John**, with top scores in component criteria Ambience (85.3), Friendliness (83.6), and Lodging (80.0).

For the seventh year in a row, **Vancouver Island** is your favorite in North America, and still the only one in the region to ever reach 80.0.

TOP

## PACIFIC ISLANDS

1. Maui 90.2
2. Kauai 88.4
3. Moorea 84.7
4. Bora Bora 83.8
5. Big Island 82.1
6. Oahu 80.2
7. Fraser Island, Australia 77.9
8. Tasmania 77.8
9. Lanai 77.6
10. Galápagos 77.3

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## NORTH AMERICA ISLANDS

1. Vancouver Island 80.0
2. Kiawah, S.C. 77.7
3. Nantucket 73.6
4. San Juan Islands, Wash. 73.1
5. Mount Desert Island, Me. 72.2
6. Cape Breton 71.0
7. Martha's Vineyard 70.8
8. Prince Edward Island 70.3
9. Mackinac, Mich. 69.4
10. Sanibel, Fla. 69.3