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When you take off on a journey, you seek the best. In a world brimming with countless destinations, experiences, and accommodations, the traveller's itch within everyone jostles through the crowd, looking for the finest. That's where <a href="India's Best Awards">India's Best Awards</a> come in.

At the 13th edition of India's Best Awards (IBA), held on December 12, 2024, at ITC Maurya, New Delhi, Travel+Leisure India & South Asia celebrated the pinnacle of the hospitality industry. This annual reader's choice award recognises the best, as voted by discerning travellers like you.

## **Celebrating the Art of Discovery**

The art of exploration, travel and discovery, goes beyond choosing the perfect hotel or a Michelin-star meal; it's about the little things, the immersive moments, and the subtle nuances of experiences that make each journey unique. Unique enough to be labelled a work of art. From uncovering the best destinations, stays, and experiences; to delving into stories of culture and connections; to unfolding chapters of history and heritage – we understand that travel is art.

India's Best Awards 2024 celebrates this idea of reinventing the journey into a world of discovery that transcends borders. Thus, the theme for this year's awards was Art of Discovery.

The Art of Discovery celebrates the nuances of travel and explores the future of travel beyond the ordinary. It's a skill to be honed, and at *Travel + Leisure India & South Asia*, we're here to help you master it.

## **Choosing the Best**

Like every year, the winners of India's Best Awards were chosen democratically through an online voting process. Readers from around the world could log onto the dedicated voting website to vote for their favourite hotels, destinations, and lifestyle brands across various categories. While T+L Champions were editorially curated, the rest of the categories were open to reader nominations and votes.

After two months of voting, the results were in. The hotels, destinations, and lifestyle brands with the highest number of votes were crowned the winners. However, the competition was fierce in some



categories, with multiple contenders neck-and-neck. In these cases, the decision was particularly tough, but the final choices reflect the true sentiment of our readers.

## India's Best Awards 2024

Post the two-month-long online battle, the results were declared at an on-ground gala in the National Capital, with pouring partners <a href="Indri">Indri</a> helping keep the spirits high. The evening was a dazzling affair, filled with glamour, excitement, and a celebration of excellence. As the winners were announced, a sense of pride and achievement filled the room. Each award was a testament to the unwavering commitment to quality, innovation, and guest satisfaction.

From luxurious hotels and serene retreats to delectable dining experiences and thrilling adventure destinations, the winners were chosen based on their ability to provide unforgettable experiences. Whether it was a historic hotel with a rich legacy or a contemporary boutique property with a stylish edge, each winner represented the best of Indian hospitality. The winners of the domestic hotels category are proof.

India, a land of diverse cultures and breathtaking landscapes, is also home to a thriving hospitality industry. The Domestic Hotels category celebrated the best of Indian hospitality, recognising accommodations that offer luxury, sustainability, and unique experiences.

From bustling business hubs to serene beach retreats, India offers a wide range of options for every traveller. The Best Business Hotel award recognised hotels that seamlessly blend work and comfort, providing the perfect setting for productive business trips. For those planning special occasions, the Best Hotel/Resort for Weddings honoured venues that create unforgettable moments and romantic settings.

The Best Leisure Hotel/Resort category celebrates retreats that offer relaxation and recreation, providing the ideal escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. For families seeking fun-filled vacations, the Best Family Hotel/Resort recognises accommodations that offer a range of activities and experiences for all ages. The Best Bleisure Hotel honoured properties that cater to the modern traveller who combines business with leisure, providing a seamless blend of work and play.

The Best Corporate Experience category acknowledged hotels that go above and beyond to offer a seamless corporate experience, including exceptional meeting facilities, business services, and personalised attention. The Best Hotel Loyalty Program recognised programs that reward loyal guests with exclusive benefits and perks. The Best Service award honoured hotels prioritising exceptional service, ensuring guest satisfaction at every step. Beyond guest satisfaction, those contending in the Best Sustainable Hotel/Resort also prioritise eco-friendliness, reducing their environmental impact and promoting sustainable practices.

In addition to these categories, India's Best Awards also recognised excellence in other areas, including Best Hotel Group in India, Best Luxury Resort, Best Boutique Stay, Best Wellness Hotel/Resort, Best New Hotel/Resort, and more. But who won the title of the 'best'? See the full list below.