

ASIA'S BEST AWARDS 2022: THAILAND'S TOP HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, BARS AND MORE

The votes have been counted for the first ever Asia's Best Awards 2022 and here we reveal all your favorites in Thailand.



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VISITING THAILAND'S cities and beach towns today, it's a joy to see that tourists have returned bearing excited smiles and genuine love for the country. And apparently you, our readers share the love, having voted Bangkok best city in Southeast Asia and Phuket your favorite island. With Thailand Pass entry requirements scaled back now and to be eliminated from July 1, it's easy to revisit the Kingdom, and there are endless reasons to return. From exciting new resort openings to the food and beverage industry that's miraculously survived and starting to thrive again, there's no way like the Thai way. Get planning your trip to Thailand with this list of winners from our first-ever Asia's Best Awards. – *Laurel Tuohy*

Best Upcountry Resorts in Thailand

1. Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort



It should be no surprise to find this global destination luxury camp and resort atop the list. From bonding with elephants to the main pool situated on a ridge that lets guests catch sight of three different countries at once — Thailand, Laos and Myanmar — this relaxing outpost is unmatched in amenities and guest admiration. The Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort has long been one of those destinations that guests continue to rave about years after visiting. As one reader put it, “Completely insane hotel by design, and breakfast with elephants has no price.”

With 45 rooms and suites set in the middle of lush, green rice paddies and see-through glamping tents that allow you to slumber among elephants and directly under the stars, a deeply tranquil stay is guaranteed. “Unbelievably magical surroundings and the new jungle bubbles are a true gem,” said one voter. Guests also recommend the morning walk with the mahouts and their charges, calling it a rare and spectacular experience. Drive, or better, hop in a Royal Enfield sidecar, up to the northernmost reaches of Chiang Rai for what one voter called, “An amazing hotel with very good services. The breakfast is exceptional with fresh ingredients. In the Golden Triangle in the middle of the forest — waouhhhh!”