



Travel Picks - World's top 10 vacation homes

NEW YORK, March 9 (Reuters Life!) - Travel magazine **Travel + Leisure** has compiled a list of the top 100 real estate developments for people seeking the ultimate home away from home, with the top 10 listed here.

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1. CASTELLO DI CASOLE - Tuscany, Italy

Surrounded by lush vineyards and olive groves, these 19 restored farmhouses are a mix of modern and traditional - 17th-century stone facades, glass-tiled infinity pools, private patios, wood-burning ovens, and breathtaking views of the Tuscan hills. Price From \$585,000 for a fractional and from \$6 million for full ownership.

2. THE CLUB AT SPANISH PEAKS - Big Sky, Montana

This 3,500-acre residential community in Montana's top ski resort has 400 full-ownership, four- and five-bedroom cabins, plus 450 lots available for building condos and town houses. Owners get ski-in, ski- out access during winter, and rights to a Tom Weiskopf-designed 18-hole golf course in spring. Price Cabins from \$2.2 million; sites from \$700,000.

3. FAIRMONT HERITAGE PLACE - San Francisco, California

Fifty-four two- and three-bedroom condos are the newest addition to San Francisco's Ghirardelli Square. Most units overlook the bay, and owners have access to a personal shopper and chef, and room service. Residents may exchange weeks there for stays at any property within the Fairmont Hotels & Resorts portfolio. Price From \$250,000.

4. FOUR SEASONS RESIDENCE CLUB - Vail, Colorado

Nineteen cabins, each divided into 12 shares, make up this new Four Seasons Resort in recently renovated Vail Village. Amenities include a ski valet, heated outdoor pool, and 25,000-square-foot spa. Price From \$390,000.

5. GREEN VILLAGE AT CAP CANA - Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Located within the 30,000-acre Cap Cana resort, these 245 full-ownership one-bedroom bungalows and two- bedroom villas have private infinity pools, stone patios, and outdoor hot tubs. On site are three Jack Nicklaus-designed golf courses and a 1,000-slip marina. An additional 169 units will be added by 2010. Price From \$465,000 for bungalows; from \$867,000 for villas. 6. MIRAVAL LIVING - New York, New York

Zen living goes big-city at the spa-centered residential project inspired by Arizona's Miraval: Life in Balance resort. The first floor houses a 20,000-square-foot spa and a cafe - both open only to

residents. On higher floors there are 365 one-, two-, and three-bedroom full-ownership condo units. Price From \$650,000.

7. PALAZZO TORNABUONI - Florence, Italy

Steps from the Piazza del Duomo, this renovated 15th-century palace has 36 units - from studios to three-bedroom apartments - each divided into eight fractional shares; free admission to Tuscany's oldest Chianti winery, Fonterutoli, and to many of Florence's museums is included. Price From \$227,000.

8. THE PALMYRA RESORT & SPA - Montego Bay, Jamaica

This intimate 16-acre resort has 656 full- ownership units, ranging from one-bedroom condos to three-bedroom beachfront villas. Residents have access to the 23,000-square-foot Espa and automatic membership in three acclaimed golf courses. Price From \$450,000.

9. RITZ-CARLTON CLUB AND RESIDENCES - Kapalua Bay, Maui

The 84 full-ownership and 62 two-, three-, and four-bedroom fractionally owned condos at this oceanfront resort have views of Molokai's and Lanai's volcanoes. On site is a 6,100-square-foot beach club and a 30,000-square-foot spa, a lagoon-style pool, and 10 tennis courts. An additional 107 full-ownership suites are available at the Ritz-Carlton hotel up the street. Price From \$300,000 for the Club; from \$895,000 for Suites.

10. W SOUTH BEACH HOTEL & RESIDENCES - Miami Beach, Fida

Situated on Collins Avenue, the 20-story high-rise resort has 419 Yabu Pushelberg-designed, full-ownership condo units with up to three bedrooms, plus five 1,332-square-foot beachfront bungalows. Price From \$750,000.