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PEOPLE'S CHOICE BEST ART TOWN: Santa Fe

ADVENTURERS WE LOVE
Outdoor Vanguards

We tip our hats to these three women who are helping to break down barriers in the outdoors.

BROWN FOLKS FISHING

Determined to change the face of fishing, Vietnamese-American Tracy Nguyen-Chung launched this national angler-led initiative last year with the goal of cultivating access and community for black, indigenous, and people of color, and giving them a platform to lead conservation efforts. brownfolksfishing.com

OUTDOOR AFRO

Oakland resident Rue Mapp started Outdoor Afro as a blog, hoping to connect with people of color who shared her love of nature. A decade later, her nonprofit spans the country, and its board of directors includes people from the Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, and Kaiser Permanente. outdoorafro.com

BROWN GIRL SURF

Cofounders Farhana Huq and Mira Manickam-Shirley are recasting the tanned, blond-haired surfer stereotype with this Oakland-based nonprofit that cultivates respect for nature and the diverse groups who enjoy it through both surf lessons and beach cleanups. browngirlsurf.com

ROOM WITH A VIEW

FIRE TOWER SUITE AT CLOUD CAMP AT BROADMOOR

Colorado Springs, CO

The best vistas require effort, and Cloud Camp, a 9,200-foot elevation wilderness experience from Colorado's historic Broadmoor hotel, is about as off the grid as it gets. Reaching the mountaintop hideaway requires a 3-hour hike, stomach-turning car ride, or retired Grand Canyon mule. For the ultimate view, you'll need to climb 145 more steps to this one-of-a-kind suite, built on the stone foundation of a former fire tower. Wake up in the clouds and take in 360° views of Pikes Peak from the telescope in a dedicated observation room. *From \$1,400, all-inclusive; broadmoor.com/cloud-camp*

EDITOR'S PICK

Best Airport Food Court: The Manufactory Food Hall

San Francisco International Airport
"Opened in January, The Manufactory Food Hall allows travelers to try three of S.F.'s legacy restaurants without leaving the airport. The space offers coffee, breads, and pastries from Tartine Bakery, tacos from Tacos Cala (the team behind Mexico City-inspired Cala), and fried chicken from Kamin (the team behind Michelin-starred Thai restaurant Kin Khao)." —*Maya Wong, assistant editor*

Additional Finalists

HOT HOTELS

Proper Hotels & Residences; Virgin Hotels San Francisco; Hotel Amparo, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico; Thompson Seattle; Vista Collina Resort, Napa; Woodlark, Portland; Timbers Kauai, HI; Terranea Resort, Ranchos Palos Verdes, CA; Palisociety; Ward Village, Honolulu; The Ranch, Malibu; **MacArthur Place, Sonoma; The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas; Lodge at Kukuiaua, Kauai, HI; Snowpine Lodge, Alta, UT; SCP Hotels; Casa Mami, Piedmont, CA; The Ramble, Denver; The Francis House, Calistoga, CA; Eritage Resort, Walla Walla, WA; Atticus Hotel, McMinnville, OR; Gold Diggers, Los Angeles**

ESSENTIAL EATING & DRINKING

Channel Islands Provisioners, CA; Santa Barbara Picnic Co., CA; Jordan Vineyard & Winery, CA; Willamette Valley Vineyards, OR; The Rooftop at Harmon Guest House, CA; Basement Bar at Hoxton Hotel, Portland; Barbershop Cuts & Cocktails at the Cosmopolitan Las Vegas; Raised by Wolves, San Diego; Taub Family Outpost, Sonoma; Dirty Harriet at the Jerome Hotel, Aspen; Porridge & Puffs, Los Angeles

ULTIMATE EXPERIENCES

Spirit of the West Adventures Whales & Wilderness Glamping, B.C.; Camas Prairie Centennial Marsh Wildlife Management Area Super Bloom, Hill City, ID; Hawaiian Tropical Botanical Garden; Colorado riverfront revitalization in Yuma, AZ; Valle de Guadalupe, Mexico; Fly-fishing the North Platte River, Casper, WY; UnCruise Adventures; Denali National Park, AK; Wine tasting in Temecula, CA; Road trip through Southern Idaho; Yosemite National Park, CA. ▲



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