

## Winners of World Travel Awards Africa announced

The World Travel Awards Africa Gala Ceremony 2017 recently took place at the Radisson Blu Hotel & Convention Centre in host city Kigali - alongside the Africa Hotel Investment Forum (AHIF) and AviaDev Africa. The awards ceremony saw Rwanda take top honours as Africa's leading destination.



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Durban was also among the winners. The South African seaside city - which underwent a major makeover in the run-up to the 2010 World Cup, - with a sleek new stadium and a revamped waterfront - was hailed Africa's Leading Meetings and Conference Destination. Meanwhile, Durban International Convention Centre picked up the award for Africa's Leading Meetings and Conference Centre.

Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa was also celebrating after scooping the award for Africa's Leading Hotel Suite and South Africa's Leading Hotel Suite.

Elsewhere Kempinski Hotel Fleuve Congo Kinshasa was voted Democratic Republic of Congo's Leading Hotel and Democratic Republic of Congo's Leading Hotel Suite, while the Radisson Blu Hotel and Convention Centre, Kigali, was presented with the trophies for Africa's Leading Conference Hotel, Rwanda's Leading Conference Hotel and Africa's Leading New Hotel.

In the aviation sector, Kenya Airways was selected by voters as Africa's Leading Airline and Africa's Leading Airline - Business Class, while Cape Town International Airport walked away with the trophy for Africa's Leading Airport.

Winners from the event will go forward to compete in the World Travel Awards Grand Final, this year taking place at the JW Marriott Phu Quoc Emerald Bay Resort & Spa in Vietnam on the evening of 10 December.

## 2018 World Travel Awards Africa Gala Ceremony host revealed

The travel industry's leading awards programme also unveiled the host of the 2018 World Travel Awards Africa Gala Ceremony as the Durban International Convention Centre. Conveniently situated in the heart of South Africa's third largest city, this world-class facility was opened by former president Nelson Mandela in 1997 and has successfully staged some of the world's most prestigious and complex events.

The full list of winners from the World Travel Awards Africa Gala Ceremony.

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