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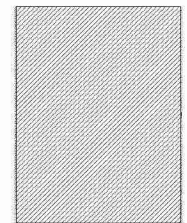
OUR LIST OF THE WORLD'S BEST HOTELS

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MEXICO AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

BARIOLOCHE

● **Liao Liao Hotel & Resort, Golf-Spa** (83.55) 1940 lakeside lodge outfitted with fireplaces and antler chandeliers in the snowcapped Nahuel Huapi mountain range. **800/223-6800 or 54-29/4444-8530; liaollao.com; doubles from \$375.**

BUENOS AIRES

● **Alvear Palace Hotel** (89.22) Stately, French-inspired 1932 building in stylish Recoleta. **1891 Avda. Alvear; 800/223-6800 or 54-11/4808-2100; alvearpalace.com; doubles from \$350.**

● **Caesar Park Buenos Aires** (83.36) 175 rooms and a marble-clad lobby, on a quiet downtown side street. **1232 Posadas; 877/223-7272 or 54-11/4819-1100; caesar-park.com; doubles from \$425.**

NEW **Faena Hotel & Universe** (83.13) Philippe Starck-designed interiors in a century-old grain silo along Puerto Madero and Río de la Plata. **445 Martha Salotti; 800/223-6800 or 54-11/4010-9000; faenahotelanduniverse.com; doubles from \$350.**

● **Four Seasons Hotel** (86.40) 1916 mansion and a modern 13-story tower, connected by French-style gardens. **1086 Posadas; 800/332-3442 or 54-11/4321-1200; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$495.**

No.1 **NEW** **Palacio Duhaupark Hyatt** (94.68) State-of-the-art hotel composed of a restored Belle Époque mansion and a modern addition, with a 700-label wine cellar and an on-site cheese cave. **1661 Avda. Alvear; 800/233-1234 or 54-11/5171-1234; park.hyatt.com; doubles from \$480.**

● **Park Tower, a Luxury Collection Hotel** (84.30) Every guest gets a butler at this downtown mainstay with stellar service. **1193 Avda. Leandro N. Alem; 800/325-3589 or 54-11/4318-9100; luxurycollection.com; doubles from \$315.**

● **Sofitel Buenos Aires** (82.60) Pierre-Yves Rochon-designed rooms in a 1929 Neoclassical high-rise. **841 Arroyo; 800/763-4835 or 54-11/4131-0123; sofitel.com; doubles from \$580.**

BELIZE

AMBERGRIS CAY

● **Victoria House** (85.65) Plantation-style 35-room hotel on an island that's 10 minutes by

boat from the world's second-largest barrier reef. **800/247-5159 or 011-501/226-2067; victoria-house.com; doubles from \$180.**

PLACENCIA

● **Turtle Inn** (85.99) Director Francis Ford Coppola's Balinese-inspired beachfront cottages on the country's southern coast. **800/746-3743 or 011-501/523-3244; coppolareorts.com; doubles from \$375, 2-night minimum.**

SAN IGNACIO

No.1 **Biancaneux Lodge** (88.75) Jungle hideaway—also owned by Coppola—near the Mayan ruins of Caracol. **800/746-3743 or 011-501/824-3878; coppolareorts.com; doubles from \$280, 2-night minimum.**

BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO

● **Copacabana Palace Hotel** (82.85) Recently redecorated French Riviera-style hotel on Rio's most famous beach. **1702 Avda. Atlântica; 800/237-1236 or 55-21/2548-7070; copacabanapalace.com.br; doubles from \$426.**

NEW **JW Marriott Hotel** (84.39) 249-room pink-marble hotel with a rooftop pool across from Copacabana Beach. **2600 Avda. Atlântica; 800/228-9290 or 55-21/2545-6500; marriott.com; doubles from \$368.**

CHILE

PATAGONIA

● **Explora Patagonia** (87.75) Adventure-focused activities (from hiking to horseback riding) at this 50-room lodge in remote Torres del Paine. **866/750-6699 or 011-562/206-6060; explora.com; doubles from \$2,660, all-inclusive, 4-night minimum.**

culinary center offers weekly tequila tastings. **800/241-3333 or 52-998/881-0808; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$469.**

CUERNAVACA

● **Les Mañanitas Hotel, Restaurant, Garden & Spa** (87.08) Colonial hotel with 3 acres of gardens and an art collection that includes works by José Luis Cuevas. **888/413-9199 or 52-777/362-0000; lasmananitas.com.mx; doubles from \$224, all-inclusive.**

GUADALAJARA

NEW **Quinta Real** (82.58) 76 suites in a residential neighborhood set back from the busy streets of Mexico's second-largest city. **2727 Avda. México; 866/621-9288 or 55-33/3669-0600; quintareal.com; doubles from \$214.**

ISLA MUJERES

NEW **Hotel Villa Roland Thalasso Spa Gourmet & Beach Club** (88.33) Waterfront views and a Swiss-Italian restaurant on a 4-mile island off Cancún. **52-998/999-2000; villarolandi.com; doubles from \$438.**

LOS CABOS

● **Esperanza, An Auberge Resort** (93.30) 57 rooms with oversize tubs and handcrafted furniture (plus an infinity pool overlooking a private cove) on the Sea of Cortés. **Punta Ballena; 866/311-2226 or 310/453-6212; esperanzaresort.com; doubles from \$475.**

● **Las Ventanas al Paraíso, A Rosewood Resort** (85.42) Mediterranean-style beachfront resort known for superb service: staffers will plan romantic evenings and even help with wardrobe mishaps. **San José del Cabo; 888/767-3966 or 52-624/144-2800; lasventanas.com; doubles from \$815.**

● **One&Only Palmilla** (84.95) The trappings of a mega-resort (3 restaurants; a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course) with the sensibility of a boutique hotel (butler service; personalized mini-bars). **San José del Cabo; 866/552-0001 or 52-624/146-7000; oneandonlyresorts.com; doubles from \$675.**

NEW **Pueblo Bonito Sunset Beach Resort & Spa** (84.42) Family-friendly all-suite resort on Baja's quiet western coast. **800/990-8250 or 52-624/142-9999; pueblobonito.com; doubles from \$475.**

MEXICO CITY

● **Four Seasons Hotel** (87.71) 240 large rooms in an 8-story colonial-style hacienda. Suites have papier-mâché Mexican sculptures on display. **500 Paseo de la Reforma; 800/332-3442 or 52-55/5230-1818; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$440.**

PUNTA MITA

● **Four Seasons Resort** (83.30) Secluded complex of clay-roof casitas on an isthmus outside Puerto Vallarta. **800/332-3442 or 52-329/291-6000; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$595.**

RIVIERA MAYA

● **Maroma Resort & Spa** (84.33) Cluster of whitewashed, thatched-roof aeries, each with its own terra-cotta terrace. **Quintana Roo; 866/454-9351 or 52-998/872-8200; maromahotel.com; doubles from \$765, including airport transfers.**

No.1 **NEW** **Rosewood Mayakobá** (93.41) The most private of the new hotels in the area, with a spa built around a cenote, a natural limestone pool. **888/767-3966 or 52-984/875-8000; rosewoodhotels.**

com; doubles from \$790.

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

\$ Casa de Sierra Nevada (84.18) 37 rooms (some with stone fireplaces and talavera-tiled bathrooms) are divided among 6 Spanish-colonial mansions. **800/701-1561 or 52-415/152-7040; casadesierranevada.com; doubles from \$250.**

ZIHUATANEJO

● La Casa Que Canta (88.06) 25-room adobe hideaway built into the rocks above Zihuatanejo Bay. **888/523-5050 or 52-755/555-7030; lacasaquecanta.com; doubles from \$490.**

● The Tides (84.51) Recently reopened palm-shrouded villas and palapas designed by Kelly Wearstler; on quiet La Ropa beach. **866/905-9560 or**

52-755/5555-500; tideszihuatanejo.com; doubles from \$500.

PANAMA

PANAMA CITY

\$ Bristol Panama (84.00) In the center of the business district, with a dark-wood bar that serves more than 50 types of rum. **Avda. Aquilino de la Guardia; 800/223-6800 or 011-507/264-0000; thebristol.com; doubles from \$245.**

PERU

CUZCO

● Hotel Monasterio (87.87) A converted 16th-century monastery with Baroque interiors—by far Cuzco's most luxurious hotel. **136 Calle Palacio, Plazoleta Nazarenas; 800/237-1236**

or 51-84/604-000; monasteriohotel.com; doubles from \$528.

MACHU PICCHU

● Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel (87.30) Sustainability-focused Andean-style casitas steps from the ruins of Machu Picchu. **800/442-5042 or 51-1/610-0400; inkaterra.com; doubles from \$498, including breakfast and dinner.**

URUGUAY

CARMELO

● Four Seasons Resort (87.90) Set in a forest along the Río de la Plata and known for its Pan-Asian spa and a championship golf course. **800/332-3442 or 011-598/542-9000; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$410.**

\$ denotes Great Value (room rates of \$250 or less) **NEW** indicates a debut on the T+L 500