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Mexico and Central and South America

ARGENTINA

BARIOLOCHE

Llao Llao Hotel & Resort, Golf-Spa (87.68) 1940 lakeside lodge in the snowcapped Andes. 800/223-6800; llaollao.com.ar; doubles from \$385.

BUENOS AIRES

Alvear Palace Hotel (92.25) French-inspired 1932 building in stylish Recoleta. 1891 Avda. Alvear; 877/457-6315; alvearpalace.com; doubles from \$480, including breakfast.

Four Seasons Hotel (91.00) 1916 mansion and tower, connected by gardens. 1086-1088 Calle Posadas; 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$495.

NEW Hilton (86.44) Business hotel with a rooftop pool, in Puerto Madero. 351 Macacha Gueemes; 800/445-8667; hilton.com; doubles from \$189.

Palacio Duhau - Park Hyatt (92.00) Belle Époque mansion and a 17-story addition, plus a 700-label wine cellar. 1661 Avda. Alvear; 800/223-1234; park.hyatt.com; doubles from \$515.

Park Tower, a Luxury Collection Hotel (86.22) Every guest gets a butler at this downtown mainstay. 1193 Avda. Alem; 800/325-3589; luxurycollection.com; doubles from \$400, including breakfast.

Sofitel Arroyo (87.81) Landmark Neoclassical high-rise (the city's first skyscraper). Art Deco interiors were designed by Pierre-Yves Rochon. 841 Calle Arroyo; 800/763-4835; sofitel.com; doubles from \$510.

BELIZE

PLACENCIA

Turtle Inn (86.29) Director Francis Ford Coppola's Balinese-inspired cottages on the country's only white-sand beach. 800/746-3743; coppolaresorts.com; doubles from \$375, including breakfast.

SAN IGNACIO

Blancaneaux Lodge (92.73) Another Coppola-owned property: 20 cabanas set amid waterfalls near the Mayan ruins of Caracol. 800/746-3743; coppolaresorts.com; doubles from \$280, including breakfast.

CHILE

SANTIAGO

Ritz-Carlton (91.65) 205 rooms in the chic El Golf neighborhood; 3 new restaurants will open this year. 15 Calle El Alcalde; 800/241-3333; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$389, including breakfast.

COSTA RICA

GUANACASTE

Four Seasons Resort at Peninsula Papagayo (88.44) A resort with all the trimmings on a peninsula in a tropical dry forest. 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$695.

ECUADOR

QUITO

JW Marriott Hotel (88.35) Pyramid-shaped hotel with the city's largest heated pool. 1172 Avda. Orellana; 800/228-9290; jwmarriott.com; doubles from \$175.

GUATEMALA

ANTIGUA

Hotel Museo Casa Santo Domingo (90.00) A 16th-century convent turned hotel and colonial-art museum. 502/7820-1222; casasantodomingo.com.gt; doubles from \$210.

MEXICO

ACAPULCO

Las Brisas (89.28) 251 pink-and-white casitas with plunge pools on Acapulco Bay. 5255 Crta. Escénica; 866/427-2779; brisashotelonline.com; doubles from \$295, including breakfast.

CANCÚN

CasaMagna Marriott Resort (87.83) Family-friendly hacienda with 9 restaurants. Km 14.5, Blvd. Kukulcán; 800/228-9290; casamagnacancun.com; doubles from \$179.

Fiesta Americana Grand Coral Beach Resort & Spa (87.20)

Mammoth resort that welcomes an international crowd; the spa opened in July. Km 9.5, Blvd. Kukulcán; 800/223-6800; fiestamericana-grand.com; doubles from \$318.

Hilton Cancún Golf & Spa Resort (87.04) 426-room resort with 7 infinity pools, close to the airport. Km 17, Blvd. Kukulcán; 800/445-8667; hilton.com; doubles from \$239.

Le Méridien Resort & Spa (87.56) A European-style spa is the draw at this 8-story boutique resort. 37-1 Retorno del Rey; 888/624-5144; lemeridien.com; doubles from \$245.

Ritz-Carlton (89.84) 365-room retreat with tequila tastings and salsa lessons. 36 Retorno del Rey; 800/241-3333; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$459.

LOS CABOS

Esperanza, an Auberge Resort (92.91) 57 rooms and an infinity pool overlooking a private cove. Punta Ballena; 866/311-2226; esperanzaresort.com; doubles from \$675, including breakfast.

Las Ventanas al Paraíso, A Rosewood Resort (90.40)

A 71-suite hideaway known for superb service, with views of the Sea of Cortés. San José del Cabo; 888/767-3966; lasventanas.com; doubles from \$815.

NEW Meliá Cabo Real All-Inclusive Beach & Golf Resort (87.29)

Family-friendly hotel on a white-sand beach. San José del Cabo; 866/436-3542; meliacaboreal.com; doubles from \$280, all-inclusive.

One&Only Palmilla (92.69) A large resort with the sensibility of a boutique hotel (butler service; personalized mini-bars) and great food. San José del Cabo; 866/552-0001; oneandonlyresorts.com; doubles from \$675.

Pueblo Bonito Pacifica Resort & Spa (89.52) New adults-only oasis that's illuminated by fire pits come evening. Cabo San Lucas; 800/990-8250; pueblobonito-pacifica.com; doubles from \$375.

MEXICO CITY

Four Seasons Hotel (95.00) A colonial-style hacienda with the city's largest rooms and a fleet of chauffeured vehicles on a historic promenade near museums. 500 Paseo de la Reforma; 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$415.

JW Marriott Hotel (89.14) 26-story business hotel. The outdoor pool deck overlooks Chapultepec Park. 29 Calle Andrés Bello; 800/228-9290; jwmarriott.com; doubles from \$368.

PUNTA MITA

Four Seasons Resort (90.92) 173 rooms on an isthmus near Puerto Vallarta, with a new Asian-inspired restaurant. 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$630.

RIVIERA MAYA

Fairmont Mayakoba (87.20) Guests at the Riviera Maya's first eco-resort look out onto 50 acres of beach, lagoons, and canals. Solidaridad; 800/441-1414; fairmont.com; doubles from \$799.

PERU

CUZCO

Hotel Monasterio (90.88) Converted 16th-century monastery with Cuzqueñan art and Baroque interiors. 136 Calle Palacio, Plazoleta Nazarenas; 800/237-1236; monasteriohotel.com; doubles from \$635, including breakfast.

LIMA

JW Marriott Hotel (89.09) Glass tower just steps from the cliffs of Miraflores. 615 Malecón de la Reserva; 800/228-9290; jwmarriott.com; doubles from \$350.

MACHU PICCHU

Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel (90.69) Terra-cotta-roofed casitas and plunge pools in the cloud forest below Machu Picchu. 800/442-5042; inkaterra.com; doubles from \$498, including breakfast and dinner.

Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge (88.21) A 31-room stone luxury lodge—the only hotel next to the 15th-century Incan site. 800/237-1236; sanctuarylodgetel.com; doubles from \$1,025, all-inclusive.

URUGUAY

CARMELO

Four Seasons Resort (91.53) Nestled among pine and eucalyptus trees, with golf and an Asian-influenced spa. Km 262, Ruta 21; 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$410.

The Caribbean, Bermuda, and the Bahamas

ANGUILLA

Cap Juluca (86.39) This 95-room Greco-Moorish resort underwent a \$22 million renovation 2 years ago. Maundays Bay; 888/858-5822; capjuluca.com; doubles from \$995, including breakfast.

CuisinArt Resort & Spa (86.76) White-washed villas with the island's largest spa. Rendezvous Bay; 800/943-3210; cuisinartresort.com; doubles from \$815.

ANTIGUA

Curtain Bluff Resort (89.33) 1950's beach house and renovated buildings on a rocky outpost. St. John's; 888/289-9898; curtainbluff.com; doubles from \$1,050, all-inclusive.

BAHAMAS

One&Only Ocean Club (89.14) British-colonial plantation with a Jean-Georges Vongerichten restaurant. Paradise Island;