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You, our discerning readers, never cease to inspire us as you travel farther and deeper each year. For the 24th edition of our annual survey, we asked you to rate cities, islands, hotels, airlines, and more. Hundreds of thousands of you answered the call. Cheers to you—and all this year's honorees.

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Mexico and Central and South America Hotels

Whether situated in a city or along the coast, the accommodations that captivated readers draw on rich local heritage to create experiences that connect them to both the land and the people.

TOP 16 MEXICO RESORT HOTELS

1 Resort at Pedregal
Cabo San Lucas
97.51

Cabo San Lucas is as popular as ever—and so is this cliffside haven, where every room has an ocean view.

2 Rosewood Mayakoba
Playa del Carmen
96.89

3 Las Ventanas al Paraíso, a Rosewood Resort
San José del Cabo
96.56

4 Viceroy Riviera Maya
Playa del Carmen
96.00

5 Montage Los Cabos
Cabo San Lucas
95.32

6 Vidanta
Nuevo Vallarta
95.30

7 Unico 20°87' Hotel
Riviera Maya 94.56

8 Chileno Bay Resort, Auberge Resorts Collection
Cabo San Lucas
94.45

9 Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection
Cabo San Lucas
93.99

10 Mahekal Beach Resort
Playa del Carmen
93.82

11 Hyatt Ziva
Cancún 93.69

12 St. Regis Punta Mita Resort
93.56

13 Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay Resort & Spa
Mazatlán 93.28

14 One&Only Palmilla
San José del Cabo
93.26

15 Cala de Mar Resort & Spa
Ixtapa 92.46

TOP 5 MEXICO CITY HOTELS

1 Hotel Matilda
San Miguel de Allende 97.54

This contemporary boutique option forgoes the hacienda style most associate with San Miguel, but it has all the

qualities travelers love about the city—thoughtful design, world-class art, and killer food.

2 St. Regis
Mexico City 92.50

3 Las Alcobas
Mexico City 91.09

4 Belmond Casa de Sierra Nevada
San Miguel de Allende 90.73

5 Rosewood
San Miguel de Allende 90.50

TOP 10 CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA CITY HOTELS

1 Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel
Cuzco, Peru 95.59

From its ideal location—steps from the Temple of the Sun in the center of town—to its magnificent furnishings, this 500-year-old mansion checks every box for travelers visiting Cuzco.

2 Hotel Casa San Agustín
Cartagena,
Colombia 95.03

3 Sofitel Legend Santa Clara
Cartagena,
Colombia 93.82

4 Belmond Palacio Nazarenas
Cuzco, Peru 93.76

5 Casa Gangotena
Quito, Ecuador
92.63

6 The Ritz-Carlton
Santiago,
Chile 92.00

7 Four Seasons Hotel
Bogotá,
Colombia 91.53

8 Belmond Hotel Monasterio
Cuzco, Peru 90.82 ★

9 Hotel B
Lima, Peru 90.80

10 Belmond Copacabana Palace
Rio de Janeiro 90.78

TOP 10 SOUTH AMERICA RESORT HOTELS

1 Tierra Patagonia
Torres del Paine,
Chile 97.65

The Modernist design of this lodge integrates local materials and regional art at every opportunity; the natural setting is dazzling, too.

2 Vines Resort & Spa
Mendoza,
Argentina 97.20

3 Sol y Luna
Sacred Valley,
Peru 96.40

4 Tierra Atacama
San Pedro de Atacama,
Chile 96.00

5 Cavas Wine Lodge
Mendoza,
Argentina 95.26

6 Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa
Sacred Valley,
Peru 94.06

7 Awasi Atacama
San Pedro de Atacama,
Chile 94.00

8 Singular Patagonia
Puerto Bories,
Chile 93.85

9 Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba
Sacred Valley, Peru
93.50

10 Explora Patagonia
Torres del Paine
National Park, Chile
93.20

TOP 5 CENTRAL AMERICA RESORT HOTELS

1 Lapa Rios Lodge
Osa Peninsula,
Costa Rica 97.87

Sustainability is more than a buzzword at this rain-forest sanctum, which offers tours of the more-than-1,000-acre reserve it helps protect.

2 Hacienda AltaGracia, Auberge Resorts Collection
Pérez Zeledón,
Costa Rica 95.62

3 Nayara Gardens
Arenal Volcano
National Park,
Costa Rica 95.51

4 Casa Chameleon at Las Catalinas
Guanacaste,
Costa Rica 95.36

5 Nayara Springs
Arenal Volcano
National Park,
Costa Rica 94.32