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500 WORLD'S BEST HOTELS

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Each year, *Travel + Leisure* asks readers to vote on their favorite hotels around the globe. What makes this, our ninth annual compendium of the top-ranked hotels from the World's Best Awards survey, stand out? Almost half of the winners are located in the U.S. and Canada, and another 20 percent are in Europe. Meanwhile, some of the most iconic destinations—California, Florida, Italy, France, and China—have 135 properties among them, and 62 hotels offer rates of less than \$250 a night. Also at your fingertips: our picks of the best farm-to-table restaurants, pools, tech amenities, and more. Plus, you'll find extended listings at TravelandLeisure.com, and—drumroll, please—the T+L 500 iPad edition, complete with interactive bonus features, will be on the App Store in January. So you can pinpoint your next hotel even if you're on the road.

Mexico and Central and South America

ARGENTINA

BARILOCHE

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 Guemes; 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; coppolareorts.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; coppolareorts.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; fiestamericanagrand.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 Cuzqueñian 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;