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THE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS 2018

*The No. 1 Hotel
in the World. Turn
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out what it is.*


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THE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS



Who gets to decide which travel experiences, destinations, and companies are truly superlative? You do. Every year, we ask the T+L audience to rate airlines, cruise ships, cities, islands, hotels, and more from their recent travels. The results are a picture of the very best in travel now. For this, our 23rd edition of the World's Best Awards, hundreds of thousands of readers took part in selecting the winners. As always, they surprised us—and inspired some serious wanderlust.

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OPEN THE GATEFOLD FOR OUR MAP OF THE NO. 1 HOTELS IN 98 CITIES 

Mexico & Central & South America

Peru had a strong showing this year, with a combined total of nine city and resort hotels ranking among the World's Best.

More than a million visitors a year take in the colonial architecture of Cuzco, the gateway to Machu Picchu.



WINNER SPOTLIGHT

A PERFECT DAY IN SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE



For the second year in a row, this colonial city was voted the best in the world. San Miguel's compact size means you can pack in a lot, even within the course of a single day. Check in to the **Rosewood San Miguel de Allende** (rosewoodhotels.com; doubles from \$430), a quick walk from the main square. El Jardín, and voted the No. 1 city hotel in Mexico. The 67 rooms are spacious, with such atmospheric details as exposed-beam ceilings and hand-carved furniture; don't miss sunset cocktails at the Luna Rooftop Tapas Bar. Across the way is the **Historical Museum of San Miguel de Allende** (casadeallende.inah.gob.mx), where you can get acquainted with the city's past. When hunger strikes, grab a terrace seat at nearby **Atrio** (3 Cuna de Allende; 52-415-688-1405; entrées \$5-\$30) for a lunch of soft-shell-crab tacos. From there, it's about a 15-minute cab ride to **Fábrica La Aurora** (fabricaaurora.com), a former fabric mill that now houses 50-plus galleries, studios, and antiques shops. Come dinnertime, head to **Trazo 1810** at Casa 1810 Hotel Boutique (casa1810.com; entrées \$7-\$22), where chef Alan Carias mixes the flavors of Mexico, the Mediterranean, and Asia. Ready for a nightcap? A block away, the candlelit **La Mezcalería** (47A Calle de Correo; 52-415-121-5354) is a go-to for small-batch mezcals and cucumber-and-cilantro margaritas.

TOP 5

CITIES CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **Cuzco**
Peru 85.29
- 2 **Rio de Janeiro**
82.60
- 3 **Antigua**
Guatemala 82.49
- 4 **Buenos Aires**
81.22
- 5 **Bogotá** Colombia
80.49

TOP 5

CITIES MEXICO

- 1 **San Miguel de Allende** 91.94
- 2 **Oaxaca** 90.52
- 3 **Mexico City** 87.65
- 4 **Mérida** 85.81
- 5 **Guadalajara** 84.56

TOP 5

CITY HOTELS MEXICO

- 1 **Rosewood San Miguel de Allende** 95.36
- 2 **St. Regis**
Mexico City 93.33
- 3 **Four Seasons Hotel** Mexico City 91.33
- 4 **Belmond Casa de Sierra Nevada**
San Miguel de Allende 89.17
- 5 **W** Mexico City 88.91

TOP 5

ISLANDS MEXICO & CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **Galápagos Islands**
Ecuador 88.53
- 2 **Easter Island**
Chile 86.67
- 3 **Isla Mujeres**
Mexico 83.00
- 4 **Caye Caulker**
Belize 82.86
- 5 **Ambergris Caye**
Belize 80.38

TOP 10

RESORT HOTELS MEXICO

- 1 **Viceroy Riviera Maya** Playa del Carmen 96.44
- 2 **Cala de Mar Resort & Spa** Ixtapa 96.11
- 3 **Resort at Pedregal**
Cabo San Lucas 96.00
- 4 **Las Ventanas al Paraíso, a Rosewood Resort**
San José del Cabo 95.60
- 5 **Banyan Tree Cabo Marqués**
Acapulco 95.20
- 6 **Nizuc Resort & Spa**
Cancún 95.00
- 7 **Chileno Bay Resort, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Cabo San Lucas 94.82
- 8 **Rosewood Mayakoba** Playa del Carmen 94.80
- 9 **Esperanza, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Cabo San Lucas 94.33
- 10 **One & Only Palmilla**
San José del Cabo 93.35

TOP 10

CITY HOTELS CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **Inkaterra La Casona**
Cuzco, Peru 97.87
- 2 **Sofitel Legend Santa Clara**
Cartagena, Colombia 93.28
- 3 **Palacio del Inka, a Luxury Collection Hotel** Cuzco, Peru 92.79
- 4 **Hotel Casa San Agustín**
Cartagena, Colombia 92.62
- 5 **JW Marriott El Convento**
Cuzco, Peru 92.00
- 6 **Belmond Copacabana Palace**
Rio de Janeiro 91.56
- 7 **Belmond Hotel Monasterio**
Cuzco, Peru 91.30
- 8 **Algodon Mansion**
Buenos Aires 91.20
- 8 **Hotel B**
Lima, Peru 91.20
- 10 **Casa Gangotena**
Quito, Ecuador 90.71

TOP 5

RESORT HOTELS CENTRAL AMERICA

- 1 **Nayara Springs Arenal Volcano National Park**,
Costa Rica 97.04
- 2 **Rancho Santana**
Rivas, Nicaragua 95.74
- 3 **Nayara Resort, Spa & Gardens**
Arenal Volcano National Park,
Costa Rica 95.35
- 4 **Hacienda AltaGracia, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Pérez Zeledón,
Costa Rica 95.20
- 5 **Mukul, Auberge Resorts Collection**
Rivas, Nicaragua 93.05

TOP 10

RESORT HOTELS SOUTH AMERICA

- 1 **Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa**
Torres del Paine,
Chile 97.38
- 2 **Inkaterra Hacienda Urubamba**
Sacred Valley, Peru 96.84
- 3 **Eolo - Patagonia's Spirit**
El Calafate,
Argentina 96.71
- 4 **Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa**
Sacred Valley, Peru 95.88
- 5 **Cavas Wine Lodge**
Mendoza,
Argentina 95.73
- 6 **Singular Patagonia**
Puerto Bories,
Chile 95.11
- 7 **Soly Luna**
Sacred Valley, Peru 94.40
- 8 **Vines Resort & Spa**
Mendoza, Argentina 93.22
- 9 **Sumaq Machu Picchu Hotel**
Peru 93.07
- 10 **Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa**
San Pedro de Atacama, Chile 92.83