

THE WORLD'S BEST AWARDS



THE TOP CITIES, HOTELS, CRUISE LINES,
DESTINATION SPAS, AIRLINES, TOUR COMPANIES,
AND MORE, AS DETERMINED
BY OUR VERY DISCERNING READERS.



► Who's to judge? You are.

Every year T+L asks readers to dish on their travel experiences—to share their opinions on everything from Southern cities to Asian islands, all-inclusive beach resorts to hilltop palazzos. Those assessments collectively define excellence in travel today, forming the basis of the World's Best Awards.

This year's edition marks the biggest World's Best Awards ever. We counted a record number of votes—more than 200,000 respondents submitted ratings—added dozens of new categories, and saw a heap of new players make the lists. (For more details on how the awards work, turn to page 81.) Kudos to all the winners, and thanks to you.

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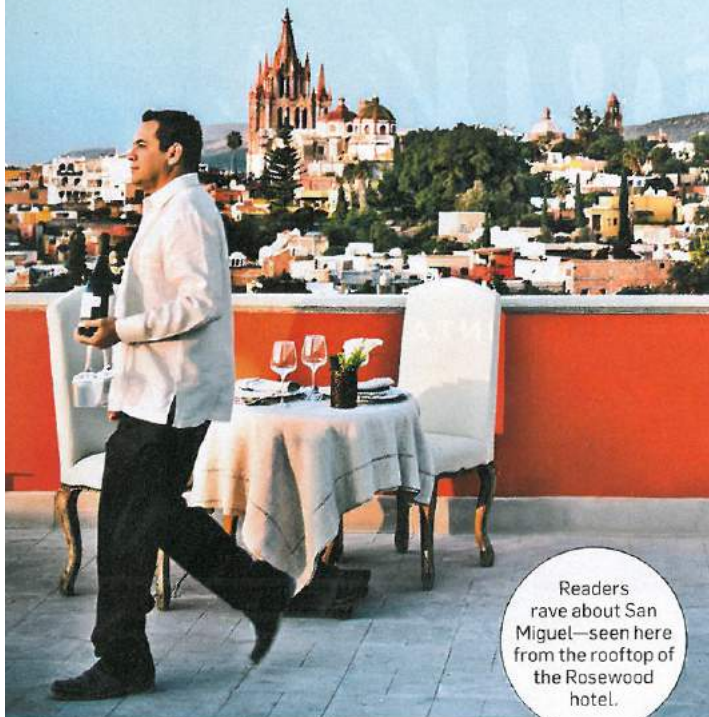
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the No. 1 hotels in 86 cities



WORLD'S BEST

Mexico & Central & South America

THE GALÁPAGOS WINS BEST ISLAND FOR THE 13TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR.



Readers rave about San Miguel—seen here from the rooftop of the Rosewood hotel.

WINNER'S CIRCLE

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

San Miguel de Allende is known for its colonial churches and charming hotels—but not for modern sizzle. Now an intriguing food scene is changing that, led by Enrique Olvera's globally inspired hot spot Moxi. In April, French-Canadian expat Gilles Vachon opened Mon Bistro, which offers beef bourguignon, coq au vin, and live music. Mercado Centro is a grown-up food court—there are lamb meatballs at Los Meatballs and chicken potpies and pulled-pork sandwiches at Soul Kitchen. The new La Galería is reminiscent of a 1940s music club; Spanish bites are served alongside cocktails like the signature La Galería, with vanilla-infused tequila and pineapple juice, delivered flaming.



TOP 10

Cities

- 1 San Miguel de Allende Mexico 91.19
- 2 Cuzco Peru 88.96
- 3 Oaxaca Mexico 88.56
- 4 Mexico City 86.63
- 5 Mérida Mexico 86.29
- 6 Antigua Guatemala 85.92
- 7 Mendoza Argentina 85.37
- 8 Guadalupe Mexico 85.30
- 9 Bogotá Colombia 82.79
- 10 Buenos Aires 82.72

TOP 3

Islands

- 1 Galápagos Islands Ecuador 87.42
- 2 Isla Mujeres Mexico 83.44
- 3 Easter Island Chile 82.74

TOP 3

City Hotels Mexico

- 1 St. Regis Mexico City 92.54
- 2 Las Alcobas, a Luxury Collection Hotel Mexico City 91.20
- 3 Four Seasons Hotel Mexico City 89.90

TOP 10

City Hotels Central & South America

- 1 Casa Gangotena Quito, Ecuador 97.20
- 2 Hotel B Lima, Peru 94.46
- 3 Alvear Palace Hotel Buenos Aires 94.40
- 4 Alvear Art Hotel Buenos Aires 93.21
- 5 Belmond Palacio Nazarenas Cuzco, Peru 93.12
- 6 JW Marriott El Convento Cuzco, Peru 92.91
- 7 Belmond Hotel Monasterio Cuzco, Peru 91.26
- 8 Belmond Copacabana Palace Rio de Janeiro 91.15
- 9 Four Seasons Hotel Buenos Aires 90.71
- 10 Inkaterra La Casona Cuzco, Peru 90.67

TOP 5

Resort Hotels South America

- 1 Singular Patagonia Puerto Bories, Chile 97.14
- 2 Cavas Wine Lodge Mendoza, Argentina 96.99
- 3 Sol y Luna Sacred Valley, Peru 96.36
- 4 Tambo del Inka, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa Sacred Valley, Peru 95.11
- 5 Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa Torres del Paine National Park, Chile 93.44

TOP 5

Resort Hotels Central America

- 1 Nayara Springs Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 96.36
- 2 Nayara Hotel, Spa & Gardens Arenal Volcano National Park, Costa Rica 95.91
- 3 Matachica Resort & Spa Ambergris Cay, Belize 93.78
- 3 Casa Palopó Atitlán, Guatemala 93.78
- 5 Turtle Inn Placencia, Belize 92.79

TOP 10

Resort Hotels Mexico

- 1 Rosewood Mayakoba Playa del Carmen 96.39
- 2 Las Ventanas al Paraíso, A Rosewood Resort San José del Cabo 95.81
- 3 Zamas Hotel Tulum 95.49
- 4 La Casa Que Canta Zihuatanejo 94.96
- 5 Resort at Pedregal Cabo San Lucas 94.52
- 6 One & Only Palmilla Los Cabos 94.14
- 7 Rosewood San Miguel de Allende 94.12
- 8 Grand Velas Riviera Maya Playa del Carmen 93.73
- 9 Mahekal Beach Resort Playa del Carmen 93.58
- 10 Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita 93.56