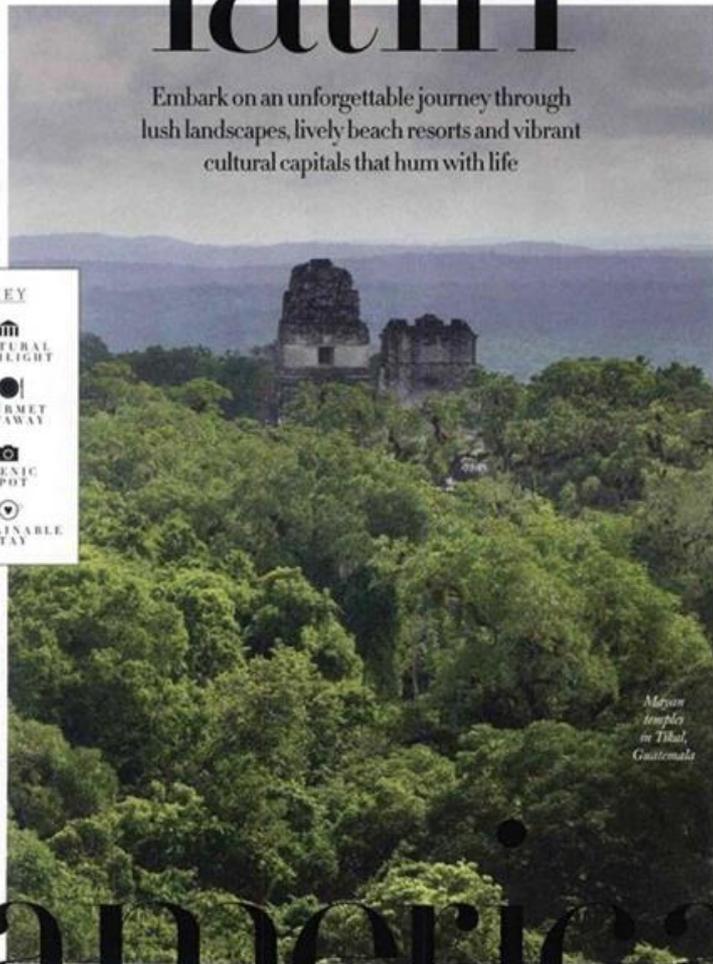


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Embark on an unforgettable journey through lush landscapes, lively beach resorts and vibrant cultural capitals that hum with life



*Mayan
temples
in Tikal,
Guatemala*

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Above and right: *La Valise*. Bottom: *Eteréo*



Flamboyant carnival parades, ancient Mayan citadels cloaked in jungle and vast stretches of picture-perfect palm-fringed beaches: these are just a few of the extraordinary sights Latin America has to offer. Today, they are increasingly within our reach, thanks to an excellent network of flight connections and well-paved roads that enable travellers to explore the remotest regions of Patagonia or venture deep into the Amazon rainforest. Cutting-edge hotels are springing up in scenic locations – Explora's new property (www.explora.com) in Argentina's Los Glaciares National Park is a prime example – and there's a wider range of experiences to try than ever: learn to prepare traditional Peruvian dishes at a cookery school in Lima, take part in Mexico's vibrant Day of the Dead celebrations or contribute to wildlife-conservation projects. One thing is certain: a trip to Latin America will capture your heart. *Sarah Bradley*



MEXICAN MARVELS Riviera Maya

Three incredible properties along Mexico's sun-soaked Riviera Maya are giving travellers the opportunity to see the best of this remarkable coastline. After flying into Cancún, head straight to the just-opened Eteréo, Auberge Resorts Collection, a homage to Mexican art and craftsmanship, with a unique wellness programme that features aerial yoga, detoxifying Mayan clay wraps and crystal healing. Next up is the legendary Hotel Esencia, once the private home of an Italian duchess, and now transformed into a chic boutique hotel with two swimming pools and a glorious sense of old-school glamour. An exceptional Japanese restaurant, Taiyo, joins the hotel's Beef Bar outpost and the seafood grill Mistura. Lastly, journey south to Tulum, where the boho-chic *La Valise* and its sister property Nest prove the perfect bases for exploring the beach town's boutiques and eateries.

www.aubgereresorts.com;
www.hotelesencia.com; www.lavalise.com





*Left and below:
Hotel Esencia.
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Posada Ayana*



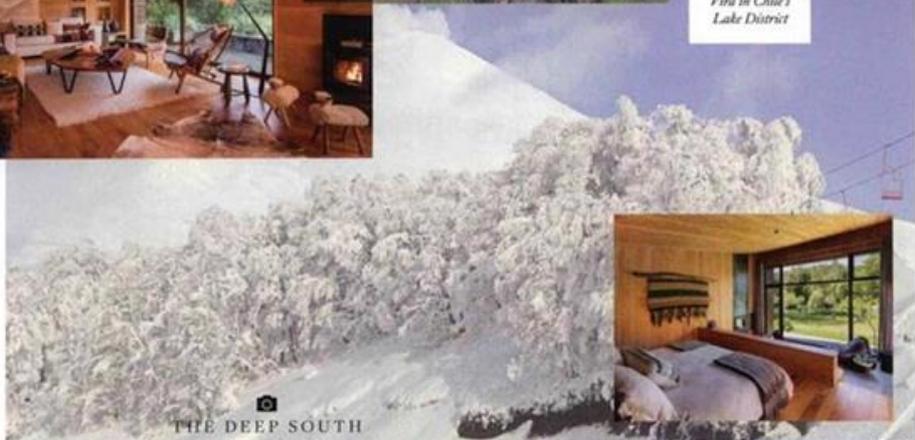
CELESTIAL BLISS
Posada Ayana, Uruguay

A family-run retreat near Uruguay's fashionable beach resort of José Ignacio, Posada Ayana has a 16-metre saltwater infinity pool, a charming outdoor terrace and 17 guestrooms decorated with vintage furniture. The B&B is just steps away from the Ta Khut Skyspace, an ethereal structure by the American artist James Turrell that has to be seen to be believed.

www.posada-ayana.com



*Above:
Rosewood São
Paulo. Far left
and below:
Hotel Viru
Viru in Chile's
Lake District*

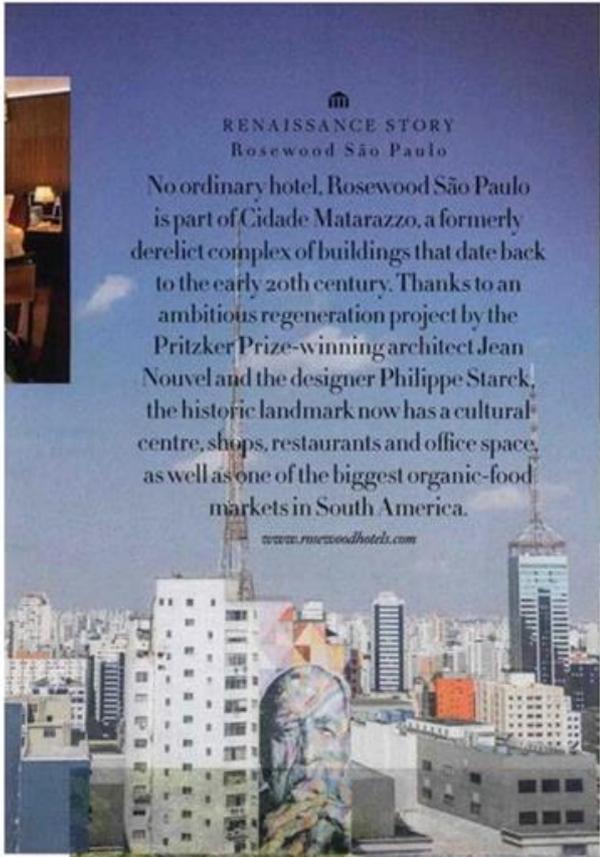


THE DEEP SOUTH
South America Impact
Journey, AndBeyond

The 14-day South America Impact Journey from AndBeyond starts with a visit to a pioneering jaguar-conservation enterprise, followed by a chance to explore the magnificent mountains, bright blue icebergs and vast grasslands of Torres Del Paine National Park. Finally, in Chile's Lake District, meet the Mapuche community and experience their traditional cuisine.

www.andbeyond.com





RENAISSANCE STORY
Rosewood São Paulo

No ordinary hotel. Rosewood São Paulo is part of Cidade Matarazzo, a formerly derelict complex of buildings that date back to the early 20th century. Thanks to an ambitious regeneration project by the Pritzker Prize-winning architect Jean Nouvel and the designer Philippe Starck, the historic landmark now has a cultural centre, shops, restaurants and office space, as well as one of the biggest organic-food markets in South America.

www.rosewoodhotels.com



Above and right: Florblanca. Bottom left: El Silencio Lodge & Spa



GREEN PEACE
Costa Rica

Thanks to its efforts to reverse environmental damage and develop in a sustainable manner, Costa Rica took a winning share in the inaugural Earthshot Prize, presented by the Royal Foundation. Travel into the heart of the cloud forest and stay at El Silencio Lodge & Spa, which offers outdoor hot tubs and the chance to hike among hummingbirds and swim in waterfalls; or relax on the beach at Florblanca resort in Santa Teresa, a bustling surfing town where Gisele Bündchen and Tom Brady have a house. www.elsilenciolodge.com; www.florblanca.com. Tui flies to Costa Rica's Liberia Airport from London Gatwick every Wednesday; return tickets, from £833 a person (www.tui.com).

