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The Best Places to Go 2024: 23 Editor-Recommended Hotels

From boutique hotels to regenerative wellness retreats and safari wilderness treks, here's where to stay when visiting one of *Traveler's* Best Places to Go.

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Though we're well into the new year, travel is ramping up more than ever as we power through the hot summer months and get ready for fall getaways and winter celebrations. To help guide your travels, we released our annual list of the [Best Places to Go](#) at the end of last year. The list is extensively curated by our editors and contributors; in it, we highlight destinations that we believe travelers—and our team—should have on their radar.

To be considered a “Best Place to Go,” we often look to the changes and developments happening in the hospitality world: new hotel and museum openings, renovated spas, more direct flight routes, and innovative





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Casco Viejo is the historic and walkable heart of [Panama City](#)'s nightlife scene for visitors and tourists alike, so for those in-the-know it may come as no surprise that Sofitel's sixth Legend property in the world came to town in early 2022. The brand has garnered a loyal following by preserving famed addresses and transforming them into luxe cultural getaways true to the history of a place. This one, a former social club, fuses the country's Spanish- and French-colonial pasts (France tried and failed to build the Panama Canal here before its U.S. completion) to a truly show-stopping and high-design renovation that stays true to the building's original French-colonial architecture. Rooms range from 375-square-foot superior level options to spacious suites with large sitting balconies—and 87 percent of rooms have an ocean view. All floors except the bottom level have balconies, which make for in-room breakfasts with an incredible view of the cityscape and adjacent historic district. —*Shannon McMabon*

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Titilaka is a decadent retreat on the shores of ocean-like Lake Titicaca—where days are spent leisurely navigating the sacred body of water, and evenings play host to sundowners and quiet nights by the fire. The hotel is surrounded by a small agricultural community, livestock, rolling landscapes, and not much else. You're here to be here! Attentive and ever-helpful, you'll miss the staff when you leave, particularly the guides who feel like old friends after just a day of excursions together. The guests here, in their North Face vests, just-bought baby alpaca sweaters, and wide-brimmed hats, are ready to soak it all up—then toast their adventures over a well-earned glass of Malbec and lake-sourced trout crudos on the patio. —*Megan Spurrell*

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each other in the wood-fired sauna and ice bath. Up in the distance, overlooking the property, a monolithic slab of concrete has been chiseled into the Pool Club, where sunbaking and lazy laps to a background of funky jazz and tequila are the order of the day. —*Chloe Sachdev*

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There are a staggering 588 rooms, including 162 long-term studios and speciality suites equipped with kitchen—making this the largest W Hotel in the world, with a price tag of one billion Australian dollar. Each room reflects the color of the Darling Harbour marina in electric cobalt blue, some with giant wave murals on the walls, others with blue and white nautical stripes, and all with roomy walk-in magenta wardrobes, shiny metallic minibar cabinets (with pre-batched cocktails by acclaimed cocktail bar Maybe Sammy), and playful touches like giant floral sharks on beds. The W is part of the already iconic Ribbon building, inside, geometric lights, metallic surfaces, and bright pops of color make it feel like a high-shine hive of activity, from the lobby Living Room bar to the rooftop Wet Deck infinity pool. Wrapped in skyscrapers and twin flyovers, you're given wide-screen views of Sydney's urban sprawl and are very much part of the thrum of the city. —*Chloe Sachdev*

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