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PIKAIA LODGE

Santa Cruz Island, Galápagos, Ecuador | 593 4371 1670

In general, if you want to visit the Galapagos Islands, you have to be prepared to live on a boat while you sail around to see the region's incredible treasures—either a giant cruise ship, or a smaller yacht. Understandably, there's minimal infrastructure in this ecologically-imperiled region, which makes this environmentally-conscious arrival on Santa Cruz Island particularly special. Every day, you'll set out for naturalist-led excursions, either on Pikaia's yacht, or by land, and then return to the resort at night, where you'll find a pool, a spa, and a handful of restaurants to choose from. While the lodge invites kids ages 12-and-up, they'll likely make exceptions if you have a curious young one on your hands, as long as they're aware that the days are long (and start early). It's essentially akin to being on safari.



SOL Y LUNA

Fundo Huinco Iote A-5, Urubamba, Cusco | 51 84 201620

Right in the middle of the breathtaking Sacred Valley of the Incas lies the Sol y Luna lodge, a collection of color-happy luxury casitas spread out over beautiful gardens peppered with exquisite flowerbeds. We're told this is the ideal base from which to go riding (on Peruvian Paso horses from the hotel's own stables), river rafting, trekking, or just simply wandering around the endless Inca ruins and villages dotted about. The Killa Wasi restaurant specializes in authentic Peruvian cuisine reimagined by Executive Chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffin using only the freshest, tastiest locally sourced ingredients.



HOTEL MONASTERIO

Calle Palacio 136, Plazoleta Nazarenas, Cuzco, Peru | 51 84 60 4000

This national monument—dating back to 1592—is now a Belmond hotel, meaning that there's nothing to it that really resembles its former life as a monastery. Opulent fabrics, plenty of art, and stone walls make this a lavish stay, though the whole idea of a visit to the area is to get out. Besides visiting Machu Picchu, the hotel can arrange any number of activities, from white water rafting to cooking classes. (Peru is a hotbed of culinary activity, after all.)



PALACIO NAZARENAS

Plaza Nazarenas 144, Cusco, Peru | 51 84 58 2222

This brand-spanking new, Belmond-owned hotel in Cusco can proudly say it has the only outdoor swimming pool in all the land (heated, of course) and, with the building having been so beautifully restored from the Colonial palace and convent it once was, you can relax in luxury. Private butlers are available at the touch of a button through each room's souped-up iPad. Those suffering from altitude sickness (Cusco soars a head-spinning 11,152 feet above sea level) can request their rooms be pumped with extra oxygen or gently scented with Andean flowers and herbs which are believed to wield healing powers. The property is walking distance to the main square of the city, which is rife with up-and-coming restaurants, museums, and inviting little shops.



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AMANYARA

Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands | 649.941.8133

This might just be the most stunning stretch of sand—coupled with a warm, cerulean sea—in the world. The fact that it's an Aman just makes it even better. Like all its counterparts around the world, the resort essentially disappears into the surroundings, but in the most luxurious way. For one, it's set far away from the (very busy) Eastern part of the island. And for two, the rooms are simple and pristine. Besides a great spa and excellent food, there's tennis, reef diving, and plenty of other thrills to fill the days.



THE FAIRMONT, SOUTHAMPTON

101 S. Shore Rd., Bermuda | 441.238.8000

The main building could use a bit of sprucing up, but the resort is one of the largest, most-inclusive on the island and a reliable full-service option for families. (It's also just two hours from New York.) There's a big focus here on kids activities and golf, and the course is pretty immaculate, with views of the water and towering coconut palms overhead. The rooms are standard and comfortable with balconies overlooking the beach and mellow, tropical patterns throughout.



SUGAR BEACH

Val des Pitons, Soufriere, Saint Lucia West Indies | 800.235.4300

Each room has a private plunge pool, if you're feel too lazy to wander down to the Caribbean, but should you make the effort, it's one of those resorts where the main activity is ordering pifia colodas to your beach chair while taking in the epic view. Kids love it here: There's sailing, snorkeling, zip lining, and ATV-ing, plus a Sugar Club (and Spice Club, for teens), which puts on treasure hunts, sand castle building, and coconut bowling.



THE ST. REGIS BAHIA BEACH RESORT

State Road, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico | 787.899.8000

Despite the name, the tropical rainforest this resort is set inside is the bigger draw. This is a place to come if you're into guided tours through the forest led by local marine biologists, a bird sanctuary, bike paths, etc. Kids can hang out in the Iguana Club if they don't want to trek. It has all the upscale amenities you'd expect from a St. Regis property, including their signature butler service (they unpack your bags), a Remède Spa, an oceanfront golf course, and good food.