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From amenity-packed resorts in Playa Del Carmen and Miami to a classic Canadian castle in Saskatoon, these three properties are perfect for anyone who loves a room with a view.



LAID-BACK BLISS

**ROYAL HIDEAWAY PLAYACAR BY
OCCIDENTAL HOTELS & RESORTS**
Playa del Carmen, Mexico

"I love my job!" proclaims flirty staff member Elvis as he leads guests through a water aerobics class at this adults-only all-inclusive resort.

It's no wonder: with just 200 rooms, the boutique property welcomes a chilled-out clientele who can alternate their time between a swath of pretty beach and seemingly endless on-site amenities, including six swimming pools, a dive centre, a full-service spa and tennis courts.

Guest rooms and suites in small villas feature private concierges, ubiquitous WiFi and furnished terraces and balconies.

But it's the food that truly impresses: six bars and six à la carte restaurants with quality top of mind, from the upscale breakfast buffet at Spices to the custom four-course dinners at Club Royale—and, of course, beachside service from your lounge chair. Rates from US\$480 per night. (occidentalhotels.com) —*Kat Tancock*



MODERN HISTORY

DELTA BESSBOROUGH
Saskatoon, Sask.

History meets luxury at the Delta Bessborough in downtown Saskatoon. Set along the banks of the South Saskatchewan River and overlooking the Meewasin Valley, this stunner was considered the most modern grand railway hotel of its time when it opened in 1935. Today it maintains its reputation with 225 remodelled rooms and suites that marry traditional with contemporary design. Original features include the bathroom tile floors and the pillow-top hotel crest, while modern touches include a SmartDesk work area with docking stations.

During your stay, revel in a hot stone massage or Vichy Shower treatment at the hotel's Damarra Day Spa, or dine on high-quality sushi at The Samurai Japanese Restaurant, a popular spot for locals. Later, grab a nightcap at Stovin's Lounge beside the lobby (named after the hotel's first-ever guest). Rates from \$159. (deltahotels.com) —*Alyssa Quirico*

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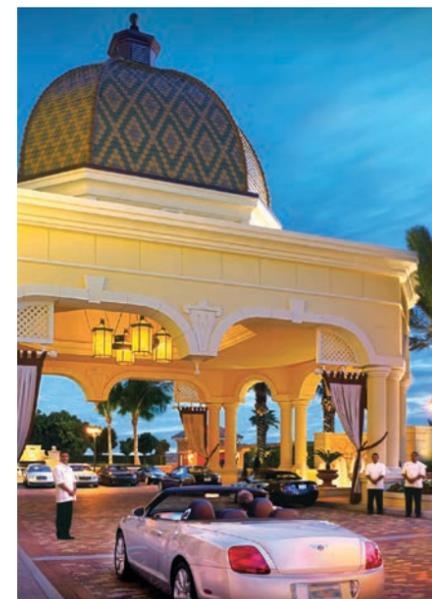
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ACQUALINA RESORT & SPA
Miami, Fla.

Don't be intimidated by the fleet of Rolls-Royces and Lamborghinis parked out front—at this five-star, seaside haven you'll receive the same friendly, champagne welcome no matter what sort of car you drive up in.

Located on a long stretch of beach in Miami's scenic Sunny Isles Beach neighbourhood, Acqualina is a place where guests get to live large—from the 750-square-foot standard guest rooms with oversized balconies to the two-story, 20,000-square-foot spa complete with a heated jet pool, Finnish sauna, crystal steam room and Roman waterfall.

The resort also offers world-class dining, four swimming pools and a cool, complimentary marine-biology program for kids. The best part? From now until Dec. 18, Canadian guests can enjoy up to 30 per cent savings on travel bookings. Rates from US\$525.

(acqualinaresort.com) —*Amber Gibson*

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