

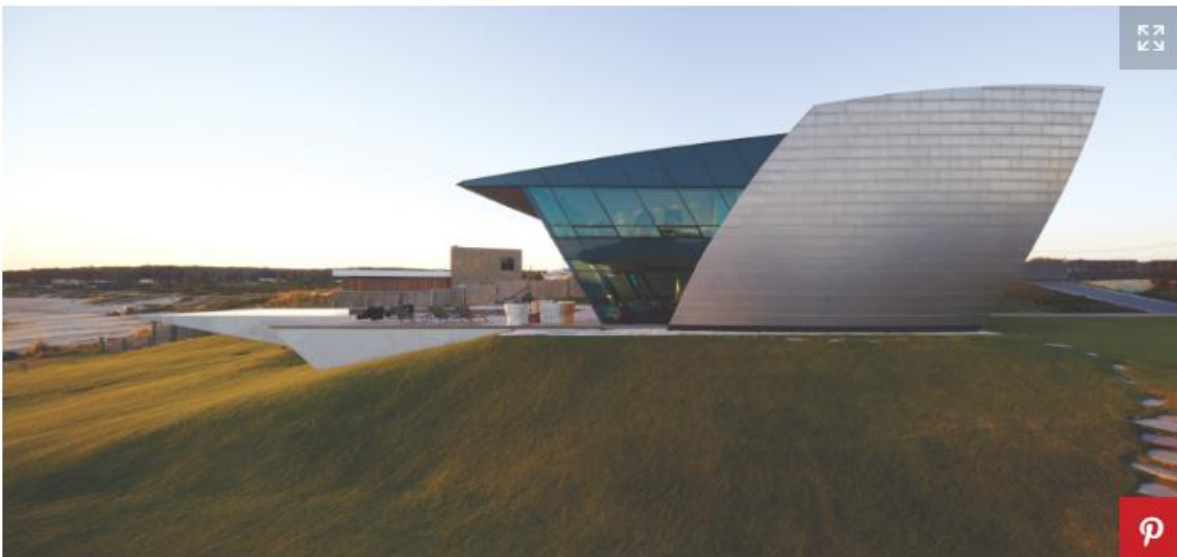
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#THELIST: THE 25 BEST HOTELS IN THE WORLD

*Tom Marchant, founder of Black Tomato, shared his favorite properties exclusively with BAZAAR.com. Tom Marchant is the founder of luxury travel company and trip planner, **Black Tomato**, which delivers luxe experiences around the world via inspiring itineraries and access to the globe's up-and-coming, remote destinations. Marchant's finger on the pulse of travel trends and the world's best in hotels, restaurants, destinations and honeymoons is unique and incomparable—and he's sharing his expertise and curated lists of where to visit, stay, eat and more with BAZAAR.com. Here, his hit list for the chicest and most luxe hotels across the globe.*

There's nothing quite as rewarding as truly getting away, retreating from your day-to-day and getting lost in the magic of a destination. Hotels are instrumental in shaping our overall travel experiences, and an exceptional hotel can foster a nostalgia that forever ties you to a place at a particular moment in time. The world's best hotels are more than places to retreat at night—they're at the very core of the monumental trips that forever impact our lives, shaping who we are, who we want to be and where our journey takes us. This year, these are the 25 best hotels in the world.

I *Playa Vik: Jose Ignacio, Uruguay*



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The **South American** contemporary hotel is a piece of art itself, beyond the gorgeous works it houses. The attention to detail is impeccable and the collection of contemporary Uruguayan and international art dotted throughout Playa Vik and its six guest rooms ensures that the each room is even more exciting than the last. The central building of Playa Vik is aptly nicknamed 'The Sculpture' for its gravity-defying structure comprising titanium and floor-to-ceiling glass that captures Jose Ignacio's magnificent coastline. The Uruguayan sunset mirrors off of the surface of the black granite infinity pool, which upon nightfall, glistens with a fibre optic map of the night sky.

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