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The Avenida Alvear  
entrance to Palacio  
Duhaú - Park Hyatt,  
in Buenos Aires.

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# WORLD'S BEST AWARDS

Every year, we ask T+L readers to tell us which hotels, destinations, and companies represent the very best in travel, and for our 17th annual compendium, the roster of winners is bigger and better than ever. We've added new and expanded categories; highlighted the newcomers, great value options, and editors' picks; and, for the first time, recognized the 97 Hall of Fame winners that have been on the list for a solid decade.

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PALACIO DUHAU -  
PARK HYATT

NO. 1 CITY HOTEL  
CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA

Turn the page and open the flaps for your 2012 World's Best Awards winners. →

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## Top Safari Outfitters

1. Micato Safaris 97.97 
2. Africa Adventure Company 97.09 
3. African Travel 95.00
4. Ker & Downey 94.45
5. &Beyond 92.98

## Top Tour Operators

1. Row Adventures 97.97 
2. Austin-Lehman Adventures 97.00
3. VBT Bicycling & Walking Vacations 95.36
4. Butterfield & Robinson 94.83
5. Odysseys Unlimited 94.19



## Top Airlines

### DOMESTIC

1. Virgin America 85.53
2. JetBlue Airways 80.40 
3. Hawaiian Airlines 77.53 
4. Southwest Airlines 77.18 
5. Frontier Airlines 74.90 

### INTERNATIONAL

1. Singapore Airlines 91.33 
2. Air New Zealand 87.63
3. Emirates 86.88
4. Korean Air 85.97
5. Cathay Pacific Airways 85.86 
6. Asiana Airlines 85.59
7. Qatar Airways 84.93
8. Virgin Atlantic Airways 83.80 
9. Thai Airways International 83.25 
10. Eva Air 83.00

-  World's Best debut  
 Hall of Fame

Rafting the Salmon River in Idaho with Row Adventures.

ROW ADVENTURES

NO. 1 TOUR OPERATOR