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THE KEY

111 SMALL HOTELS AROUND THE WORLD



**CASA ZINC/
POSADA**

Uruguay

The reception area,
where guests
can have homemade
breakfast



**QUINTA
MACONDA**

Guatemala
The garden

make are when to take the handcrafted boat out for a jaunt, which of the 14 UNESCO World Heritage site churches to visit, at what stall to purchase booties handmade of the purest alpaca. Back at the lodge, fires crackle, fresh salmon is thrown on the grill and glasses of Carménère are poured. The little boats, beached as the tide goes out, are framed like postcards from the picture window. And at last, refuge is found. Rooms start at \$1,060; San José Playa; 56-65/277-2080; refugia.cl.

COLOMBIA

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TCHERASSI HOTEL & SPA

◆ Cartagena

Fashion designer Silvia Tcherassi knows how to make a statement. Enter through the gilded gate to her restored 250-year-old mansion and you're met with a living wall growing some 3,000 plants. She's sprinkled her refined taste throughout the hotel, in the heart of Cartagena's old city, decorating each of the seven rooms with custom fabrics and giving them names familiar to those who know her collections. In the Organdie Room, a lace lamp shade offsets unfinished stone walls; in Mousseline, a duvet woven out of gold clothing labels adorns the wood-framed bed, while skylights turn the quotidian experience of showering into an act of giddy indulgence. The 1,200-square-foot triplex Gazar (from \$865) is the room to snag; it has two decks, an outdoor shower, a private rooftop pool and a mirador. With a staff of 35 to manage the seven rooms, service is impeccable. Rooms start at \$420; Calle Del Sargento Mayor 6-21; 57-5/664-4445; tcherassihotels.com.

ECUADOR

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GALÁPAGOS SAFARI CAMP

◆ ◆ Galápagos

The food isn't always perfect and the showers are hardly luxe, but there is no place, or boat,