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# 10 Top Travel Agents Pick Their Favorite New Hotels

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## **Jose Ignacio (Maldonado, Uruguay)**

### **Bahia Vik Jose Ignacio**

Jody Bear, Tzell Travel Group

Calling Bahia Vik's location the "St. Tropez of South America," Jody Bear from Tzell Travel Group, who once had the distinction of making the annual travel agent lists for both *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* in the same year, says "each bungalow is designed by a well-known South American artist, so it is whimsical, yet luxurious." She calls Bahia Vik's restaurant La Susana "amazing" and says the beach resort's staff "caters to your every need. This has to be one of the top beach destinations of the year. It is fashionable, fun, and fabulously chic." Rates start at \$550.



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## **Miami (Florida, USA)**

### **The Miami Beach Edition**

Robert J. Kunikoff, Tzell Travel Group

The Edition was the recommendation of Robert J. Kunikoff, a principal at New York's Tzell Travel. He says a typical day at the office includes a half-dozen luxury hoteliers who come in to pitch him with pictures of multimillion-dollar renovations and ocean views, plus samples of linens, chocolates, and champagne. However, his choice of the new Miami hotel is based on service. Having tested three hotels in six days, Kunikoff says he could find no fault;

from concierges to waiters to bellboys, everything was top notch. Of course, this being Miami, style points count: “Both male and female [employees] just looked smashing in their crisp, tight, sexy white uniforms; they also had the most welcoming personalities and tried to help in whatever manner they could with whatever I asked them to do.” Matador Room, by Jean-Georges Vongerichten; Basement, a nightclub and bowling alley; and a spa including a hammam room are all part of this resort situated on three-and-a-half acres. Rates start at \$559.



*The Edition, Miami is situated on three-and-a-half acres. Robert J. Kunikoff, a principal at New York's Tzell Travel, says he was impressed with the service. (Credit: The Edition, Miami)*

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