



# Hotel Matilda

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO

More than 500 years separate the cobbled lanes of colonial jewel San Miguel de Allende and newly opened Hotel Matilda's edgy, artsy environment. But together they are the perfect complement for an exciting and inspiring getaway.

The entire old center of San Miguel is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The spectacular colonial architecture and Old World charm, from iconic bell towers and ornate churches to splashing fountains, remain virtually unchanged from the days of Spanish rule. Visitors are immersed in this colonial theme at every hotel here – except Hotel Matilda, where today's lifestyle is celebrated.

Innovative twists on the latest trends give the boutique hotel its own distinct buzz. In the sophisticated scene with a cool, casual vibe and subtle service from an attentive staff, visitors from Mexico City sample the Red Mole Rack of Lamb,

Weekenders from Texas experience the Turkish-style hammam and expatriates (thousands live here because of the tranquil lifestyle and ideal climate) sip artisanal tequilas.

The clean-lined, contemporary decor feels distinctly like an art gallery – and it is art, dazzling and dramatic works, that set the tone. The hotel's collection includes several very large sculptures, that define and frame the public areas where they are installed, by some of Mexico's hottest contemporary artists.

The Suites are a study in refined living with 400-thread-count linens, plush robes, wet bars, Malin + Goetz bath amenities and a terrace to take in the dramatic skyline and rainbow sunsets.

Latin American and Classic Continental cooking have been reinvented with imaginative new combinations. It's a menu of intensely flavorful, irresistible surprises, from Grilled Romaine Hearts with orange caper and anchovy vinaigrette to Red Snapper Veracruzana with caramelized onion polenta.

Sexy Bar Matilda is the hot new spot in town known for its special concoctions. The Margarita tasting – prickly pear, guava and tamarindo – is the talk of San Miguel.

Spa Matilda – the only spa in Mexico named to Conde Nast Traveler's 2011 Hot List – is an intimate haven of comfort and sophistication. The completely personalized spa experience includes custom-mixed products from the Apothecary of natural ingredients. Minutes away, Spa en Vivo offers mineral-rich thermal springs and sublime spa experiences in beautiful nature.

With Hotel Matilda's location in the heart of the old center, the sights and pleasures of San Miguel are just steps away. Have a drink in one of the cafes around El Jardin, the leafy main square, taking in the hawkers, bands playing and one of San Miguel's numerous festivals (they all take place here, or at least pass by). On Saturday nights, a dazzling light show emblazons the parish church that looks like it was designed by a Disney animator. There are numerous art galleries and fantastic shopping, particularly handicrafts and antiques – don't miss the Artisans Market or the more upscale boutiques and artists' studios at La Aurora.

After a lively day of shopping and sightseeing, it's a delight to return to Hotel Matilda to relax and enjoy the comforts of the new world.

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