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Latin America hots up

By Hazel Lubbock 13 Aug 2013

COSTA RICA Latin America has been one of this year's most up-and-coming destinations, with Hot List hotels opening in [Puerto Rico](#), [Peru](#), [Colombia](#) and [Argentina](#). Now a new designed hotel is creating a buzz in [Costa Rica](#).

Andaz Papagayo is opening this December on the country's north-west coast. The collection's first private beachside hotel has been designed by architect Ronald Zurcher, who did the [Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo](#) and [El Silencio Lodge & Spa](#). His vision is a slightly nutty mix of stilted armadillo-shaped suites and more conservative rooms up in the trees.

There are three restaurants all serving Latin American dishes - though what exactly has not yet been decided - and cocktails. Two pools (one adults-only) will accompany a spa with nine treatment rooms and a 24-hour gym.

Venture out of the resort for water sports such as surfing, sailing and snorkelling. Further away, the Arenal Volcano National Park is where you can go ziplining through the rainforest.

Andaz Papagayo, Peninsula Papagayo, Guanacaste, Papagayo, Costa Rica (00 506 2665 1565; www.papagayo.andaz.hyatt.com). Doubles from US\$440

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