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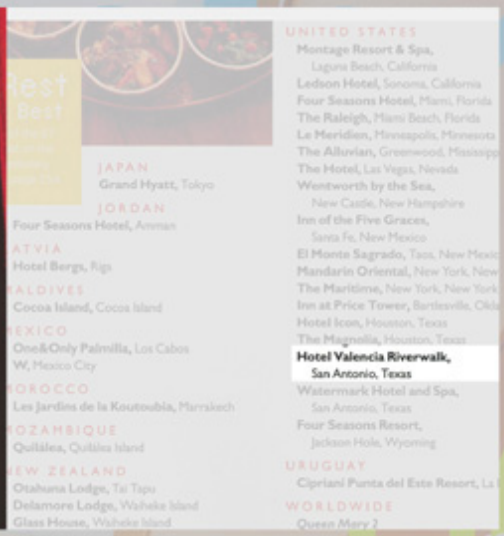

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Montage Resort & Spa, Laguna Beach, California
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The Raleigh, Miami Beach, Florida
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Inn at Price Tower, Bartlesville, Okla
Hotel Icon, Houston, Texas
The Magnolia, Houston, Texas
Hotel Valencia Riverwalk, San Antonio, Texas
Watermark Hotel and Spa, San Antonio, Texas
Four Seasons Resort, Jackson Hole, Wyoming
URUGUAY
Cipriani Punta del Este Resort, La
WORLDWIDE
Queen Mary 2

JAPAN
Grand Hyatt, Tokyo
JORDAN
Four Seasons Hotel, Amman
ATVIA
Hotel Bergs, Riga
ALDIVES
Cocoa Island, Cocos Island
EXICO
One&Only Palmilla, Los Cabos
W, Mexico City
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Hotel Valencia Riverwalk, San Antonio, Texas

under $200

Multiculturalism has never looked more magnificent than at this 213-room hotel on the quieter end of San Antonio's River Walk. The terra-cotta exterior with wrought iron balconies suggests a Tuscan villa, while interiors sport such Asian overtones as black-lacquered floors, stands of bamboo, and an inventive use of light and water. Even minor details loom large. The bricks that make up the lobby walls are arranged in an accordion pattern, and a modern yet exotic scrim cordons off the bar—floor-to-ceiling strands of small metal balls make a satisfying rustle as you enter the hippest corner of the city's hippest hotel. The decor in the lavish rooms—headboards are padded leather, bed throws faux sable—may inspire changes in your own home. **When to go:** From Thanksgiving through Christmas, when the cypress trees lining the River Walk are ablaze in lights. **Which room to book:** One that opens onto the interior courtyard, where a large waterfall slips over mosaic tiles (210-227-9700; www.hotelvalencia.com; doubles, $159–$179;).