



Historic hotel
 CASA DE SIERRA NEVADA, MEXICO

Not a hotel, not a resort, Casa de Sierra Nevada is a unique group of 16th and 18th-century mansions all situated so close together you simply cross a cobbled street for breakfast. These charming properties have bougainvillea-lined stone arches, ancient wooden doors and courtyards opening up to the clear blue Mexican sky. Located in the heart of San Miguel de Allende, the Casa is an elegant and peaceful respite from the bustling Unesco-recognised colonial city. There is a spa, a pool, a cooking school, and two restaurants run by chef Felipe Ramirez, who combines classic recipes with contemporary cuisine: pompano fish with Mexican truffle, beef with 'mole' crust and poussin stuffed with courgette flowers. Service here goes that extra mile – name another hotel where evening canapés are delivered to your room along with a recipe and ingredients for 'tonight's margarita', which you prepare for yourself and sip on a terrace overlooking the city. *SL*. Deluxe rooms from £195.



ABOVE: ROOMS AND BATHROOMS AT CASA SIERRA NEVADA, AND THE INVITING POOL, RIGHT: SCENES FROM THE HARDWICK