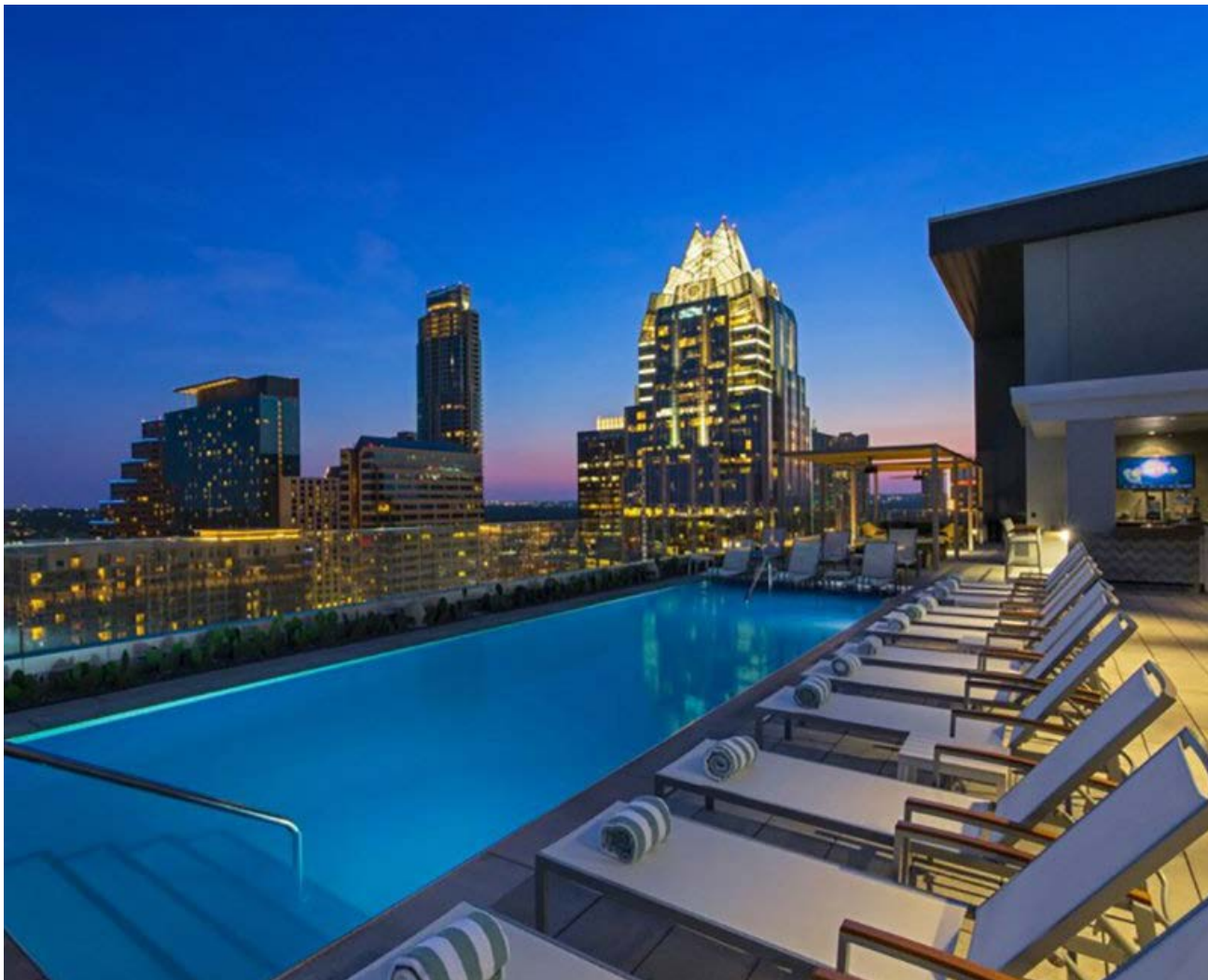


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The Coolest Pools On The Planet

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Awesome views are just one aspect that garnered The Westin Austin Downtown's Azul Rooftop Pool the most votes from travel agents.

Neither a **Las Vegas** pool with a shark tank in the center nor one with views of the best beach in the **Caribbean** could keep the rooftop pool of **The Westin Austin Downtown** from being crowned **Travel Agent**'s 2017 "Coolest Pool of the World."

In this voting-based competition, we selected 32 pools, most of which were included in the more than 60 "Cool Pool of The Week" columns we've run on www.travelagentcentral.com since the series was launched toward the end of 2015. The column highlights either a single pool or a collection of pools from chic, trendy resorts that we think are great pitches for your clients — particularly for **Millennials**. In **NCAA March Madness** bracket fashion, we pitted two hotels' pools against each other round by round.

The Westin Austin Downtown's rooftop pool took home the championship by beating **Turks and Caicos' The Somerset on Grace Bay** in the finals. While the latter garnered 22,090 tallies, the former's deep fan base managed to register a whopping 26,008 votes. The combined 48,098 votes are especially high when you consider voting for the final showdown was only open for four days.

Here's a look at what makes the rooftop pool at The Westin Austin Downtown, and the other pools on our list, so special:

HONORABLE MENTION: THE REST OF THE BEST

There are no losers here. The following 30 pools all have something special that may win your clients over.

AC Hotel Guadalajara

Perched on the 12th floor of the AC Hotel Guadalajara, Mexico, is the AC Pool. It offers impressive views of Old Town / Downtown Guadalajara on one side and those of Andares — the upscale, modern new area of Guadalajara — on the other.

The heated infinity-edge pool is reportedly the only elevated pool in the city. It is open all day, from 6 a.m. for a quick start to the day to a relaxing evening swim until closing at 11 p.m. European style, clean, modern lines and wood flooring make up the design of the pool area. Also, music is played all day to create a peaceful environment.