

A photograph of a man and a woman embracing in a swimming pool. The woman is on the left, leaning her head on the man's shoulder. The man is on the right, looking down. They are both shirtless. The background shows a blurred outdoor pool setting with trees and a white fence.

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A pitfall of staying in posh hotels is hidden charges at every turn. Until cheap international internet phone companies such as Vonage, become more commonplace, get a SIM card for your mobile from www.textbay.com, which will only charge local rates. Also beware that, in the US, a simple request from front desk can result in an outrageous 22 per cent service charge.

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Catalina, Córdoba, Argentina
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