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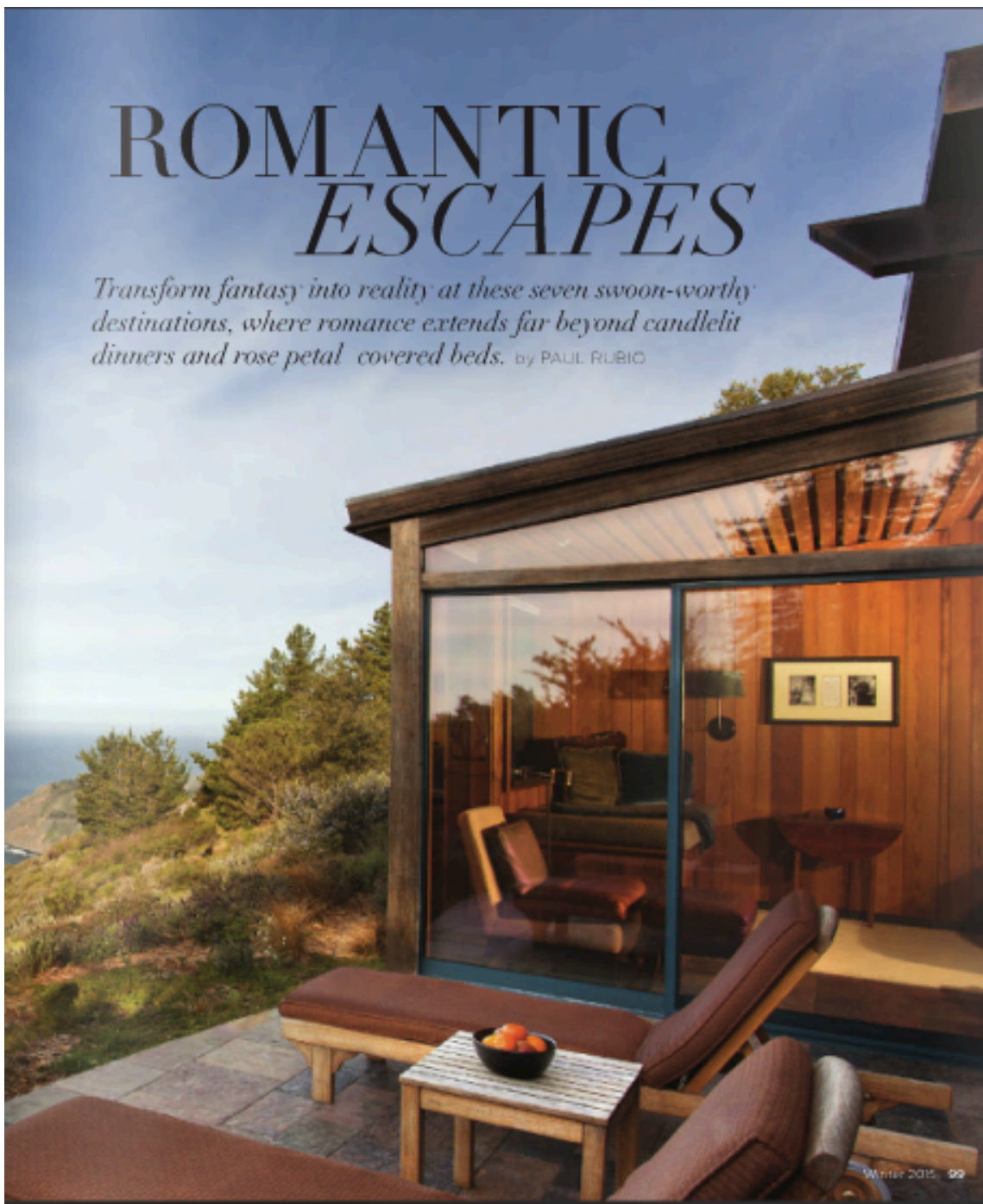




Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, California

ROMANTIC *ESCAPES*

Transform fantasy into reality at these seven swoon-worthy destinations, where romance extends far beyond candlelit dinners and rose petal-covered beds. by PAUL RUBIO



Weekend ESCAPES

ROMANCE DOESN'T NECESSARILY REQUIRE TRAVELING TO FAR-FLUNG DESTINATIONS. HERE, 10 QUICK GETAWAYS TO IGNITE A MAJOR SPARK IN YOUR WEEKEND.



LITTLE PALM ISLAND, FLORIDA

No television, no kids, no cell phones. These are three rules to live by at this exotic private island oasis, a short 15-minute boat ride from the lower Florida Keys. Thirty oceanfront suites are sprinkled across a tropical fantasyland of orchids, palm trees, mangrove mazes, Zen gardens, outdoor showers, and swaying hammocks. From \$1,190; littlepalmisland.com.

TWIN FARMS, VERMONT

Food, wine, pampering, and privacy are key themes at this adults-only, all-inclusive property high in the hilltops of Barnard, Vermont (children under 16 are welcome during designated family weeks). Choose from 20 design-driven cottages and bucolic farmhouse suites—spread over 300 acres—and enjoy languid days engrossed in New England nature, indulging in wine-paired, multi-course gourmet meals beside your private fireplace or in special nooks like the private subterranean wine cellar. From \$1,425; twinfarms.com.

AMANGANI, WYOMING

Lose yourself in the extraordinary natural beauty of Wyoming's Tetons, reveling in easy ski access, sublime vistas through floor-to-ceiling windows, and après-ski fun in the sleek, heated, 115-foot swimming pool (and surrounding heated patio). Request suite 1, 8, or 16 for the best views of the Grand Tetons and Snake River Valley or opt for total privacy and rent one of the resort's private homes. Reserve a private sleigh ride one evening, when a horse-drawn sleigh leads you through the wilderness to 360-degree mountaintop views of the snow-capped surrounds. From \$700; aman.com.



ENCHANTMENT RESORT, ARIZONA

Immerse in the world of breathtaking canyons, arches, and promontories at this Sedona retreat. Admire the rugged landscapes and glowing sandstone of Boynton Canyon from the desert-chic rooms (each with private deck and fireplace), from the patio and treatment rooms at Mii amo, a destination spa, from the 18-hole championship Seven Canyons golf course, and from the four on-property restaurants (each with a different view of the environs). From \$375; enchantmentresort.com. ▷