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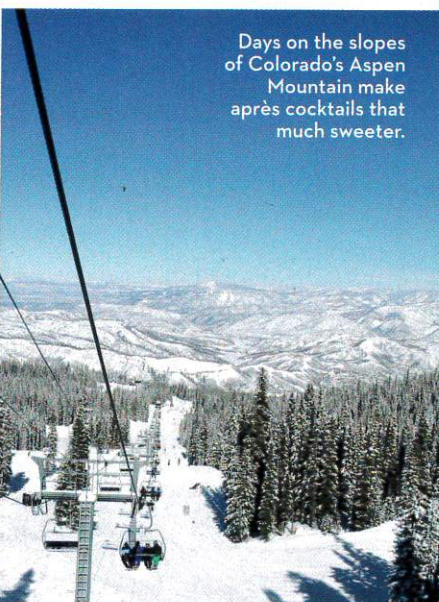
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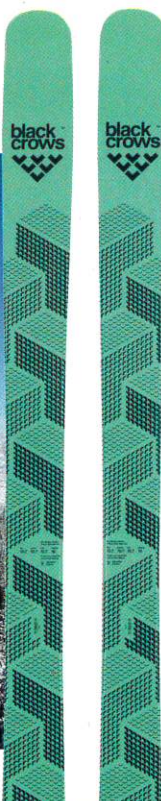
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF EXPERIENCE YOU CRAVE, THERE'S A CLASSIC RESORT OR TRENDY NEWCOMER—RIGHT HERE IN THE U.S.



Teepee rooms at El Cosmico, a new kind of desert honeymoon in Marfa, Texas



Days on the slopes of Colorado's Aspen Mountain make après cocktails that much sweeter.



MOUNTAIN LODGE

SURROUNDED BY SNOWCAPPED PEAKS, ALPINE RESORT TOWNS COMBINE AWE-INSPIRING VIEWS WITH THRILL-SEEKING EXCURSIONS

CLASSIC

Aspen, Colorado, favorite **the Little Nell** opens for the summer season with the majority of its 92 rooms refreshed in a sleek contemporary style. They're so plush that you may never want to leave. (Good thing you can get an in-room massage.) But it's worth venturing outdoors at daybreak: In winter, you can be the first ones down Aspen Mountain (the hotel has exclusive access); in warmer months, try a paragliding excursion from the summit, followed by an elaborate breakfast spread at the landing in North Star Nature Preserve. Rooms from \$550.

NEWCOMER

South Lake Tahoe, on the California-Nevada border, has become increasingly buzzy thanks to an influx of Silicon Valley weekenders. So it was only a matter of time before a hip hotel like **Edgewood Tahoe** opened. The 154 rustic-chic rooms and suites—each with a gas fireplace or private terrace—make it the ideal base camp for skiing on Heavenly Mountain and nighttime sleigh rides. Once the snow melts, play golf on the resort's lakeside course or go boating on the crystal-clear water. Rooms from \$275. —Amanda Eberstein

THREE WAYS TO SAVE

1 / BE FLEXIBLE

Allow some wiggle room in your dates to take advantage of cheaper seasonal or midweek rates: "Stay at resorts during the week and in cities on weekends—the opposite pattern of most travelers," says travel adviser Jack Ezon of Ovation Vacations.

2 / CONSIDER DRIVING

Compare prices on flights into all surrounding airports. A visit to the Grand Canyon can be more expensive if you fly into a regional airport like Flagstaff than if you drive less than three hours from Las Vegas—not to mention it adds a fun road trip to your itinerary.

3 / CASH IN POINTS

Book flights or upgrade your room with accrued freebies. Also consider moving your desired dates to match points-available flights and rooms. "It helped me save thousands on my honeymoon," Ezon says. —Heidi Mitchell

SECLUDED B&B

A LUXURIOUS NORTHEAST ENCLAVE—WHERE NO DETAIL IS OVERLOOKED—IS JUST THE PLACE TO UNPLUG AND GET BACK TO NATURE

CLASSIC

Vermont's **Twin Farms** sets the standard for boutique luxury in New England. The sprawling campus has distinctly themed cabins: Studio has Whitney-worthy contemporary art, Log Cabin has wood-paneled walls and a Japanese *furo* soaking bath—and all are attended by an ultrahelpful staff. Want to arrange a canoe outing? A "forest bathing" spa treatment? A multicourse meal under the timber beams of the main house? Done, done, and done. Rooms from \$1,500, all-inclusive.

NEWCOMER

In the cool-again Catskills, the 38-room **Scribner's Catskill Lodge** feels like sleepaway camp for hipsters, who flock to its restaurant, Prospect, for dry-aged ribeye and matcha-flecked olive-oil ice cream. In summer, hike to waterfalls; in winter, ski at nearby Hunter Mountain. But year-round, evenings should end with deejayed beats and board games in the library lounge (midnight Taboo, anyone?) or a visit to the fire pit with your complimentary s'mores kit. Rooms from \$145. —Brandon Presser

Don't miss the chocolate ganache with banana cake, smoked olive oil, and sunchoke ice cream at Prospect.

