

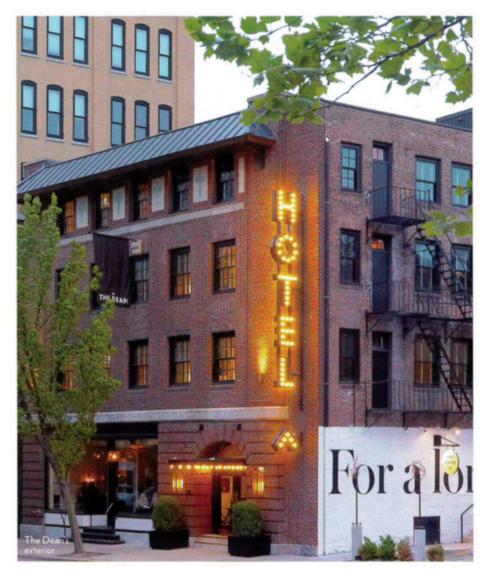
193 Ways to Personalize Your Party

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Stylish Celebrations to Inspire Your Own







College-Town Cool

THE DEAN Providence, RI

pon arrival in Providence-the city that Brown and several other universities call home-set your bags down at the Dean, a former bordello that now houses an Asian-inspired restaurant from a Momofuku alum, a sexy cocktail den, the city's only karaoke lounge, and 52 sparely but stylishly appointed rooms. (Those are Matouk linens on the bed.)

Come morning, ride complimentary bikes to the Rhode Island School of Design museum to explore exhibitions on everything from 17th-century European paintings to 1950s bowling balls. Spend another afternoon getting lost together in the shelves of the Athenæum, a 200-yearold library that still uses a paper card catalog. At mealtime, it's best to follow chefs Benjamin and Heidi Sukle around town. Their intimate Birch restaurant gets high marks for its roster of seasonally inspired American dishes at relatively reasonable prices (the four-course prix fixe is \$55), while their more ambitious Oberlin melds Italian-American comfort food with the signature ingredients of seaside New England. Thedeanhotel.com; from \$109 per night.

LUX LODGE

TWIN FARMS → Barnard, VT

he luxury of Twin Farms starts before you set foot on the 300-acre estate tucked amid the maples and pines of interior Vermontupon booking, you'll complete an extensive culinary survey, so the kitchen can tailor meals precisely to your liking. After you touch down at the Burlington airport, the resort can book a private car service to whisk you to the 18thcentury farmhouse once owned by novelist Sinclair Lewis, where the attentive staff will show you to one of the 20 distinctively-and opulently-appointed rooms or private cottages. (The light-filled Aviary, with its fireplace-adjacent hot tub and floor-to-ceiling windows, is ideal for those with modern taste.)

Nature-lovers can pass time easily no matter the season. In warmer months, hike through wildflower meadows (guides are available upon request), fish the naturally stocked trout pond, or play a round of tennis or croquet. Come winter, ski down private slopes, or try your hand at ice-skating and snowshoeing. Whatever your sport of choice, there's no need to travel with equipment-Twin Farms provides it all. After a day of athletics, soak sore muscles in the 104-degree Japanese-style furo tub, then choose a wine from the 15,000bottle cellar to pair with your multicourse evening meal. All of this indulgence doesn't come cheap, but because Twin Farms is all-inclusive, you only have to think about it once-everything (including gratuities but minus spa services) is accounted for in your rate. Twinfarms.com; from \$1,500 per night.





















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Serene Spa Retreat

LODGE AT WOODLOCH → Hawley, PA

With 27 treatment rooms and an "aqua garden" featuring an outdoor horizonedge whirlpool and hydro-massage waterfalls, the 40,000-square-foot spa is the main attraction at Woodloch. Both the men's and women's locker rooms feature fireplace lounges with accompanying tea bars, but if you don't want to relax without your new spouse, grab a glider on the woodland porch. Also available: an indoor pool, and a robust schedule of fitness classes that includes spinning, yoga and Pilates.

If you only have a weekend to spare (and don't mind the three-hour drive), book the "Couples Retreat" package, which includes a two-night stay in a Veranda Deluxe room (each has its own private balcony), one spa service per person per day, three meals per day in the farm-to-table Tree restaurant (dishes from the seasonal menus often include veggies grown in on-site gardens), and, on the night of your arrival, a roman-