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>> FOR THE ASPIRING COWBOY OR COWGIRL

RANCH GETAWAY

The Lodge & Spa at Brush Creek Ranch, an all-inclusive boutique guest ranch located in Wyoming's North Platte River Valley, is offering special summer packages for travelers seeking classic outdoor adventure and Western-style entertainment.

The new High Mountain Yurt Experience can be added as an a-la-carte option to any booking. Guests travel by horseback to a 700-square-foot circular tent for an overnight stay, enjoying activities like trout fishing, archery, stargazing and wildlife viewing, as well as a gourmet dinner and breakfast cooked over the campfire.

The second annual Cowgirl Up for the Cure will be held Sept. 4-7, a three-day event benefiting Denver's Susan G. Komen for the Cure. This ladies-only package includes lodging and activities on the ranch, from horseback riding to fly fishing and mountain biking. Guests will also enjoy spa offerings, nightly live entertainment, Rocky Mountain cuisine, educational programs and inspiring speakers. brushcreekranch.com

>> FOR THE OFF-THE-BEATEN-PATH TRAVELER

JOURNEY BY RAIL

Explore exotic lands on an unforgettable and timeless journey by rail. In addition to classic, year-round itineraries between Bangkok and Singapore, **Belmond**, the ultimate travel connoisseur, offers the Chronicles of South East Asia on the Eastern & Oriental Express, guiding passengers on exceptional, itineraries in Thailand, Malaysia, Laos and Singapore.

From major cities to the remote countryside, you'll experience the dramatic sights and sounds of the region. Enjoy the views from the large picture windows of your private cabin on the train, where a steward is on call 24 hours a day, or take part in day trips and overnight excursions to delve deep into local culture, viewing special ceremonies and exploring architectural and historical attractions. belmond.com



>> FOR THE DARING GOURMAND

DINE IN THE DARK

Fancy yourself a true food lover? Take a different approach to gourmet cuisine—one that puts you completely in the dark. Chef Jérémie Baudeau's new restaurant **Noir d'Ivoire** in Lausanne, Switzerland features an original concept: dining in complete and utter darkness to remove sight, heightening the other senses. Ideal for couples and small groups, the experience offers a refined atmosphere and a unique and intriguing way to explore the palate.

The menu is a secret. Upon arrival, restaurant staff guides you and your companions to your table, where, according to your preferences, you enjoy various dishes, wines and cocktails. Once the meal is complete and the lights come on, you'll discover the original and sometimes surprising fare that you've tasted. From \$89 per person, reservations required. noir-d-ivoire.com

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>> FOR THE TROPIC LOVER

AT HOME IN PARADISE

On the Caribbean isle of St. Lucia, find your dream home at **The Residences at Sugar Beach**. The exclusive new development is situated between the two soaring volcanic spires of the Pitons, an area designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Residences have been acclaimed as one of the world's best waterside homes, matching a spectacular locale and commitment to environmental sustainability with the finest aspects of luxury living. Designed in a contemporary reinterpretation of French classic colonial style, each of the 38 individually tailored Residences is the epitome of elegance, featuring hand-picked furnishings, landscaped gardens and a spacious terrace and infinity pool. Owners have full access to Viceroy Hotels and Resorts' five-star amenities, from a selection of gourmet restaurants and an on-site spa to a water sports center and two white sand beaches. A dedicated team of butlers is available at any hour. sugarbeachresidences.com



>> FOR THE UNCOMMON EXPLORER

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Started in 1987 by a husband-and-wife team of entrepreneurs, **Swain Destinations** is now one of the top U.S. providers of customized travel experiences, leading travelers on one-of-a-kind journeys in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Africa, India and the South Pacific.

Your journey begins as a blank canvas. Expert travel consultants help you fill the days with the details and experiences that make your trip uniquely your own. As a starting point, you choose a genre for your vacation: adventure, diving, indigenous or wildlife for the intrepid explorer; beach, luxury, romance or spa/retreat for leisure lovers; or city, culinary and culture for travelers more inclined to cosmopolitan pursuits. Swain Destinations also offers specialized family and golf vacations, as well as cruise, train and short-stay options. swaindestinations.com



>> FOR THE CULTURE-LOVING GASTRONOME

TASTE OF LIMA

A visit to the **Westin Lima** provides a singular opportunity to sample the vibrant culture and cuisine of Peru. Located in the heart of Lima's financial, cultural and shopping district, the 301-room hotel is popular with both tourists and corporate travelers. In addition to the largest convention center in the country, Westin Lima features Maras, the fine-dining restaurant helmed by renowned chef Rafael Piqueras, and the Heavenly Spa by Westin.

Foodies can indulge in the new "Taste of Lima" package. Tour the local markets with a culinary professional, learn how to make specialty South American cocktails and visit the city's ceviche hotspots by private car. libertador.com.pe