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Dear Subscriber:

## Hideaways of the Year

Each year at this time, we single out some of the world's most captivating hideaway hotels and resorts for special recognition. To be initially considered for our annual awards competition, properties must be relatively intimate in size and be located in peaceful and scenically pleasing surroundings. Moreover, previous recipients are ineligible to repeat as award winners for a three-year period. Distinctive country house hotels and resorts compatible with these basic qualifications are then judged for their all-round comfort, non-commercial character and passionate commitment to personal service. Also taken into consideration: the recent firsthand guest experiences of *Hideaway Report* readers.

Properties are not evaluated solely by means of a quantified checklist. During incognito inspections, of course, we note the general decor, design, cleanliness and upkeep of lodgings and public lounges; staffs are judged on esprit de corps, attentiveness, friendliness, thoroughness and efficiency; food on ingredients, inspiration and presentation; grounds on overall appearance and maintenance, and so on.

Ultimately, however, we rely on the 'Q factor' — the intangible summary impression that instinctively separates the good from the truly enchanting. Some of our award winners are grander than others, but each exudes an inviting sense of warmth and charm conducive to a relaxing stay.

On behalf of all of us at Harper Associates, we wish you and your family a very joyous Christmas season and the promise of a whole new year of wonderful hideaway discoveries.

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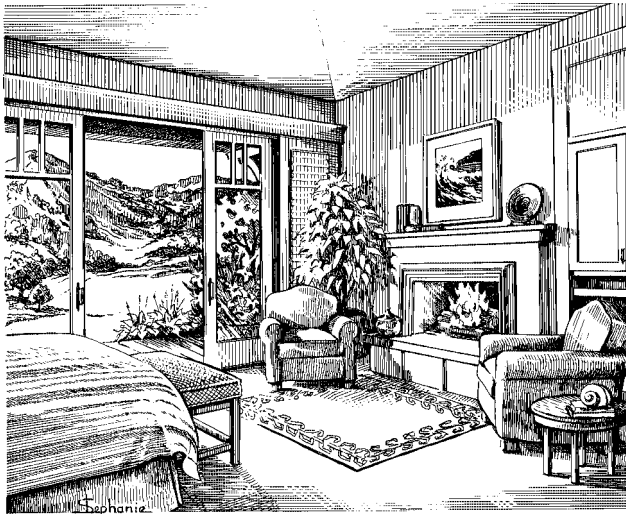




# UNITED STATES

## Lodge at CordeValle San Martin, California

Cloistered in a picturesque valley midway between San Francisco and the Monterey Peninsula, this private 1,700-acre resort offers world-class golf in uncrowded surroundings. The stunning rock and timber lodge houses just 28 accommodations, along with a sophisticated health club/spa, outdoor lap pool and an indoor/outdoor restaurant facing the dramatic course that ranks among Robert Trent Jones' finest masterpieces. Each of the spacious luxury guest units offers a fireplaced sitting area,



plush bath and patio affording vistas of the rolling meadows, oak-studded hills and sculpted canyons. Also available: five panoramic villas with full living rooms. Bungalow Double/Single, \$450-\$525, meals extra; Villa, \$800-\$850. Tel. (877) 255-2626 or (408) 695-4500. Fax (408) 695-4578.

## The Wauwinet Nantucket Island, Massachusetts

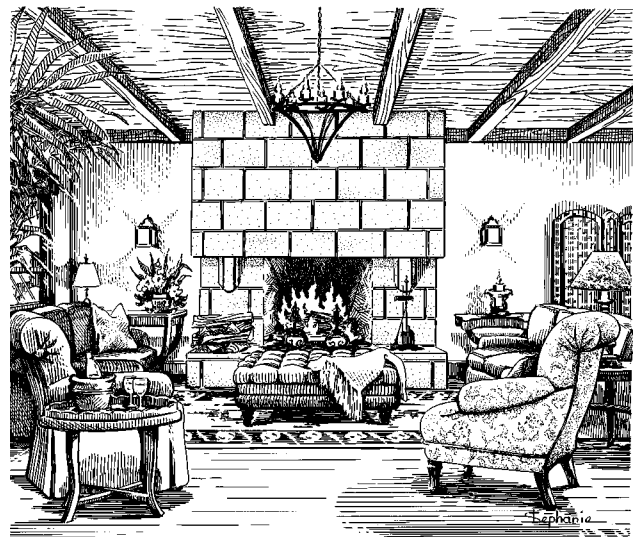
This luxurious and wonderfully evocative island haven nestles on a scenic peninsula between a beach-rimmed bay and the dune-lined shores of the open Atlantic. An inviting wicker-chaired porch frames its classic rambling exterior, which gives way to an equally pleasing traditional fireplaced lounge, 35 well-appointed lodgings and renowned *Topper's* restaurant, all enhanced by an attentive staff. Leisure activities include tennis, biking, sailing, surfcasting, nature walks and bay cruises. Room rates vary with demand and the season, so it's best to contact the hotel directly. Tel. (800) 426-8718 or (508) 228-0145. Fax (508) 228-6712.

## The White Barn Inn Kennebunkport, Maine

A charming staff and superlative restaurant highlight this stylish inn, located in a colorful seaside resort community. Two beautifully restored Victorian barns shelter the romantic gourmet dining room, where formal candlelit tables are strikingly offset by gnarled beams, weathered siding and old farm implements. The 25 guest quarters include fireplaced junior suites with exquisite baths, plus May's Cottage Suite distinguished by a separate living room, private verandah and marble bath equipped with a whirlpool tub and steam shower. An engaging 50-foot woodland pool adds to the joy of a stay, as do spa treatments in the poolside cabanas. Junior Suite for two, from \$520, bountiful continental breakfast included; Full Suite, from \$625. Tel. (207) 967-2321 or Fax (207) 967-1100.

## Bernardus Lodge Carmel Valley, California

Cradled by leafy hills and the pretty Santa Lucia Mountains, this refined and graciously serviced retreat offers 57 amenity-laden accommodations in several adobe-style buildings. Its handsome lodge encompasses a comfy living room-lounge, cozy library, indoor/outdoor bistro and award-winning *Marinus* restaurant serving California-French "wine country" cuisine in a mellow-timbered, Provençal-like dining room. Diversions include an outdoor lap pool, fitness center and terrific spa, as well as



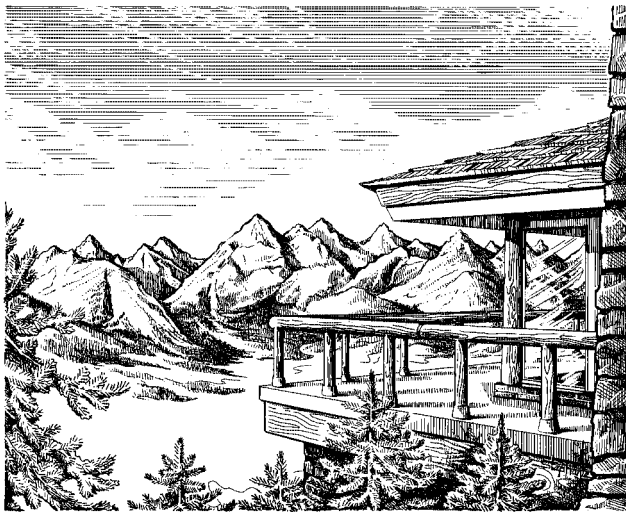
tennis, croquet and nearby golf. Premium Santa Lucia Double/Single, from \$455; Luxury Room, from \$545. Tel. (888) 648-9463 or Fax (831) 659-3529.

# UNITED STATES



## Amangani Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Perched atop a 7,000-foot bluff, this distinctive contemporary lodge affords magnificent panoramas of the mighty Teton Mountains, 20 minutes from



the ski slopes and shops/galleries of downtown Jackson. Fabulous stonework, richly hued redwood and Western/Native American artifacts accent the soaring picture-window lounges and restaurant, as well as the 40 guest suites featuring fireplaces, lavish baths and scenic covered decks. Of particular note is the health/fitness center and wondrous 115-foot year-round outdoor pool and quartzite-tiled spa set at the edge of the breathtaking cliff. An array of seasonal activities can be arranged through the concierge desk. Suite for two, \$700, meals extra. Tel. (877) 734-7333 or Fax (307) 734-7332.

## Kachemak Bay Wilderness Lodge China Poot Bay, Alaska

Commanding a glorious sweep of mountains and sea, this timeless wilderness outpost snuggles under towering spruce along a sheltered cove of the Kenai Peninsula. Owned by affable naturalists Mike and Diane McBride, the enclave harbors a relaxing fire-placed lounge, seafood-oriented dining room and a handful of comfy-cozy guest cabins outfitted with woodstoves and shower-baths. Exhilarating days are spent on a myriad of guided hikes and cruises to observe the region's abundant bird life, wildflowers and mammals; kayaking and salmon/trout fishing are also offered. Five-Day Package: \$2,800 per person, all meals and naturalist-guide services included. Tel. (907) 235-8910 or Fax (907) 235-8911.

## Stonover Farm Lenox, Massachusetts

Set on eight pastoral acres next to a serene duck pond, this fetching Berkshire bed-and-breakfast is just minutes from Tanglewood and many fine Lenox dining establishments. Amiable owner-hosts Tom and Suky Werman have masterfully restored the Victorian farmstead, which now incorporates three select suites, a guest lounge, library, conservatory and indoor/outdoor breakfast venues. Each suite features a separate sitting room, marble/slate bath and state-of-the-art entertainment center, the more private "Rock Cottage" boasting its own fireplaced living/dining area, fully equipped kitchen, grand furnished deck and king bedroom with bath. Suite for two, \$250-\$350, depending on time of year, full breakfast and afternoon wine/cheese included; Rock Cottage, \$350-\$475. Tel. (413) 637-9100.

## El Portal Sedona, Arizona

Nestled in the heart of town, this engaging and luxurious inn authentically recreates the atmosphere of a gracious century-old Spanish hacienda. The



location is perfect, with the superb restaurants and galleries of Tlaquepaque shopping village sitting just outside the enclave. Twelve distinctive lodgings feature hand-plastered adobe walls, high-beamed ceilings, genuine period furnishings, Southwestern antiques, entertainment centers and large baths with whirlpool tubs and separate showers. Bountiful breakfasts are served daily, plus dinner on Friday and Saturday. Double/Single, \$325-\$400, breakfast included. Tel. (800) 313-0017 or Fax (928) 282-1941.



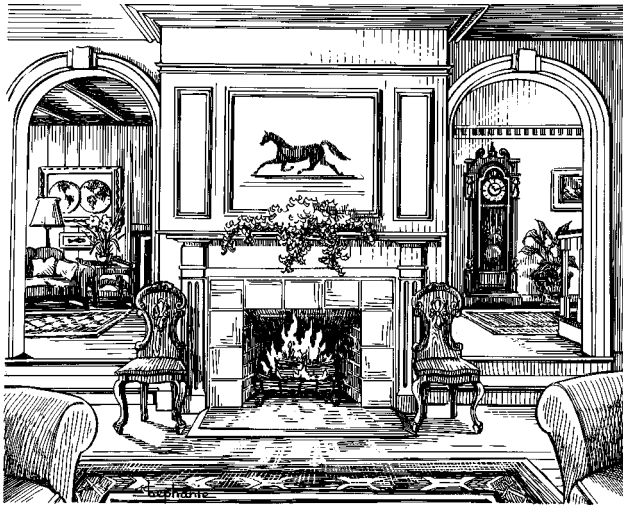
# CANADA



# CARIBBEAN

## Kingsbrae Arms St. Andrews, New Brunswick

A personalized luxury gem, this sublime 1897 hilltop manor fronts 27 acres of prized gardens overlooking the seaside resort town of St. Andrews. Eight elegantly decorated guest quarters come with four-poster beds, fireplaces, peerless baths and lots of extra touches, the suites enhanced by separate living areas and viewing decks. Oriental carpets and eclectic objets d'art trim the fireplaced parlor,



paneled library and admirable dining room offering fresh seafood and produce/herbs from a kitchen garden. A heated outdoor pool and nearby golf invite relaxation, as does a stroll along the quaint waterfront lined with specialty shops. Suite for two, \$925-\$1,175, all meals, open bar/unlimited wine included. Tel. (877) 529-1897 or Fax (506) 529-1197.

## Auberge Hatley North Hatley, Québec

Set on the knoll of a quiet resort village, this delightful colonial-style inn affords soothing vistas of pristine Lake Massawippi in picturesque southern Québec. Cozy fireplaces, rafted ceilings and period appointments accent the home-like public areas, including a porch-lounge and exceptional gourmet dining room overseen by a caring staff. Country antiques bedeck the 25 sunny lodgings, our favorites being the comfy second-floor units with waterview balconies. Terraced gardens wend down to a heated outdoor pool and lake cruises can be arranged; also many nearby hiking paths. Deluxe Lakeview Double, \$425-\$465, breakfast and dinner included. Tel. (800) 336-2451 or Fax (819) 842-2907.

## Peter Island Resort Peter Island, British Virgin Islands

The most picture-perfect privately owned island in the Caribbean, this romantic resort remains remarkably underdeveloped, its dramatic 1,200-acre mountainous landscape indented by several deserted white sand beaches and all manner of cloistered bays and coves. And with less than 60 guest lodgings there is still plenty of seclusion to be found along miles of walking trails threading the unspoiled hillsides and untrammelled shorelines. Preferred quarters are the revamped "Beach Suites" (actually junior suites) nestled among stately palms lining one end of a magnificent mile-long crescent beach. Accented with mahogany beams and natural stone, these units feature lavish new baths with oversized showers and Jacuzzi tubs for two, plus covered balconies/terraces yielding hypnotic vistas of the island-dotted sea.

First-rate Continental/Caribbean cuisine is served in an airy signature restaurant and more casual beachside grill. In addition, gourmet picnic lunches can be delivered to the cove of your choice. Complementing the usual beach diversions, the resort offers superior snorkeling in protected waters, scuba diving excursions and full-day or sunset yacht cruises. A four-court tennis garden, infinity pool, fitness center and sophisticated new seaside spa also await. Beach Suite for two, \$790-\$1,115, depending on time of year, all meals and launch transfers to/from Beef Island Airport included. In U.S., Tel. (800) 346-4451 or Fax (770) 476-4979.

## Dunmore Beach Club Harbour Island, Bahamas

Another alluring tropical sanctuary, Dunmore fronts a wondrous three-mile-long beach on idyllic Harbour Island (situated off the coast of North Eleuthera). Sixteen cheerful cottage-style lodgings feature wet bars, extra-spacious baths (shower stalls, Jacuzzi tubs) and seaview terraces, the favored suites augmented by small sitting rooms. The focal point for social activity is a handsome clubhouse with a cozy library-lounge, convivial bar and vaulted dining room opening onto an oceanfront terrace. Lapped by crystalline aquamarine waters, the broad beach is ideal for long walks and swimming. Snorkeling/scuba excursions can be arranged to the outer reefs, as well as bone-fishing guides. Suite, \$649 for two, all meals included, Dec 20-Apr 30; Dunmore Suite, \$749; Ocean Cottage, \$800. Rates up to 20% less rest of year. Tel. (877) 891-3100 or Fax (242) 333-2429.

# EUROPE

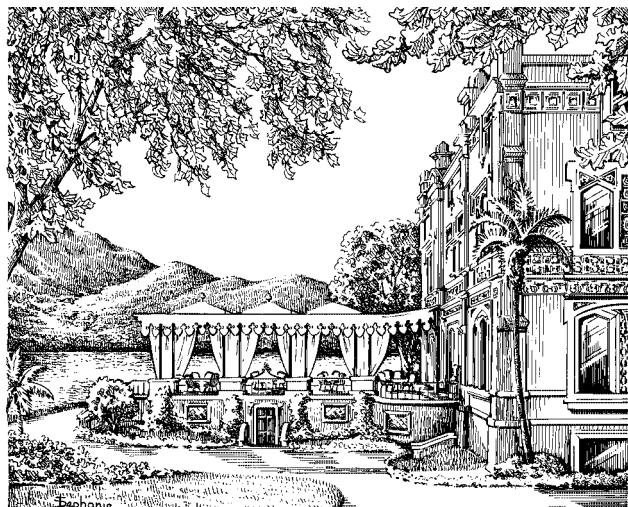


## Chewton Glen New Milton, England

This is Britain's consummate country house resort, the impeccably serviced Georgian manor set at the edge of the New Forest 90 minutes SW of London. Sixty decorator-designed guest quarters come outfitted with every conceivable amenity, while the public areas take in a series of genteel fireplaced parlors, sun lounges and a gourmet conservatory restaurant. A grand stone terrace overlooks 130 acres of manicured lawns/gardens punctuated by a formal croquet lawn, 9-hole par-3 golf course, tennis courts and a swimming pool. An indoor leisure complex shelters additional tennis facilities, a Romanesque pool and sybaritic health/fitness spa. Gold Room or Junior Suite for two, \$725, taxes included, meals extra. Full Suite, \$885. Tel. (44) 1425-275341 or Fax (44) 1425-272310.

## Villa Feltrinelli Gargnano, Italy

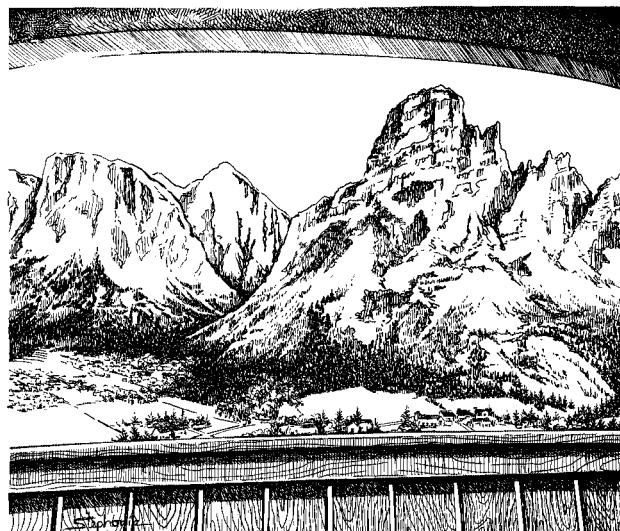
Standing amid gorgeous park-like grounds, this spectacularly restored neo-Gothic villa-hotel fronts the serene western shores of Lake Garda. Priceless antiques, astonishing ceiling frescoes, elaborate woodwork and fine paintings embellish its elegant lounges and stately dining room extending out to a canopied terrace affording beguiling vistas of the



mountain-backed lake. The 21 lodgings are no less sumptuous. A waterfront promenade, sightseeing salon boat and ravishing 75-foot outdoor lap pool further enrich the pleasure of a visit. Junior Suite for two, from \$1,050, full breakfast, taxes included. Tel. (39) 0365-798000 or Fax (39) 0365-798001.

## La Perla Corvara, Italy

Ensnconced in a winsome alpine village girded by the electrifying Dolomites, this charming lodge is fussed over by the warmhearted Costa family, who dedicate themselves to the happiness of guests.



Mellow timbers, local artifacts and creative floral displays highlight the rustic décor of the festive bar-lounge, Michelin-starred dining room and a second restaurant comprised of five colorfully decorated old farm dwellings that were salvaged and reassembled on premise. The 52 accommodations are equally appealing, with the Tyrolean-styled "Romantik Rooms" featuring well-equipped baths and spacious sitting/dining areas opening onto balconies offering magical views of the peaks and bucolic valley. Great doorstep summer hikes and winter skiing. Romantik Room, \$175-\$270 per person, depending on time of year, breakfast and dinner included. Tel. (39) 0471-831000 or Fax (39) 0471-836568.

## Zannos Melathron Santorini, Greece

The final leg of your journey to this intimate 18th-Century villa-hotel is on foot, with donkeys toting your luggage up through the cobbled lanes of a sensationally panoramic medieval village. Rich fabrics, antique furnishings and original oils enliven the rustically noble interior, which cossets 10 lovely guest quarters and a captivating dining room/loggia overlooking Santorini and the surrounding islands. A small sea-facing pool completes the pretty picture. Suite for two, \$470, full breakfast, taxes included. Tel. (30) 22860-28220 or Fax (30) 22860-28229.



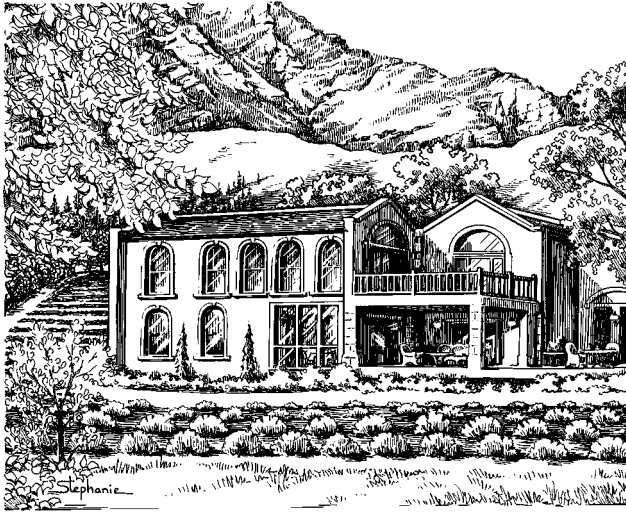
# AFRICA



# ASIA

## La Residence Franschhoek, South Africa

Cupped by vineyards, lavender fields and olive groves, this exclusive mansion retreat sits on the peaceful fringe of a quaint wine village, 45 minutes



outside Cape Town. A treasure trove of European antiques, Persian carpets and objets d'art cloak its interior, which encompasses five guest suites and opulently comfy living/dining salons leading out to a courtyard pool. Suite for two, \$510-\$585, breakfast included. Add \$60 per person for dinner. Tel. (27) 21-876-4100 or Fax (27) 21-876-4822.

## Bushmans Kloof Cederberg Mountains, South Africa

A fascinating oasis of style and comfort, this 15,000-acre wilderness refuge hides amid an ancient landscape of dramatic rock formations, waterfalls and flower-carpeted veld in the foothills of the pristine Cederberg Mountains (an hour by air north of Cape Town). More a relaxing country house resort than a safari lodge, the unique ecological reserve harbors a wide variety of antelope species and birdlife, plus 130 remarkable Natural Heritage rock art sites left behind by the San Bushman people 10,000 years ago. Several deep-seated lounges, a well-stocked library and indoor/outdoor dining venues define the luxuriously decorated manor, the best of the 16 lodgings being the nine suites with scenic private patios. Game-viewing drives, guided petroglyph tours, spa treatments and dips in the resort's swimming pools typify the daily activities. Suite for two, \$925, all meals, game drives and rock art walks included; Single, \$685. Tel. (27) 27-482-2627 or Fax (27) 27-482-1011.

## La Gazelle d'Or Taroudant, Morocco

Veiled by lush parkland gardens, this exotic Eden is cloistered outside the medieval walls of Taroudant's ancient medina. Thirty comfortably cozy bougainvillea-draped stone cottages feature open fireplaces, marble baths and private terraces fronting the blossomy grounds. Atmospheric Berber-motif lounges and a tented dining pavilion comprise the main house, overseen by an attentive white-robed staff. Among the diversions: a romantic 80-foot palm-skirted pool with an adjacent hammam for spa treatments, tennis courts and a stable of horses for riding across the desert. Guided sight-seeing excursions can also be arranged. Cottage for two, \$550, breakfast and dinner included; Single, \$450. Junior Suite, \$625-\$660; Large Suite, \$850. Tel. (212) 48-852039 or Fax (212) 48-852737.

## Carcosa Seri Negara Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Often used as Malaysia's official guest house for visiting heads of state, this stately and evocative hilltop sanctuary consists of two newly renovated Colonial-style mansions tucked amid 40 acres of manicured gardens and lawns, a 10-minute drive from downtown Kuala Lumpur. Distinctive Regency-style salons, Malay/Continental restaurants and a panoramic cocktail/tea verandah recall the gracious lifestyle of another era, as do the 13 elaborate suites blending historic character with all the expected modern conveniences. Other amenities include an outdoor pool, tennis courts and fitness/massage facilities. Suite, from \$500, meals extra. Tel. (60) 3-2282-1888 or Fax (60) 3-2282-6868.



# SOUTH PACIFIC



## The Wakaya Club Fiji Islands

Dazzling emerald lagoons, soaring cliffs and numerous shell-strewn beaches skirt the picture-book perimeter of this unforgettable luxury resort, sequestered on its own 2,200-acre privately owned tropical island. Guest lodgings are limited to just nine cottage suites, each 1,500-square-foot *bure* featuring a separate rattan-furnished living room with a large stocked wet bar, seaview verandah and lavish bath with his-and-her vanities, a soaking tub and open-air lava rock shower. Melanesian artifacts accent an heroically thatched bar/dining pavilion, the island/continental cuisine often enlivened by Fijian songfests and an impressive folkloric dance show once a week.

In addition to swims in the calm, clear-water ocean and freshwater grotto-like pool, the resort offers sensational scuba diving/snorkeling/glass-bottom excursions and light tackle/deepsea fishing, sea kayaking, escorted nature hikes, 4WD island tours, extensive fitness/massage facilities, night-lit tennis and golf on a 9-hole course meandering through an old coconut plantation. This is a timeless South Seas getaway made all the more special by a good-natured and caring Fijian staff. Ocean View Cottage Suite for two, \$1,800, all meals, open bar, laundry service and all sporting activities (except fishing charters) included. In the U.S. or Canada, Tel. (800) 828-3454 or Fax (970) 927-2048.

## Château Yering Yering, Australia

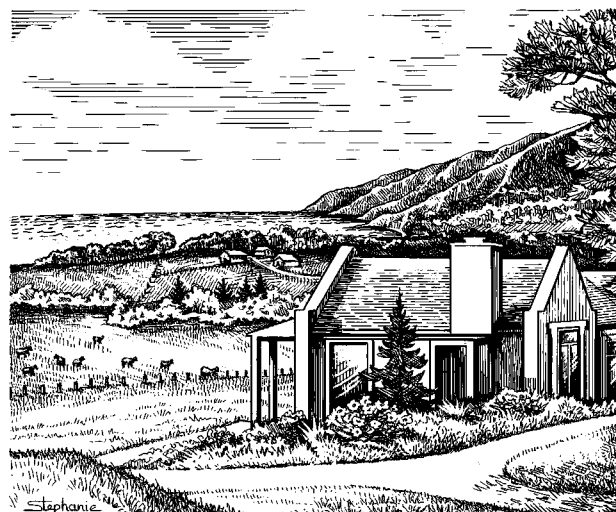
Situated in a peaceful world an hour NE of Melbourne, this gracious and strikingly appointed Victorian manor centerpieces a 250-acre historic estate in the pastoral Yarra Valley wine region. Twenty artfully conceived guest quarters come enhanced by antique furnishings and a host of modern amenities, our favorites being the "Stable Suites" (canopied four-poster beds, spa baths, fireplaces, garden verandahs) and extra-spacious "Yarra Suites" with separate living areas and panoramic balconies. Ornate lounges and a paneled bar lead to an inviting café incorporating the original homestead porch, plus a formal conservatory-style restaurant serving outstanding Continental cuisine. The nearby Jack Nicklaus Heritage Golf Course and 30 area vineyards/wineries for tours and tastings complement an on-premise tennis court, heated outdoor pool and beauty/massage salon. Stable Double/Single, \$460, breakfast included. Yarra Suite, \$525. Tel. (61) 3-9237-3333 or Fax (61) 3-9237-3300.

## Treetops Lodge Near Rotorua, New Zealand

A stunning new fishing/eco-adventure hideaway, Treetops is embraced by its own 2,500-acre North Island wilderness reserve. The casually elegant stone-and-timber lodge takes in a sporty Great Room, paneled library, breakfast conservatory and formal dining room specializing in fresh regional fare. Accommodations include four lodge suites and eight special villas with separate fireplaced living rooms. Fly-fishing enthusiasts will revel in seven trout-filled streams and four crystalline lakes, while non-anglers can explore 50 miles of hiking, biking and horseback riding trails lacing the wildlife-rich virgin forest. Lodge Suite for two, \$1,050, breakfast and dinner included; Single, \$880. Villa, \$1,245. Tel. (64) 7-333-2066 or Fax (64) 7-333-2065.

## Wharekauhau Country Estate Palliser Bay, New Zealand

Set in glorious surroundings at the tip of the North Island, this charmingly luxurious 5,000-acre estate/working sheep station overlooks miles of black-sand beaches, as well as green pasturelands backdropped by ancient forests and rugged mountains. Twelve choice cottage suites dot the scenic terrain, along



with an Edwardian-style manor featuring a grand lounge and dining hall warmed by blazing fires. Leisure facilities include a 65-foot indoor pool, spa treatment room, fitness gym and tennis court, plus guided bush walks and 4WD ranch tours to view the sheepdogs in action. Cottage Suite for two, \$975, breakfast and dinner included; Single, \$625. Tel. (64) 6-307-7581 or Fax (64) 6-307-7799.



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