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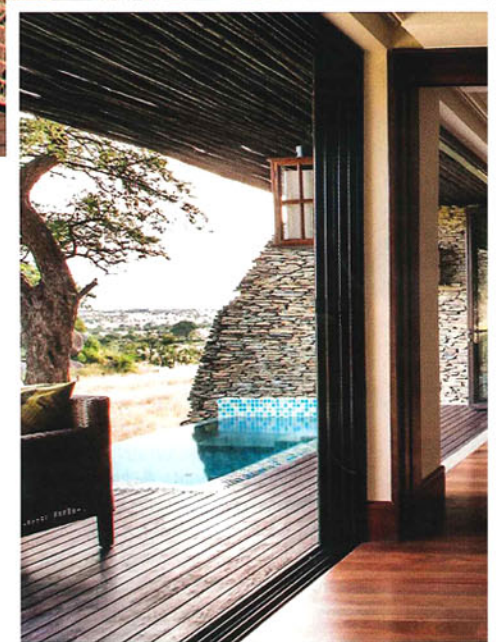
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# 25 FRESH ESCAPES FROM L.A.

Dare to cheat on your regular vacation location with new hotspots guaranteed to fulfill your sense of wanderlust, whether you're halfway around the world or within walking distance from home

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## ▲ TANZANIA

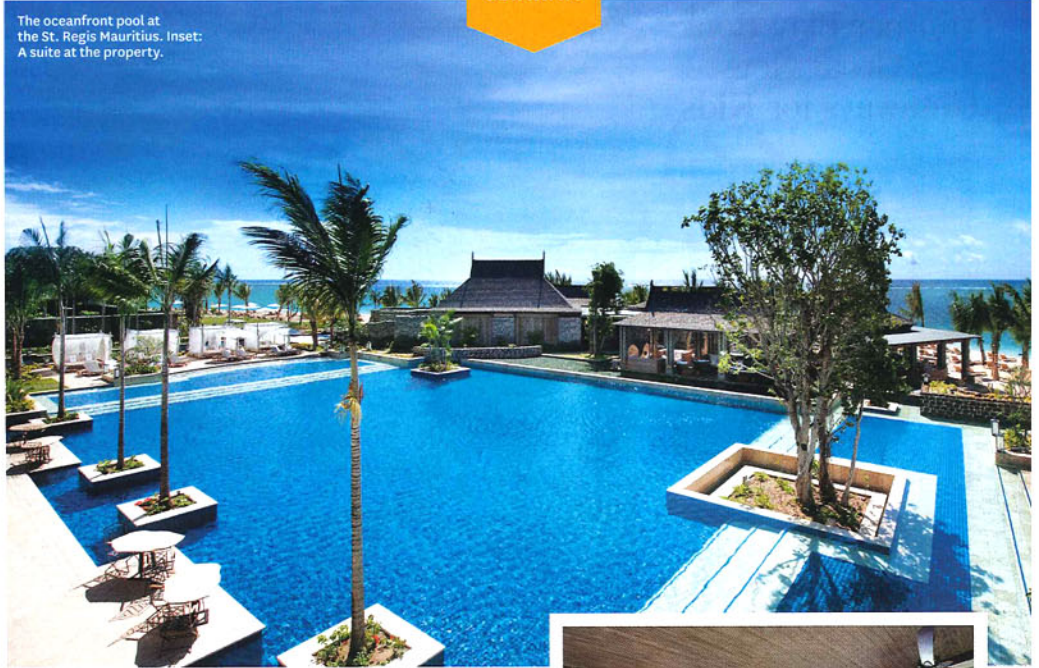
Don't be surprised to see **Leonardo DiCaprio** sunning poolside at the new Four Seasons Safari Lodge (rooms from \$890) in the heart of the Serengeti; he ponied up \$22,000 during a spirited auction at this spring's GLAAD Media Awards for a trip to this lavish hotel in Tanzania. The Serengeti's name derives from the local Maasai word for "endless plains," and it's such a standout among safari destinations that the park has earned UNESCO World Heritage status. The popular country in East Africa has been on the vacation itineraries of such names as the **Katzenberg** family and actor **Josh Radnor** in the past year.

Certainly the setting is one noteworthy feature of the Four Seasons hotel, located deep within the 12,000-square-mile park amid herds of gazelles, zebras and buffalo. This isn't a standard luxury safari setup, though, which usually involves the glossy take on camping known as "glamping." Rather, this hotel — a midmarket lodge reconfigured in December by the five-star chain — is a permanent structure, with 77 rooms and villas linked by elevated walkways. This confers several advantages in that the amenities can be expanded drastically: The hotel offers satellite TV, air conditioning and Wi-Fi, plus a full spa, an educational facility for kids and three restaurants. Plan on a three-leg, 26-hour flight on KLM to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, then a 90-minute local flight to the nearest airport, an hour's ride from the hotel.

More than anything, though, the Four Season's billet in the heart of the park turns safari from a judery jaunt in a jeep into a comfy perch poolside. The hotel is surrounded by watering holes, bringing animals within view without leaving the property. — MARK ELLWOOD



The Four Seasons Safari Park's infinity pool has a prime viewing spot of elephants at a nearby watering hole.



The oceanfront pool at the St. Regis Mauritius. Inset: A suite at the property.



▲ MAURITIUS

A stunning volcanic 42-mile-long island off the southeast coast of Africa — and once the home of the extinct dodo bird — Mauritius is not a quick getaway (from L.A., it's nearly 24 hours, including a stop in Paris via Air France). But perhaps that's the point. The allure of being far away from it all but still blanketed in luxury draws the likes of **Serena Williams** and **Prince Harry** to this hideaway, renowned for a climate with little or no wind and warm-water currents. "It's more than the quintessential tropical paradise," says **David Rubin** of luxe tour agency DavidTravel. "Our clients love its unique fusion of cultures — Indian, French, African, Asian and British." The latest star on the island, already home to a Four Seasons and an Oberoi, is the new St. Regis Mauritius Resort (rooms from \$480). It lies on a glorious stretch of the Indian Ocean at the foot of Le Morne mountain (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Each of its 172 rooms and suites has a butler to facilitate everything from kite surfing and dolphin-spotting excursions to making sure your offspring are occupied while you have a coconut mango bath in the spa. Among the property's restaurants is Michelin-starred chef **Atul Kochhar's** Simply India. Of course, you could simply have your cocktail and nibbles delivered to a prime spot beneath a banyan tree by the turquoise sea. — LESLIE VAN BUSKIRK



One of the hotel's guest suites, which includes its own plunge pool for relaxing while viewing wildlife.

Power Trip: Where the Industry Is Traveling



Producer **Lorenzo di Bonaventura** is off to Colorado and the Grand Canyon for 10 days. ... *The Walking Dead* producer **Gale Ann Hurd** has been mountain hiking in Montana. ... Clear Channel entertainment president **John Sykes** is off to

Tanzania to stay at billionaire commodity trader **Paul Tudor Jones'** compound. ... *Glee* and *American Horror Story* showrunner **Brad Falchuk** was in Rome to see **Bruce Springsteen** in concert. ... **Danny Zuker** is back from the Four Seasons

Resort Maui at Wailea. **Ryan Kavanaugh** and **Willie Geist** were on the island as well. ... Glassnote Entertainment's **Daniel Glass** is off to Ibiza. ... *Ray Donovan* star **Brooke Smith** will unplug in the High Sierras, then go to

Greece. ... **Spike Lee** jetted to Marrakech. ... Producer **Larry Thompson** is cruising the Mediterranean (Portofino, St. Tropez) aboard a chartered yacht. ... **Gayle King** went to upstate New York's Mohonk Mountain House.

# Summer Play Book: 5 Great New Getaways for Kids



**LEGOLAND HOTEL**  
Lego's Carlsbad theme park now has a hotel (\$885 The Crossings Drive; rooms from \$149) with wildly fun interiors to match. There's even a celebrity wall with block portraits of Hugh Jackman and Mark Wahlberg.



**AIRSTREAM 2 GO**  
This new company (airstream2go.com; from \$5,300 weekly) offers gleaming current-model trailers — outfitted with high-end sheets, flatscreens and a GMC Yukon Denali for towing — for trekking across the wide-open West.



**YELLOWSTONE EXPLORER CABINS**  
Yellowstone has just opened 50 new charmingly rustic cabins (visit [yellowstonepark.com](http://yellowstonepark.com); from \$281), a short drive from Old Faithful, each with a fireplace and cooking supplies for s'mores.



**THE EXPLORATORIUM**  
For some brainy family fun, San Francisco's Exploratorium has a spectacular new Embarcadero home (Pier 15/17). Thrill to more than 600 indoor and outdoor art and science exhibits — Jodie Foster and family already have.



**BEEKEEPING AT CARMEL VALLEY RANCH**  
The Honey & Lavender weekends at Carmel Valley Ranch (1 Old Ranch Road, Carmel; rooms from \$350) include beekeeping in protective suits (\$35 per child) and soapmaking. Honey-lavender lemonade seals the deal. — *s.s.*

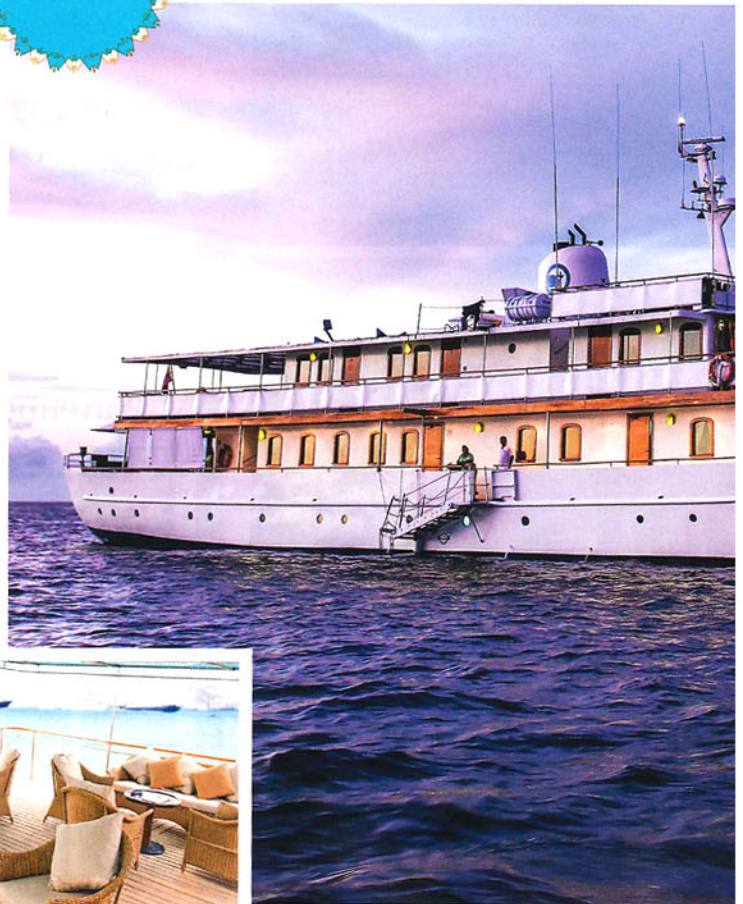
The Aman Sveti Stefan's semiprivate beach lies on the isthmus between the island and the mainland. Right: A shaded dining terrace.



## INTERNATIONAL

### ► GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Grace Kelly's former private yacht is now enjoying a second life as a luxury cruise vessel in the famed Galapagos (reachable via a three-leg, 24-hour flight from LAX). The M/Y Grace ([quasarexpeditions.com](http://quasarexpeditions.com); doubles from \$5,800 a person) features nine cabins, all renovated in 2012. Shell out \$99,900 and the entire ship can be requisitioned as a private charter. Built in 1928 for the chairman of the Prudential Insurance company in Britain's Southampton, the vessel later was conscripted into the navy. Once the war was over, the craft was snapped up in 1951 by shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, who gifted it to Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly as a wedding present five years later. Onassis had funded a princely renovation, and the pair used it on their seven-week honeymoon around the coasts of Corsica and Sardinia. Now, the yacht takes passengers on a seven-night itinerary serving inclusive meals on deck and weaving through 18 islands that together host the most impressive zoological hoard anywhere. It isn't just its storied heritage that gives M/Y Grace an advantage over other ships — its size does, too. At just 147 feet, it can pit-stop at some of the most remote and delicate sights in the archipelago, where larger vessels cannot reach or would interfere with wildlife. — *M.E.*





◀ **MONTENEGRO**

When the tragedies of civil war receded, the Balkans took off as a 21st century destination for travelers grown tired of the same old, same old. Dubrovnik, on the coast of Croatia, first attracted the likes of **Tom Cruise** and **Beyonce**. Now Montenegro — significantly name-checked in *Casino Royale* and reachable via a three-leg, 21-hour flight from LAX — is ready for its close-up, already having drawn such visitors as **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie**. And on the fortified Montenegrin islet of Sveti Stefan — a fishing village surprisingly transformed during the '60s into a luxury playground (**Sophia Loren** and **Kirk Douglas** were just two of its visitors) by Communist leader **Marshal Tito** — Aman Resorts has ratcheted up the high-end factor with the new Aman Sveti Stefan (rooms from \$825). Its 58 rooms include modernized rustic stone cottages and a swish suite with its own swimming pool. This summer sees the opening of a new spa. Ask the concierge to book a private tasting with the Masanovic family at its legendary nearby winery. — **KEN SCRUDATO**



Expedition options from the M/Y Grace include snorkeling with turtles and sea lions and kayaking on the open water amid flocks of cormorants. Left: A lounge area on deck.

STYLE  
GETAWAYS

# FIRST CLASS CARRY-ONS

Roll of a lifetime or just a quick getaway: This roomy luxe luggage never needs baggage claim thanks to TSA-friendly dimensions **By Carol McColgin**

**ORANGE CRUSH**

Lambskin leather Voyage Carry On trolley with wheels and telescopic handle by Balenciaga (19 inches tall by 13.5 inches wide by 7 inches deep); \$2,465, at Barneys New York, Beverly Hills

**RETRO-STYLE RED**

Handmade laminated plastic Air Cabin carry-on case with leather trim by Globe-Trotter (14x18x6); \$1,385, [mrporter.com](http://mrporter.com)

**CREAM OF THE CROP**

Italian textured leather Small 55 Costa suitcase (21.5x15.2x6.4) by Valigeria; \$6,810, at Barneys New York, Beverly Hills

**PREMIER PIECE**

Monogram hard-sided Zephyr 55 trolley by Louis Vuitton (26x14.5x9.6); \$3,450, at select Louis Vuitton stores or [louisvuitton.com](http://louisvuitton.com)

**GOING GREEN**

Perforated leather carry-on with detachable in-flight travel case by Moncrief (22x15.4x9); \$7,476, [moncrieflondon.com](http://moncrieflondon.com)



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# RICH PEOPLE (TRAVEL) PROBLEMS

Victoria Klein Wainscott, Hollywood's favorite know-it-all who knows everyone, solves the top three awkward scenarios that can rain on otherwise perfect vacation plans

**IT'S NO SECRET THAT I'M WORTH A BILLION. MY WIFE AND I ARE STAYING WITH FRIENDS IN THE HAMPTONS, AND WE WANT TO GET A GIFT THAT DOESN'T GO OVERBOARD BUT DOESN'T LOOK CHEAP, EITHER. SUGGESTIONS?**

Barring handing them a blank check, you're smart to assume middle range is the way to go. Two things to consider with the Hamptons: preppie pervasiveness and outdoor parties. An Hermes blanket is always coveted, and they range in price from \$1,375 (for summer weight) to \$2,800. On the other hand, L.L.Bean has a chic multicolor striped blanket for \$379. For \$30 to \$230, Missoni beach towels are one of the great wonders of the world — and you will be invited back. Or surprise your hosts with a stylish Jonathan Adler brass tic-tac-toe board (\$195) or retro-charming backgammon set (\$295), a Trina Turk Pucci-slash-Palm Springs print ice bucket (\$58) or the Kate Spade 1950s picnic basket (\$134), which you should go ahead and fill with a few bottles of Domaines Ott. If you give them that, I want to be invited. As for the age-old dilemma of whether to arrive with the gift, send it later or bequeath it at the end of the trip, consider this: You'll have a much nicer time if you give it the minute you walk through the door.

**MY HUSBAND AND I ARE STAYING AT THE FOUR SEASONS MAUI, WHERE WE ALWAYS RUN INTO OTHER INDUSTRY COUPLES WHO WANT TO DINE WITH US. HOW CAN WE DECLINE WITHOUT BEING RUDE?**

Darling, the Four Seasons Maui is hardly an escape from Hollywood. It's like Sundance with no snow: Tout le monde of Hollywood is there, only year-round! That said, if you choose to invoke the great **Greta Garbo** and plead privacy, there are only two real excuses: romance and tragedy. Go with the happier route: Say you and your husband are on your second honeymoon (even if your first divorce is right around the corner). No one wants to get in the way of a little action — that would be utterly anti-Hollywood. We consulted etiquette colleague **Lizzie Post**, the great-great-granddaughter of **Emily Post**, and she adds: "I would say, 'We have plans tonight and a lot to discuss — but let's set up an alternate date.' And it wouldn't be rude at all if that date were after your return." Now let's hope you don't get in a huge public spat like **Charles and Nigella** and blow your cover.



**I'M STAYING AT A FRIEND'S VILLA AT LAKE COMO. HE HIRED AN AMAZING ITALIAN CHEF, BUT I'M ON A STRICT GLUTEN-FREE, VEGAN DIET. CAN I BRING MY OWN CHEF?**

Oh, honey, NO ONE diets in Italy! You are denying yourself one of life's great pleasures. When I go there, I eat everything I want, walk everywhere (particularly to designer stores), then go full-throttle ascetic when I get home. If you insist, indulge your denial (but remember, most Italians will think you're from the moon, not L.A.) and take the advice of **Lulu Powers**, superstar chef to the A-list, who says: "Yes, bring your own chef, if you are that concerned. But to avoid insulting him, your chef should assist his chef after cooking your meals." Another idea from **Beth Ginsberg**, a private chef to wealthy clients: "Why not just ask the chef to stock Gianluca Mech, an Italian company specializing in gluten- and dairy-free food? The gluten-free protein pasta is fabulous, I use it in L.A., and it has to go through customs, but it's worth it." *Mangia!*

*Victoria Klein Wainscott*



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El Encanto and its 7-acre grounds have been revived with luxury and historic character in mind. Right: Ellie restaurant, named after the hotel cow who provides milk to make the cheese for its artisanal Californian-Asian-French cuisine.

LOS ANGELES

## 5 Stylish Staycations: Get Away Without Going Too Far Away

From Manhattan Beach to Silver Lake, find repose right here in L.A. with these boutique hotel hideaways