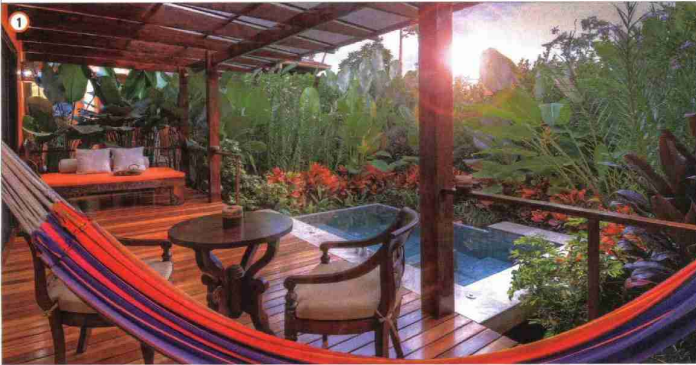




TRAVEL BY DESIGN

Short & Sweet

10 WEEKEND GETAWAYS SURE TO BANISH THOSE MID-WINTER BLUES



1. Nayara Springs, Costa Rica

Just opened in December, Nayara Springs is located in the rainforest surrounding the Arenal Volcano and provides guests with tranquility and total immersion in nature. Each of the 16 private villas features a plunge pool fed by mineral springs. The villas have butler service and are steps away from the spa, yoga pavilion, adult pool, piano bar and the Latin American restaurant, Amor-Loco, featuring fresh sushi, grilled fish, and vegetables from the hotel's organic garden. nayaraspings.com.

2. Hotel Saint-Barth Isle de France, St. Barth

Situated right on Flamands beach (the best beach location of any hotel on the island), **Hotel Saint-Barth Isle de France** is celebrating the completion of a three-year renovation, which included the addition of La Cabane de l'Isle, a beachside restaurant for feet-in-the-sand dining, and an update on furnishings by Bee Osborn of Osborn Interiors with custom oversized daybeds, Schumacher textiles and clean white spaces with pops of orange or blue. It's a great escape for a weekend in paradise. isle-de-france.com.

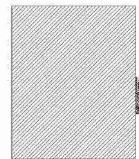


3. Pavillon des Lettres, Paris

Pavillon des Lettres is located in the 8th Arrondissement, steps away from Rue Faubourg Saint Honoré, one of the most fashionable streets in the world. This romantic hotel combines arts, literature and fine design, with each of its 26 rooms devoted to a letter of the alphabet and a literary 'great' corresponding to that letter. Text from the author's book, poem or play is painted above the bed and a copy can be found on the nightstand. pavillondeslettres.com

4. Pavillon de la Reine, Paris

Set in a private courtyard, **Pavillon de la Reine** is the only hotel on the historic Place des Vosges in the fashionable Marais district. Originally built for King Henry IV, the beloved ivy-clad hotel is steps away from the three-Michelin-starred Ambroisie restaurant and is close to such landmarks as the Pompidou, the Picasso Museum and Notre Dame, in addition to the many boutiques and cafés of the Marais. pavillon-de-la-reine.com.



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5. Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, FL

Located on Millionaire's Row, **Fontainebleau Miami Beach**, a symbol of style and sophistication since 1954, boasts 1,504 guestrooms and suites appointed with lavish amenities; 12 restaurants and lounges; two nightlife venues including the world-famous LIV Nightclub; the 40,000-square-foot Lapis spa; a dramatic oceanfront pool-scape; and is home to BleuLive, the innovative concert series that combines intimate performances with memorable weekend escapes. fontainebleau.com.

6. Hyatt Union Square New York, NYC

Short on time? The **Hyatt Union Square New York** (opened April 2013) offers 178 high-design guestrooms and suites in the heart of New York City's emerging Digital District. Union Square's selection of restaurants, famous Greenmarket, historic park, shopping options and convenient location make this a perfect homebase for a getaway in your own backyard. unionsquare.hyatt.com.

7. Rittenhouse Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

Steps from Rittenhouse Square, the **Rittenhouse Hotel** is undergoing a multimillion-dollar revitalization led by designer Alexandra Champalimaud, including a redesign of the lobby and reception, a new Library Bar and five luxury suites with floor-to-ceiling windows. Lacroix at the Rittenhouse, the hotel's famed restaurant, remains the hardest brunch reservation to come by in the city. Afternoon tea at the Mary Cassatt Tea Room is also a highly regarded tradition. rittenhousehotel.com.

8. Stowe Mountain Lodge, Stowe, VT

With a welcoming exterior of timber and glass, this 312-room luxury lodge celebrates rustic Vermont-alpine architecture. The lobby at **Stowe Mountain Lodge**, a Destination Hotels & Resorts property, boasts a gorgeous stone fireplace and breathtaking views of Mt. Mansfield, Smugglers Notch and Spruce Peak. Each lodge guestroom has large windows and oversized balconies. New this winter: additional private ski-in/ski-out cabins at Spruce Peak. stowemountainlodge.com.

9. Castle Hill Inn, Newport, RI

Explore the historic mansions of Newport from the gorgeous **Castle Hill Inn**, a Relais & Chateaux property nestled on a 40-acre peninsula overlooking Narragansett Bay. Enjoy the coastal setting, relaxed elegance and authentic Newport spirit in the 19th-century inn, the harbor house or in a private beach house or beach cottage. castlehillinn.com.

10. Inn at the Presidio, San Francisco, CA

It's now possible to stay in the Presidio of San Francisco. Steps away from hiking trails, the newly opened **Inn at the Presidio** is minutes from shopping districts and a short distance from downtown San Francisco, Union Square, Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, the Ferry Building and Golden Gate Park. Built in 1903, the Classic Revival brick building with 22 guest rooms has Golden Gate Bridge views from the top floor. innatthepresidio.com.

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