





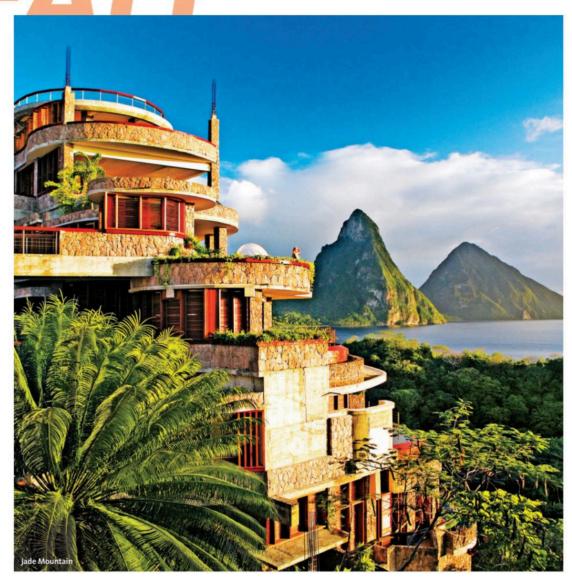
IF YOU'RE PLANNING A SUMMER GETAWAY,

FALL MINIMOON, WINTER ESCAPE

OR SPRING SOJOURN, WE'VE GOT THE

PERFECT PLACE FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE TRIP.

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ST. LUCIA

WHY GO St. Lucia is the Caribbean escape of choice for couples who prefer waterfalls to pools and hiking to lounging with a piña colada on the beach. During the fall, the weather is still breezy and beautiful on St. Lucia, but the crowds are thinner and rates for both hotels and airfare are lower.

GREAT FOR Adventurers, active travelers, sun seekers
WHERE TO STAY Located at the highest point on St. Lucia, Jade
Mountain feels like a little slice of heaven floating high in the
clouds (think: white-sand beaches, pristine coral reefs and an
on-site organic farm). The 29 suites are more like mini resorts

within a resort, with 15-foot ceilings, panoramic views of the Piton Mountains, and a private infinity pool or Jacuzzi. (From \$1,110, JadeMountain.com)

WHAT TO DO Waterfalls rival beaches as the main attraction on St. Lucia. Sault Falls on the island's east coast takes a bit more effort to reach, but you're likely to have the 55-foot falls all to yourself. If hiking is your thing, tackle the 2,619-foot climb up Gros Piton for incredible peak views. (GrosPiton.com)
DON'T MISS The 110-minute Alchemy for Two spa ritual at Kai en Ciel Spa was designed specifically for couples and incorporates massage, poetry, chocolates and tantra vibrational oil. (\$595)



NICARAGUA

WHY GO Fine sand beaches, world-class surf breaks, exotic islands and dramatic volcanoes make for the perfect mix of adventure and relaxation.

GREAT FOR Adventurers, naturists, surfers, culturally curious travelers

WHERE TO STAY Nekupe Sporting Resort and
Retreat, Nicaragua's first upscale countryside retreat,
is ideal for couples looking for an intimate stay that
offers both romance and adventure. Set on an
1,800-acre nature reserve, the property has
just eight rooms and a renovated spa.
Get your adrenaline fix clay shooting

and racing ATVs, or Zen out with yoga and painting classes. (From \$900 for all-inclusive, Nekupe.com)

WHAT TO DO The charming colonial

city of Granada is 30 minutes away.

Wander its cobblestone streets, enjoy
a boat ride on Lake Nicaragua or have the
resort arrange visits with local artists and potters.

DON'T MISS Guests with a taste for life's finer things

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IDEAL FOR COUPLES LOOKING FOR AN INTIMATE STAY THAT OFFERS ROMANCE AND ADVENTURE, NEKUPE HAS JUST EIGHT ROOMS.

WHAT TO DO Discover
Cabo's other "wild side"
on The Resort at Pedregal's
Secrets of Baja's Sierras
Luxploration tour. You'll take
a 4x4 to a desert oasis where

and off-site excursions.

Pedregal.com)

(From \$525, TheResortat

Luxploration tour. You'll take a 4x4 to a desert oasis where you'll hike past towering cacti to cascading waterfalls and swimming holes, and meet local legend Doña Luz for a tortilla-making class followed by lunch. (8-hour

DON'T MISS The cliffside setting of El Farallon restaurant makes it one of Cabo's most coveted reservations. Arrive early to experience a flight of bubbly (choose from 15 varietals) at the Champagne Terrace.

tour from \$659)