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The winter blahs got you down? No worries. Whether ski or sun, shop or spa, these 15 HOT DESTINATIONS have your cure.

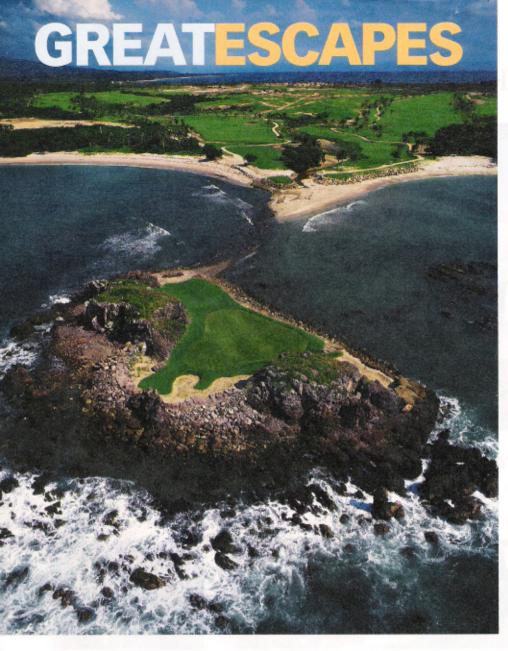
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Punta Mita, Mexico

Lush green forest, Miles of proud mountains, A rich, blue sea that rolls again and again to meet the rocky cliffs and white sands. And, like a ticker tape parade, thousands of butterflies decorate the sky. Such is the scene at Punta Mita, a 1,500-acre master-planned resort (featuring a Four Seasons and other properties for rent) and residential community just 45 minutes from the airport in Puerto Vallarta, Tucked amid it all stands Casa Papelillos (214-924-6427), all curves and arches, fountains and stillness, winding staircases and certain slants of light. A place for which three words suffice: exquisite, minimal, and inviting. But as glorious as the architecture of this nine-bedroom compound is, it's merely a backdrop. The real star of CP is the service. It begins the moment the charming host whisks visitors from the airport to their new home. And it doesn't end until the final serenade guests are treated to at week's end-as well it should, for \$13,000 a night, not including food, drink, or spa. There's no formality at this sprawling villa. Guests can breathe easy and enjoy the two pools, the picture-perfect beach, or simply one another while every little detail and desire is met: Snickers on the kids' pillows at night, brick-oven pizzas on demand, impromptu Latin dance lessons on the terrace, sumptuous meals, Benny's famous margaritas, or an in-room massage. Enjoy being spoiled while you can. Because despite your spouse's best efforts, you won't get that kind of service at home.

Singapore, Singapore

If you're looking for the most romantic place to escape from your world, you must first choose between an idyllic beach hideaway or the perfect place to sequester yourself in city elegance. If you've ruled out sandy bathing suits, book suite 3226 at the **Ritz Cariton Millenia** (www.ritzcarlton.com/hotels/singapore) in Singapore. You will not be sorry, and you will not want to leave your room, for this hotel has redefined luxury. Your every wish—even those you didn't know you had—will be granted. Book the **Ultimate Splendor Package**, and when you return after a day of sightseeing, you'll find a path of rose petals leading to the marble bathroom. There you'll find a huge tub filled with bubbles and surrounded by dozens of roses and candles. Get in and gaze out the 8-foot octagonal window overlooking the city and the sea. A bottle of champagne and a plate of strawberries and whipped cream are close at hand. After a romantic soak, wrap yourself in a plush velvet robe and step into the living room where your butler awaits, ready to serve a 10-course meal (delivered by course) paired with wine with the awe-inspiring skyline of Singapore as your backdrop. It's the good life at its best.

