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From wine country getaways to oceanfront retreats, discover five grandiose vacation destinations to call your home away from home. *By Claire Harper & Elizabeth Harper*



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MONTAGE RESIDENCES HEALDSBURG HEALDSBURG, CALIF.

Mix one part Northern California countryside, one part vineyard views and one part world-renowned wine, and the resulting blend is Montage Residences Healdsburg—the luxury hotel group's first Northern California offering. Located in northern Sonoma County, the homes—of which there are 25 Harvest and 15 Estate homesites—sit adjacent to the Alexander

and Russian River valleys, among the private rolling vineyards of Aperture Cellars and within reach of all a Montage property has to offer: Spa Montage; on-site dining; pools; and outdoor activities like archery, cycling and pickleball. Plus, residence

owners have exclusive access to special estate wine releases, private tours and a row of grapes named for the first 10 homeowners. "Montage Healdsburg offers the ultimate

connection to the landscape, outdoors, wellness, culinary and wine experiences," says Tina Necrason, executive vice president, residential for Montage International.

Designed by San Diego-based architecture firm Delawie, the Harvest homes are a generous 4,500 square feet of intelligently planned indoor-outdoor living spaces. The Estate homes, courtesy of San Franciscobased BAR Architects, offer ample privacy, with homes up to 5,580 square feet, fivebedroom suites, media rooms, swimming pools and expansive terraces from which you can gaze onto the vineyards. "When envisioning the interior design of each

home, inspiration was taken from the region's distinctive architectural character as well as the terrain of Healdsburg," says Neil Johnson, managing director of residential real estate for Ohana Realty. "We wanted to invite the outdoors in, using restrained color and luxurious textures." Each homeowner has the freedom to personalize the home and decor to fit their individual needs. Says Necrason, "The architecture of both the resort and the custom residential enclave authentically embrace the views of rolling

authentically embrace the views of rolling vineyards and tree groves among the perfect setting to embrace the natural beauty of Sonoma wine country." \$915,000-\$1.4 million, montageresidenceshealdsburg.com



Nestled in Baja California, Rancho La Puerta-the first fitness and wellness resort in North America—has been serving up luxury for 80 years. In honor of its milestone anniversary, the property announces its latest development, The Residences at Rancho La Puerta. "For many years at Rancho La Puerta we have nurtured the dream of creating a residential community—a village rooted in our traditions of living in harmony with the natural world," says Sarah Livia Brightwood Szekely, president of Rancho La Puerta. "This village is a place where you can draw strength and become your most resilient self."

The new builds will feature three home types: Casitas at two bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths; Casas with three bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths; and Villas featuring four bedrooms, 4 ½ baths and 4,299 square feet of space. Each home is equipped with Darwin home wellness technology; advanced water purification systems; extensive outdoor space; and available designer-curated, turnkey furniture packages. "As part of the plans for The Residences lifestyle, we will create spaces that could be open to the public and become a bridge between the local community of Tecate and our residents," says Alejandro Chion, head architect of Grupo Espíritu, which worked alongside Szekely in master planning the community. The Villas are standouts, with an emphasis on privacy, views of Mount Kuchumaa, a pool, a wine cellar, and 24-hour concierge and security services. Homeowners also have access to amenities such as guided hikes, a meditation room, pickleball and tennis courts, The Winery and its tasting rooms, on-site dining and the spa. "We want this place to be a celebration of life," Chion says. Villas from \$1.7 million, rancholapuerta.com





TIMBERS KIAWAH KIAWAH, S.C.

There's a particular genre of calm that takes over as you drive down the long stretch of Spanish moss-draped oak trees on the trip to Kiawah. Forty-five minutes from downtown Charleston, Timbers Kiawah is putting its own luxury stamp on the Lowcountry. Recendy opened by Timbers Resorts, the newest residences are steps from the ocean and oceanfront pool, with panoramic views, spacious living quarters, a laundry list of amenities and concierge conveniences, and impeccable design courtesy of J. Banks Design Group. "The interiors," says firm founder and President Joni Vanderslice, "were designed to flow seamlessly from interior to exterior in

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color and texture, reflecting the sea grass, sand, sky and water that is the focal point from the moment you walk into the space. The furnishings were selected to reflect luxury without pretense, inviting you to linger, gather and reflect. The art, baskets and accessories include work from local artists and artisans, adding to the sense of place that is the Lowcountry."

With one-ninth deeded ownership (penthouses are one-sixth deeded ownership), each resident is guaranteed four weeks per year in the three-bedroom residences or four-bedroom penthouses of beachside relaxation, unctuous lunches and dinners at the Beach Club, familyfriendly activities, a wine club and supremely customized services. Case in point: As you return to your South Carolina home away from home, staff will set out your family photos, rearrange the home according to your preference, round up the groceries and even restore your favorite cast iron to its rightful place in the kitchen—all before you step foot in the door. "The goal," says Chris Burden, the property's chief development

officer, "when crafting the Timbers Kiawah experience was to offer our owners a fresh, carefree approach to the finest Lowcountry lifestyle, showcasing the best of what the region has to offer." From \$569,000, timbersresorts.com

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Clockwise from top left: Each well-appointed bathroom has access to a lush outdoor shower and a soaking tub with stunning water views; the interiors have a Scandinavian design influence and natural, organic hues; the limestone cladding used for the exterior continues inside the living room, which reveals 13-foot-plus vaulted ceilings with bleached hardwood teak; all Rock House homes include a private pool and outdoor terrace with unobstructed ocean views.

ROCK HOUSE PROVIDENCIALES, TURKS AND CAICOS

Cascading down dramatic limestone cliffs on the northern coast of Providenciales, Grace Bay Resorts recently unveiled Rock House, an exclusive resort and residential

development spanning more than 14 acres and with 600 feet of secluded ocean frontage. Builder Projetech Ltd., Coast Architects and interior designer Shawn Henderson were tapped for the resort's 40 single-family abodes. To blend the homes into the rugged landscape, the architect team called on local artisans to handcut and lay stone cladding sourced from the cliffs for both the exteriors and interiors. Once inside, a grand living space

gives way to soaring 13-foot-plus timberclad vaulted ceilings with bleached

hardwood teak, nearly 16-foot-by-10-foot German Schüco sliding glass doors and Italian-designed windows to showcase unobstructed Atlantic Ocean and

Providenciales views. Complementing the textured design, Henderson—who drew inspiration from coastal resorts like Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc in Antibes, France,

and Parco dei Principi Grand Hotel & Spa in Rome—selected furnishings with a nod to Scandinavian design and a neutral palette to allow the views to be the focus. Each modern ridge home also features an expansive private pool, 10-foot terraces, lush outdoor shower gardens, top-of-theline Waterworks and Sub-Zero appliances, plus spalike master bathrooms equipped with Caesarstone countertops and custom bleached hardwood teak cabinets (also used for the kitchen cabinets). Apart from the private accommodations, homebuyers have access to the resort's shared luxuries,

including the largest occanfront infinity pool ever built in Turks and Caicos which rests beautifully atop a 25-foot cliff peppered with ancient indigenous trees—a private beach at the base of

the cliff, a 100-foot beach club jetty, on-site restaurants, a full-service spa and more. Private residences \$600,000-\$2.3 million, rockhouseresort.com

FOUR SEASONS PRIVATE BEACHFRONT VILLAS AT COSTA PALMAS LA RIBERA, BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR, MEXICO

Situated on 1,000 secluded acres on the East Cape of the Baja peninsula sits Four Seasons Private Beachfront Villas, a real estate offering within private resort and residential community Costa Palmas. Ranging in size from 9,268 square feet to nearly 17,000 square feet (with 6,588 square feet of exterior living), the 16 bespoke residences feature five open layouts, including the Pavilion Villa floor plan of Villa No. 11, mere steps from the Sea of Cortez. The custom project, helmed by Jon Brent Design, Guerin Glass Architects and Costa Palmas Home, reveals a six-bedroom, six-bath, 10,000-square-foot masterpiece that juxtaposes the surrounding regional landscape with modern, organic design elements. "The home's spaces are organized to reflect specific qualities of the site: sea, mountains, dunes and farmland," says principal architect Scott Glass. "A series of pavilions are tied together through plantings and water features, tuning the scale of a generous house so it blends quietly with the land. It's a place of calm familial connection with the environment." Along with securing total creative control over custom villas, homeowners have the resort's many comforts at their disposalthink access to the Oasis Spa and Wellness Center; multiple pools; and five restaurants, including the famed Estiatorio Milos, among others. Come 2022, owners will also have select access to the new Amanvari resort and all of the amenities that come with it: a Robert Trent Jones II-designed golf club and course, 18 acres of beautiful orchards and a farm, and a spa with yoga and Pilates studios, to name a few. Between the resort's endless indulgences and the grandeur of a custom-designed villa, life at Costa Palmas is a never-ending respite. Lots \$5 million-\$20 million, costapalmas.com **0**

