



20 Summer

We've found 20 of the sweetest vacation spots across the hemisphere for every personality type — whether you're a foodie, fresh-air junkie or hopeless romantic. So pack your bags, set your e-mail to auto-reply and get ready for your best summer yet.

BY ASHLEY M. BIGGERS



Hotspots

Fairmont Kea Lani,
Maui

20 Summer Hotspots



Inn of the Anasazi, Santa Fe,
New Mexico

Art Aficionados 1) Inn of the Anasazi SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO



SCULPTURE, POTTERY AND JEWELRY, oh my! Santa Fe is among the world's best art destinations, and the Inn of the Anasazi is an ideal location to take in its myriad museums, galleries and shops. Each of the well-appointed guest rooms in this boutique hotel features handcrafted furnishings and a kiva fireplace.

Choose from a palette of art-friendly packages: A Georgia O'Keeffe-inspired deal includes a tour of her former home in Abiquiu; a Sam Scott package includes a personal tour of the artist's working studio; and a package for wearable art connoisseurs includes a consultation with a Santa Fe-style cognoscente.

After you've gotten your fill of art, feast on Executive Chef Mar-

tin Rios' Southwestern-Asian fusion fare at the inn's renowned Anasazi Restaurant.

Info: 113 Washington Ave., Santa Fe, New Mexico; 505-988-3030, innoftheanasazi.com; summer rates: \$375-\$750.

2) Mandarin Oriental NEW YORK CITY



FROM PAINTINGS to performance art, New York City has it all, and the Mandarin Oriental is at the center of it all. The hotel occupies the 35th to 54th floors of the Time Warner Center in Columbus Circle, near Fifth Avenue's "Museum Mile" and Broadway's razzle-dazzle.

Select from 248 luxurious rooms or suites adorned with contemporary, Asian-inspired décor and enhanced with state-of-the-art technology. As a bonus, many rooms overlook Central Park.

After a long day of art appreciation at The Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art, The Museum of Modern Art or the Guggenheim Museum, retreat to the hotel's Five-Star spa for a signature Time Ritual treatment, which combines several different personalized therapies into one rejuvenating experience.

Info: 80 Columbus Circle at 60th Street, New York; 212-805-8800, mandarinoriental.com/newyork; summer rates: \$915-\$3,500.

Food Lovers 3) L'Auberge Carmel CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, CALIFORNIA

AT LAUBERGE Carmel, you may be in Southern California, but you'll feel like you're in southern France. Just blocks from the beach, this European-

style luxury boutique hotel boasts 20 guest rooms that exude sophistication. Feast like a European king or queen at L'Auberge's French-and Italian-inspired restaurants. In the intimate 12-table L'Auberge Carmel, Chef Christophe Grosjean takes guests on an eight- or 10-course gastronomic journey. Using ingredients fresh from the farmers' market, his menu features simple dishes that allow each ingredient to sing. Pair the meal with a selection of international and local wines from the 4,500-bottle cellar.

At Bouchée, one of L'Auberge's two sister restaurants, partake of modern bistro cuisine inspired by the Monterey Coast. Finally, at Cantinetta Luca, dive into selections of wood-fired pizza and classic Italian antipastos in a casual dining setting.

Info: Monte Verde at Seventh, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California; 831-624-8578, laubergecarmel.com; summer rates: \$320-\$600.



Mandarin Oriental,
New York City

4) White Barn Inn KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

FOR A MEAL AS REFINED as Jackie Kennedy herself, you'll have to travel to Maine and dine at the White Barn Inn Restaurant. Here, you'll sample Chef Jonathan Cartwright's four-course, *prix fixe* menu beneath the exposed beams of the renovated barn that houses the restaurant.

The menu changes weekly but always features flavors typical of coastal Maine, such as a horseradish-crusted salmon fillet on spaghetti squash, or pan-roasted New England pheasant with wild mushroom *duxelle*. The expert sommelier will pair wines with each course for an additional fee.

If you explore the coast on a touring bike provided by the inn, the Mobil Five-Star and AAA Five-Diamond restaurant will pack a picnic lunch for you to enjoy on the beach. Or, if you'd prefer letting your meal settle in the privacy of your own room, the White Barn Inn offers suites in the refurbished farmhouse or separate waterfront cottages.

Info: 37 Beach Ave., Kennebunkport, Maine; 207-967-2321, whitebarninn.com; summer rates: \$575-\$1,425.

Fresh-Air Addicts 5) Pan Pacific Whistler Mountainside Hotel WHISTLER, CANADA

SO YOU WANT SOME FRESH AIR, EH? Whistler, Canada, has plenty. Hike the numerous trails in the Whistler and Blackcomb mountains, zoom down cables on a zip-line tour over alpine forests, or bike a section of the 115 single-track trails at the Mountain Bike Park. Whitewater rafting, jet boating, canoeing and windsurfing all are close at hand, too.

The Pan Pacific Whistler Mountainside Hotel places you at the heart of these outdoor experiences and close to the art, dining and culture of Whistler Village. Even while resting in your comfortable guest suite, you'll be able to take in breathtaking mountain views from your private balcony. For a post-outdoors libation and hearty fare, check out the Dubh Linn Gate Irish Pub.

Info: 4320 Sundial Crescent, Whistler, Canada; 877-324-4856, pan-pacific.com/WhistlerMountainside/Overview; summer rates: \$140-\$800.

20 Summer Hotspots



Sundance Resort,
Sundance, Utah

6) Sundance Resort SUNDANCE, UTAH



NORTH FORK CANYON'S natural beauty inspired Robert Redford to purchase a few acres there in 1969. Since then, the Sundance Preserve has blossomed to 5,000 acres and become home to the Sundance Resort, where you can stay in a guest room at the cozy mountain lodge or pay top dollar for a private cottage.

When you're not enjoying the indoor comforts, explore the natural beauty of the canyon: Bike miles of trails, glide over fields of wildflowers on a scenic chairlift ride, fly-fish in the Provo River or hike with a naturalist from the Sundance Nature Center. At night, there are ample opportunities to spot owls and go stargazing.

After a day of outdoor recreation, you'll have earned a meal at the Tree Room, a AAA Four-Diamond restaurant that serves elegant, regional-inspired meals like grilled wild boar chop and roasted Utah elk. Or dine at The Foundry Grill, which features dinnerware handcrafted in the on-site glass blower studio.

Info: RR 3, Box A-1, Sundance, Utah; 801-225-4107, sundance-resort.com; summer rates: \$275-\$1,200.

Golf Gurus

7) The Lodge at Torrey Pines LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA



LOCATION IS THE KEY to real estate, and it just may be the key to golf vacations as well. This 175-room Craftsman-style lodge sidles right up to the 18th fairway of the legendary Torrey Pines Golf

Course. Guests enjoy a guaranteed tee time during their stay.

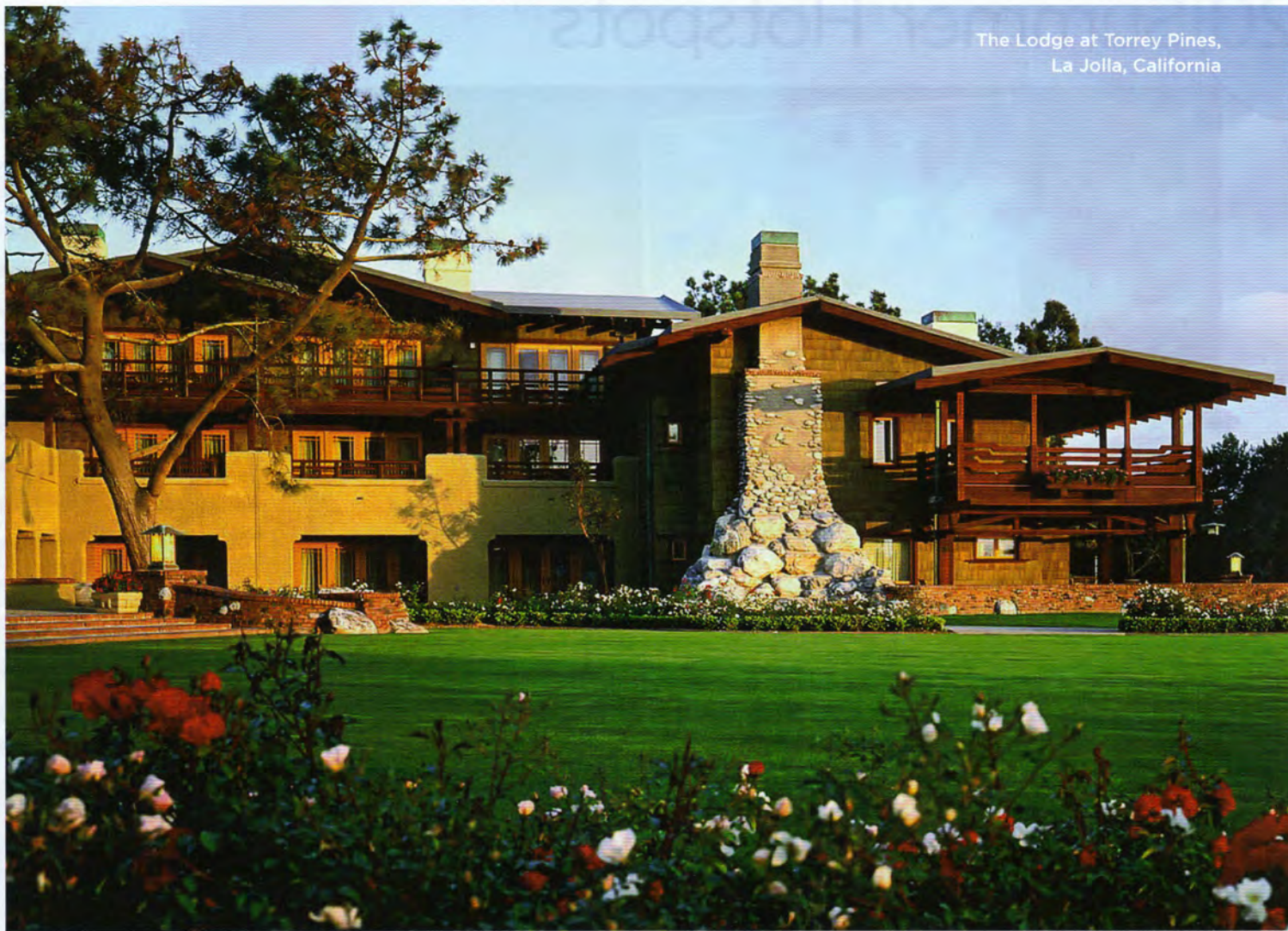
Longtime host of the Buick Invitational, Torrey Pines Golf Course will receive ample attention this month when it hosts the U.S. Open. Pros will play the South Course, which master course-planner Rees Jones redesigned in 2001. The course, along with its fraternal twin, the North Course, traces sandy cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Before your game, get outfitted at one of the largest on-course golf shops in the country, the Golf Shop at Torrey Pines. If you happen to tire of golf, check out the nearby Del Mar Race Track, Scripps Aquarium, La Jolla Playhouse or the lodge's own spa.

Info: 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, California; 858-453-4420, lodgetorrey.pines.com; summer rates: \$425-\$825. Combination lodging/golf packages available.

8) Lake Las Vegas Resort HENDERSON, NEVADA

THE LAKE LAS VEGAS RESORT is replete with luxurious hotels, condos, villa rentals, two award-winning golf courses, spas and boutiques. Choose from AAA Five-Diamond accommodations at The Ritz-Carlton Lake Las Vegas, or AAA Four-Diamond accommodations at the Loews Lake Las Vegas Resort. The colorful, terraced hotels are reminiscent of lakeside Italian villages, but this lakeside village is carved into the desert 17 miles south of the Las Vegas Strip.



View the water from Reflection Bay Golf Club, a Jack Nicklaus-designed course that *Golf Digest* named one of the best public courses in the country in 2007. For a true desert golfing experience, tee off from The Falls, a course featuring a mini, manmade waterfall sculpted into the surrounding canyons. With a third course under way, the resort is on its way to becoming a golfer's paradise.

Info: *The Ritz-Carlton, 1610 Lake Las Vegas Pkwy., Henderson, Nevada; 702-567-4700, lakelasvegas.com; summer rates: \$250-\$2,500.*

History Buffs

9) Tamaya Resort & Spa ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE'S CULTURAL HERITAGE is as spicy as its famous green chile; the city is a microcosm for the diverse history of the Southwest. Here you can experience 1,000 years of Puebloan life by visiting the cultural center of Acoma Pueblo's Sky City, click castanets at the National Institute of Flamenco, meander through eclectic shops and galleries in historic Old Town, or celebrate Hispanic visual arts at the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

The Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa takes its cues from the area, offering plush, pueblo-style accommodations with sweeping views of the Sandia Mountains. Tamaya Resort also boasts an award-winning golf course, spa and several culturally inspired activities like drum-making.

For a different view altogether, soar over the city in a hot-air balloon – a popular pastime in Albuquerque – or glide to Sandia

Peak on the world's longest aerial tram.

Info: *Albuquerque: itsatrip.org. Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa: 1300 Tuyuna Trail, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico; 505-867-1234, tamaya.hyatt.com; summer rates: \$250-500.*

10) The Broadmoor COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

DRAWN TO THE AREA for its scenic beauty, British visitors nicknamed Colorado Springs "Little London" shortly after its founding. The Broadmoor still reflects this European sophistication with 700 guest rooms.

The "Grand Dame of the Rockies" has presided over the valley near Pikes Peak since 1891, when it opened as a casino during Colorado Spring's gold rush. The destination's acclaims are historic in themselves: It's the longest-running consecutive holder of the Mobil Five-Star and AAA Five-Diamond ratings in the country, and boasts the Penrose Room, the first restaurant in Colorado to achieve the AAA Five-Diamond award.

The Broadmoor also features three championship golf courses; the east course will host the U.S. Men's Senior Open this year and the 2011 U.S. Women's Open. During your stay, relive the region's railroading days on a climb to the 14,000-foot summit of Pikes Peak aboard the Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway, the world's highest cog railway.

Info: *1 Lake Ave., Colorado Springs, Colorado; 866-837-9520, broadmoor.com; summer rates: \$975-\$2,700.*

20 Summer Hotspots



Hermitage Bay,
St. John's, Antigua

Hopeless Romantics 11) Hermitage Bay



ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA
THE 25 INTIMATE COTTAGES at Hermitage Bay are nestled among hillside tropical gardens, and many boast views of the nearby teal Caribbean waters. The spacious cottages reflect the island's colonial charm and provide contemporary amenities such as private plunge pools.

The resort prides itself on impeccable, discreet service. During your stay, dine *al fresco* on the resort's European-inspired cuisine, enjoy a couple's massage or explore the island's capital, St. Johns, which is just 30 minutes away by car.

Info: Jennings New Extension, St. John's, Antigua, West Indies; 268-562-8080, hermitagebay.com; summer rates: \$750-1,750, all-inclusive.

12) Turtle Island



FIJI
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A TRULY SECLUDED, romantic getaway, this remote tropical island destination is for you. Travel to the island, where only 14 couples are allowed at a time, by float-plane. You'll depart from Nadi, the third-largest town in Fiji. Once on the island, you'll stay in a *bure*, a sun-soaked private beach cottage complete with a hot tub and nap-worthy daybed on the veranda facing the Blue Lagoon.

Rekindle your romance with an intimate picnic on one of the island's 14 beaches, a sunrise horseback ride or a lantern-lit meal on a floating dock. To top it off, your stay will be guilt-free, because Turtle Island also is an award-winning eco-resort.

Info: Turtle Island, 800-255-4347, turtlefiji.com; summer rates: \$1,600-\$2,390 per couple, all-inclusive, six-night minimum stay.

Great Outdoors Groupies 13) Teton Ridge Ranch

TETONIA, IDAHO

THE TETON RIDGE RANCH is tucked into 4,000 acres of private land with pine forests, streams and secret meadows calling out to be explored by foot, horseback or mountain bike. Shoot clay pigeons at the ranch's 14-station sport shooting course, or take advantage of one of many off-site excursions, including tours of Yellowstone National Park.

The main lodge boasts pine cathedral ceilings, stone fireplaces and floor-to-ceiling windows offering picturesque views of the Tetons and the area's abundant wildlife. Slumber under a Pendleton blanket in one of the main lodge's five rustic guest suites, or get even cozier in the private two-bedroom log house.

Wile away the time before your candlelit, three-course dinner by playing pool or reading in a cozy window nook. During summer, the ranch also offers weekly gourmet barbecues under the stars.

Info: 200 Valley View Road, Teton, Idaho; 800-926-3579, teton-



ridge.com; summer rates: \$825, all-inclusive, three-night minimum stay required.

14) The Lodge & Spa at Cordillera EDWARDS, COLORADO

IF YOU'RE A GUY'S GUY, you need more than a vacation – you need a *mancation*, and luckily, someone in Colorado has your needs in mind. With the “Men’s Spa Boot Camp” at the Lodge & Spa at Cordillera, you can pair adrenaline-inducing sports with wellness-inducing spa treatments for the ultimate retreat.

Surge down a river on a whitewater rafting trip or dangle from your fingertips above the treetops on a rock-climbing trip. Follow your excursion with a spa treatment befitting a rugged mountain man: a sea salt and sugar cane scrub, herbal liniment rub and relaxing massage.

The four on-site championship golf courses, 12-station sport clay-shooting course and weekly rodeos just minutes away in Beaver Creek are pretty man-tabulous, too. If these offerings aren't your style, not to worry; the lodge offers comfortable accommodations with views of Vail Valley and plenty of enticing activities for all tastes.

Info: 2205 Cordillera Way, Edwards, Colorado; 866-650-ROCK, cordillera.rockresorts.com; summer rates: \$325-\$680, or “Men’s Spa Boot Camp” package rate of \$412 per night for double occupancy, two-night minimum, includes one spa treatment each and one activity.

Spa Sophisticates 15) Lake Austin Spa Resort AUSTIN, TEXAS

TRADER IN YOUR COWBOY BOOTS for spa slippers at this elegant lakeside retreat 35 minutes outside of Austin. *Conde Nast Traveler* named it one of the best destination spas in North America this year, and with a full spa menu, fitness activities and enrichment classes (e.g., poker playing and collage making), the resort certainly earns the title.

With more than 100 treatments on the menu at Lakehouse Spa, you'll find several things to indulge in. Luxurious signature body treatments include “Olive Our Love,” which uses olive oil to moisturize your skin, and the “Tour of Texas,” during which you'll “strike oil” with a massage of soothing essential oils. An East Asian-inspired menu provides several relaxing treatments as well, and separate spa menus cater specifically to men and teens.

With 30 treatment areas, the spa has nearly as many rooms as the resort itself. During your stay, sample healthy fare in the dining room or at Aster Café, both of which use ingredients from the resort's on-site organic gardens.

Info: 1705 S. Quinlan Park Road, Austin, Texas; 800-847-5637, lakeaustin.com; summer rates: \$1,450-\$2,700 (three-night stay includes lodging, meals, unlimited fitness programs and spa allowance).

20 Summer Hotspots



Fairmont Kea Lani,
Maui, Hawaii

16) Hotel del Coronado CORONADO, CALIFORNIA

SAN DIEGO'S VICTORIAN-ERA ICON, Hotel del Coronado turns 120 this year, and it hardly has an age spot in sight. Perhaps it's the restorative sea air. You can take in the salty breeze from one of more than 700 upscale rooms, cottages and villas at this beachfront National Historic Landmark.

The ocean-inspired treatments at the Spa at the Del also are superbly restorative. Try a hydrotherapy massage, sea salt scrub or algae face mask. After a day of baking outdoors, the Sun Relief Wrap is just the remedy you'll need before dining at one of the hotel's two restaurants, 1500 OCEAN or Sheerwater, or nibbling on sushi at the Babcock & Story Bar. If a drink is all you need, head to the hotel's sophisticated ENO wine bar.

Info: 1500 Orange Ave., Coronado, California; 800-HOTELDEL, hoteldel.com; summer rates: \$340-\$825; spa package rates: \$325 per night, two-night minimum stay, includes \$175 spa credit.

Sun-and-Sand Babies

17) Fairmont Kea Lani Hotel MAUI, HAWAII



IF YOU'RE A TRUE SUN WORSHIPPER, this is the island for you. The native islanders call Maui's highest peak *Haleakala*, or "House of the Sun." For the ultimate experience, watch a spectacular sunrise from the dormant volcano's 10,000-foot summit then

hop on a bike and glide downhill to the coast, where you'll find the Fairmont Kea Lani Hotel.

The all-suite-and-villa resort offers accommodations that take the beach bungalow to a new, luxurious level. The 2,200-square-foot private villas offer private courtyards, plunge pools, outdoor barbecue grills and full kitchens. Better yet, they're steps away from the beach, where you can walk on pristine white sands, wade in turquoise ocean waves, or simply view the verdant tropical landscape. The hotel also can arrange snorkeling, scuba diving and sport-fishing excursions.

Info: 4100 Wailea Alanui Drive, Maui, Hawaii; 808-875-4100, fairmont.com/kealani; summer rates: \$525-\$3,200.

18) The Ritz-Carlton MARINA DEL REY, CALIFORNIA

FOR TRAVELERS WHO TRULY ADMIRE THE SEA, this maritime town in the middle of Los Angeles can't be beat. Nestled against the marina, the Five Diamond-rated Ritz-Carlton is the perfect launch pad for a coastal vacation. From many of the 304 rooms, you'll see water lapping at the million-dollar yachts docked outside and feel the sunshine on your face.

Inside the hotel, you'll also enjoy fresh seafood at the contemporary Jer-Ne Restaurant + Bar, which features an outdoor terrace and a 14-foot Mexican onyx communal table. But that sunshine beckons. Take sailing lessons during the day from members of the UCLA sailing team, who teach in the marina, and unwind at night on a champagne



Hotel Cheval,
Paso Robles, California

harbor cruise. Rent bicycles from the hotel and pedal over to Mother's Beach, which is known for its gentle, kid-friendly waves, or to Venice Beach, which is great for people-watching, shopping and sunning.

If you can tear yourself away from the ocean, explore two more bodies of water: the Venice Canals, windy waterways built a century ago to mimic Italy's famous waterways; and the Ballona Wetlands, a nature preserve that has managed to ward off development.

Info: *Marina del Rey:* visitmarina.com. *The Ritz-Carlton:* 4375 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, California; 310-823-1700, ritz-carlton.com/en/Properties/MarinadelRey; summer rates: \$299-\$849.

Wine Wonks

19) Hotel Cheval PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA



UNCORK THE CALIFORNIA WINE SCENE and let it breathe in Paso Robles, the state's newest wine destination and one of the fastest growing wine regions in the country. Located midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, this bucolic destination features more than 170 vineyards and 40 wine varietals.

During the summer, kick back with a glass of vino – or three – and listen to the best independent music acts as they compete during the Winery Music Awards. (Wineries host concerts each week and the best-of-the-best make it to the final competition in October.)

Bon vivants will rejoice in Paso Robles' charming downtown, where they'll find a dozen wine-tasting shops, the historic Hearst

Castle and local bistros like Artisan, which incorporates locally grown ingredients into its fare. Collapse after a hard day of wine tasting at Hotel Cheval, a 16-room sophisticated boutique hotel where hospitality reigns supreme.

Info: *Paso Robles:* prcity.com, pasowine.com. *Hotel Cheval:* Pine Street, Paso Robles, California; 866-522-6999, hotelcheval.com; summer rates: \$250-\$375.

20) Black Walnut Inn DUNDEE, OREGON

LEWIS AND CLARK may have blazed the Oregon Trail, but you can blaze your own pinot trail through the state's burgeoning wine region in the Willamette Valley, best known for its cool-growing varietals. With more than 200 wineries in the area – many of them mom-and-pop operations – there are enough tasting rooms to keep you swirling and sipping for days.

Check out regional favorites Rex Hill and Erath vineyards, then relax at the Tuscan-inspired Black Walnut Inn, situated in the heart of the valley near quaint Dundee. From one of nine contemporary rooms, you can take in views of the inn's vineyard as well as Mt. Hood.

Info: 9600 N.E. Worden Hill Road, Dundee, Oregon; 866-429-4114, blackwalnut-inn.com; summer rates: \$295-\$495.

— Ashley M. Biggers can be reached at phxmag@citieswestpub.com.

PM