

TAKE YOUR PICK: THESE GETAWAYS GUARANTEE AN A-LIST EXPERIENCE

CLASSIC CALI LAGUNA BEACH

WHY GO The epitome of California cool, this onetime artists' community is known for its long sunny days and miles of pristine sandy beaches. No wonder it's part of the "California Riviera."

It's a wrap: shades, Oliver Peoples, \$360; 866-865-7599



STAY All 262 rooms at Montage Resort & Spa (below, from \$560; 888-715-6700) have ocean views, original artwork and 400-threadcount sheets. Enjoy the infinity pool or take a dip in the Pacific, Sightings: Heather Locklear and Pierce Brosnan.



SEE/DO Loll all day on Aliso Beach, then indulge in the citrus body polish at the spa; dine outdoors on swordfish brochettes and seared tuna at Hush, the new boîte in town. PACK Beach fare: Music from The OC: Mix 1 and Marcelle Clements's novel Midsummer

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WHY GO Calling all heli-

skiers: Queenstown is the

daredevil's current destina-

tion of choice, as much for

its jaw-dropping scenery as

for the endless thrill options.

STAY Please your inner he-

winter here, remember?).

skills on Coronet Peak (Elijah

Wood and Orlando Bloom

reportedly have); refuel on

prime New Zealand beef at

Wai, a waterfront stalwart.

PACK A berry-colored fleece

micro-hoodie from Burton

(\$65: 800-881-3138)

SHAPE UP TULUM

WHY GO You have a week off and want a beachside retreat that will focus your mind and body: a Mexican desti-

nation to cultivate peace (and a six-pack-no margaritas). STAY Sign up for Amansala Eco Chic Resort's Bikini Boot Camp (\$1,575; amansala.com), where Linda Evangelista went for a week of jungle walks, Pilates sessions and morning voga. Hydrate with gallons of agua de limón and dine guilt-

free on grilled fish and jicama

salad. Sleep soundly in your

breezy thatched-roof palapa



SEE/DO Check out the nearby ruins of Tulum, a 1,500-year-old Mayan walled city perched by the sea.



PACK Quick-drying yoga gear from Mahanuala, Christy Turlington's newest line for Puma (amazon.com)

JET SET MYKONOS

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WHY GO Jackie and Aristotle Onassis vacationed at this Greek isle known for sun, sea and 24/7 revelry. Today beautiful people and the fashion élite (like Jean Paul Gaultier) still fill its clubs and cafés.



Instant Europhic: bikini Tomas Maier, \$275: 888-373-0707. Salari phone, Kathrine Baumurn. \$1,300; 877-228-6266.

STAY The Belvedere (top, from \$338; 800-525-4800), known for chic rooms-and clientele. Matthew Broderick and Sarah Jessica Parker visited its Matsuhisa restaurant. SEE/DO Savor seafood and dance on tables at Sea Satin; play Spot the Designer at the Philippi bar, a stop for Valentino and Armani.

PACK Bebel Gilberto's sexy self-titled bossa nova CD



WEEKEND DATE NEW YORK CITY

WHY GO The city that never sleeps is full of quiet hideaways. Have dinner in a shoebox-size café or kiss in a corner booth. In a town of eight million people, you just need one main squeeze.

STAY The Lowell (from \$525; 800-221-4444), with its flowering terraces, Frette robes and private suites, is romance. A world away from city bustle but only steps to Central Park, it's no wonder Madonna called it home for months.



SEE/DO Catch Love Story and other movies at the summer-long outdoor Bryant Park Film Festival; or take in Manhattan over oysters and caviar at the River Café (above), like Robert De Niro and Courteney Cox have.



PACK Only You, Harry Connick Jr.'s paean to all the great romantic standards