

OUR TOP 92 SPOTS TO GO NOW

# Sunset

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**BAJA  
CALIFORNIA**  
MEXICO

## 2018 TRAVEL AWARDS

BEACHSIDE  
BUNGALOWS

ADVENTURE  
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GLAMPING  
GETAWAYS

WINE-TASTING  
TRAILS



SUMMER'S MOST  
IRRESISTIBLE DESSERTS





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bar. The Elizabeth Hotel goes the musical route with its Instrument Lending Library. Test out the rotating lineup of keyboards, string instruments, and amps, or strum a few chords on replicas of iconic guitars like the 1957 Gretsch Duo Jet played by George Harrison and Eric Clapton's signature Martin guitar. You can even borrow a classic rock album to put on your room's turntable—air guitar optional. *From \$212; theelizabethcolorado.com.*

## Adventurer's crash pad

**HALCYON**  
DENVER

Forgetting to take your GoPro on vacation stings a lot less when the concierge has a stash to lend out. Such convenient service at this hotel is an outdoor lover's dream—the hand-picked gadgets and equipment in its Gear Garage can spare you from, say, relying on your phone to film tomorrow's hike up Mount Bierstadt. Choose from Piaggio scooters, bikes,



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longboards, or a rotating selection of cameras, and head out for the day. The inventory changes as seasons shift, so snowshoes, sleds, and Arc'teryx goodies are fully stocked by the time winter hits. *From \$329; halcyonhotelcherrycreek.com.*

## Gallery-style sleepover

**THE ART, A HOTEL**  
DENVER

Whereas some hotels might hang a framed Matisse print or two and call it a day, The Art is filled with truly noteworthy works. One block away from the Denver Art Museum in the Golden Triangle cultural district, this thoughtfully curated accommodation has a Leo Villareal LED light installation in the lobby; sculptures by Kiki Smith and Deborah Butterfield; and loaner bikes designed and painted by local students. Guides offer complimentary hotel art tours every Saturday. *From \$289; thearthotel.com.*

## Healthy(ish) happy hour

**THE GARLAND**  
LOS ANGELES

If there's anything that will make an East Coaster say "That's so California," it's probably The Garland hotel's health-minded bar bites at The Front Yard. A cheeky spin on the 5 o'clock drinking ritual, the daily shindig offers fresh concoctions for anyone seeking a nourishing treat. Sip on a glass of Ginge + Juice or share a plate of cauliflower tacos. In the mood for a classic cocktail? Don't fret. Traditional booze—and decadent snacks—are also on offer. *thegarland.com.*

## International design

**HOTEL CALIFORNIAN**  
SANTA BARBARA

Trust interior designer Martyn Lawrence Bullard to bring a serious dose of Moroccan glamour to this quintessentially Santa Barbaran structure. Behind the red-tile roof





and white stucco walls of the 121-room hotel, high-impact Moorish elements include intricately tiled floors, patterned ceilings, and arched doorways in the spa. Forgo the beach for a swim in the rooftop pool—that is, if you can pull yourself away from the countless photo ops. There is not a bad angle in this place. *From \$550; the hotelcalifornian.com.*

## Oceanside safari

**SPIRIT OF THE WEST  
ADVENTURES**

HERIOT BAY, B.C.

No need to set your phone's alarm if you're on the Whales and Wilderness Glamping tour—you're likely to wake to the sound of whales blowing outside your tent each morning. Nature lovers looking for an off-the-grid type of trip can expect four days of relaxing kayaking in northern Vancouver Island and around the edge of the Broughton Archipelago, which just so happens to double as the heart of orca and humpback territory (hence the sunrise wake-up calls). *From \$1,388 U.S.; kayakingtours.com.*

## Coastal redo

**VENTANA BIG SUR,  
AN ALILA RESORT**

BIG SUR, CA

Ventana Inn has been around since 1975, but when landslides blocked access to much of Big Sur in 2017, the resort's new owners took the opportunity to give the legendary property a multimillion-dollar facelift. The architecture still feels charmingly low-key: All 59 rooms and



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WARD VILLAGE, HONOLULU.**

suites on the 160-acre property have private balconies or patios, fireplaces, macramé wall art, and leather and wood furnishings for that cozy cabin feel. To truly escape the daily grind, book a tent at the Redwood Canyon Glampsites, which has limited cell service. Work emails will just have to wait. *From \$850; ventanabigsur.com.*

## Island hot spot

**WARD VILLAGE**

HONOLULU

There's more to Honolulu than mai tais and Waikiki Beach, despite what some of those Facebook photos suggest. Case in point: Ward Village, a shopping and dining collective in the heart of the hip Kaka'ako district. The former industrial area is filled with indie clothing boutiques, locally owned businesses, and street art. Our go-to? Piggy Smalls, an offshoot of a popular Chinatown spot that does amazing spiked slushies and puts a creative twist on the familiar banh mi. *wardvillage.com.*

## Hotel library

**THE PORTER**

PORTLAND

Here's one for the bibliophiles among us. At this Pacific Northwest establishment, it's perfectly appropriate to nestle into the lobby couch, avoid small talk, and curl up with a good page-turner for a few hours. Making its debut this past April, the downtown addition offers a City of Roses-inspired collection of books for guests to check out. We thought we'd never leave the building. *From \$299; theporterhotel.com.*

## Garden of earthly delights

**ESTANCIA LA JOLLA HOTEL  
& SPA**

LA JOLLA, CA

This hacienda-style resort is the kind of place that makes it easy to break up with your phone. And your laptop. And your tablet. Your Fitbit can stay, though, because the Estancia offers a very walkable 10-acre garden of cactus,