

TheLuxeList

15 SMART LUXURY DEALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Our expert editors, deal specialists, and researchers have scoured the Web and scanned the globe to find the best luxury deals of the season. The result? Fabulous hotel and spa packages, and exotic trips—all *you* have to do is go. **By Molly Fergus, Darren Frei, Amber Nolan, Elissa Richard, and Liz Webber**



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Grand Cayman

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Kick Back in a Seaside Cottage

SHERMAN'S EXCLUSIVE

THE LUXURY With just four two-bedroom cottages set on a secluded West Bay beachfront, one-year-old **Cotton Tree** diverges from the typical Grand Cayman resort. The spacious cottages boast contemporary furnishings designed by Adriana Hoyos, Elemis bath products, a kitchen full of amenities, free Wi-Fi, and Wii consoles. The beach is a protected sea turtle nesting zone, with babies hatching in October. While a bit rocky for swimming, the famed Seven Mile Beach is just a 10-minute drive away. Guests can use the free shuttle service or one of the hotel's loaner bikes.

THE VALUE Readers who book by November 15 will receive 30 percent off stays of three nights or more from December 1 to February 28, which brings room rates to \$665/night. No travel is permitted December 23 through January 1.

THE CATCH Since winter is peak season in Grand Cayman, flights to the island are often more expensive at this time.

THE DETAILS 345/943-0700 (code Sherman's Travel); caymancottontree.com



Khao Lak, Thailand

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Bask on the Beach, Trek in the Jungle

SHERMAN'S EXCLUSIVE

THE LUXURY The **JW Marriott Khao Lak Resort & Spa**, set about 50 miles north of Phuket in Khao Lak, Thailand, offers guests a suite of beach and adventure activities. Visitors can sunbathe on the white-sand shores of the Andaman Sea, float down the nearly 2-mile-long lagoon-shaped swimming pool, or ride an elephant through the dense jungle on a 3-hour tour.

THE VALUE The Elephant Safari Experience includes pool-view rooms, daily breakfast, an elephant-trekking trip for two, and more. Bring this issue of the magazine when checking in to receive a 15-minute head and neck massage for two at the resort's Quan Spa. Rates start at \$235 a person per night for travel through April 30.

THE CATCH Thailand is still recovering from the violent political protests in Bangkok last spring.

THE DETAILS 66/76-584-888 (code ZJ6); marriott.com

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Explore Central America's Next "It" Spot

SHERMAN'S EXCLUSIVE

THE LUXURY Set outside the quaint fishing village and surfing haven San Juan del Sur, **Morgan's Rock Hacienda & Ecolodge** offers access to acres of rain forest, which is home to monkeys, sloths, and exotic birds. Beach huts and hammocks dot the resort's secluded, sandy beach. Guests can partake in guided nature hikes, horseback riding, kayaking, fishing, or biking.

THE VALUE Fifteen treehouse-like bungalows offer floor-to-ceiling views. A special rate of \$850 a person (\$214/night) represent a 25 percent savings and includes four nights' accommodations, all meals and some drinks, a daily tour, and more. Travel can take place through December 14.

THE CATCH Many of the resort's tours and activities carry an extra fee, typically \$10 to \$45 a person.

THE DETAILS 505/2254-7989 (code Sherman's Travel); morgansrock.com

