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The World's Most Romantic Getaways

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These luxurious, secluded escapes will bring you closer than ever.

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It's no longer enough to sprinkle a few rose petals on a bed, offer a complimentary bottle of Champagne, and call it a romantic getaway. While [bottles of bubbly](#) are still a prominent feature—and we don't have any complaints about that—today's most sophisticated luxury hotels go several steps further in creating romantic vacations by connecting guests with the inherent beauty of a destination through creative offerings. Think: [spa treatments for two](#) using native flora, [sumptuous meals incorporating local ingredients](#), or expertly designed outdoor spaces showcasing spectacular views in places like a barely touched Cambodian archipelago or the [tried-and-truly lovely Santorini](#). Never mawkish and always unforgettable, these romantic getaways are perfect for escaping with the one you love.



Kodiak Greenwood / Courtesy Post Ranch Inn

Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, California

[Post Ranch Inn](#), an [American Express Fine Hotels & Resorts](#) partner, towers over the Pacific on a cliff 1,200 feet above sea level—a sight known to leave guests speechless. There are no televisions or alarm clocks (or children under 18), which allows guests to turn their focus to their gorgeous surroundings with guided nature walks, stargazing lessons, and an edible tour of the chef's garden. The two couples spa treatment rooms—one with a fireplace and the other with a walk-in shower—overlook the Ventana Double Cone twin peaks. The property's award-winning treatments go beyond pampering; shaman sessions and massage classes equip guests with skills they can apply in the comfort of their own top-of-the-line hotel rooms, or homes. Choose between ocean- or mountain-facing suites, all of equal merit, though some, like the Pacific and Peak, have the added bonus of heated floors. Open only to Post Ranch Inn guests, Sierra Mar restaurant offers a traditional four-course, prix-fixe dinner menu incorporating local specialties like Monterey abalone and produce grown on-site.