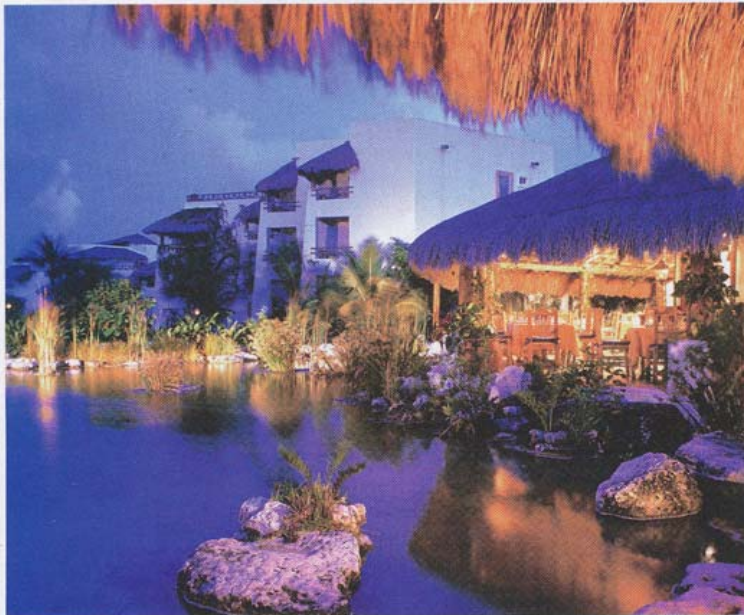




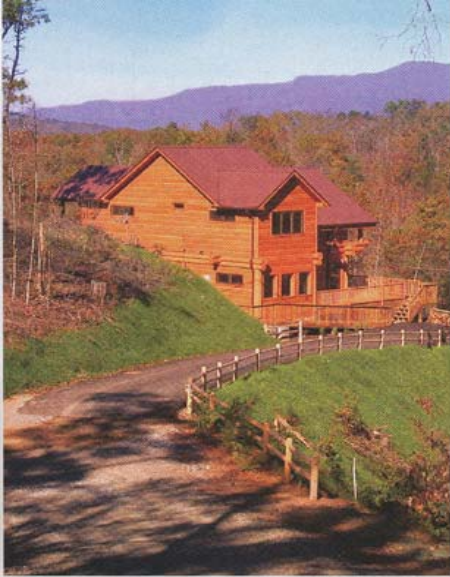
ROADS LESS TRAVELED

DESPERATELY SEEKING SOLITUDE? THIS SEASON, HEAD TO ONE OF THESE SPOTS JUST OFF THE BEATEN PATH FOR RELAXATION, REJUVENATION—OR EVEN A LITTLE ROMANCE



PUERTO MORELOS, MEXICO
Twenty-five miles from bustling Cancun, in the quiet beach city of Puerto Morelos, lies the relaxing Ceiba del Mar. Thanks to only 88 well-situated rooms (starting at \$370), guests never have to compete to find their seat on the flour-soft sands (raked clean of debris daily) or in the two restaurants and sushi bar (all-inclusive meal plans are offered). Continuing the carefree experience, the resort's holistic spa offers individually customized treatments and their free signature coffee and tea service is delivered to your room anytime. Looking to release tension? Dare to try the Temazcal session, an hour-plus ancient, indigenous meditation in a dark, sauna-like dome that will renew both body and soul (ceibadelmar.com; 877-545-6221).

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BRYSON CITY, N.C.

You've probably done the beaches in North Carolina a dozen times, so try a different kind of getaway this summer. Head west to the Smoky Mountains near Bryson City and book a beautifully laid-out luxury log cabin for two—or as many as sixteen—with such amenities as en suite bathrooms, multilevel decks, hot tubs, fully equipped kitchens and satellite television. If you'd like to submerge yourself in the sounds of nature, there's fishing, biking or horseback riding nearby. Rates start around \$140 per night (watershedcabins.com; 888-604-3075).



VILLAS AT STONEHAVEN, TOBAGO

How can you satisfy your love of the Caribbean without being overrun by a posse of spring breakers? Head to Stonehaven Villas in Tobago, Trinidad's sister island, where clear skies and sky-blue water are just part of the allure. Add in private infinity pools for each of the fourteen villas, hikes through the nearby rain forest, snorkeling, golf, deep-sea fishing and a personal housekeeper and cook on premises, and suddenly, it's time to finalize those summer plans. Rates start around \$250 per night for two (stonehavenvillas.com; 868-639-0361).

EAGLE ISLAND, GA.

True Georgia lovers know the state has more attractions than Atlanta and Savannah. Take Eagle Island—a private island accessible only by boat, where you can relax on the 10-acre wildlife sanctuary, listen to birds as you unwind on the porch and nosh on your favorite snacks before enjoying a succulent oyster roast, or catch a few crabs and trout yourself for dinner. Pack light—you'll not only spend your day relaxing and just hanging out, but you can even do laundry at your convenience. Rates start around \$500 per night for a weekend getaway for two (privateislandsofgeorgia.com; 912-222-0801).

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