

PART ONE LUXURY PART TWO VALENTINE'S DAY PART THREE FASHION

INDULGE

THE ART OF LIVING WELL FEBRUARY 2009

Showplace on Seventh

The old Montgomery Ward building is transformed into a stunning condo development.

INDULGENCES
Extreme pampering
at hotel spas

OBJECTS OF DESIRE
A collection of
coveted Corvettes

HOT SPOTS
Dive into fresh
seafood at Eddie V's



MARQUIS LOS CABOS

Billionaire Fantasy at Marquis Los Cabos

The rich, they're not like other people. And the Marquis Los Cabos Beach Resort in Los Cabos, Mexico, knows it. With this package, you arrive by private jet, play golf with either Jack Nicklaus or Robert Trent Jones II (for real!); get fitted for a haute couture evening gown (*hmmm*, Chanel or Dior?); drive around in a Bentley (or a Rolls or a Jag, your pick); and after a cruise on your yacht, finish the vacation with a private concert by Carlos Santana (say what?). There's more, involving helicopters and cigars. This will set you back \$8.4 million for three nights. And you get to keep the Bulgari towels, bathrobes and slippers. See www.marquisloscabos.com.



RITZ-CARLTON

The Ritz-Carlton Club, St. Thomas

We thought we had heard everything when it comes to amenities, but this one takes the prize. During your hourlong helicopter tour of the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, you'll land on a remote beach and be led on a treasure hunt for a diamond bracelet worth \$12,000. Da bomb! Put that on your "what I did on my vacation" Facebook list! Island-hopping on a private yacht, spa days for two (including beachside massages), private watercolor painting lessons and a coffee-table book capturing your experience at the resort are entitlements to members who buy into this timeshare. The suites are nice, too. \$210,500; see www.rcc-stthomas.com.

Teton Mountain Lodge, Jackson Hole, Wyo.

You think Jackson Hole, you think skiing, but what if you don't ski? Now you can enjoy the wilds of Wyoming without risking your neck with this "Winter Wonderland Package for Non-Skiers." Take a safari through the Yellowstone ecosystem with a biologist guide, spend a day snowmobiling the rugged backcountry and kick back in the rooftop hot tub at the end of the action-packed day. \$444-\$703 for two for three nights; see www.tetonlodge.com.



TML



MGM

The Signature at MGM Grand, Las Vegas

TripAdvisor's "Best Luxury Hotel" of 2008 offers the "Signature Celebration Package," which is designed to rekindle old flames. Tell us when to stop: A hand-drawn, candle-lit rose-petal bath, facials for him and her, custom monogrammed bathrobes, prime seats for Cirque du Soleil's *Ka*, dinners by three-star Michelin chef Joël Robuchon, breakfast in bed on Egyptian cotton sheets, a 100-minute "Red Lotus Love Ritual" in a private spa suite — OK, stop right there. There's more — including a non-gaming, nonsmoking environment if you like — but on the anniversary of your stay, you get a free night a year later. \$3,076 a night for two; see www.mgmgrand.com.

BY BUZZ McCLAIN
Over-the-Top Getaways

Jean-Georges Culinary Master Course, New York City

Foodies will eat this one up. Celebrity chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten conducts a private two-hour lesson in the kitchen of Jean Georges — three Michelin stars and four from *The New York Times* — as you stay three nights in the executive park view suites at Trump International. There's a three-course dinner with champagne, breakfast for two at Nougatine and an autographed copy of *Asian Flavors of Jean-Georges*. Plus, you're in New York. \$8,999; see www.trumpintl.com.



Jean-Georges Vongerichten



TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL AND TOWER

Dream trips will put you in the mood for romance.

The kids are gone — college, grandma's — the dog is in the kennel, and you and your spouse are in desperate need of a romantic getaway to power up the relationship. Not that it's hurting, it's just that a little time being pampered together goes a long way toward making everything else worthwhile.

But where to go, and what to do when you get there? We've come up with a few trips that we hope will be cost effective — because they certainly are costly. But the two of you deserve it, right?