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## SAN DIEGO

*Off the Beach and into the City*

San Diego's 70 miles of coastline has always lured visitors, but in the past several years, the urban landscape has started to rival the natural one.

Neighborhoods are developing, restaurants are opening, and—a sure sign of a city on the rise—stylish hotels are cropping up all over town.

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**WHAT TO DO** After dinner, hit the expansive nightclub **Stingaree** (454 Sixth Ave.; 619/544-9500), the town's hottest new haunt. —Bridget Moriarity

## SANTA FE

*The Southwest, Under Snow*

If you think summer is the only time to visit the Southwest, think again. Winter in Santa Fe means adobe walls frosted with snow and air scented with fragrant piñon smoke. There's also plenty to see, from SITE Santa Fe's acclaimed biennial, which runs through January 7, to the art spaces that line Canyon Road. And just beyond the city, the ski slopes of Taos beckon.

**WHERE TO STAY** Check into the **Inn of the Five Graces** (150 E. DeVargas St.; 505/992-0957; [www.fivegraces.com](http://www.fivegraces.com); doubles from \$295), where the 24

rooms are a textured blend of the East (tile mosaics, kilim rugs) and the Southwest (kiva fireplaces).

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## HAWLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

*Cold Comfort in the Poconos*

Forget the 800-calorie-a-day limits and mandatory hikes at those other spas. The **Lodge at Woodloch**, the first destination spa to open in the States in a decade, focuses on well-being through community, pleasure, and making good choices, not asceticism.

**WHERE TO STAY** Set on 75 lakeside acres, the 58-room **Lodge at Woodloch** (866/953-8500 or 570/685-8500; [www.thelodgeatwoodloch.com](http://www.thelodgeatwoodloch.com); doubles from \$1,500, including all meals and daily treatments) brings the outdoors in, so guests don't have to brave the elements: glass walls frame an oak forest, enclosed porches cantilever over a fire circle, and an open-air infinity whirlpool is surrounded by radiant-heat stone floors. Request a room with a balcony overlooking the oak forest. Whatever direction you face, you get Frette linens, flat-screen TV's, and enough space in your marble bathroom for a cocktail party (which is allowed at this spa).

**WHERE TO EAT** Chef Lyle Bolyard, formerly of the Phoenician and Nemaquin Woodlands Resort, has raised the typical fat regulation on spa cuisine from 20 to 25 percent, which means every miso cod and sweet potato-jalepeño soup has exquisite flavor. An added bonus: pair that bison

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