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## The party

Make your next bash unforgettable at one of these unique venues. In New York, the Lower East Side Tenement Museum presents partygoers with a recreation of nineteenth-century immigrant life, down to the bare-bulb lighting (212-431-0233). Celebrants at Switzerland's Park Hotel Vitznau gather in an authentic World War II bunker overlooking Lake Lucerne (41-41-397-0101). In Beijing's China Club restaurant, guests enjoy one of 14 sumptuous private rooms in a Ching dynasty palace (86-10-65-32-21-88). For the ultimate escape, rent the whole town of Dunton, Colorado—complete with hot springs, tepees, and a 35-foot waterfall (970-882-4800).



Don't fence me in: Colorado's rentable town.

## Shop talk

Those with a soft spot in their heart for Detroit will love **Pure Detroit**, where all of the merchandise was manufactured in—and is a tribute to—the Motor City. From the clocks made out of Studebaker hubcaps to the soda pop in glass bottles, the store is a mecca of Americana. Don't miss the classic Motown LPs (313-961-8320).

**The nouvelle motel** Forget the hotel as nightclub; these days, what's in vogue is the classic American motor lodge. In San Francisco, the **Hotel Del Sol** looks the part, with swaying hammocks and cheery primary colors (415-921-5520; doubles, \$129-\$149). In L.A., **The Standard** has a tattoo parlor and poolside AstroTurf clearly aimed at the Gen-X contingent (323-650-9090; doubles, \$185). Two hours away lies Desert Hot Springs' laid-back **Miracle Manor** (760-329-6641; doubles, \$80-\$135). The best part: no velvet ropes at the doors.



Simple chic: Bouchon.

**The brasserie** *The humble French staple has inspired a hot new trend. Napa Valley's Bouchon is drawing late-night crowds with leg of lamb and rotisserie chicken (707-944-8037; entrées, \$12-\$19), and down the street Bistro Jeanty is doing a sublime cassoulet (707-944-0103; entrées, \$12-\$17). In Paris, Tante Louise showcases provincial comfort food (33-1-42-65-06-85; entrées, \$18-\$25), and the aptly named Kitch is serving up a killer beef bourguignonne (33-1-40-21-94-14; entrées, \$8-\$9).*



California

Motel 6 it's not: Andre Balazs's Standard.