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#### ADVENTURE & TRAVEL

## The Great Thanksgiving Escape

SITES & SIGHTINGS

A quartet of holiday-weekend getaways to make you gobble for joy

SPENDING HOURS in front of a hot stove isn't everyone's idea of bliss. For the kitchen-weary, or those who have yet to warm to the idea of cooking on an industrial scale, the long Thanksgiving weekend affords a prime opportunity to explore d'new part of the country, or simply enjoy the quiet—and cushy—comforts of hotel living. These four domestic escapes offer top-notch Thanksgiving dinners as well as plenty of ways to stay basy while someone else does all the cooking. Another bonus: no dishes.

-- Efizabeth Gunnison

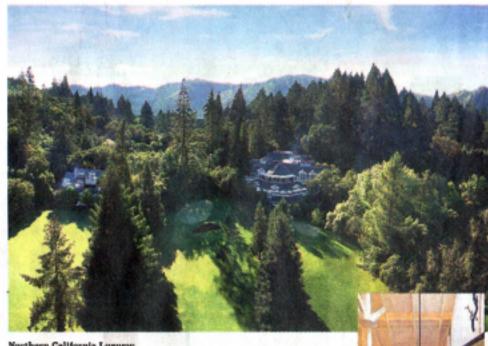


#### Creature Comforts in Colorado, Plus Hell-Skiing: Dunton Hot

Explore the great outdoors at this allinclusive resort in a reveraped ghost town just across the mountain from Telluride, Colo. Up to 44 guests can lodge in log cabins that juxtapose modern laxury with vintage charm. Activities range from heli-skiing to horseback riding, fly fishing to loung-



ing in the hot springs. On Thanksgiving, watch pro-football games projected on a jumbo screen in the town's Dance Hall, then play staff-versus-guests touch football before sitting down to a family-style dinner, served at one big communal table. Notes from \$550 per cobin per night, off-inclusive duntonhotsprings.com



### Northern California Luxury:

Enjoy wine country after the harvest crowds have dissipated and before temperatures turn frigid at Meadowood, in St. Helena, Calif. Unwind with daily wine tastings; use of the resort's golf, tennis and croquet facilities; and appointments at the full-service spa. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner is served family-style in front of a rearing fire. Guests looking for a world-class culinary splurge can book a table at the Restaurant at Meadowood, the resort's three-Michelin-starred temple of modern American cuisine. On Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend, Meadowood's holiday tree will be delivered by horse-drawn corriage, accompanied by festive music and hay rides for children. Poologes from \$1575 for a three-night stor, including Thanksgiving dinner for two; meadowood.com

#### Old-Fashioned Family Fun in West Virginia: The Greenbries

Thanksgiving weekend at the Greenbrier, in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., features a family scavenger hunt, holiday dinner dance and Christmas concert in addition to the vast array of familyfriendly activities that are always on offer, ranging from termis lessons to children's art classes. Choose from a wide selection of Thanksgiving Day menus served at the resort's several on-site dining venues. They're all overseen

venues. They're all overseen by executive chef Richard Rosendale, who in January will compete as America's delegate to the prestigious Bocuse d'Or culinary competition in Lyon, France. Guests can tour Mr. Rosendale's on-site Bocuse d'Or training kitchen to see Toam USA's state-of-the-art culinary gadgetry firsthand. Rooms from \$400 per night: greenbrier.com



A pair of Dutch owners reinvigorated this 19th-century inn in Camden, a picturesque seaside town 80 miles north of Portland. Spend your days hiking, viewing the work of Andrew Wyeth and other notable Maine artists at the nearby Farnsworth Art Museum and taking private yoga classes at the hotel. Thanksgiving dinner is a five-course affair prepared by chef Ceoffroy Deconick, who trained in Paris and New York under Alain Ducasse and Daniel Boulud before moving to Maine. Thanksgiving clinner and twonights' stoy from \$347 per person; comdenterbourinscom.



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