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20 20 Winter Getaways

20 fresh ideas on where —
and how — to spend your
winter break. BY ELAINE GLUSAC

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RIVIERA MAYA, MEXICO With three new luxury resorts in the Mayakoba development, located 30 minutes south of Cancún, Mexico's Riviera Maya has gone glitz. The recently opened **ROSEWOOD MAYAKOBÁ** ferries guests to 128 butler-serviced suites via boat or golf cart, and its spa encircles a *cenote*, or natural limestone pool. www.rosewoodmayakoba.com. Neighbor **MANDARIN ORIENTAL RIVIERA MAYA MEXICO** clusters 20 of its 128 rooms directly around the spa, which offers the indigenous Temazcal steam bath. www.mandarinoriental.com. Coming in February: Asian-style villas at the **BANYAN TREE MAYAKOBA**. www.banyantreemayakoba.com

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PATAGONIA, CHILE The wilds of Patagonia just got a little more hospitable with the opening of **THE CLIFFS PRESERVE**. The oceanfront, Lake District eco-retreat features six villas and a spa. Guests can watch nesting penguins as well as hike old-growth forests. www.cliffspreserve.cl. The recently expanded 50-room **EXPLORA EN PATAGONIA** (*above*) now boasts a new stable of horses, circuits for beginners as well as advanced equestrians, and comfortable Chilean-English saddles designed by Explora owner Pedro Ibáñez. www.explora.com

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VAIL, COLORADO Vail and environs are experiencing village revivals as new hotels, restaurants, and shops crowd in. At the base of Beaver Creek Mountain, the newly opened **WESTIN RIVERFRONT RESORT & SPA, AVON**, (*right*) steps from the



Riverfront Express Gondola, adds eco-cachet as Colorado's first upscale sustainable hotel. www.westin.com/riverfrontavon. **THE OSPREY AT BEAVER CREEK, A ROCKRESORT**, offers 41 Alpine-chic rooms, a tapas restaurant, and ski valet. www.ospreyatbeavercreek.rockresorts.com. In Vail, the new "SKI-MERSION" program boosts your skiing proficiency with six days of intense training. www.vailresorts.com. Celebrate your success at **RESTAURANT KELLY LIKEN**, the valley's hottest reservation. www.kellyliken.com ➤

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO Santa Fe celebrated its first new luxury hotel in nearly two decades with the recent opening of **ENCANTADO** from Auberge Resorts. Sixty-five desert-dwelling casitas with whitewashed walls and kiva fireplaces share 57 mountain-view acres with a deluxe spa (have your chakras balanced with quartz crystals), yoga studio, and art gallery. www.encantadoresort.com. Shop the new **SANTA FE RAILYARD** district, where some of the city's edgier galleries, including **SITE SANTA FE**, are moving into a former railroad switching yard. www.sfrailyardcc.org, www.sitesantafe.org



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ASPEN/SNOWMASS, COLORADO Normally outshone by Aspen, nearby Snowmass gets a makeover this season. Book one of 80 new ski-in/ski-out condos with mountain-view decks in Snowmass' remodeled base village, which boasts three new restaurants and the trendy **LIQUID SKY** lounge. www.aspensnowmass.com. In Aspen, **THE LITTLE NELL** unveils 26 new residences along with a branch of New York's clubby **IL MULINO** restaurant. www.rlnaspen.com. Shop for chic puffy parkas at **MONCLER**, the Milan-based clothier opening an Aspen boutique this winter. www.moncler.com

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SWITZERLAND Among classic Swiss resorts that have modernized, Zurich's 109-year-old **DOLDER GRAND** underwent a \$400-million overhaul by architect Sir Norman Foster, emerging with new guestrooms and a spa from American expert Sylvia Sepielli. www.thedoldergrand.com. Richard Branson bought **THE LODGE VERBIER**, renovating the nine-bedroom chalet 10 minutes from the slopes. www.thelodge.virgin.com. And in Arosa the **TSCHUGGEN GRAND HOTEL** boasts a futuristic spa from architect Mario Botta and a private railcar that takes guests from hotel to ski hill. www.tschuggen.ch



From top: Santa Fe's Encantado; one of 26 new residences at The Little Nell in Aspen