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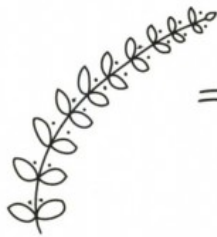


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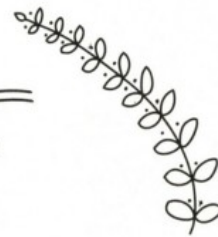
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ASPEN



Founded as a mining town in 1879, Aspen doesn't just have cachet (Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively were spotted on the slopes this past winter) — it has history. Designer boutiques are nestled behind 19th-century brick facades, and boulevards teeming with well-heeled ski bunnies once echoed with the clip-clop of horse-drawn wagons.

WHEN TO GO Pining for powder? Find great ski-season bargains during the windows of early December and April. But to really exploit Aspen, aim for summer or fall: early June, late August and October.

HOW TO GET THERE United and American Eagle are the only airlines servicing Aspen Airport year-round; United flights run around \$1,250 per couple in August from New York City. Aspen is quite walkable, but if you want to take scenic drives to attractions like the Glenwood Hot Springs, you'll need to rent a vehicle (from \$66 per day with Enterprise) — though a public bus runs to the panoramic peaks of **Maroon Bells** all summer for just \$6 per ticket.

WHERE TO STAY In the heart of town, **The Gant, by Destination Hotels & Resorts** gives you several ways to save. The honeymoon package comes with a complimentary room upgrade, plus discounts on both

the published rate and a couples massage. And with a full kitchen, there's no need to blow your dough on a pricey restaurant meal every night. Standard rooms start at \$145 (early June and midweek September).

WHAT TO DO Hike the **Smuggler Trail**, with a great lookout point 1.5 miles up. Other free summertime fun includes the Saturday farmers market and weekend classical and bluegrass concerts — just bring a blanket and a picnic. Gondola rides to the mountaintop (\$19 per person) run June 21 through Sept. 1, and bike rides will cost you only the rental (half-day from \$33 per person). Dinner at **Justice Snow's** is hardly a splurge: A grilled black-angus flat iron and an artisan cocktail will run about \$40 before tip.

— Erika Hueneke



TRIP TOTAL*
\$3,295
PER COUPLE FOR FIVE DAYS

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BORA BORA

The best rates are in November, January, February and March. During the winter low season, it'll cost about \$4,400 to get you both there from LAX. Stay at budget beach digs like **Bora Bora Eco Lodge** for \$160 per night.

TRIP TOTAL*: \$5,200



PARIS

It'll be cloudy and drizzly, but January and February are prime for the Euro-conscious. Air France will whisk you two to CDG from JFK for \$2,200. **Hotel de Sers**, walking distance from the Arc de Triomphe, is about \$290 per night.

TRIP TOTAL*: \$3,650



NEW ZEALAND

Ski season (June through August) is high season in Queenstown. Score killer bargains in our fall (their spring). Air New Zealand has fares from LAX for as low as \$3,400. Stay at the **Hilton Queenstown Resort & Spa** for \$160 per night.

TRIP TOTAL*: \$4,200



MACAU

This spot on China's southern coast is a gaming haven second only to Vegas. Fly for as low as \$2,120 for two from LAX (via Taipei) and stay at the **Wynn Macau** for around \$270 per night during the autumn low season.

TRIP TOTAL*: \$3,470



MUSTIQUE

This private Caribbean island is a favorite of British royals, and summer is the low season. You'll both be able to fly there for about \$2,320. The swank **Cotton House** will fit you in for \$450 per night, including breakfast.

TRIP TOTAL*: \$4,570

*Based on approximate referenced airfare, hotel rates, food and activity items for two people as outlined. Actual total may vary.

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