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5 Reasons to Get Packing This Summer

From San Diego staycations to Mexican excursions, these getaways are packed with relaxation and sight-seeing

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La Valencia Hotel

Loved *Big Little Lies*? Take in the Monterey coast where the hit HBO miniseries was filmed and book a stay at [Portola Hotel & Spa](#), where the cast and crew stayed while filming season two. Their Big Little Getaway package (from \$375) includes two nights accommodation, breakfast with bottomless mimosas, two tickets to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and season one of *Big Little Lies* on DVD. Make sure to visit Paluca Trattoria, the waterfront café frequently featured on the show.



Cast of *Big Little Lies*

Tecate wellness resort [Rancho La Puerta](#) has launched Core Essentials, an organic skin care line that runs 37 products deep, including a calendula and chamomile herbal face serum, pomegranate enzyme mask, chocolate body oil, and lavender hydrating mist (\$20–\$75)—all made with sustainably harvested and eco-certified ingredients, without synthetic fragrances or artificial dyes.



There's a new reason to staycation. [La Valencia Hotel](#) debuts its first spa next month, an indoor-outdoor bungalow-style setup with a signature orange blossom scent. You'll be able to bring the spa to your suite or villa with a Bath Butler who can draw up an aromatherapy soak or Seaweed Detox Bath.

[Southwest Airlines](#) recently began daily nonstop flights between San Diego and Puerto Vallarta, which means it's now just a quick 2.5 hours to sun, sand, and margaritas.



Santa Barbara Polo season

It's off to the races! The Santa Barbara Polo season—which counts Oprah Winfrey and Prince William among its past spectators—is in full swing, and this year, the luxe [Belmond El Encanto](#) resort is offering a polo package (from \$650) that includes accommodation, breakfast, welcome cocktails, and two tickets to a Sunday match.