

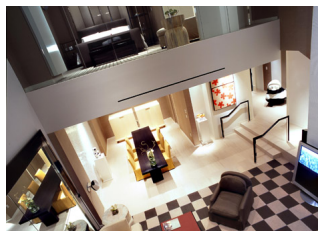
Weekend Getaways

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Daydreams of the sun on your skin and wind in your hair are a sign that your mind, body and soul need a little rejuvenation. We know how taking vacations can throw you off schedule, but we insist that a weekend getaway should do the trick. We introduce you to four revitalizing destinations close to home, sure to recharge your body and invigorate your senses. Get ready to plan the perfect weekend getaway.

Skylofts at MGM Grand



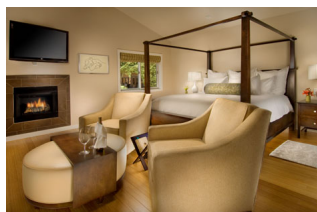
It's hard to believe that Vegas could be a calm and relaxing destination with the loud casinos, blinding lights and upbeat culture. However, Skylofts is a luxury boutique hotel and a private sanctuary hidden from Sin City. The sophisticated loft exudes a modern ambiance with stylish furnishings. With top-notch features and amenities, you won't need to step out of the hotel. Take a relaxing bath while your bathroom mirror instantly transforms into a television. Your body will thank you after the Champagne Bubble spa tub massage or even a relaxing steam and rain-shower experience. Enjoy personal concierge, butler and spa services 24 hours a day at this first-class oasis. When you feel like seeing the world again, MGM has got you covered with its award-winning restaurants to satisfy your appetite as well as KÁ, a dynamic show by Cirque de Soleil. 702.891.1111, <http://www.skyloftsmgmgrand.com>

San Ysidro Ranch



If Los Angeles locals head for this escape so frequently, you know it's promising. Located an hour or so from Los Angeles, this old seaside Santa Barbara town boasts California's best weather. Stroll through the stunning palm tree-lined beach by the Waterfront or visit the street scene for authentic knickknacks or even just people-watching. Wine lovers won't be disappointed after a few glasses of locally produced chardonnays and pinot noirs. Have a leisurely Sunday brunch at the Brown Pelican, which overlooks an amazing seaside view. Or turn the heat up with a romantic stroll followed by a candlelight dinner, and enjoy the rest of the night at a private cottage in San Ysidro Ranch. 805.565.1700, <http://www.sanysidoranch.com>

L'Auberge de Sedona



Within the breathtaking scenery of Red Rock Country lies a private inn with cozy cottages bordering a creek. Book the Creekside Cottage with the Spa Package—a perfect combination for a romantic weekend or even a get-together with friends. Either way, relaxing by nature and taking walks by Oak Creek is truly a sensational experience. Luxuriate in a calming outdoor massage with relaxing aromas before you sample a first-class menu next to a spectacular scenery. Honored as one of the top U.S. hotels and named "Most Beautiful Place in America," wouldn't you like to sample a slice of heaven? 800.905.5745, <http://www.lauberge.com>

Riviera Resort and Spa

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When we think desert paradise, we think of a satisfying sanctuary that delivers nothing but bliss. This California luxury resort in Palm Springs is set to meet your expectations with its unbelievable amenities. Book the Presidential Suite to experience a one-of-a-kind private Hollywood glam-inspired room with elegant interiors. Sip signature cocktails from your very own marble-topped wet bar, or luxuriate in SpaTerre for a soothing experience. What better way to enjoy a weekend than to indulge in a divine suite with heavenly drinks by a fascinating view? 866.588.8311, <http://www.psriviera.com>