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Holidays in SoCal



Sunny skies. Sandy beaches. Not a snowflake in sight. It's not easy to get into the holiday spirit. Here are some festive suggestions. Toast the season with a flute of bubbly at **Ojai Valley Inn & Spa's** (ojairesort.com) pop-up-Champagne-lounge-cum-art-installation—magically illuminated by dozens of lanterns (by design legend Paul Ferrante) hung high in the spreading branches of a 200-year-old oak tree. **Hotel del Coronado's** (hoteldel.com) Sparkle Season features gourmet beach bonfires with house-made holiday marshmallow-and-dark-mint-chocolate treats. The Spa at The Del celebrates the season with sparkly spa treatments like diamond facials and gemstone massages. **The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa** (missioninn.com) holds a Festival of Lights that extravagantly illuminates the castle-like hotel with more than 4 million holiday lights. Vignettes by 400 animatronic characters (think Barneys Madison Avenue windows) and appearances by Santa in a Disney-like winter wonderland. **Montage Laguna Beach** (montagelagunabeach.com) serves up a Las Vegas-sized Champagne buffet and offers complimentary family photos (above). **Four Seasons Los Angeles at Beverly Hills** (fourseasons.com) has you covered with the New Year's Hangover Brunch—carving stations, Scottish salmon, Belgian waffles. Wash it down with revitalizing coconut water or go for the Champagne.

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Arovada by Akaryn, Cambodia A private-island wellness retreat surrounded by virgin jungle, 40 large-scale pool villas designed by famed fashion designer Kenzo Takada (above). From \$250; akaryn.com.

São Lourenço do Barrocal, Portugal

A 200-year-old Alentejo farm transformed to offer a laid-back country experience. Vegetables and wine grown on the farm. Explore the estate by bike or on horseback. Relax by the freshwater pool. Get spa treatments from Austrian wellness expert Susanne Kaufmann. From \$225; barrocal.pt.

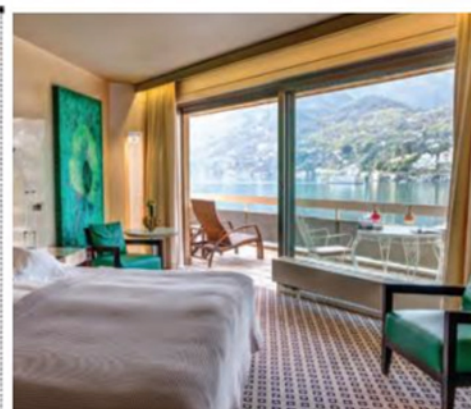
Palafitos Overwater Bungalows, El Dorado Maroma, Tulum

Mexico's first overwater bungalows—cabins on stilts with thatched roofs and glass floors (below) for a peek into the sea below. Romantic outdoor showers. Ladder access to the ocean. A private butler. From \$950; karismahotels.com.



Spa L'Occitane by the Bay, Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco

Located on the first floor of the Ritz-Carlton in Nob Hill, this 6,200-square-foot oasis offers facials, massages, and "tech tension relief" treatments using natural Provençal ingredients like lavender, immortelle, and verbena. ritzcarlton.com



Hotel Eden Roc, Ascona, Switzerland

Redesigned rooms with Swiss comfort and Italian flair by flamboyant Swiss-Italian interior and furniture designer Carlo Rampazzi (above). Bold patterns. Bright colors. Baroque and minimalism combined. From \$265; edenroc.ch.

SingleThread, Healdsburg, California

Fine dining restaurant and five-room inn. Eleven-course tasting menus from Chef Kyle and Katina Connaughton (she's a farmer). The Japanese-influenced rooms are spare with comfortable linens and house-made refreshments. From \$800/night (books six months in advance). \$294/dinner (two months in advance); singlethreadfarms.com. ▸