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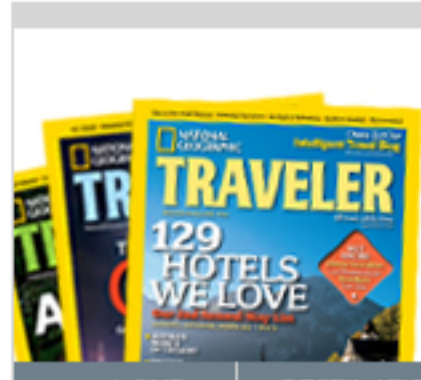
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Guests find a respite at the Crown Jewel Resort Ranch in Nova Scotia.
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Island Lake Lodge, Fernie, B.C.

Wedged into the Kootenay Rockies, above a mountain lake and amid 800-year-old cedars, sit four log lodges. Spring-fed micro-hydro system powers pristine off-grid location. No TV or phones in rooms gleaming with wood. Raw nature tempered by hot-stone massages, extensive wine library, organic wild-sourced cuisine. Summer: canoeing, guided hiking. Winter? It's all about snowcat skiing through powder. 26 rooms; from \$189, incl. breakfast.

Hastings House Country House Hotel, Salt Spring Island, B.C.

A former Hudson Bay trading post evolved into English Tudor-mansion complex guarding Ganges Harbour. In-room fireplaces, eiderdown duvets, heated slate floors. Regional dining on veranda overlooking harbor. House speciality? Salt Spring Island lamb. Commercial crab fisherman takes guests out for hands-on Dungeness crab session. Self-guided tour to artist studios, wineries, cheese-makers. 18 rooms; from \$242.

Sonora Resort, Sonora Island, B.C.

Fly in on seaplane to wilderness lodge amid old-growth rain forest on 145-square-mile island in Desolation Sound. Rooms in 10 themed lodges overlook yucultas: ocean rapids full of whirlpools and tide rips. Ocean-view botanical conservatory. Organic regional cuisine. Partners with local First Nations tribes for eco-tours and grizzly bear viewing. 88 rooms; from \$375.

Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, Tofino, B.C.

A tented mid-May–Sept. camp where river meets sea. Opulently furnished prospector-style canvas tents linked by cedar boardwalk. Spa treatments, saunas, cedar hot tubs overlooking the water. No TV, no phones—only call you'll hear is the Call of the Wild. Local First Nations guides tutor guests in ways of the Northwest. About a dozen working dogs keep nosy bears out of camp. 20 tents; 3 nights, from \$3,897 per person, all-inclusive.

Lazy Bear Lodge and Café, Churchill, Man.

Built in the style of a Hudson Bay Company trading post with fire-killed timber; three miles above the tree line. Local greenhouse for produce, exotic wild meats from Inuit-owned cooperatives. Cabins are woody burrows of warmth. Up-close encounters with beluga whales and polar bears are the reason you're here. 33 rooms; from \$125.

Fairmont Algonquin, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N.B.

Tudor-style spread with turreted red slate roof overlooking Passamaquoddy Bay. Grand public areas, rooms in period dress: two-

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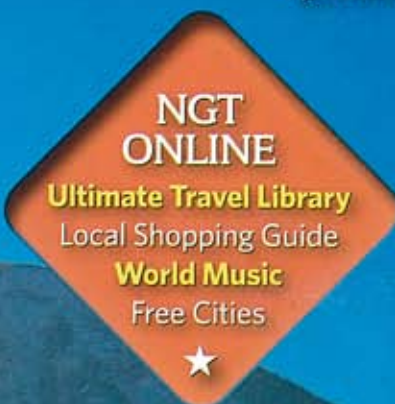
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