

Long Weekend

KERRY JOYCE LOS ANGELES, CA

My woodland cabin in **Forest Falls, CA**—with its 1930s river stone fireplace, wide pine board floors, and log rafters—is my escape. Dwarfed beneath towering pines, set far back from the road and surrounded by the national forest, my cabin makes me feel remote and happy. I look forward to my primal fire-starting ritual, to the celebration of seasons, the family dog procession at the Fourth of July parade, and the pleasure of cooking for friends and family.

▼ JEAN LARETTE SAN FRANCISCO, CA

One of my favorite weekend hideaways is the Meadowood resort (below) in **St. Helena, CA**. The rooms are beautifully appointed with big comforters, soft robes, and a fabulous room service menu. There's lots of wood for your stone fireplace in the winter and a cool breeze off the balconies in the summer.



▲ SARA BENGUR, NEW YORK, NY

My favorite place is Ikal del Mar (above), a spa in **Playa del Carmen, Mexico**, on the Mayan Riviera. Each guest has a villa beautifully designed with local woods and materials. The beach and pool are incredible, and the spa treatments are dreamy. I feel really pampered there.

FRANK ROOP BOSTON, MA

L'Hotel in **Paris** is intimate and cozy and tucked back on a little side street that most cab drivers have a tough time finding. Its Saint Germain location is perfect for exploring the Left Bank's antiques shops, art galleries, clothing stores, and little cafes. Even though the hotel is tiny, it is *très chic*; it was decorated by Jacques Garcia. There is a little plunge pool built into the basement and a circular seven-story open rotunda. Oscar Wilde lived and died there. I would recommend staying in the top-floor suite. My wife and I think of it as a home away from home.

GRACIELA RUTKOWSKI SEATTLE, WA

We like to go out to enjoy a truly decadent meal at Rover's restaurant in **Seattle**. Otherwise, we love to cook and have a few couples over for an evening of good food and great wine, preferably outside. Good weather is limited, so we try to take advantage of it as much as possible.

ROBERT COUTURIER NEW YORK, NY

I escape to my country house in **South Kent, Connecticut**, because aesthetically, it has everything that pleases me. My companion is there, my dogs are there, my favorite artwork is there, and it's surrounded by nature. I feel that the house is truly my home, my private paradise.

GREG JORDAN NEW YORK, NY

My outdoor shower at my home in **Los Angeles** is one of my favorite places to unwind. My indoor shower has a door that connects to the outside garden path, where there is an outdoor shower and room for a massage table. The path leads to my garden and pool, designed by landscape architect Mario Nievera. ●

CALVIN TSAO & ZACK MCKOWN, NEW YORK, NY

Wheatleigh, a baby grand hotel in **Lenox, Massachusetts** (bathroom pictured), offers reassuring familiarity to us because we had a hand in nearly every detail. But the real comfort there is being pampered and well fed by a gracious, professional young staff who are remarkable—they obviously enjoy their work.

