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Our Fabulous List
(Yes, we checked it twice)
of Holiday Happenings

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Chic Getaways

A look at some exciting holiday travel packages.

Lovely Lupita

LUPITA ISLAND is an enchanting resort sanctuary on a 130-acre private island in Tanzania with 11 thatched-roof cottages and two family cottages that overlook Lake Tanganyika, the longest and second deepest lake in the world, which stretches the distance between Los Angeles and San Francisco. This luxe resort offers safari excursions into the Katavi and Serengeti through partner Firelight Expeditions, and guests can also enjoy scuba diving, sailing, and a variety of water sports, as well as private excursions to virtually undiscovered local villages, helicopter rides through waterfall-filled landscapes, spa treatments, inspired dining at the resort's restaurant and bucket-list moments whether en-suite or exploring Tanzania's tranquil landscape. The resort is all-inclusive.

Winter at Lupita: The ultimate African adventure becomes more within reach with Lupita Island's "Green Season Package" that offers 40% off rates and safari excursions into Serengeti National Park by Firelight Expeditions (through December 31). www.firelightexpeditions.com

Desert Dreams

Where the Sange de Christo Mountains meet the desert just outside of Santa Fe lies **ENCANTADO**, an Auberge Resort—the first and only AAA Five-Diamond resort in New Mexico (and the only resort in Santa Fe). The 60-acre-resort has a great, modern take on southwest style with exposed beams, balconies, kiva fireplaces in each casita, and custom works of art. The winter experience at Encantado is highlighted by days on the slopes and the après-ski scene at restaurant Terra. Following dinner, guests can gather at a great firepit, where nightly piñon pine fires beckon guests to enjoy s'mores and stargazing.

Winter at Encantado: A three-night package for two includes a stay in a luxurious Casita or Suite, welcome drinks, a spa kit upon arrival, 2 one-day lift tickets to Ski Santa Fe, one Art Gallery Adventure for two, one Terra Dinner for two, Terra Breakfast for two each morning, and two 90-Minute Sports Massages. (Packages start at \$2,700.) www.encantadoresort.com/packages



Tropical Journey

Spilling down an exquisite Nicaraguan hillside, **PELLICAN EYES RESORT** offers heart-stopping Pacific Ocean views and technicolor sunsets. Add to that three infinity swimming pools, lush tropical gardens, two open-air restaurants, a spa, and 70 spacious casitas—each uniquely laid out and furnished, some with full kitchens and multiple bedrooms—and you have the perfect resort for a romantic getaway or a family vacation. Nicaragua's best swimming and surfing beaches are minutes away.

Winter at Pelican Eyes: "Stay 5, Pay only 3" package for two people includes: 5 nights lodging, daily breakfast, a welcome dinner, and a canopy zip-line adventure. \$798 for two people, excluding taxes. www.pelicaneyesresort.com