



1 SOUTHERN BELLE

A revamped Georgian-style landmark on Ocean Drive in South Beach, Miami, now houses the Betsy hotel. Four-poster beds, lavish marble baths, and wood plantation shutters enrich 63 sun-drenched rooms. At 1440 Ocean Dr. Call 305-531-3934; thebetsyhotel.com.

2 COTTAGE INDUSTRY

The Hidden Pond Kennebunkport resort brings a fresh style to the traditional seaside town. Its 14 eclectic cottages, each conceived by a different Maine designer, offer fireplaces, fully equipped kitchens, screened porches, and outdoor showers. At 354 Goose Rocks Rd. Call 888-967-9050; hiddenpondmaine.com.



3 BEACH BEAUTY

Casa Dorada Resort & Spa is a posh newcomer to Cabo San Lucas's popular Playa Medano. The five-acre waterfront property features 186 luxuriously appointed rooms that face the stunning Land's End rock formation. Highlights include a full-service salt-water spa and the B lounge, shown. At Av. Pescador S/N, Col. El Medano. Call 866-448-0151; casadorada.com.

4 AMERICAN PASTORAL

At chef Marc Forgione's debut New York eatery, Forge, reclaimed-cedar walls from a circa-1900 sawmill meet bespoke glass lanterns and wood shelves lined with vintage cookbooks from James Beard's personal library. Diners sample new-American fare like potato rolls and suckling pig at custom-made butcher-block tables. At 134 Reade St. Call 212-941-9401; forgenyc.com.

