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Slideshow: Grio getaways for the holidays

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National Harbor, Maryland (Courtesy of National Harbor Hotel)

Sure, the economy has been awfully Scrooge-like lately, but Santa promised a little extra in your stocking this year.

So why not break with tradition (or start a new one), and get away for the holidays?

Be it a sun-splashed jaunt to Jamaica, zipping down the slopes in Utah, or strolling through exotic gardens in Morocco, we've scouted 10 domestic and international destinations that offer everything from Mother Nature's wintry spell, to balmy breezes.

So grab your jingle bells and join our holiday ride --minus the sleigh. And if you can't make it this year, mark your calendar for 2011.



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8. The Betsy, South Beach, Miami

Spend your holidays hanging out with the beautiful people in sexy South Beach. The Betsy is a landmark hotel along famed Ocean Drive, complete with 62 rooms/suites that are beachside havens.

Upscale yet laid-back, The Betsy boasts a courtyard pool, a rooftop deck with views of the Atlantic, and Wellness garden offering spa treatments and yoga. Sip cocktails at the lobby bar, or dine in style at BLT Steak. You'll also find the holiday spirit alive here year-round: the hotel's philanthropy has benefited an AIDS center in Zimbabwe, American veterans, the homeless and others.

(Image courtesy of The Betsy)

