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California Dreams

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I know, I know. The economic outlook isn't looking any brighter and who can possibly think of spending right now? But to all your brides-to-be out there, listen to me—take a honeymoon!

No, I am not crazy, I just believe that there is no better way to start a marriage than with a few days of pure tranquility. And you don't have to go far or spends loads of money to get it. I've said it before and I will say it again—the U.S. has some (okay, a ton!) amazing destinations that are perfect for a postwedding wind down.

For example, the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa (montereyplazahotel.com) on the California coast. It's absolutely perfect if you're looking to get that Mediterranean feel here in the states. The European architecture and oceanviews will transport you to place of peace and relaxation, and the amazing spa is there to help with any lingering kinks.

—Jeanine Edwards, Associate Editor