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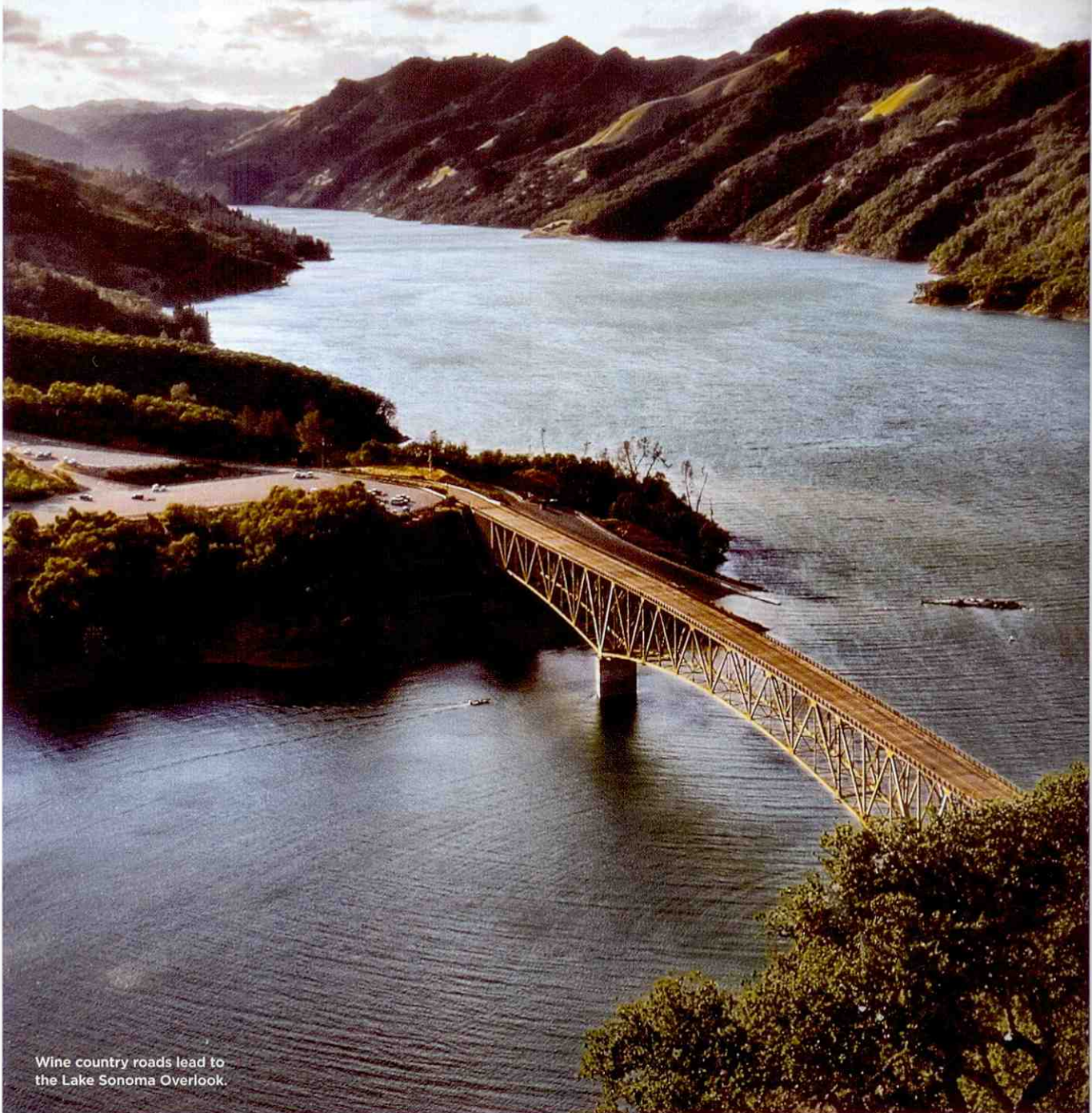
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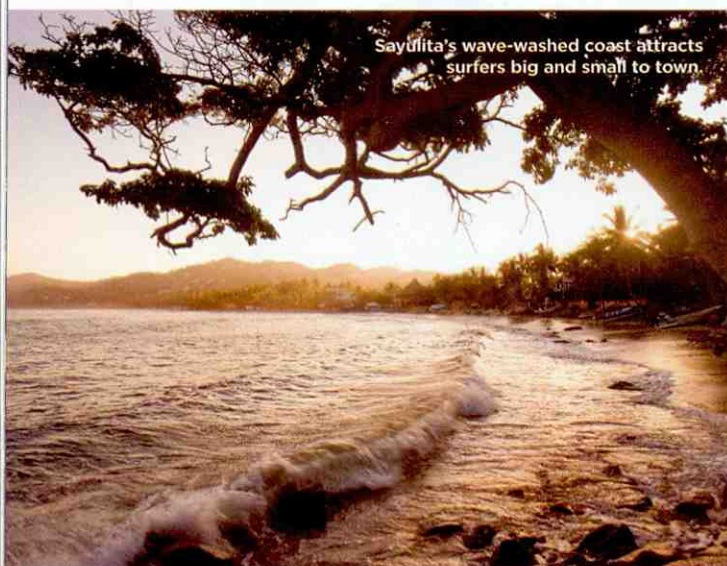


Winter Escapes...California Style

Romance, relaxation, a simple change of pace and scenery—there are lots of great reasons to get away, and Californians are fortunate to have a wealth of possibilities for easy-to-get-to jaunts. An hour or two on the road or a quick air hop will put you in wine country, a chic coastal destination, even a margarita outpost with a little exotic flair. You may find the notion so appealing you'll want to stay indefinitely.



Wine country roads lead to the Lake Sonoma Overlook.



Sayulita's wave-washed coast attracts surfers big and small to town.



SURF, SUNBATHE...AND STAY A WHILE

The surfers discovered **SAYULITA** (www.sayulitalife.com) first, thanks to the two gorgeous breaks in the long sandy bay on the Mexican Pacific. Then about five years ago the rest of the world began trickling in to this lost-in-time town. Now it's firmly a part of the Riviera Nayarit, as this stretch of coast north of Puerto Vallarta is becoming known, but the low-key charm remains, as consistent as the waves or the church bells that ring out every morning.

Surf and yoga retreats are part of the offerings at **VIAYOGA** (www.viayoga.com), which houses its participants in colorful cliffside accommodations at **VILLA AMOR** (www.villaamor.com).

There are also villas for rent throughout the area, but, not surprisingly, Sayulita seems to inspire visitors to come back and stay, perhaps forever. For them, **PUNTA SAYULITA** (www.puntasayulita.com) is building 62 casas, casitas, and casonas—in tropical stone-and-wood style—in an intimate gated community at the edge of town. With a beach and surf club, a spa palapa, and walking trails, the development also will provide concierge services that make owning a home here a breeze.

As visitors have embraced Sayulita, the place has responded with new dining possibilities to please them. Locals still rave about the fresh tacos at streets stands, but other choices range from casual fare at **CHOCO BANANA** on the plaza to a dinner of Argentine steak at **FIAMBALA**. And to while away an afternoon or two, there are inviting boutiques, from **LA HAMACA** for folk art to the high-style baubles of **PACHAMAMA**—assuming you can pull yourself off the beach, that is.

To the south, in Nuevo Vallarta, the new Pacific coast enclave of **LUMA** (www.lumaliving.com) also beckons travelers to put down permanent tropical roots. Here, 15 minutes beyond the Puerto Vallarta airport, is an American-developed, full-ownership, active adult beachfront community within a master-planned resort. Gracious outdoor spaces, the El Tigre golf course, a lively beach bar and bistro, and saltwater infinity pools are just a few of Luma's amenities. And with one-, two-, and three-bedroom condominiums and penthouses in seven striking 10-story towers, the residences offer expansive views of the ocean and the mountains, irresistible invitations to walk on the beach, boat along the coast, or explore the Mexican countryside. ■



A spacious Luma master suite featuring ocean views.