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Luxury at a Click

Five new ways to find five-star rentals, fast.

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LE COLLECTIONIST for white-glove service

With pied-à-terres and villas mostly in European hubs and Alpine ski towns, this company connects guests with personal concierges who can arrange extravagant experiences like on-demand massages—or, in one case, a private violin concert for renters of a slopeside chalet in Courchevel, France. lecollectionist.com.

ONEFINESTAY for affordable luxury

Among the perks of this site's homes: fine linens, iPhones with local data plans, and 24/7 assistance. Its portfolio is limited to a handful of residences in London, Paris, New York, Los Angeles, and Rome. But it's notable for offering impeccable design and serious value—a brocade-filled one-bedroom in Paris's Trocadéro goes for \$188 per night. onefinestay.com.

Change of Place

Before you set on a classic destination, consider these money-saving alternatives.

IF YOU LIKE THE HAMPTONS, TRY... RHODE ISLAND

The Hamptons may have an edge on scenery restaurants, but the Ocean State's beaches are just as good. A Hamptons five-bedroom can exceed \$120,000 per month, but the extravagant Pink House, part of Watch Hill's Ocean House resort, costs \$5,000 less per week. oceanhouser.com.



IF YOU LIKE IBIZA, TRY... MENORCA

Villas flanked by eucalyptus trees? Rugged Mediterranean vistas and a polished crowd? The little Spanish island has everything its flashy neighbor does. But a week in a seaside home like Es Raco costs just \$8,000—half as much as a similar stay in Ibiza. spain-select.com.



IF YOU LIKE COLORADO, TRY... MONTANA

Big Sky Country has the same grand landscapes as the Colorado Rockies—and a ski-in, ski-out rental with timber A-frame ceilings, a deck, and five bedrooms will run you \$6,786 a week



Trading Places



Once seen as a strategy for penny-pinchers, home-swapping has become the focus of several start-ups catering to higher-end travelers. **Knok** and **LoveHomeSwap** use points systems to allow nonsimultaneous swaps—meaning you earn points for letting others stay in your home and redeem them for future stays elsewhere. Their annual fees (\$99 and \$276, respectively) also include concierge assistance and, in the case of LoveHomeSwap, free airport lounge access. Also new is Kid & Coe's **Exchange**, a subscription service from the family-friendly apartment-rental site. It lets parents exchange homes stocked with plenty of toys as well as local nanny recommendations. The most exclusive of the bunch is **3rdHome**, which is open only to those who have their own vacation homes; the average listing is worth \$2.4 million.

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DIY WEBSITES

► Ability to browse and book from a vast inventory of homes, even last-minute.

► No fussy paperwork is required, whereas agents make you sign extensive contracts.

► Deals can be deceiving. A HomeAway rent-

FULL-SERVICE AGENTS

► Access to a human concierge who can solve problems that an algorithm can't.

► Homes are personally inspected by agents, for maximal quality control.

► For the most popular destinations in peak

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