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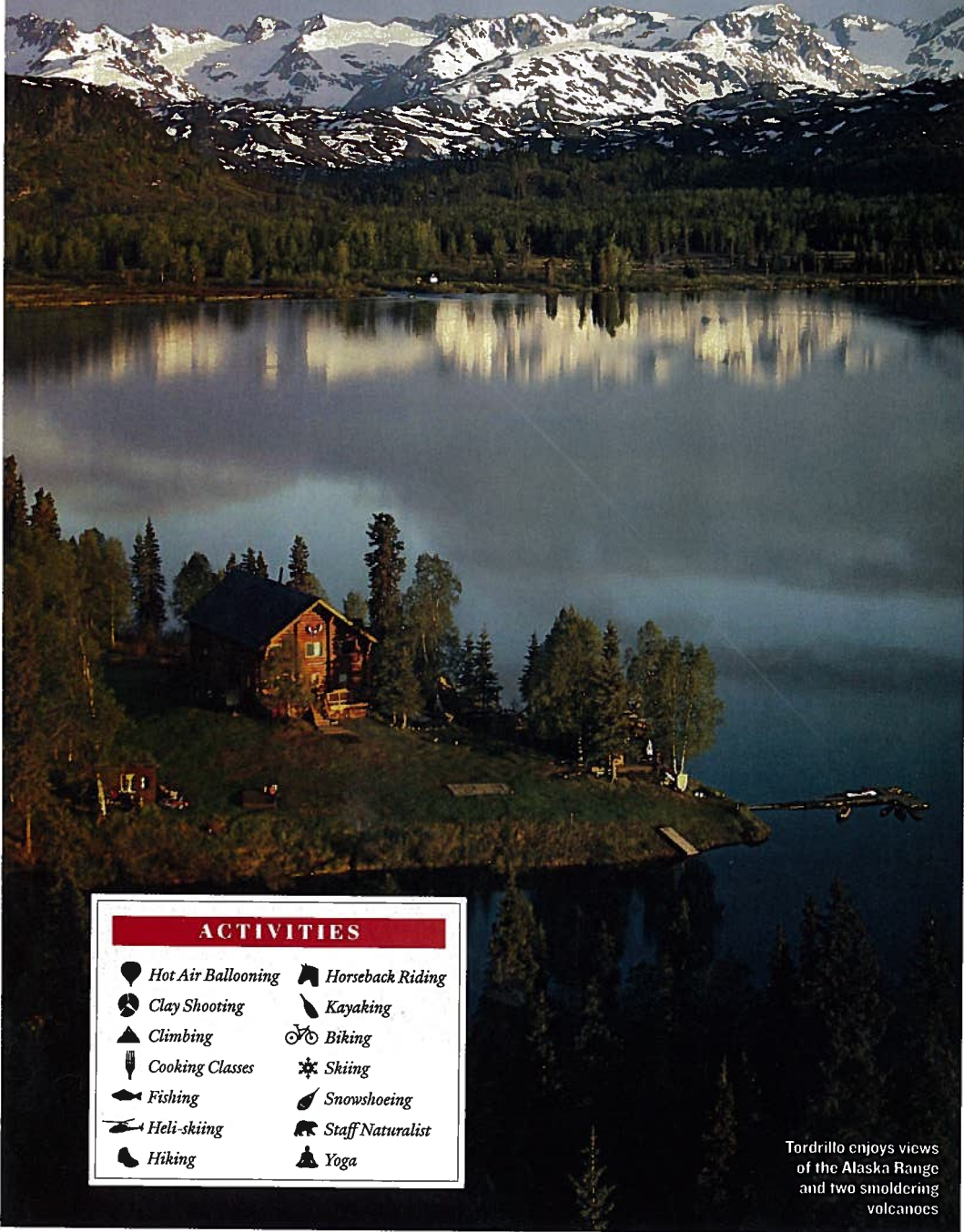
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# Tackle the Backcountry, in Luxury

FOR YOUR NEXT FIVE-STAR CAMPING TRIP, PICK A SPOT WHERE ALL-INCLUSIVE MEANS HELI-SKIING, HIKING, AND FLY-FISHING.

by ANDY ISAACSON



**ACTIVITIES**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Hot Air Ballooning</li> <li> Clay Shooting</li> <li> Climbing</li> <li> Cooking Classes</li> <li> Fishing</li> <li> Heli-skiing</li> <li> Hiking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Horseback Riding</li> <li> Kayaking</li> <li> Biking</li> <li> Skiing</li> <li> Snowshoeing</li> <li> Staff Naturalist</li> <li> Yoga</li> </ul>
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Tordrillo enjoys views of the Alaska Range and two smoldering volcanoes

## Tordrillo Mountain Lodge

JUDD LAKE, ALASKA



IN ALASKA, PEOPLE FLY small planes just to pick up their mail. During your stay at Tordrillo, the same small planes will be dropping you off at remote fly-fishing holes and atop steep, deep ski descents, possibly — thanks to Alaska's 24-hour summer daylight — in the same day.

This 5,600-square-foot base camp lies at the foot of the Alaska Range and can be accessed only by a scenic, 70-mile floatplane trip from Anchorage. Fly fishermen get a chopper lift up the creek with an inflatable kayak and rod, and then get picked up downriver. The more adventurous get dropped onto the massive Triumvirate Glacier to paddleboard around the icebergs on Strandline Lake (as Laird Hamilton did during his stay). "You often wonder whether there has ever been a person there before," says Mike Overcast, a Tordrillo guide.

After a dinner pulled straight from the Talachulitna River, a whiskey at the pounded-copper bar, and a soak in the lakeside cedar hot tub under the midnight sun, the hefty price tag will feel worth every penny (*\$1,300 a person plus activity costs for two days, one night; chugachpowderguides.com*).

**Miles From the Nearest**

**Starbucks: 70**

### SPRING CREEK RANCH Jackson, Wyoming



This thousand-acre wildlife sanctuary, 1,000 feet above Jackson Hole, abuts Wyoming's largest river, the Snake, and the fly-fishing is world-class. After a long day angling for cutthroat trout, stop by the four-star Granary restaurant for elk tenderloin, and for floor-to-ceiling views of the Grand Teton (*from \$175; springcreekranch.com*).

**Miles From the Nearest**

**Starbucks: 128**

## Lake Placid Lodge LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK



This iconic rustic getaway for East Coast urbanites is a couple miles down the road from the village of Lake Placid and Whiteface ski resort, but it remains the only luxury accommodation on the lake in the heart of the Adirondacks, and feels completely cut off. Cabins sit just two feet from shore, with picture windows framing Whiteface Mountain and six million acres of birch and maple wilderness. Explore it by canoe or on the Jack Rabbit Trail — with a staff naturalist, or Maggie, the resident golden retriever who knows the surrounding trails better than anyone (*from \$475; lakeplacidlodge.com*).

Miles From the Nearest Starbucks: 3



Artisans restaurant at Lake Placid Lodge



One of Dunton's hot spring pools behind the bathhouse

## Dunton Hot Springs

DELORES, COLORADO



THE 19TH-CENTURY GOLD and silver miners who built — and later abandoned — this 800-acre cabin community nestled at just under 9,000 feet in the San Juan Mountains had it good: 103-degree mineral springs, trout fishing, classic Rocky Mountain views. And nothing's changed: German hotelier Christoph Hen-

kel restored this ghost town in the '90s, retrofitting the 12 hand-hewn cabins with old rifles and buckskin bedspreads and turning the old saloon into a place where guests — never more than 42 — enjoy free-range local lamb and wine around a communal dining table (*from \$325 a person, meals included; rent the entire town for \$16,500; wildretreat.com*).

Miles From the Nearest Starbucks: 81

### THE LODGE ON LITTLE ST. SIMONS ISLAND Little St. Simons Island, Georgia

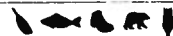


Accessible only by boat, this 10,000-acre private barrier island is a rare example of a virgin maritime live-oak forest. Jump on a beach cruiser — modified to carry fishing rods — and pedal 40 miles of trails and seven miles of beach; then enjoy a traditional Low Country seafood boil (*from \$450; littless.com*).

Miles From the Nearest Starbucks: 14

## Trout Point Lodge

NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA



LOCALS CALL THIS corner of Nova Scotia the “empty quarter.” Situated at the confluence of the Tusket and Napier Rivers, it's surrounded by the 400-square-mile Tobeatic Wilderness Area — one of the largest protected areas in Eastern Canada — and the night sky here is so dark that an astronomer is on staff at Trout Point to guide guests through the stars. But the real charms of this cozy, 100-acre forest retreat are earthbound: the white spruce log and chiseled granite main lodge, surrounded by water on three sides, where a Celtic guitarist and fiddler jam beside a roaring stone fireplace; renowned Cajun and Acadian cooking classes (learn some smoking and curing techniques); and naturalist-led kayak and hiking trips through old-growth boreal forest (ask naturalist Kara Crowell to take you to Billy's Hill, a six-hour paddle-hike-combo) (*from \$200 a night; troutpoint.com*).

Miles From the Nearest Starbucks: 162

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