



SUMMER GOES ROGUE: 27 TRIPS OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE

Goodbye, mesh folding chair. Farewell, trusty beer koozie. This summer is all about breaking out of that lazy beach vacation rut.

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Better than hitchhiking: your inflatable ride to San Miguel Island.



GO SURFING (among glaciers)

Yakutat, AK // Think Hawaii's North Shore, but replace the bikinis with wetsuits and the palm trees with glaciers. The common denominator? First-class barrels. And the Pacific Ocean's temperature here can climb into the 60s, thanks to a late-summer current from Japan (still, you can leave the tanning oil at home). Get here by way of Alaska Airlines, then drop by the micro-town's surf shop, **Icy Waves** (RENTALS FROM \$40 A DAY, ICYWAVES.COM), where they'll clue you in on swell conditions and provide rentals. Novices will want the easy-riding break

at Graveyards, while seasoned surfers will dig the point break with head-highs at Cannon Beach, but wherever you paddle out, you won't have to contend with a lineup—locals estimate that fewer than 40 surfers are spread out over a dozen beaches at any given time. End the day with après-surf brews at **Glacier Bear Lodge** (GLACIERBEARLODGE.COM) or catch the local lore from fishermen at **Mallott's General Store** (907-784-3355), then tent up with a fire at Cannon Beach. Bonus: This time of year, it's only dark from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m., so you'll have plenty of time to fulfill that (nearly) endless summer dream. LAUREN LADOCEOUR

LUXURIATE IN RENO (seriously)

Reno, NV // Finally, a part of town that appeals more to mellow art obsessives and less to glassy-eyed slot fanatics (not that there's anything wrong with those). Case in point: **Brasserie St. James** (BRASSERIESTJAMES.COM), a sprawling new-American gastropub with a sun-soaked roof deck and an in-house brewery that would be right at home in Dogpatch—if only San Francisco had more space, lower prices, and views of majestic, snowcapped Mount Rose. Add to that the small but mighty **Nevada Museum of Art** (NEVADAART.ORG), which packs

several surprisingly edgy exhibits, not to mention brand-new bistro **Chez Louie** (CHEZ-LOUIE.COM), into a modern building on the edge of the up-and-coming MidTown district. Instead of crashing at one of the many neon-signed mega-hotels lining the strip, stay at the new Burning Man-themed **Morris Burner Hotel** (FLEXIBLE RATES, MORRISBURNERHOTEL.COM), where art from the playa abounds and each room is outfitted in a different theme. Place yourself in the hot pink-and-zebra print Sparkle Pony Room, or the cactus-filled Desert Room, designed by Nevada abstract artist Cindy Gunn. ELLEN CUSHING



It looks icy, but in the summer the waters in Yakutat, Alaska, are as warm as in Santa Cruz.

PREVIOUS SPREAD: CODY DUNCAN; THIS SPREAD, TOP LEFT: SCOTT DICKERSON; FOLLOWING SPREAD, FROM LEFT: RICHMOND TOURISM; ANDREW NOSAL

BOOK AN L.A. GIRLS' GETAWAY (in Koreatown)

Los Angeles, CA // If downtown is so 2013, the **Line** (FROM \$199, THELINEHOTEL.COM)—a new, almost excruciatingly hip hotel—is banking on Koreatown hitting the top of this year's it-list. So far, so good: Roy Choi is opening a hot pot restaurant in the hotel any day now, as well as a cheeky lounge called Pot that begs for a selfie alongside daredevil cocktails of natto and uni. **Park's BBQ** (PARKSBBQ.COM), situated in the heart of the 2.7-square-mile neighborhood, makes it easy to have a dinner of galbi and



Park's BBQ in Los Angeles.

banchan—followed by a late-night drunkeoke session at **Cafe Brass Monkey** (CAFEBRASSMONKEY.COM). The next day, detox with the Milk and Honey treatment at the remodeled, women-only **Olympic Spa** (OLYMPICSPALA.COM). It's at the point when the burly attendant, sadistically scrubbing your naked body, makes her way to your inner thigh that you realize you've officially submitted to K-Town.

SARA DESERAN

SLEEP ABOVE THE CLOUDS (and hike to get there)

Colorado Springs, CO // It's not Mount Everest, but hiking the 9,200-foot Cheyenne Mountain, a scenic, craggy peak that soars from the flatlands near Colorado Springs, will certainly test the strength of your quads. Even so, the views above the cloud cover are worth the two-hour trek up steep, dusty switchbacks. Start midway up the mountain at the Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun, a medieval-looking stone tower dedicated to the American humorist. Keep an eye out for

wildlife, including eagles and foxes, on your ascent. Your determination will be rewarded when you reach the top, where you'll find not only heavenly vistas of Pike National Forest but also the Broadmoor Hotel's **Cloud Camp's** 11 upscale new cabins, opening this summer (FROM \$400 PER PERSON, ALL-INCLUSIVE, BROADMOOR.COM/BROADMOOR-CLOUD-CAMP). After resting your legs on your log cabin's porch swing, explore options like mountain biking—or just kick back for a high-altitude dinner of veal with morels or trout in the main lodge, then cap off the night by roasting s'mores.

BLANE BACHELOR

TOUR A CHINESE FOOD MECCA

(that goes beyond dim sum)

Richmond, BC // Bubbling vats of unlabeled sauces, a cacophony of Chinese dialects, and waves of undecipherable aromas—no, you haven't landed in Beijing. You're in Vancouver's neighbor city of Richmond, British Columbia, where 400 Asian restaurants beckon

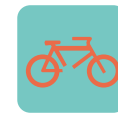
DEATH TO THE STATION WAGON. WHO SAYS YOU NEED A CAR TO ROAD-TRIP?



> Boatbound.co

This peer-to-peer site puts you behind the wheel of a **boat**. Choose a vessel (unmanned or captained)

and set sail. A search in the Bay Area turned up listings from as low as \$65 per day for a pontoon to \$1,950 for a 45-foot catamaran. Whatever your tax bracket, it's nice to have options.



> Spinlister.com

No bike? No problem. This new **bike-sharing** site lets you book a bike on the go through its mobile

app. Choose anything from a cruiser to a Cannondale, then pick it up from the owner and set off for a day trip to Sausalito or an odyssey to Seattle. Most rentals range from \$20 to \$40 per day.



> Wanderu.com

This startup, which just launched on the West Coast, aggregates **bus and train** options the

same way that sites like Orbitz organize flights: calibrating the cheapest and most efficient routes. Find Megabus routes from Oakland to Reno for \$16 or Amtrak from Caltrain to L.A. for \$56, and filter preferences like Wi-Fi, extra legroom, and power outlets to tailor your trip.



The International Night Market in Richmond, British Columbia.

daring diners to sample authentic and unusual dishes hard to find outside of Asia proper. You'll smell the appropriately named Stinky Tofu before you see it: The fried, brine-soaked specialty is popular at Richmond's growing outdoor summertime **International Night Market** (SUMMERNIGHTMARKET.COM), every Friday through Sunday from May through September. Cuttlefish balls, a traditional Hong Kong street eat, are served with pork blood and pig skin at **Wu Fung Dessert** (ABERDEENCENTRE.COM), while the "24-flavor tea" at **Fok Po Tong Chinese Herbal Shop** (YAOHANCENTRE.COM) is boiled into a syrupy black elixir that's said to pack a healthy punch along with centuries of ancient Chinese wisdom—a cleansing end to a whirlwind trip. **KIMBERLEY LOVATO**

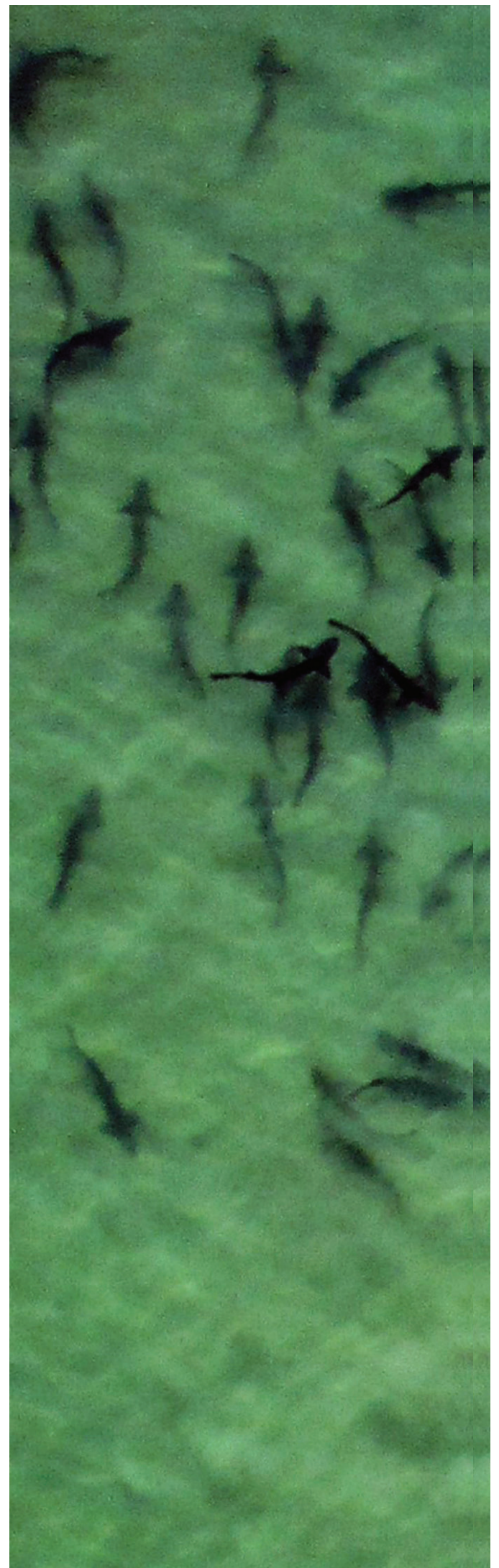
HIT UP VEGAS (for an art fix)

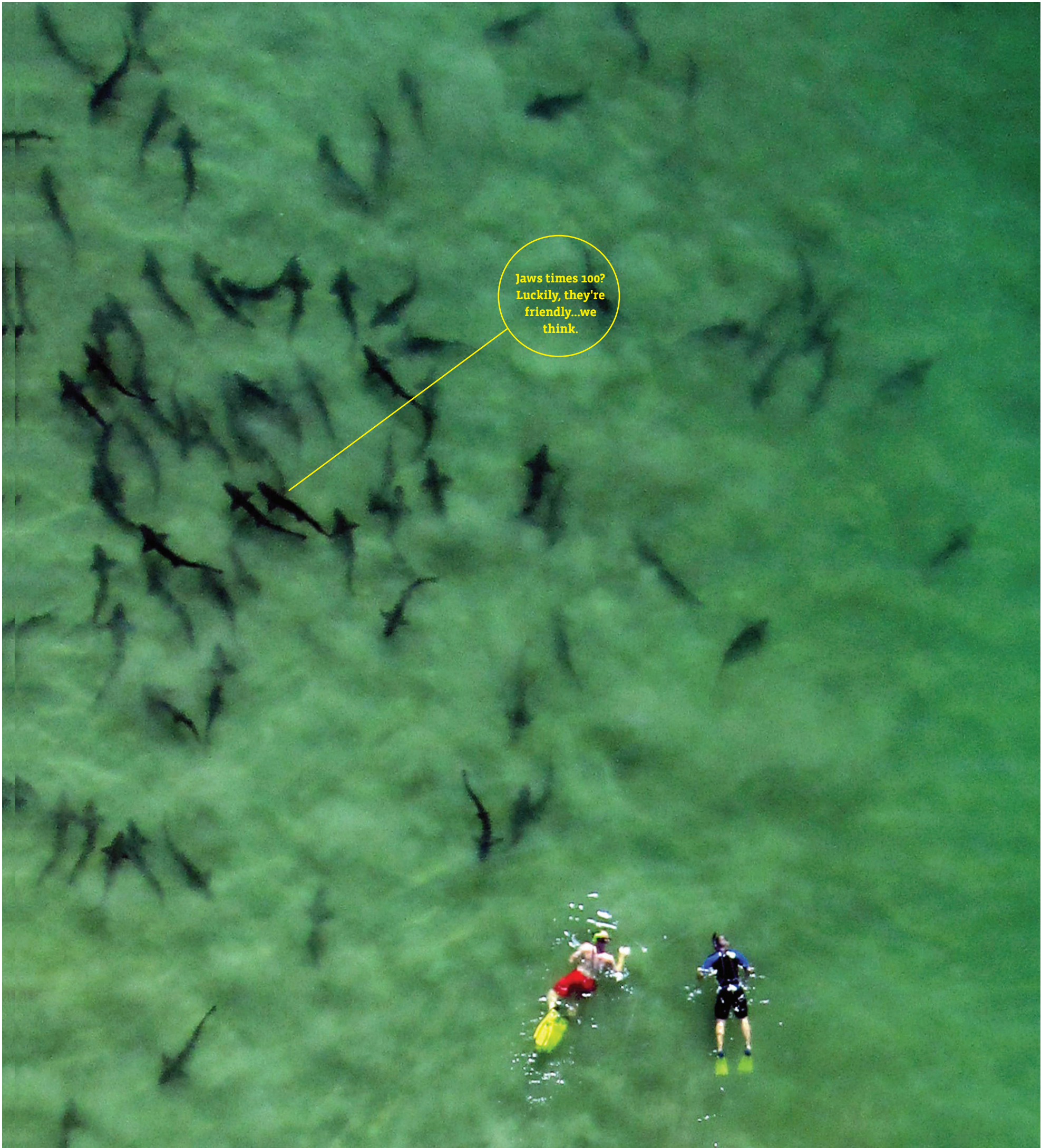
Las Vegas, NV // Does the idea of the Strip make you woozy? Instead, get a culture inoculation in the burgeoning Fremont East Entertainment District, with six blocks of sidewalk cafés, galleries,

and restaurants, as well as the new shipping container shop complex, **Downtown Container Park** (DOWNTOWNCONTAINERPARK.COM). Don't miss the defunct medical center turned gallery collaborative **Emergency Arts** (EMERGENCYARTSLV.COM), which now houses artists instead of patients. Saunter into the former x-ray room, currently the TastySpace gallery, exhibiting a mix of experimental photography, paintings, and sculptures. Fancy some ammo as an accessory? Watch DobeZ DesignZ craft bullets into earrings. The Burlesque Hall of Fame provides photo exhibits on themes ranging from the art of striptease to performers of color, and the Zine Library has stacks of DIY publishings worth flipping through. For a taste of old-school Vegas, stay at veteran **El Cortez Hotel & Casino** (FROM \$18, ELCORTEZHOTELCASINO.COM), slip into the **Laundry Room** (702-701-1466)—a speakeasy located within the Commonwealth cocktail bar—and end the night at **Insert Coin(s)** (INSERTCOINSLV.COM), a dance club with a classic video arcade. **MARLENE GOLDMAN**

SNORKEL IN A MARINE RESERVE (teeming with leopard sharks)

San Diego, CA // Forget finding Nemo. From June through September, the waters off La Jolla Shores Beach in San Diego turn into a real-life *Shark Week* when hundreds of leopard sharks migrate to the sandy flats off the coast. Strap on a snorkel and get a closer look in the clear waters of the La Jolla Ecological Reserve with the guides at **Bike and Kayak Tours La Jolla** (FROM \$39, BIKEANDKAYAKTOURS.COM), which recently started offering shark tours. There's no safety cage—just you and a drove of five-foot sharks floating in the shallow water. Fortunately, these slender gray sharks are timid, not fierce, with small mouths to feed on crustaceans and shrimp. Save some time to explore other watery nooks, like any of the seven spooky sea caves, or paddle a kayak out to the lively kelp forest. When you're ready for land again, just up the hill overlooking the Pacific is a festive pink Spanish-





Jaws times 100?
Luckily, they're
friendly...we
think.

BRING BAIL MONEY QUESTS SO FUN THEY MIGHT BE ILLEGAL.

By Serena Renner



Ennis Lake, Montana.

› Unruiest rope swing

Ennis Lake, MT

Hold tight while you narrowly clear two pine trees, then fly (or triple-back flip) into a crystal clear lake 30 feet below. (That's more than three stories.) To get here, drive an hour southwest from Bozeman, swim across the channel above Madison Dam, then climb the staircase of rocks on the opposite bank.

› Gnarliest cliff jump

Hidden Lakes, ID

The Snake River Canyon's cred as a daredevil outpost is undisputed, bolstered by stunts from BASE jumping off the 486-foot Perrine Bridge to Evel Knievel's nearby flight on a rocket-propelled motorcycle. But the rite of passage for newbies is to leap off the 100-foot-plus-tall craggy cliffs into the Hidden Lakes.

› Most badass bike odyssey

Canada to Mexico

The Tour Divide (tourdivide.org), the world's longest unpaved cycling race, covers 2,745 grueling miles along North America's rocky spine. Prepare for switchbacks, dust storms, and grizzlies—and don't expect support crews or a prize, as this race is unsanctioned. While riders can take on the torture test at any time, most racers depart annually on the second weekend in June.

› Wildest white-water tubing

Boulder Creek, CO

Slip into your inner tube at the western end of Eben G. Fine Park, then cruise a five-mile lazy river. But brace yourself for a 200-yard course of waves, a 10-foot drop, and deep pools. And be ready for the final waterfall—called Widow-maker because you land in a black hole of swirling water.

› Joyfulest joyride

Copalis Beach, WA

Watch out for incoming tides and descending planes as you drive this 10-mile stretch of hard-packed sand. Serving as both a beach runway for planes and a highway for cars, it's one of the only shores in the U.S. where you can legally drive off-road.



Multnomah Whiskey Library, Portland

Mediterranean hotel, **La Valencia** (FROM \$200, LAVALENCIA.COM), that recently completed an impressive makeover. JENNA A. SCATENA

SUIT UP

(for a bromantic vacation)

Portland, OR // Think of Portland as the anti-Vegas, the thinking bro's alternative to annual mancations. Orient yourself to PDX's nerd culture by studying the encyclopedic spirits list at **Multnomah Whiskey Library** (MULTNOMAHWHISKEYLIBRARY.COM), where portraits of Portland's bearded brethren watch over the packed bar. Tip: Order roasted Oregon hazelnuts to soothe any whiskey burn (Portland bars don't do peanuts). Cab it to **Ox** (OXDPX.COM), where provisions like maple-brined pork are prepared the primal way—in a live fire. Post-dinner, hit up the **Doug Fir** (DOUGFIRLOUNGE.COM), a hipper-than-thou music venue and lounge in the industrial district with a *Mad Men*-meets-urban lumberjack charm. The new **Sentinel Hotel** (FROM \$179, SENTINELHOTEL.COM) in Portland's West End has a lustrous bar, Jack Knife, for a nightcap and

rooms with mannish decor: wood “taxidermy,” flannel blankets, and industrial photography. In the morning, a hearty communal brunch awaits across the street at beloved **Tasty n Alder** (TASTYNTASTY.COM/ALDER), and bespoke men's stores abound—including **Poler** (POLERSTUFF.COM) for stylish outdoor gear and **Tanner Goods** (TANNERGOODS.COM) for hand-tooled leather. J.A.S.

UNWIND AT AN ECO-RETREAT (with crocodiles)

Jalisco, Mexico // Don't expect mainstream luxury at **Cuixmala** (FROM \$400, CUIXMALA.COM), a seductively unconventional Mexican resort a swift drive south of the swim-up bars in Puerto Vallarta. Paved roads on the property are few, but no matter. What you've come for is exotic, unabashed wilderness: The 25,000-acre nature reserve and organic fruit plantation stretching along the lush, rugged coast is a refuge for 189 animal species—crocodiles, zebras, antelope, sea turtles, and endangered jaguars roam free, as well as spiders as sizable and

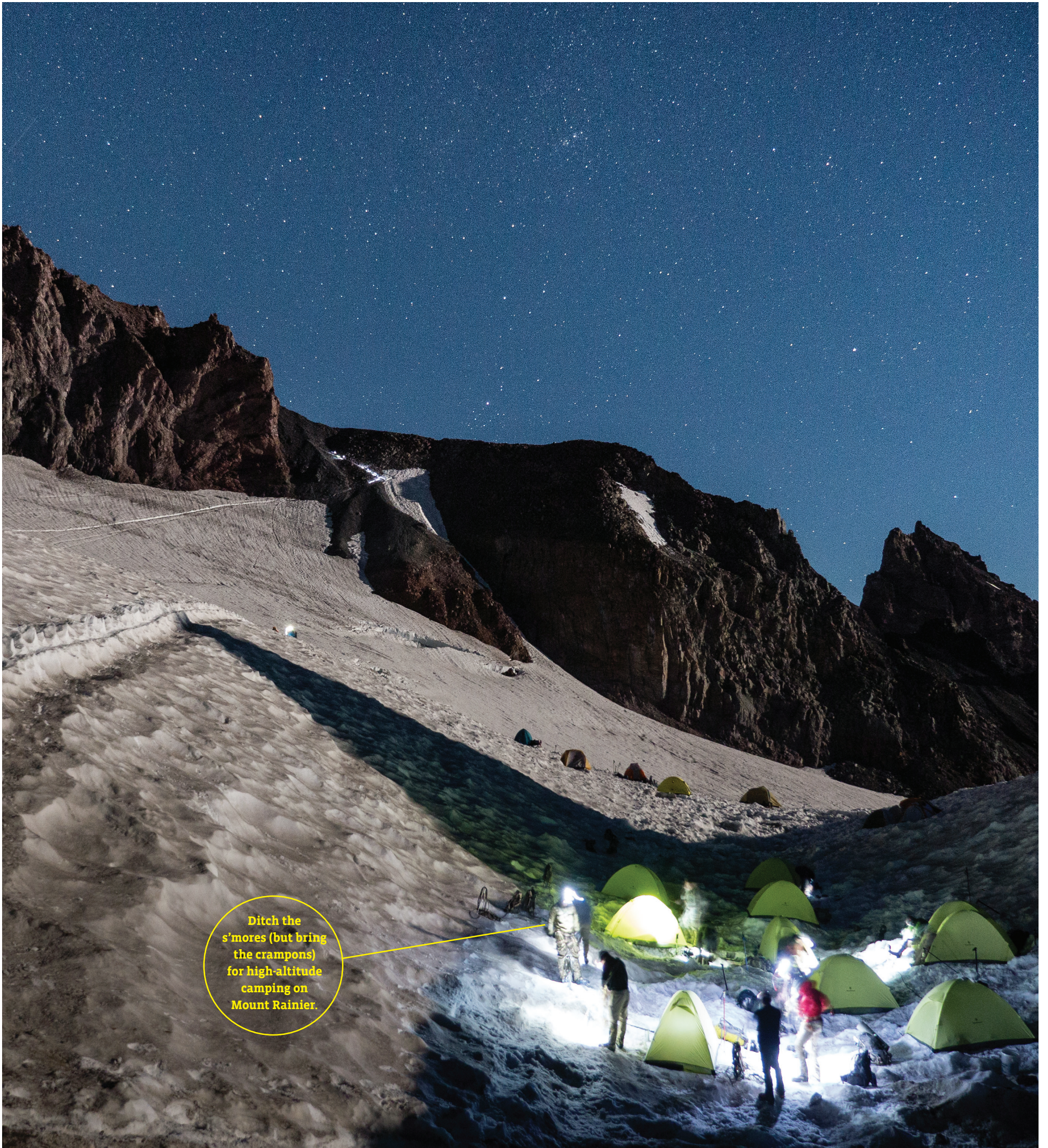
colorful as the tropical flowers that blossom in early summer. For the best vantage point, saddle up and follow the resident ranchero along the seemingly endless trails. It's only when you reach the mangrove, an eerie but beautiful passageway where dozens of crocodiles glide through the water, that you realize just how wild this place really is. Luckily, it also has a soft side: a dozen tangerine villas and casitas spread throughout the property and decorated with international wares, each offering a private infinity pool and an in-house chef. J.A.S.

SUMMIT A 14ER (still covered in snow)

Mount Rainier, WA // Instead of taking a summer sabbatical from snow sports, brave Washington's notorious 14er, Mount Rainier—one of the only mountains in the West with a year-round snowpack. Summer is the best time to climb, as the weather is more predictable and the views go on for miles. But be forewarned: As the most heavily glaciated mountain in the Lower 48, this is where serious trailblazers train for trekking the



**Just you and
the jaguars:
Cuixmala,
Mexico's most
remote nature
reserve.**



Ditch the s'mores (but bring the crampons) for high-altitude camping on Mount Rainier.



Himalayas and Denali, so it's not for the faint of heart. Get to know the mountain's glacial terrain with Ashford-based **RMI Expeditions** (FROM \$1,000, RMIGUIDES.COM), whose instructors cover essential mountain survival techniques and teach you how to put that badass ice ax to good use. After that, don your crampons for the outfitter's four-day climb to a series of camps. When you hit 10,000 feet, your shelter for the night is a one-room rudimentary mountain hut, surrounded by slick glaciers. The next morning, you conquer the summit. JILL K. ROBINSON

TAKE A LESSON IN HORTICULTURE (on cannabis)

Denver, CO // While it's not quite the New Amsterdam some had hoped for—you can't smoke a joint in public, and there are no "coffee shops"—Colorado has rolled out a fledgling cannabis tourism industry over the last year. **My 420 Tours** (FROM \$920, ALL INCLUSIVE, MY420TOURS.COM) is the first legit outfitter in North America, introducing people to the, ahem, budding scene in Denver through vacations like the Cannabis Sampler Tour. Don't expect the special brownies of your dorm days; the cooking classes cover refined edibles—think quinoa fried rice and chocolate truffles. A high point is the behind-the-scenes grow-room tour, during which an expert guides you through a skunky forest in a 30,000-square-foot facility. Transportation back to your room at a 420-friendly hotel in downtown Denver is provided via the Cannabus. SERENA RENNER

GO ON A FOODIE ROAD TRIP (that's not about farm-to-table)

Columbia River, OR // Don't tell Alice Waters, but even the most dedicated San Francisco foodie deserves a break from organic orthodoxy. Embark on a sugar-and-carb-fueled trip along Oregon's Columbia River Highway, where old-school comfort cooking proudly reigns. Start in Troutdale, then eat your way 48 miles east: First, hit the logger and biker hangout **Shirley's Tippy Canoe** (SHIRLEYSFOOD.COM), which serves sloppy joes—homemade sauce smothering a beef patty set on a Frisbee-size plate—in a delightfully kitsch setting. Next, look for the neon roadside sign for **Tad's Chicken 'N Dumplins** (TADSCHICDUMP.COM), a landmark as famous as the stewed chicken and gravy-soaked dough balls that it references. Walk up to **East Wind Drive-In** (541-374-8380) for soft-serve cones taller than your kombucha bottle. And lastly, **Big Jim's Drive-In** (BIGJIMSDRIVEIN.COM) looks like a fast-food joint, but the burgers are fresh, as are the tater tots dipped in pots of homemade fry sauce. You'll find redemption at the juice bar at **Mother's Marketplace** (MOTHERSMARKETPLACE.INFO), where the first shot of fresh ginger is on the house. K.L.

SOAK IN A NATURAL HOT SPRING (in the buff)

Ukiah, CA // If the prospect of spending a weekend naked—like, totally naked: no shirt, no pants,

YOUR GYPSY CONVOY AWAITS: LODGING FOR LODGE HATERS

BY ILANA DIAMOND



Huts Gone Glam

Methow Valley, WA // **The Rolling Huts** (FROM \$135, ROLLINGHUTS.COM) are as contemporary as camping gets. The six rectangular shelters are all au naturel wood on the inside, with a rusty steel exterior. Each roof angles upward on one side, allowing for a wall of floor-to-ceiling glass that offers unfettered mountain views.

Gypsy Caravan

Portland, OR // **The new Tiny House Hotel** (FROM \$125, TINYHOUSEHOTEL.COM) feels like a micro-neighborhood. The convoy of four miniature homes is outfitted with quilts, blown glass, and other crafts by local artists. Come nightfall, guests roast s'mores made with local chocolate while they swap stories.



Pied-à-Tree

Petaluma, CA // Climb a staircase up the eucalyptus tree at Swallowtail Studios to enter one of Airbnb's best finds: the **Tree House** (FROM \$175, AIRBNB.COM/ROOMS/1546306) overlooking vineyards and ranches. The birdhouse-like digs use their small space efficiently, with a love seat, a loft sleeping area, and even a deck with a patio table.



Locals' Bridge

Nevada City, CA // Solo travelers looking for in-the-know hosts and a quiet room in gold country will find them at the **Covered Bridge House** (FROM \$185, AIRBNB.COM/ROOMS/562526)—an unusually long house near icy swimming holes. The guest room opens to a backyard patio, a chicken coop, an organic garden, and maple trees.



Modish Trailers

Santa Barbara, CA // Think of **Autocamp** (FROM \$39, AUTOCAMP.COM) as a trailer park with a vogue makeover: Its five refurbished Airstreams have touches like sleek, bright interiors, pastel accents, and deep soaking tubs. A grassy yard comes decked out with a barbecue, fluorescent Adirondack chairs, and two beach cruisers for coasting the nearby boardwalk.



FROM LEFT: JON MANCUSO; SETH MCCONNELL/GETTY; INNS FROM TOP: CHAD KIRKPATRICK; COURTESY OF CARAVAN; ILANA DIAMOND (2); ALEX DRYSDALE



Orr Hot Springs in Ukiah.



Tad's Chicken 'N Dumplins in Troutdale, OR.

no Internet or cell reception—incites existential dread, **Orr Hot Springs** (YURTS AND COTTAGES FROM \$155, 707-462-6277) will soothe your fears. This isn't a creeper hangout; in fact, you might not see many people here, as the clothing-optional refuge is tucked away on 27 acres in the Mendocino redwoods. By day, make the circuit between the sauna, the cold pool, and two communal open-air spring-fed tubs, with 105-degree water so mineral-rich that it's downright cloudy. Out of the water, there are trails for hiking and sundecks for curing tan lines. At night, score a spot in a rooftop claw-foot bathtub for stargazing

beneath the unpolluted sky before retiring to your yurt or cottage. E.C.

UNPLUG ON A DESERTED ISLAND *(right off the California coast)*

San Miguel Island, CA // You don't come here to make friends: The most remote of the Channel Islands, 60 miles from the mainland, offers only one campground and sees fewer than 200 visitors a year. You'll arrive like a castaway, sloshing through aquamarine waters from a dinghy to the crescent-shaped, white-sand beach. From the point that Ventura-based outfitter **Island Packers** (FROM \$147, ISLANDPACKERS.COM) drops you off, you're on your own until it returns three days later. Traverse a landscape filled with calcified remnants of a prehistoric forest, mountainous dunes, endemic fauna like the island fox, and the largest congregation of seals and sea lions on the planet. Plus, summer is prime blue whale-watching time—they migrate through the watery channel in droves. It might not be Tahiti, but it's tranquil and blissfully removed from civilization.

GARRICK RAMIREZ □



CHANNEL ISLANDS: CODY DUNCAN

