

+3 Luxury Lodges

You don't have to play captain to enjoy a lake. Instead, check out one of these three quintessential American retreats. At **Little Beaver Creek Ranch** (*Glimpse Lake, Quilchena; 250/371-7664; www.relaischateaux.com; doubles from \$680*), an adventure lodge in British Columbia, you can ride horseback through pine forests, spying on elk and black bears. Its three cabins (with seven suites total) are a study in cowboy chic, with sturdy timber walls, Native American blankets, and the occasional rack of antlers. ● Rooms with a view are the norm at the wood-and-stone **Crater Lake Lodge** (*541/830-8700; www.craterlakelodges.com; doubles from \$126*), a 1915 hotel which hugs the bank of the vast volcanic lake in the heart of Oregon's Crater Lake National Park. Guests can explore by boat, hike up the mountains, or simply take in the scenery from the serene back porch. ● The **Manor on Golden Pond** (*Squam Lake, Holderness, N.H.; 800/545-2141 or*

A view of Crater Lake



603/968-3348; www.manorangoldenpond.com; doubles from \$225), a 14-acre compound nestled within the granite-streaked mountains of New Hampshire's Lakes Region, has wood-burning fireplaces in most rooms, and a restaurant serving regional dishes such as crab-stuffed filet mignon with sweet-potato pancakes and Maine duck confit. —ANDREW COLLINS



Lake Powell

Houseboats—usually more floating Winnebagos than luxury liners—are becoming status symbols with the debut of the 75-foot **Odyssey** (888/486-4665; www.lakepowell.com; packages from \$3,813 for three days) on Lake Powell, in Utah and Arizona's Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Rather than bothering with tour groups or sightseeing cruises to explore the 2,000 miles of cliffed waterfront and peaceful canyons (many accessible only by boat), travelers can take the helm and enjoy the lake at their own pace. And on the *Odyssey*, spacious staterooms have replaced traditionally cramped quarters. The six-bedroom vessel comes equipped with queen-sized beds, a fireplace, hot tub, home-theater system, satellite TV, and enough tableware to serve up to 12 people. After a hands-on tutorial at the marina (no prior experience necessary) even novice boaters can navigate the cobalt blue water and anchor for the night along the coast. Spend the days hiking around natural stone bridges, admiring Anasazi ruins, and swimming in the near 80-degree waters off Antelope Island. Thrill seekers can also rent Jet Skis, a wakeboard, and an 18-foot powerboat that makes shore excursions a breeze. **DON'T MISS** Building a campfire on the beach between Kane Wash and the pristine bay, then watching the sun set behind red canyon walls. —L.M.

STEEL CLEAR Collapsible Nepali kayak by Clear Blue Hawaii, \$4,515.





Quebec, Canada

A short drive from Quebec City, a growing network of artisanal producers (600 and counting) has banded together to form the **Gourmet Route** (www.gourmetroute.com), along the banks of the St. Lawrence River. Go on a bee safari and taste wild honey at the **Musée de l'Abeille** (8862 Blvd. Ste.-Anne, Château-Richer; 418/824-4411; www.musee-abeille.com). To sample raw-milk blue cheese, head to **La Maison d'Affinage Maurice Dufour** (1339 Blvd. Mgr.-de-Laval, Baie-St.-Paul; 418/435-5692). For a liqueur fix, there's **Cassis de l'Isle Ensorceleuse Monna et Fils** (723 Chemin Royal, St.-Pierre, Île d'Orléans; 418/828-1057). End your trip at **Monastère de la Croix Glorieuse** (125 Rang Ste.-Philomène, La Malbaie; 418/439-4611), where fruit-jelly candy is made by the resident monks; stick around for mass to repent your gluttony. **STAY** The 19th-century **Fairmont Le Château Frontenac** (1 Rue des Carrières, Quebec City; 800/441-1414; www.chateaufrentenac.com; doubles from \$288) is built on a bluff overlooking Old Quebec. **DON'T MISS** A meal at **Les Saveurs Oubliées** (350 Rang St.-Godefroy, Les Éboulements; 418/635-9888; dinner for two \$60), which serves lamb raised on the restaurant's farm. —LITTY MATHEW

FOOD

On the Vine Trail The American wine scene has extended beyond Napa and Sonoma. From coast to coast, these alternatives are giving the heavy hitters a run for their money with weekend tastings and vintages available from the source. —ALICE FEIRING



WHERE Finger Lakes, New York, a much-overlooked region starting to boom. **GREAT GRAPES** Hermann J. Wiemer (3962 Rte. 14, Dundee, 800/371-7971; www.wiemer.com), which makes terrific Riesling. **EAT** Suzanne Fine Regional Cuisine (6013 Rte. 414, Lodi; 607/582-7545; dinner for two \$50), serving organic produce from its garden. **STAY** The refurbished Greek Revival **Esperanza Mansion** (3456 Rte. 54A, Bluff Point, 866/927-4400; www.esperanzamansion.com; doubles from \$139), on Keuka Lake



WHERE Central Virginia, a vineyard-lined area near the Blue Ridge Mountains. **GREAT GRAPES** Chrysalis Vineyards (23876 Champe Ford Rd., Middleburg; 800/235-8804; www.chrysaliswine.com), known for its red Norton. **EAT** Oxo Restaurant (215 W. Water St., Charlottesville, 434/977-8111; dinner for two \$90), for modern French cooking. **STAY** Keswick Hall (701 Club Dr., Charlottesville, 800/274-5391; www.keswick.com; doubles from \$225), a luxury golf resort



WHERE Anderson Valley, California, a sleepy throwback to sweeter times. **GREAT GRAPES** Navarro Vineyards (5601 Hwy. 128, Philo; 800/537-9463; www.navarrowine.com), hot-listed by industry pros for its Gewürztraminer. **EAT** Libby's Restaurant (8651 Hwy. 128, Philo; 707/895-2646; dinner for two \$38) offers up authentic Mexican dishes. **STAY** The charmingly rustic **Philo Pottery Inn** (8550 Hwy. 128, Philo; 707/895-3069; www.philopotteryinn.com; doubles from \$110)