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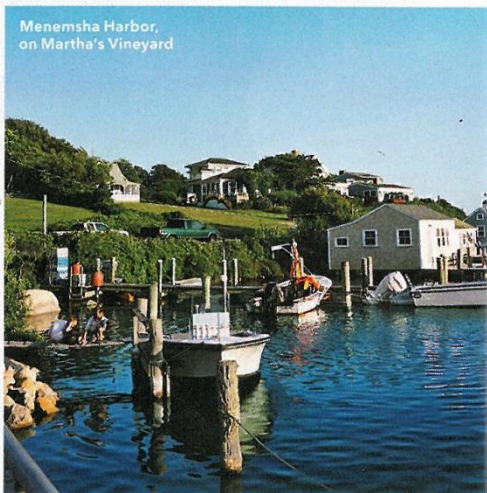
SEXY BEACHES, CHARMING ISLANDS,
AND ROMANTIC WINE RETREATS:
WHO SAYS YOU NEED A PASSPORT
TO TRAVEL TO PARADISE?

BY FIORELLA VALDESOLO

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The Grand Hotel,
on Mackinac IslandThe Lodge
at Sea IslandMenemsha Harbor,
on Martha's Vineyard

for island lovers who are into old-school charm

Mackinac Island MICHIGAN

WHY HERE With its rows of turreted Victorian homes, this tiny island (pronounced Mack-i-naw) on Lake Huron is a throwback to the 1800s: No cars are allowed, so you'll take a horse-drawn-carriage "taxi" after arriving via ferry or plane.

SEE AND DO The road that rings the sandy shoreline is only eight miles long, making it easy to get around by bike or carriage. Head into town for burgers at Horn's Gaslight Bar, which got its liquor license just after Prohibition. Then hit Joann's for fudge, which locals take extremely seriously. (The creamy confection is an island tradition.) For another blast from the past, scope out Revolutionary War sites at the bluffside Fort Mackinac.

STAY Honeymoon like a Victorian at the 385-room Grand Hotel, a National Historic

Landmark built from Michigan white pine. From \$264; *grandhotel.com*. Or try the new Bicycle Inn, where most of the 36 suites have balconies with views of the cobalt-blue Straits of Mackinac. From \$155; *bicyclestreetinn.com*.

Sea Island GEORGIA

WHY HERE Think every southern getaway should involve genteel hospitality and majestic live oaks dripping with Spanish moss? So has pretty much every president since Ford, most of whom have headed to one of the two sister resorts that rule this tiny outpost in Georgia's famous Golden Isles.

SEE AND DO You could just chill (the resorts' pool cabanas are air-conditioned, after all), but then you'd miss out on a horseback ride along the five-mile beach, a kayak excursion through the twisty, tawny

salt marshes, and crabbing on the Black Banks River.

STAY Choose between the palatial Cloister, originally designed by Addison Mizner, or the more clubby Lodge at Sea Island; technically set on nearby St. Simons Island, it's connected to Sea Island by a short causeway. There are seven world-class restaurants between the two. Our favorite is the Georgian Room, where you can tuck into pheasant and Alba-truffle noodles on hand-painted china. Each from \$395; *seaisland.com*.

Martha's Vineyard MASSACHUSETTS

WHY HERE Everyone from Jake Gyllenhaal to President Obama summers on this preppy-chic isle, located just south of Cape Cod. It's New England at its best: lobster on menus and untouched beaches kissed by salty Atlantic breezes.

SEE AND DO Wander past the well-preserved Greek Revival homes in Edgartown, a former whaling village founded in 1642. Heading to the beach? Some require permits. Two that don't: three-mile, surf-friendly Katama in the south and the more placid, mile-long Joseph Sylvia State Beach in the east. Back in town, a meal at the Black Dog Tavern is a rite of passage (buy the T-shirt and try the chowder), as are drinks at Hooked, a seafood restaurant that transforms into a club Fridays and Saturdays after 10.

STAY With 114 rooms bathed in blue and white, Edgartown's Harbor View Hotel is quintessential New England and in walking distance from all the action. From \$125; *harbor-view.com*. The secluded Beach Plum Inn, overlooking Menemsha Harbor, offers 12 French-country-style rooms and bungalows and is known for its sunset views. From \$140; *beachpluminn.com*.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: COURTESY OF GRAND HOTEL; LODGE AT SEA ISLAND; TARA DONNE. TRIP TIPS: GETTY IMAGES.

TRIP TIPS

You don't need a car to explore these small islands.

Dinners can be formal, so make sure he brings a jacket and tie.