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Marriage license or not, newly-hitched girls have a constitutional right to an unforgettable honeymoon. Instead of languishing on some clichéd beach, though, act the pioneers you are and head west to the rugged American cities that lesbians made great—and that made great lesbians!

GRAB YOUR GAL, PACK YOUR WAGON, AND DRIVE INTO THE SUNSET.

SANTA FE SPA RESORT

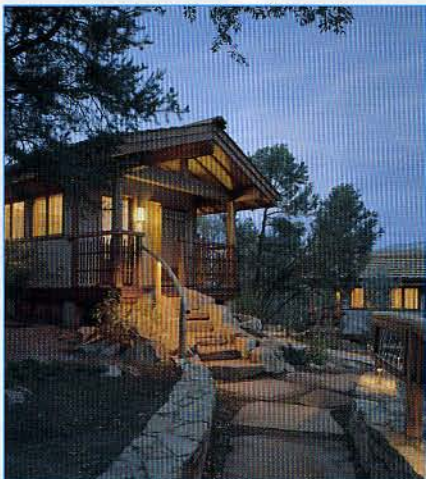
High atop a hill just outside downtown Santa Fe is a little piece of nirvana known as **Ten Thousand Waves** mountain resort & spa, an ideal honeymoon destination for those who have nothing on the agenda except feeling great and enjoying each other.

Modeled after a Japanese *onsen*, **Ten Thousand Waves** was designed with a unique hybrid Japanese-adobe aesthetic, literally re-defining East-meets-West through architecture. Spacious rooms and quaint cottages are interspersed throughout the thoughtfully-manicured landscape, connected by wildflower-lined pathways.

Although Ten Thousand Waves prides itself on providing the highest-quality spa treatments and deluxe amenities, don't expect to be pampered to death—they have a more user-friendly approach than most spas. When not receiving a treatment, the guests are expected to make themselves at home, allowing them to focus on each other instead of being interrupted by overly-attentive service folk. Guests of the resort have full access to all of the spa facilities including communal baths, cold plunges, saunas and gardens. Private baths, massage, and body treatments are available by additional reservation; to make the most of your stay choose one of the seasonal spa packages or ask the staff to design a customized package for you.

Spa services include a detoxifying herbal wrap, skin-smoothing salt scrub, Indo-Asian hot oil aromatherapy treatment, Yasuragi Head & Neck treatment, and a signature Japanese Nightingale Facial using a centuries-old blend of ingredients which has been used by geisha to smooth their skin. Massage ranges from

the basic therapeutic Swedish to a heavenly Aquatic massage performed in a waterfall tub. Muscle-lengthening Thai massage, Japanese hot stone, and the "Four Hands One Heart" (two therapists working in unison) involve more intense bodywork, guaranteed to transport you to a higher plane of bliss. All of the



ROMANTIC RELAXATION AT TEN THOUSAND WAVES SPA OUTSIDE SANTA FE



treatments are best followed by a relaxing soak in one of the many baths, maintained at 104-106 degrees. There are two au-naturelle communal tubs (one exclusively for women), but couples may prefer to book one of the private baths overlooking the stunning desert landscape.

The warm and luxurious rooms at The Waves are designed in simple modern Japanese style and include fireplaces and private courtyards or decks. Guests are offered kimonos, and most wear little else

All guestrooms are stocked with fresh fruit and drinks, and there are some snacks available at the spa, but there's no restaurant on the premises. Each room does have a microwave and fridge, though, and the larger suites have full kitchens; you may want to stop at the Whole Foods or Trader Joe's in town to stock up on ingredients for your romantic dinner-for-two.

If cooking for each other just isn't your idea of a vacation, Santa Fe has plenty of wonderful restaurants, and the friendly spa staff will be happy to assist you with

recommendations. If you only dine twice in Santa Fe, make sure it's at the **Compound** (653 Canyon Rd, 505-982-4353) and gay-owned **Geronimo** (724 Canyon Rd, 505-982-1500, geronimorestaurant.com), recipients of consistent accolades for their adventurous Southwestern fare and friendly atmosphere. Both are housed in historic adobe homesteads on gallery-lined Canyon Road. Other local favorites are



TAKE IN THE PINK MOUNTAIN SKY—AND SHOP TILL YOU DROP AT SANTA FE'S INDIAN MARKET



during their stay to optimize comfort. Newlyweds should request the "Crescent Moon" suite, where passion will surely bloom in the glass-walled greenhouse-style bedroom with adjoining private garden.

the highly-rated **Trattoria Nostrani** (304 Johnson St. 505-983-3800), traditional Japanese **Kasasoba** (544 Aqua Fria, 505-984-1969) and **Maria's New Mexican Kitchen** (555 W Cordova, 505-983-7929) carrying over 100 different kinds of margaritas.