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Last vacation you really loved: My family often goes on daytrips, which I particularly love; you don't have to plan much, you can be impulsive, and as such are often greeted by all sorts of pleasant surprises. On our last mini-adventure, we went to explore the Tequila countryside and colorful towns in the nearby state of Michoacan. Tequila the town is worth visiting, as are the smaller towns around Lake Chapala. Highly recommended!

Recommended local getaway: I spent last summer in [Montauk](#) with my sister and fell in love with the place! We stayed in this quaint motel called [Oceanside Beach Resort](#), where we were greeted at the reception by a pink cockatoo named Tequila, who made us feel right at home. The motel is in on the

best beach area and you can walk to town in 10 minutes as well as to [Screaming Mimi's](#), which is conveniently on the same street. I loved Montauk's small beachtown vibe - it reminded me of my family trips in California to Stinson Beach and Carmel in the best way.

Preferred airline: I like [JetBlue](#) for domestic flights for the online entertainment and comfort. And when I travel to Mexico I try to take [Mexicana](#) or [Aeromexico](#) because most of Mexico's pilots are Air Force-trained and that makes me feel safe. (I'm kind of a nervous flyer!)

One place everyone should go: [Zacatecas](#) in Mexico. It's an old mining and pristine colonial city built in the mid to late 1500's. It's truly enchanting, one of the best kept secrets in Mexico and an UNESCO world heritage protected site. You'll fall in love with its steep winding cobble stone alleys and beautiful baroque architecture. One of the most memorable highlights is *las callejonadas*, a tour of the city by night where you're escorted by *banda de viento*, a traditional Mexican marching band, while sipping some Mezcal to keep warm (of course)! If you visit, I recommend staying near the main plaza; if you're splurging, try the [Emporio](#) right in front of the Presidential Palace. That said, you can also easily find budget friendly *mesones* just a few blocks within a square radius.

Favorite longer vacation: My trip to Singapore for a friend's wedding. I was lucky to have gone with my friend Marina Garcia-Vasquez and being that she's been an editor for lifestyle magazines, she always figures out the coolest way to travel. We stayed at [Hotel 1929](#) in the emerging hip neighborhood of Chinatown. I highly recommend it; the hotel is well priced, modern, clean and conveniently within walking distance to a bunch of cool boutiques, galleries, and most importantly the food court markets! You'll find extraordinarily delicious varieties of Singaporean ethnic cuisines for super cheap in those... In my opinion if you're traveling to Singapore for the first time alone or with friends I would stay in Chinatown, it's easy to get around and has historical charm.

Travel resources you use: I'm a big fan of [Globe Trekker](#) and Anthony Bourdain's *No Reservations*. I also favor [Blackbook guides](#), [Lonely Planet](#), [Rough Guides](#), [DailyCandy](#) and the [New York Times](#) travel section.

Meal you'd travel for: One of these days I'd like to make an impulsive weekend trip to [San Francisco](#) for clam chowder on a sourdough bread bowl, and for [Spenger's](#) salmon spread in Berkeley.

Dream getaway: My dream trip would begin in Granada at the Alhambra, where I'd linger in the ancient Moorish quarter of Albayzín and end the days hiding out in flamenco taverns in Sacromonte. Then I'd cross the Gibraltar to Morocco to explore the souks and medinas, and hopefully find shelter in a classic Moroccan riad. Finally, I'd complete my travels in Portugal to unwind from the adventure in the once royal summer beach homes of Estoril... I know, keep dreaming right?