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TO GET OUT OF TOWN

CALIFORNIA'S WILD AND  
WONDERFUL DESERT

Los Angeles

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TRIPS

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SPLURGE  
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RELAX

SAN FRANCISCO



347 mi

PORTLAND



826 mi

MAUI



2493 mi

JACKSON HOLE

765 mi



CHICAGO

1748 mi



95 mi



PALM SPRINGS

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A FLIGHT  
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KENTUCKY'S  
BUFFALO TRACE  
DISTILLERY

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## Taking the Kids to Napa



CHILDREN AND WINE-ries may not relish each other's company, but Napa Valley has plenty to please the offspring while you swirl and sip. Opened last summer, **Solage Calistoga** (866-942-7442 or solagecalistoga.com; \$350-\$875) was built with families in mind. The cottages—hutlike from the outside but Design Within Reach on the inside—come with two beach cruisers, and pets are welcome. There's also a kids' pool, and the resort's spot-on restaurant, **Solbar**, has a kids' menu. The town of Calistoga is cute, but if it's wine you want, start at **Clos Pegase Estate Winery** (707-942-4981 or clospegase.com). It offers a fun wine cave tour, and **Old Faithful Geyser** (707-942-6463 or oldfaithfulgeyser.com) sits close by. Down Highway 29, **Sterling Vineyards** (800-726-6136 or sterlingvineyards.com) has an aerial tram, while at **St. Supéry Vineyards & Winery** (800-942-0809 or stsupery.com), kids can sniff for notes of pepper and cherry at a kiosk and view bottles being filled. Queue up for gourmet burgers and shakes at **Taylor's Automatic Refresher** (707-963-3486 or taylor'srefresher.com), a Truman-era stand. If there's time, throw the kids a bone and visit **Safari West** (800-616-2695 or safarivest.com) in Santa Rosa for a Jeep tour through hillsides populated by giraffes, zebras, and other creatures of exotic *terroir*.

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## Breathing in the Angel's Share On Kentucky's Bourbon Trail

WAREHOUSE C AT THE BUFFALO TRACE DISTILLERY rises six stories above central Kentucky and is as forbidding as a limestone cave. A third of its 24,000 barrels of bourbon evaporates during storage, and pausing in the dark, you can breathe in the heady "angel's share"—part Minnesota rye, part North Dakota barley, part Kentucky corn. **Buffalo Trace** (buffalotrace.com) sits on the east end of the **Kentucky Bourbon Trail** (kybourbon.com), a boozy sprawl of seven distilleries plunked into horse country. After touring the plant, drive into Frankfort for roasted turkey and prosciutto at **Serafini** (502-875-5599). It's a quick trip to Versailles' **Storybook Inn** (877-279-2563 or storybook-inn.com; \$189-\$319), where the two-story Huntsman's Chase Cottage overlooks magnolia-lined Big Spring Park. (Editor's note: At press time, the inn was under renovation, scheduled to reopen in September 2010.) Next day, trek to Bardstown to the **Heaven Hill** distillery (502-348-3921 or heavenhill.com) and the **Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History** (502-348-2999 or whiskeymuseum.com) for more about mash and malts.

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## Traveling The Strip

One man's effort to keep pace with the fast-changing world of Vegas

BY STEVE ERICKSON



THE PALAZZO



THE STRIP



JOËL ROBUCHON



WHEN I HEAD OUT ON THE STRIP, the southwest wind intersecting with sundown, Las Vegas emerges from daylight to reveal itself, as it always does in the dark. Last time I was here, I could see from my window at the Wynn a crater be-

low. Three years later I'm standing in that crater, now filled with **The Palazzo Las Vegas** (866-263-3001 or palazzolasvegas.com; \$199-\$799), the current monument to the city's recent pretensions and an add-on to the Venetian, if

3,000 suites can be called an add-on. From its atrium, which forgoes faux canals for the subtleties of a towering glass sculpture and two-story waterfall, I descend a long escalator underground, where a cab whisks me back aboveground.