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A-Lister Alert: 7 Holiday Hideaways Beloved By Hollywood Celebs



Drew Barrymore's hideaway of choice is the Riviera Maya on Mexico's Caribbean coast

I doubt very much you plan your vacation based on where the current crop of A-list of Hollywood actors and rock star royalty goes to wind down. But if, on the other hand, you're casting about for where to go this summer or fall, why not take a tip from those who can go anywhere they want? Here are the latest celeb-worthy destinations of choice.

1. The Riviera Maya, Mexico

Tops on the current list has to be the coastal stretch of the Yucatan peninsula known as the Riviera Maya. Stretching from just south of Cancun past the southern end of the hippie town of Tulum, the Riviera Maya's white sand beaches, seafoam green waves, along with the hip nightlife of its

central city, Playa del Carman. In one month of 2010 alone, the Riviera Maya hosted [Julia Roberts](#), [Mark Wahlberg](#), Eva Mendes, [Adam Sandler](#), Javier Bardem, The Rock, Jackie Chan, Justin Timberlake, Christina Aguilera, Salma Hayek and Brangelina. Chic yoga-centered eco-resorts are almost as popular as the area's luxury spa resorts, while some celebs sequester themselves in private villas.

The Moroma Resort and Spa has hosted [Elton John](#), Robert Plant, Tony Blair, Sean Penn, [Cameron Diaz](#), Celine Dion, Sharon Stone, and Robert Redford – who all reportedly ask for the same room, number 23. Tom Cruise supposedly brings the family so regularly that a special suite was constructed for them. Privacy-loving Leonardo DiCaprio and Mary-Kate Olson favor the 5-star Tides Riviera Maya, tucked away in the jungle. Esencia, once the vacation

villa of an Italian duchess, is the choice of New Yorkers Gwyneth Paltrow and Uma Thurman, both of whom book “Rosa’s Suite”, the bedroom where the duchess herself slept. Laid-back Tulum lures Mick Jagger, Drew Barrymore, Jude Law, and Eva Longoria.

2. Los Cabos, Mexico

In search of sun and sand closer to home, Hollywood A-listers flock south to Los Cabos, where palm-shaded hammocks and luxury spa resorts are barely an hour’s flight away. Jennifer Aniston goes several times a year, bringing bevys of gal pals including Courtney Cox and Chelsea Handler.



Jennifer Aniston, photographed on one of her recent Cabo escapes

Her resort of choice, Las Ventanas al Paraíso, also lures Supermodel Bar Rafaeli and Jessica Alba. The 5-star plus resort prides itself on providing a hushed sense of privacy; suites include every possible amenity including telescopes for passing whales if you’re too camera shy to leave your room. Stars also savor the luxury of Zoëtry Casa del Mar, where Melissa Joan Hart celebrated a recent birthday.

3. Healdsburg, California

This tiny wine country hamlet in Sonoma County was a working class town awash with trucks with gun racks until about 10 years ago, when well-heeled Los Angelesites discovered they could fly into the Santa Rosa airport unnoticed. During a recent stay, elegant Hotel Healdsburg was atwitter with reports of Anne Hathaway and boyfriend Adam Shulman, in town for a friend’s wedding, soaking up the sun poolside and sampling vintages in a local wine bar.



Anne Hathaway and Adam Shulman slipped away to Healdsburg in Sonoma County

Foodie celeb Guy Fieri, host of *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*, has been spotted all over the county, hanging with famed chef Charlie Palmer, with whom he teamed up for the county’s popular Pigs & Pinot weekend.

4. Puerto Banús, Marbella Spain

Known as the “glamour capital” of Spain (yes, they use the British spelling), this former fishing village turned yacht harbor swarms with paparazzi trailing the likes of Antonio Banderas, Bruce Willis, and the Beckhams. But the euros don’t flow solely from Hollywood celebs; the Saudi royal family, various sheikhs, British nobility, and mysterious Eastern European billionaires all

flit about town and promenade the beachfront.

5. Costa Rica

The beach towns of Guanacaste and the Nicoya Peninsula, once bargain value for eco-travelers and surfers, are one of the newest hotspots for serenity-seeking celebs. New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady tied the knot with supermodel Gisele Bündchen at Florblanca Resort in Santa Teresa, and singer Fergie visited Guanacaste with her husband, actor Josh Duhamel to participate in a celebrity golf tournament. Madonna, Mel Gibson, and David Hasselhoff all prize the luxury eco-resort Punta Islita, also in Guanacaste.

For 5-star service and luxurious privacy, the Four Seasons Papagayo is the ultimate celeb hideaway, hosting Brangelina and family (registered as the Black Family), Pete Wentz and Ashlee Simpson, and the wedding of Pink to motocross driver Carey Hart. The latest Brangelina rumor had them hunting for the perfect ranch property to buy in Costa Rica so they can disappear into the cloud forest whenever they choose.

6. Kauai, Hawaii

Oprah Winfrey, Woody Harrelson, and Kelsey Grammar may own homes on Maui, but the latest Hawaii hotspot is quiet, rural Kauai, where it's still possible for Hollywood stars to vacation in relative obscurity. Perhaps it's all the movies filmed in the shadow of Kauai's photogenic peaks; stars come to swing through the jungle for the camera and return to savor the idyllic quiet. If you'd gone surfing on a recent day, you might have shared the waves with the fabulous foursome of Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner, Matt Damon and his wife, Luciana Barroso. Just down the road you might have passed jungle-shrouded villas recently purchased by Pierce Brosnan, Bette Midler, Michael Crichton, Ben Stiller, and singer Natalie Merchant.



Brad Pitt and Angelina are reportedly searching for a farm big enough for the family in Costa Rica

7. Lake Como, Italy

The deep blue waters of Lake Como, the largest lake in Italy, have long lured the wealthy of Europe. For American celebrities, George Clooney, put Lake Como on the map, buying the 15-bedroom 18th-century mansion Villa Oleandra, where he fêtes his ever-changing lineup of girlfriends and pals like Robert Downey Jr. Other paparazzi favorites include Madonna, the Versace family, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Sting, and Sylvester Stallone.

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