

# TRAVEL + LEISURE

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## WHERE TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL!

### THE 50 BEST NEW AMERICAN RESTAURANTS

Plundering the appetizer menu is also a smart move at

**Spruce**, a masculine chocolate-colored boîte in Presidio Heights where neighborhood swells wash down grilled *bavette* steak and sinful duck fat-fried potatoes with big-ticket Cabs with prerecession abandon. Among the many reasons to love Spruce are a deep, serious Riesling list; chef Mark Sullivan's awesome

serious Riesling list; chef Mark Sullivan's awesome house-made charcuterie; and his knack for sneaking hyper-boutique bitterish greens even into meatier dishes like bacon-bolstered sweetbreads lyonnaise. Allowing guests to order the full affordable bar menu—great burgers and boudin blanc—in the fancy main room is a welcome populist gesture.

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**HOW TO MAX  
YOUR MILES**

**18 GREAT  
GADGETS  
THAT WILL  
CHANGE  
THE WAY  
YOU TRAVEL**

**FRANCE**  
**ITALY**  
**COSTA RICA**  
**ALASKA**  
**STANBUL**  
**ENGLAND**  
**INDIA**