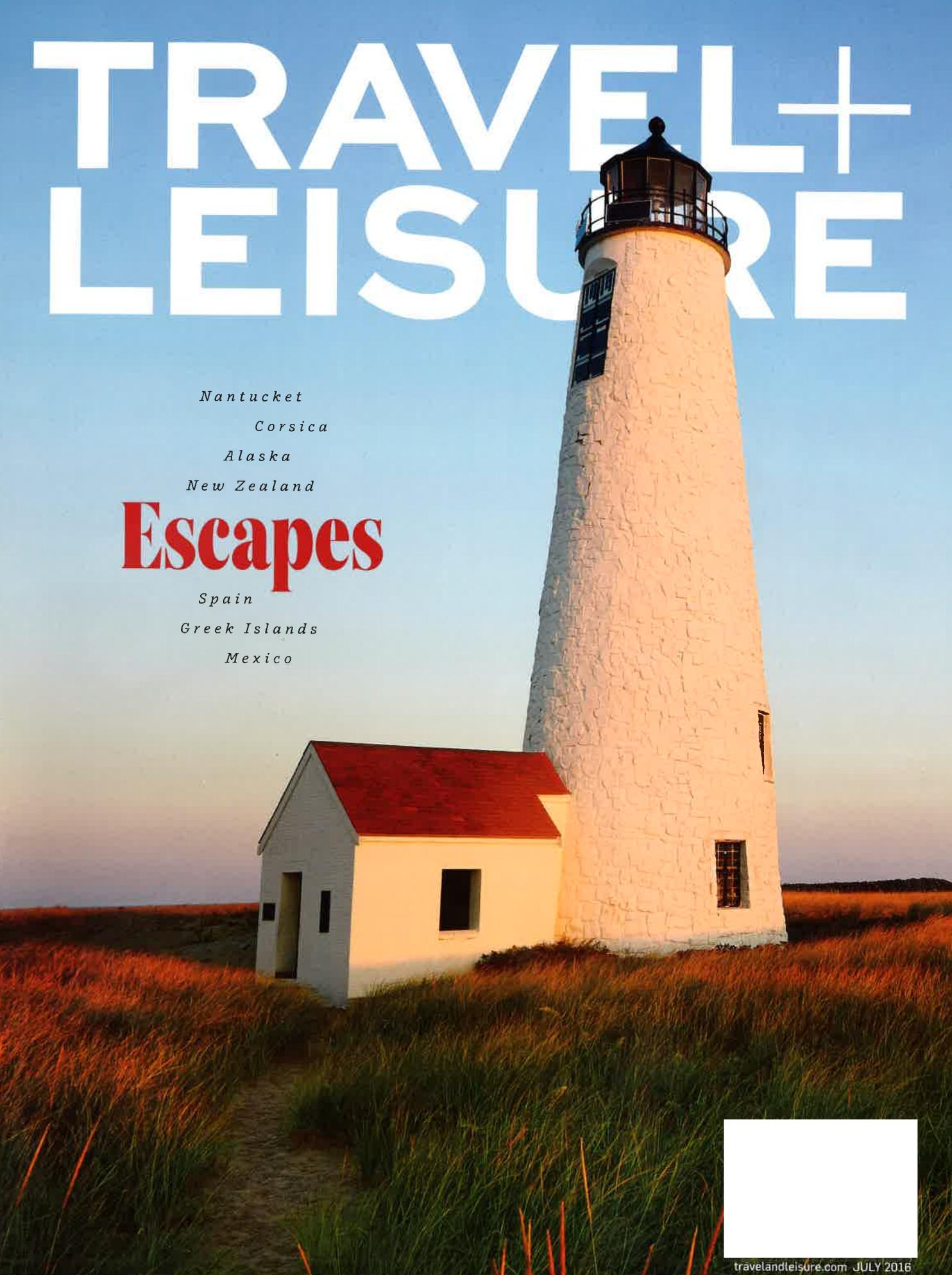


TRAVEL + LEISURE



Nantucket

Corsica

Alaska

New Zealand

Escapes

Spain

Greek Islands

Mexico

Change of Place

Before you set on a classic destination, consider these money-saving alternatives.

IF YOU LIKE
THE HAMPTONS, TRY...
RHODE ISLAND

The Hamptons may have an edge on scenery restaurants, but the Ocean State's beaches are just as good. A Hamptons five-bedroom can exceed \$120,000 per month, but the extravagant Pink House, part of Watch Hill's Ocean House resort, costs \$5,000 less per week. oceanhouseri.com.



IF YOU LIKE
IBIZA, TRY...
MENORCA

Villas flanked by eucalyptus trees? Rugged Mediterranean vistas and a polished crowd? The little Spanish island has everything its flashy neighbor does. But a week in a seaside home like Es Raco costs just \$8,000-half as much as a similar stay in Ibiza. spain-select.com.



IF YOU LIKE
COLORADO, TRY...
MONTANA

Big Sky Country has the same grand landscapes as the Colorado Rockies-and a ski-in, ski-out rental with timber A-frame ceilings, a deck, and five bedrooms will run you \$6,786 a week in peak season. In Aspen, a similar property can go for nearly five times as much. vrbo.com.



Trading Places



Once seen as a strategy for penny-pinchers, home-swapping has become the focus of several start-ups catering to higher-end travelers. **Knok** and **LoveHomeSwap** use points systems to allow nonsimultaneous swaps-meaning you earn points for letting others stay in your home and redeem them for future stays elsewhere. Their annual fees (\$99 and \$276, respectively) also include concierge assistance and, in the case of LoveHomeSwap, free airport lounge access. Also new is Kid & Coe's **Exchange**, a subscription service from the family-friendly apartment-rental site. It lets parents exchange homes stocked with plenty of toys as well as local nanny recommendations. The most exclusive of the bunch is **3rdHome**, which is open only to those who have their own vacation homes; the average listing is worth \$2.4 million.

SHOULD YOU USE AN AGENT?

KNOW THE PROS AND CONS OF BOOKING WITH A DIY WEBSITE, LIKE AIRBNB, VERSUS A FULL-SERVICE AGENT.

DIY WEBSITES

- > Ability to browse and book from a vast inventory of homes, even last-minute.
- > No fussy paperwork is required, whereas agents make you sign extensive contracts.

FULL-SERVICE AGENTS

- > Access to a human concierge who can solve problems that an algorithm can't.
- > Homes are personally inspected by agents, for maximal quality control.

PRO

- > Deals can be deceiving. A HomeAway rental for \$217 per night could incur \$28 in daily fees.

CON

- > Coordinating meals, excursions, house-keeping, and other services is all on you.

- > For the most popular destinations in peak season, you may have to book a full year ahead.

- > Smaller rental pool, usually in classic destinations. Fewer properties off the beaten path.