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cows we've ever seen, dot the bucolic landscape.) Take a stroll through the beautiful trellised White Garden, stop to smell the herbs in another garden, dine on creative farm-to-table cuisine at the intimate and award-winning Ferrington House Restaurant, or book a relaxing spa treatment at the elegant new spa (we loved the well-stocked boutique). At day's end, return to your romantic and cozy room, tucked around a courtyard of flagstone paths and gardens. ferrington.com, 919-542-2121

ADLER THERMAE SPA RESORT, Siena, Italy

Located in the impossibly romantic and dreamlike province of Siena, this resort spa is especially popular with couples that come seeking respite from Rome, a two-hour drive away. With a topnotch restaurant, great wine, and a gorgeous contemporary spa with healing thermal pools—it's easy to want to stay a while. Linger in the large indoor/outdoor thermal pools, or go for a nighttime float in the Grotta Salina, the underground salt bath. The resort is a short and scenic walk to the main square of Bagno Vignoni, a medieval village with thermal pools that date back to Roman times. adler-thermae.com

INN OF THE FIVE GRACES, Santa Fe, New Mexico

This eclectic inn was a neglected cluster of historic buildings on a narrow street, just minutes away from the heart of old Santa Fe. It owes its fantastical transformation to Ira and Sylvia Seret, collectors of art and artifacts from Afghanistan and the Near East. (Sylvia is responsible for much of the stunning mosaic work here.) This is one of the most romantic spots we've encountered—and one of the most original. There are 24 suites, each a magical masterpiece with sumptuous and exotic details, including bathrooms intricately designed with beautiful hand-laid mosaic tiles. The richly textured and textured, pillow-strewn rooms are comfortable and secluded. It's hard to choose a favorite here, but the Firebird suite, with its large soaking tub for two, spacious bedroom, and 17th century stone-mantled fireplace, is a good choice. fivegraces.com, 866-992-0957

THE JEFFERSON, Washington, D.C.

It's small, it's historic, and it has been lovingly renovated. This downtown D.C. hotel is a gem of a property that is home to an excellent restaurant called Plume and a Spa Suite on the second floor that can connect to a couple's treatment room. (We recommend the very customized Couture Massage or the Flowers Hold Life Organic Scrub.) The spa draws inspiration from Thomas Jefferson, the property's namesake, and the botanicals that were grown in Jefferson's Monticello gardens. There are plenty of nooks and crannies throughout the hotel, as well as tastefully designed rooms and suites that feature velvet couches (a nod to Jefferson's love of Paris) and handsome four-poster beds. jeffersondc.com, 202-448-2300

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