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THIS MONTH'S TRENDING PLACES, PROPERTIES AND PRODUCTS



# **DRIFTWOOD GOLF & RANCH CLUB**

582 Thurman Roberts Way, Driftwood, TX

n the past decade, more than 685,000 people left California for Texas, a move fueled by the Lone Star State's lower taxes and energy costs as well as its pro-business policies. This has only accelerated in the last year, and along with Dallas, the Austin area has seen one of the biggest booms. Discovery Land Company chairman Mike Meldman saw this trend happening, and chose Driftwood, Texas-22 miles from Austin-as the site of his latest private residential project. The Driftwood Golf & Ranch Club sits on 800 pristine acres in the bucolic Texas Hill Country, a land of rolling hills, lofty oak trees and native flora such as prickly pear cacti; 50-foot cliffs offer sweeping views of a rolling creek below. Luxe home choices on 310 sites include cottages. cabins and bungalows that contain up to five bedrooms. Driftwood encompasses two distinct

neighborhoods: the Ranch, which is adjacent to a topflight Tom Fazio-designed 18-hole golf course; and the Creek, nestled in the countryside near the property's on-site vineyard. All residents have access to Driftwood's many amenities, including miles of trails for hiking or biking, fishing, tubing, kayaking and even a zip line. The clubhouse contains lounge areas and dining, while the golf course offers a unique amenity: mid-play comfort stations with seating and bars. Driftwood also offers residents a private club in downtown Austin, where guests can enjoy an urban vibe far from Los Angeles. "A lot of people from California are moving to Austin," Meldman says. "Driftwood was the perfect place where Discovery could create a family-oriented community."

DRIFTWOODGOLFCLUB.COM



### EMELINE

181 Church St., Charleston, SC

On a cobblestone street in downtown Charleston, this newly opened 212-room hotel is a riot of curious artifacts, eclectic artworks and graphic prints all inspired by the historic port city. Rooms are decked out with vinyl record players, king beds and blackout drapes, but the lush courtyard, cozy coffee shop and Italian-inspired Frannie & the Fox eatery warrant exploration. Don't miss the low-key, four-stool Foxhole bar—which at first might seem like a regular hallway hiding behind a curtain—that offers *aperitivo* cocktails with the push of a button through a sliding wood panel.



#### MARLIN BAY RESORT AND MARINA 3800 Gulfview Ave., Marathon, FL

Enjoy a tranquil getaway either in a stunning home or aboard your private boat surrounded by the waters of the Florida Keys. The resort features 13 private and spacious three- and four-bedroom vacation homes that combine modern amenities with casual design and feature wellappointed kitchens and sizeable balconies. Select homes have a rooftop patio (perfect for sunsets) or a private plunge pool. There are also 74 slips that can accommodate vessels up to 70 feet. The main draw on the grounds is the Venetian-inspired heated pool, complete with secluded sections perfect for small group conversations.

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#### POSADA BY THE JOSHUA TREE HOUSE 12051 W. Fort Lowell Rd., Tucson, AZ

After a 30-minute drive through the cactus forest of Saguaro National Park, guests arrive at this plush fivesuite inn. Situated on 38 acres of land, this rustic sanctuary inspires reflection and creation.

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WILLOW HOUSE 23112 FM170, Terlingua, TX

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The newly opened Willow House brings a boutique sensibility to an artists' community in Far West Texas. Its 10 eco-sensitive casitas are arranged in a crescent-moon shape for unobstructed views of the Chisos Mountains.

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