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Spring Creek Ranch boasts prime views of Wyoming's rugged Teton Mountains.

Solvang has more than 15 tasting rooms and wine bars, most within walking distance of each other. Cottages from \$475 per night, including breakfast and dinner.

HIDDEN MEADOW RANCH

This intimate retreat in Arizona's White Mountains offers five-star amenities, service and dining, along with glistening lakes, miles of cool streams, conifer and aspen groves, and gourmet campfire fare. A ranch hand escorts you by horseback to one of 12 plush guest cabins with stocked kitchens, wood-burning fireplaces, custom soaking tubs and wide covered porches with meadow views. Spend your days riding or hiking the thousands of miles of trails in the nearby Apache National Forest, or kick it up a notch with an overnight pack

trip, where you'll cook by campfire and sleep in a tent. Cabins from \$415 per night per couple, including meals.

TRIPLE CREEK RANCH

With private hot tubs, gourmet cuisine and an award-winning wine list, Triple Creek in Montana's Bitterroot Mountain Range is definitely not about roughing it. At this intimate adults-only Relais & Châteaux ranch retreat, have the trails to yourself as you hike or ride horseback to secluded alpine lakes, or try an exhilarating ATV tour. Come evening, take your seat at the private Chef's Table and watch the culinary masters work their magic. Cabins from \$650 per night, including meals, drinks and activities. ■

romantic ranches

Four great places to horse around on your honeymoon

BY MARYANN HAMMERS

SPRING CREEK RANCH

At this wildlife sanctuary in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, stop signs read "whoa," while badgers and moose hang out just outside your door. Choose from cozy rustic cabins, cliffside condos or deluxe mountain homes, all with stone fireplaces, outdoor decks and floor-to-ceiling windows offering expansive valley vistas

framed by snow-capped peaks. Trail rides range from one-hour beginner trips to full-day excursions to a historic trapper's cabin; there's also white-water rafting, hot-air-balloon rides and a top-notch spa. Rooms from \$160 per night.

THE ALISAL GUEST RANCH AND RESORT

Step back in time at this 165-year-old property. This dude ranch and equestrian center in Solvang, California (near *Sideways'* wine country) has welcomed guests since 1946. More than 70 cute guest cottages feature western decor and wood-burning fireplaces, but no television or telephone. Canoe or kayak on the lake, or ride horseback along 50 miles of trails through oak-studded hills and across creeks and meadows. Spend another day sampling the local specialty;



A trail ride through wine country at Alisal.

FOR MORE INFO, SEE THE 411 ON PAGE 140.