



Banyan Tree Mayakoba Riviera Maya, Mexico

A convenient 40-minute-trip from the Cancun Airport, Banyan Tree Mayakoba's unique ecosystem of carefully maintained dunes, mangroves and freshwater lagoons is a serene world away from the tourist hustle-and-bustle of much of the Riviera Maya. Asian-inspired hospitality in this privately gated

resort ensures the ultimate in romantic getaways, with an "intimate moment" program tailoring memories to last a lifetime; whether it be a seaside moonlit dance to your favorite song, or a private floating culinary experience for two on the "Ixchel: Goddess of the Moon" traditional dining boat.

Each villa envelops its own individual garden and hammock lounge patio, some with private pools; all are secluded and offer enough privacy for couples to enjoy a sense of otherworldly seclusion. BanyanTree.com/en/Mayakoba



Blantyre Berkshires, MA

Autumn in the Berkshires creates a picturesque backdrop for the many cultural enticements of the region, though when it comes to beauty, the Blantyre property itself trumps the impressive golden and crimson flashes the season brings. This majestic Tudor estate – where some outbuildings, like the renovated former-potting-shed-turned spa, date back to the late 19th century – resides on lush and manicured grounds and brings guests back to the romance of a bygone era. Rooms are sumptuous and

individually decorated with handpicked heirloom antiques, deeply burnished woods and luxuriant fabrics; some feature working fireplaces, leaded glass windows, deep soaking tubs, double bathrooms and exquisite chandeliers.

History lovers can drink a pint at the Widow Bingham's Tavern, located in the Red Lion Inn, one of the country's very first inns. Explore the ingenious inventions at the Hancock Shaker Village, or if you're an art lover, stroll

award-winning museums to take in contemporary, classic, Americana collections – there's even a picture book art museum. Music lovers will not want to miss picnicking on the grounds of Tanglewood, now celebrating its 75th year, before the Boston Symphony Orchestra returns to its winter home.

However, lovers staying at the Relais & Châteaux Blantyre might not ever want to venture past the property gates. Blantyre.com