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Big Little Vacation Spot
Fans of “Big Little Lies” — or just of sweet harbor views — might like a weekend getaway at Monterey, Calif.’s Portola Hotel & Spa. Cast and crew members from the HBO show stayed at the downtown Monterey inn during filming. A Big Little Getaway package includes a harbor-view room, breakfast for two with bottomless mimosas, a bottle of pinot noir, tickets to the Monterey Aquarium and, of course, a “Big Little Lies” DVD. The Portola is walking distance to Fisherman’s Wharf (location of the popular café in the show). It also makes a great base for exploring Carmel-by-the-Sea and Big Sur.

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Jim Jeffries Upgrades to New Digs in Studio City
Unapologetically crass Australian stand-up comedian, actor, writer and political commentator Jim Jeffries has upgraded his residential circumstances in Los Angeles with the $3.15 million purchase of a newly built house in a leafy pocket of Studio City. Described in marketing materials as a “modern farmhouse,” the board-and-batten-sided family-sized domicile is protected by an extensive, camera-equipped security system and has five bedrooms and five bathrooms, in more than 5,100 square feet.

The front door opens directly into a cavernous, loft-like combination living and dining room with matte-finished wide-plank floorboards and wood beams across the ceiling in the dining area. Anchored by a minimalist marble fireplace, the living room has a vaulted ceiling. A small office, an en suite bedroom for guests or staff, and a state-of-the-art home theater complete the main floor.

A pass-through butler’s pantry connects the dining area to a gigantic, double-island kitchen fitted with every culinary bell and whistle money can buy. The kitchen is open to a spacious dining area and family room that features a fireplace set into an ebony-tile wall. Jeffries, creator and star of the critically acclaimed but short-lived FX sitcom “Legit” and currently host of a self-named weekly series on global politics and culture, first set down real estate roots in Los Angeles in 2012 when he paid around $1.25 million for an approximately 3,500-square-foot Mediterranean villa in the Mount Olympus neighborhood.

Tyra Banks Offers Two Luxe Palisades Properties
Supermodel-turned-talk-show host and reality-TV mogul Tyra Banks seeks to downsize her substantial real estate load, listing two of the three multimillion-dollar homes she owns in the upscale Los Angeles seaside community of Pacific Palisades. The larger of the two homes is priced at $9.25 million, while the smaller carries a $4.25 million price tag.

The smaller residence, a sleek, two-story contemporary that Banks acquired in the fall of 2014 for $3.25 million, has four bedrooms and five bathrooms in about 3,700 square feet. Adjoining open-plan living and dining spaces share a three-sided, wood-clad fireplace and open through walls of glass sliders to a petite, grassy backyard with a free-standing, glass-walled pavilion that’s perfectly suited to be a home office, fitness room or art studio. Open to the dining area, the center-island kitchen is sleekly appointed with lustrous white cabinetry. A glass-railed floating staircase climbs to the second floor, where two guest bedrooms are joined by a master suite replete with fitted walk-in closet and two bathrooms — “his” with a steam shower and “hers” with a two-person soaking tub under a picture window.

Banks, host of “America’s Got Talent” and founder of the e-commerce cosmetics brand Tyra Beauty, purchased the larger residence in August 2016. Designed by architect Douglas Breidenbach, the charcoal-colored, three-story postmodern residence sits behind gates on a 0.4-acre bluff-top parcel with panoramic ocean, coastline and mountain views. There are five bedrooms, including a ground-floor staff suite, and a total of five full and two half bathrooms in 6,135 square feet. The master bedroom occupies the entire top floor.