

BRIDE'S



TRAVELER'S notebook

Virgin Romantic

☀ Getting hitched next year? May we suggest a honeymoon on **Necker Island**, Virgin CEO Sir Richard Branson's tony British Virgin Island retreat. It's no secret that celebs like Heidi Klum and Mel Gibson often rent the entire isle for \$160,000 a week, but did you know that twice a year couples can snag a room for the low, low price of \$18,000? Book now for 2003—deals like this go fast. All-inclusive doubles from \$18,000 per week, offered September 14 through 21, October 12 through 19, 2003; 800-557-4255 or necker.com. —SHARI MYCEK



Sowing the seeds of love

☀ Signing the guest book is so last year. At **Rogner-Bad Blumau Hotel & Spa**, just 90 minutes from Vienna, lovers plant their own apple trees in the garden—sturdy symbols of a budding marriage. Thousand-year-old hot springs let you swim away stress, but with Austria's leading holistic center on-site, you probably won't need that apple a day. Doubles from \$158, including breakfast and springs admission, February through June, August through December; 011-43-3383-5100-9449 or blumau.com. —ERIN KETTLE



Bachelor Pad

☀ Sure, schussing down the slopes is fun, but hot toddies and fireside snuggling are the real reasons to hit a ski lodge. Opening in November, **Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch**, at the base of Colorado's Beaver Creek Mountain, caters to both your Picabo and pampering fantasies. (God bless the genius who decided to put the bathroom fireplace in the Ritz-Carlton suite.) For those too sore to walk to the spa, there's always in-room massage. Doubles from \$475, December through March; 800-576-5582 or ritzcarlton.com. —SUSAN REDSTONE