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RED HOT!

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FASHION**

**CALIFORNIA'S
MOST
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**PLUS: A PASSION
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IN THE COUNTRY

INN LOVE

Feeling every inch a Van Cortlandt (the family that built this house in 1760 on a leafy riverfront expanse), I stepped out of my bedroom and onto the bi-level terrace, watching as a red tugboat, bathed in golden light, moved up the Hudson. Fresh berries, yogurt, croissants and coffee sat on the umbrellaed table beside me. It was a typical morning at **MONTEVERDE AT OLDSTONE MANOR**, a recently renovated restaurant, spa and two-room inn occupying a handsome white-clapboard-and-fieldstone home in New York's Cortlandt Manor, fifty miles north of Manhattan. The afternoon before, I'd had a private yoga session on my terrace and then a massage so soothing I could scarcely collect myself to head downstairs for dinner—pan-seared foie gras, filet mignon, pumpkin cheesecake—in a dining room overlooking the water. Afterward, my husband and I retired upstairs to the grandeur (fireplace, whirlpool bath and steam shower) of our river-view guest room. In the flickering light of a dozen votives, we were newlyweds again. *\$626 to \$966 per night, with breakfast. Complimentary dinner with a stay of two nights or more. 28 Bear Mountain Bridge Road; 914-739-5000; monteverde.com.*



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