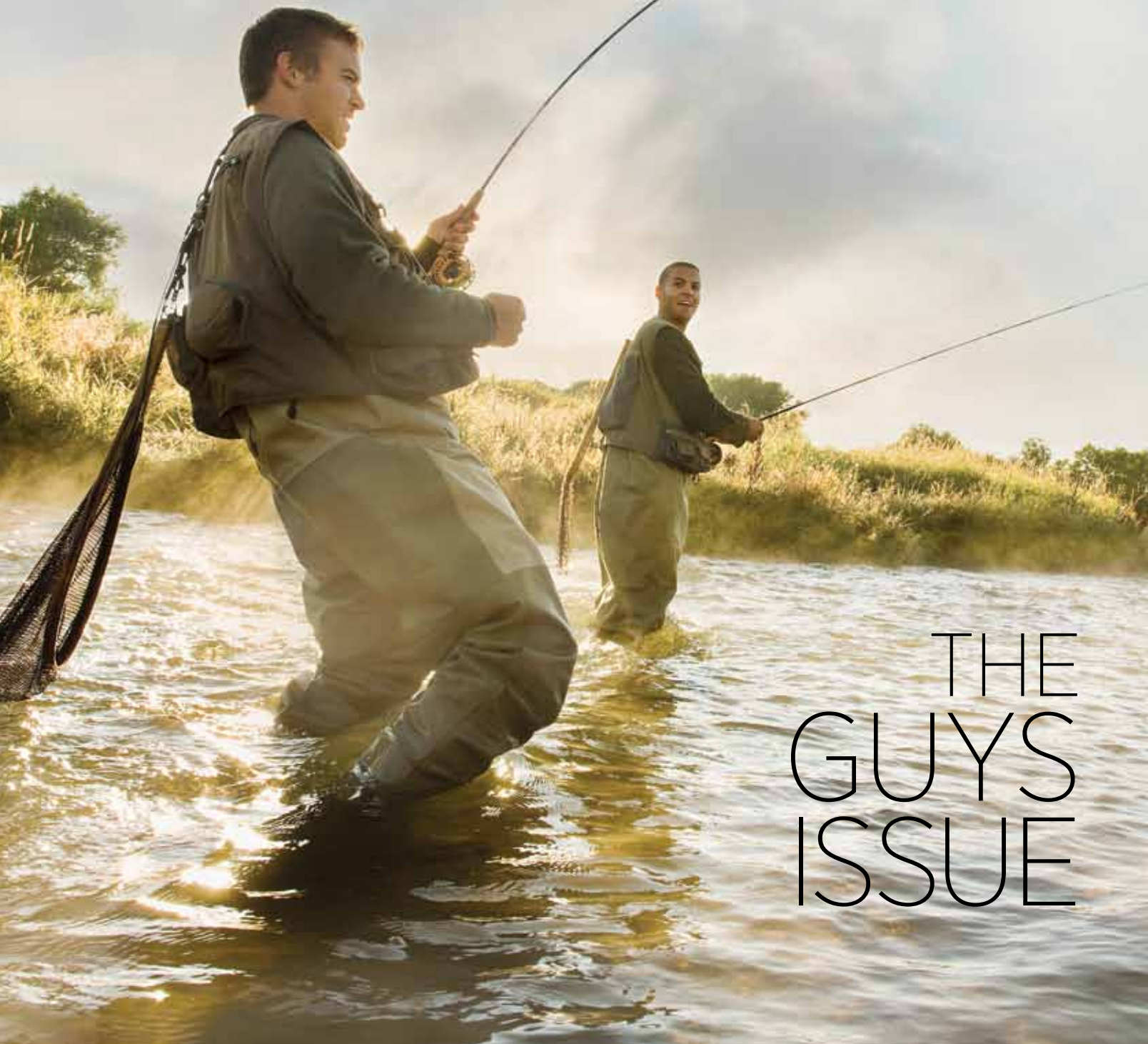


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SELF-SERVE ADVENTURES

In Utah, two iPad-based kiosks are open at the **Moab Adventure Center** (moabadventurecenter.com), where visitors can book active pursuits such as rafting, biking, canyoneering, scenic flights, and four-wheeling in the region. Moab is the home base for exploring two national parks—Arches and Canyonlands—and the new kiosks allow customers to browse activity options on their own and bypass lines to purchase activities in the busy summer months.

Biking and canyoneering are just a couple of the exciting activities visitors can book via iPad at the Moab Adventure Center.

MOAB ADVENTURE CENTER



The Dugout for Diehards

San Francisco Giants fans can dream of consecutive World Series wins with a stay at the Dugout Suite at the **Hotel Union Square** (hotelunionsquare.com) in San Francisco. The 490-square-foot king suite (from \$289 per night) sports orange and black décor with ballpark photos, signed memorabilia, a Giants beanbag and pillows, and a canvas autographed by former Giants pitcher (and Cy Young award winner and six-time all-star) Vida Blue. Guests also receive a goody bag with Cracker Jack and other baseball-inspired treats. >

Home base away from home: the Dugout Suite at the Hotel Union Square in San Francisco.



ABOVE: The beautifully manicured par-71 golf course features 10 glistening lakes (or water hazards, depending on your perspective). RIGHT: California ranch is the décor in all guest rooms, which have hardwood floors, a balcony or patio, and Wi-Fi.



RENOVATED AND RENEWED

Quail Lodge & Golf Club (quailodge.com) opened in March after a \$28 million renovation. The 93-room Carmel Valley property (lodge from \$195 per night, golf from \$100), which has been closed since 2009, is on 850 acres of fairways, meadows, and lakes. The on-site par-71 course designed by Robert Muir Graves has three sets of tees at each hole, is semiprivate, and only open to the public at certain times of the day.

The lodge is also home to the Land Rover Experience Driving School (from \$250 for a one-hour lesson), which teaches drivers how to handle challenging off-road conditions like steep ascents and descents, side tilts, hairpin turns, and climbing piles of logs. Each driver is accompanied in the car by an instructor, and the lesson is customized to that driver's skill and interest.

Though the lodge just reopened, the land has an interesting history. Before opening as a hotel in 1967, the property was the Carmel Valley Dairy owned by Dwight Morrow Jr., the brother-in-law of Charles Lindbergh. The last renovation (to the tune of \$25 million) was in 2003, but the economy forced the hotel to close in 2009 even though the golf club and course remained open. The new renovations encompass all public spaces and guest rooms; other amenities include a restaurant and breakfast lounge, tennis courts, swimming pools, two bocce courts, an executive nine-hole putting course, and nature trails.

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HOT TIP

Take advantage of Rocky Mountain highs this summer with direct flights from Santa Barbara to Denver every day except Saturday on **Frontier Airlines** (flyfrontier.com).

Ready, Set, Drive

Always wanted to test-drive a Ferrari 458 Italia, a McLaren MP4-12C, or a Porsche 997 Turbo S at top speeds? **Exotics Racing** (exoticsracing.com) is just 20 minutes from the Las Vegas strip and offers classroom instruction, ride alongs, and driving experiences (from \$199 for five laps). The fleet of 35 luxury cars includes the 700-horsepower Lamborghini Aventador with a sticker price of approximately \$440,000. While Ferraris and Lamborghinis are the most-requested models, combo deals allow drivers to test out up to 13 different models on the 1.2-mile track that includes seven turns and an 1,800-foot straight. The track was designed by Exotics Racing co-owner and French stunt and race-car driver Romain Thievin, who was Matt Damon's stunt double in *The Bourne Identity*. Since all the cars have paddle shifters, drivers don't need to know how to drive a manual transmission. Roundtrip shuttle service from your hotel on the strip is also available. ♦

Vacation in the fast lane at Exotics Racing in Las Vegas.

