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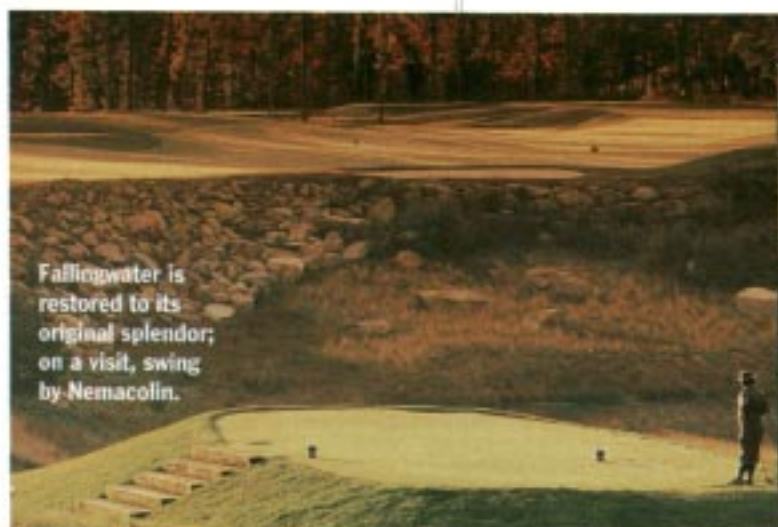
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# been there? done that?

Here Are Six New or Improved Getaways: Soothing Spas, a Country Manor House, and Resorts Along the Bay. *By* JAMES T. YENCKEL



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Fallingwater is restored to its original splendor; on a visit, swing by Nemaquin.



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Poplar Springs features a pool, spa, tennis, and elegant rooms in a stone manor.

400-ROOM LUXURY RESORT IS MAKING its debut on Maryland's Eastern Shore just in time for fall. It's one of several additions to the region's growing choice of getaways.

#### MAKING A SPLASH ON THE BAY

Overlooking the scenic Choptank River in Cambridge, the **Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa, and Marina** is a full-service resort that makes the most of its location.

On the resort's championship golf course, the pin at the 18th hole has been sited just about 30 feet from the Choptank, which flows into the Chesapeake Bay at Cambridge. A 150-slip marina provides sailing lessons, canoe and kayak rentals, sunset dinner cruises, and fishing expeditions. Maryland blue crab, rockfish, soft-shell crab, and local produce

highlight the menus at the resort's four restaurants. A three-story glass wall in Michener's Library—the lobby named for novelist James Michener, who wrote *Chesapeake*—frames water views.

You'll also find a spa offering massages and other feel-good treatments; men's and women's saunas and steam rooms; a glass-enclosed, all-season swimming pool; a fitness center; four lighted tennis courts; and an enclosed outdoor playground for children.

Opening day is August 29. The resort is a two-hour drive from Washington. Rates begin at \$149 a night for two. Call 410-901-1234 or see [chesapeakebay.hyatt.com](http://chesapeakebay.hyatt.com).

#### ELEGANCE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

**Poplar Springs, the Inn Spa**, in tiny Casanova, Virginia, also opens this fall, offering a more intimate hideaway. Set on

200 pastoral acres near Warrenton, it is unveiling 22 elegant rooms in a historic stone manor house. A spa, swimming pool, tennis court, fitness room, and gourmet restaurant complete the package.

Poplar Springs is one hour from Washington. Rates, \$250 to \$600 a night, include continental breakfast. Call 540-788-4600 or see [www.poplarspringsinn.com](http://www.poplarspringsinn.com).

#### ALONG THE WATER'S EDGE

The new **Edge at the Lighthouse Club Hotel** in Ocean City, Maryland, features 12 spacious suites with panoramic views of Isle of Wight Bay. From private balconies, you can watch waterfowl in flight and catch the sunset across the wetlands. Feather bedding, robes, and natural soaps and lotions cater to luxury tastes.

The Edge is a three-hour trip from Washington. Peak rates—\$299 to \$425 a night—