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**PORTLAND, ORE.**  
**passion's playground**

Upon entering the lobby of Portland's **Hotel Lucia**, one thing is apparent: these people know passion. The furniture beckons with lush leather upholstery. Tasteful, modern sculpture and fresh flowers draw and soothe the eye. The walls, awash in dark, rich color, display photos by Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer David Hume Kennerly. From a big-chested Arnold Schwarzenegger standing proud (cigar and all) in front of the American flag, to a jovial Gerald Ford canoodling with a Japanese geisha on a 1974 diplomatic trip, Kennerly's pictures put a face to everything from love-of-country to lightheartedness, and add an intelligent, unique charm to Hotel Lucia that you're not likely to find anywhere else.

The suites are just as high-class. Guests can get lost in their king-size pillow-top beds and plush white robes. For those who wish to stay out of sight, the private bar, 24-hour room service, and "Get it now!" button can provide any other necessary sustenance. Not surprisingly, the hotel offers two Valentine's Day packages for lovers, each with a "secret love kit." What's in the kit? Well, that's the secret.

— John Patrick Pullen

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