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Mexican resort's \$8.7m mini-break  
**A Mexican resort has come up with an offer to tempt the most extravagant holiday-maker - a three-night stay with private jet and golf, for a mere \$8.7m (£4.5m).**



The Marquis Los Cabos hotel in Baja California says it has already had a handful of inquiries about the deal.

It includes the services of a Michelin-starred chef and the chance to play a round of golf with star Jack Nicklaus.

But the hefty price tag only pays for one couple and perhaps their children to stay, the hotel manager said.

#### Migrating whales

Speaking to the BBC, Los Cabos' general manager Ella Messerli said the holiday was worth the cost because it offered guests a "unique experience".

"We put them on the golf course, close it down and bring in Jack Nicklaus to play a complete round of golf, or as many as you want with him," she said.

A private concert by rock guitarist Santana would round off the day, she said.

Those who plump for the deal will be picked up by private jet wherever they are in the world and flown to the resort.

The jet will remain at their disposal for the whole three days, allowing them to spot whales migrating from Alaska in winter, Ms Messerli said.

The presidential suite, with butler, would normally cost \$2,800 (£1,460) a night, according to the hotel's website.

**“ We need six months to prepare this unique experience ”**

Hotel general manager Ella Messerli

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### New York hotel offers \$10,000 martini

**NEW YORK (Reuters) --** Drinkers might want to keep a clear head when ordering a martini at New York's historic Algonquin Hotel or they might pay \$10,000 for that cold sip.



The landmark hotel, where famed wit Dorothy Parker and fellow literary lights at the Round Table imbibed, offers a \$10,000 martini, complete with a loose diamond at the bottom.

No one has ordered one yet, in the martini's first week on the menu, but the hotel hopes some romantic soul will buy one any day now.

"We haven't had any buyers yet, but a lot of people are talking about it," said Anthony Melchiorri, the hotel's general manager, on Wednesday.

The drink is designed to fit with tradition at the Algonquin, where Round Table members including Parker, writer Robert Benchley, playwright George S. Kaufman and "The New Yorker" magazine founder Harold Ross gathered regularly.

Today, Parker's ode to the martini adorns hotel napkins: "I love a martini -- but two at the most. Three I'm under the table; Four, I'm under the host."

Parker's response to the \$10,000 martini might be mixed, the manager conceded.

"I think she would like the idea so long as she'd get to drink it," he said. "I don't think she'd care about the diamond, but she'd care about the martini."

Fear not, the manager added, no one can really order the martini by mistake.

The tittle requires 72 hours' notice, and buyers meet with a jeweler to select a gem and with hotel staff to ensure the cocktail is delivered to the right table.

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## \$66,000 bar bill bankers 'sacked'

**LONDON, England -- Five bank traders who ran up a drinks bill of £44,007 (\$66,000) have lost their jobs, according to press reports.**

The Barclays Capital staff gained notoriety last July after splashing out their own money on vintage wines at Petrus Restaurant in central London.

Now it has emerged that the celebration cost them their jobs because the extravagance angered some customers, according to the UK Press Association on Monday. It is thought they left the bank in the last few weeks.

A sixth member of the party was spared because he had only recently joined the firm, said the reports. Barclays Capital refused to comment. At the time it said that the bill was covered by the bankers and would not be claimed back on expenses.

The bill included champagne and wine, like three bottles of Petrus Pomerol from 1945, 1946 and 1947 costing £11,600, £9,400, and £12,300 respectively, and a £9,200 dessert wine.

Restaurant owner Gordon Ramsay threw in the food for free. It is believed the diners left a four-figure tip.

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