

# SOMERSET COLLECTION

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GOOD  
TO BE  
HOME







LAKE EFFECT

"Rock Steady" bib necklace from Kate Spade; "Melange" V-neck shirt from Burberry; cashmere V-neck sweater, crushed metallic velvet fishtail skirt, and black bar double-wrap heel, all from Michael Kors.



{ COUNTRY FASHION }

# MICHIGAN GETAWAY COUNTRY LUXE

FASHION'S WEEKEND LANDSCAPE INCLUDES CASUAL LUXURIES —  
NATURAL TEXTURES AND EASY ELEMENTS THAT ARE AS RELAXED AND  
REFINED AS A CLASSIC COTTAGE ON OLD MISSION PENINSULA

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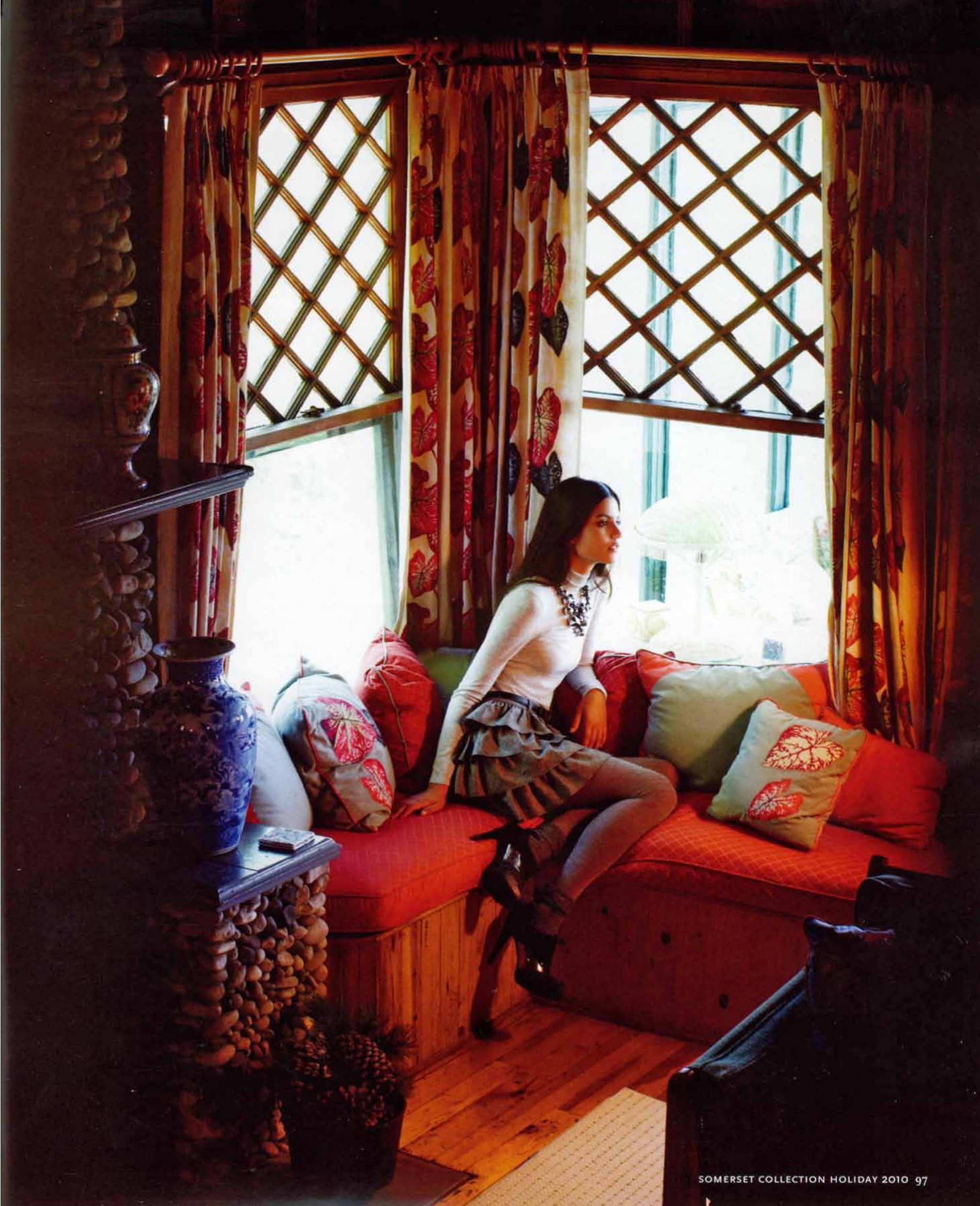


## COTTAGE CHIC

**This page:** Marc Jacobs jacket with fur hood from Saks Fifth Avenue; Rag + Bone belt from Barneys New York Co-Op; "Lena" sequin cami from Kate Spade; 3.1 Philip Lim skirt from Neiman Marcus; tights from J. Crew; duffel bag from Salvatore Ferragamo; men's trouser socks from Saks Fifth Avenue; and multi-strap buckled heel from Michael Kors.

**Opposite page:** Turtleneck from Barneys New York Co-Op; ruffle skirt and tights at J. Crew; bow belt from Salvatore Ferragamo; crystal "Constellation" necklace from Kate Spade; and "Flyaway" slate suede heel at Stuart Weitzman.









#### COUNTRY GIRL

"Sonya" coat in eggplant, from Kate Spade; poppy cupchain "Love" necklace and four-strand multicolor bracelet both available at Coach; waxed canvas hat and tights from J. Crew.



Michigan-based photographer Balthazar Korab captured the wintry peace that descends upon Old Mission Peninsula and one of its many vineyards.



## PERFECT PENINSULA

OLD MISSION'S ROLLING HILLS, WATERSIDE VIEWS, AND CLASSIC COTTAGES, SHOWCASED IN OUR FASHION ESSAY ON THE PREVIOUS PAGES, HAVE BEEN LURING VISITORS AND CHARMING RESIDENTS FOR YEARS *By Megan Swoyer*

**WHEN MIKE NORTON** contemplates his slice of heaven on Old Mission Peninsula in Northwest Michigan, it's with a grateful nod to history and tradition. "This is a community that has a historic sense of itself," says Norton, who has lived on the peninsula for 26 years. "Old Mission was here before Traverse City or any of the tourism draws. It's the oldest permanent settlement in the area, and there's evidence of that all over," adds Norton, the media relations specialist for the Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau. He and his wife Karen raised their two twenty-something children in an 1870s home surrounded by towering pines and hardwoods that are as much a natural part of his landscape as the sand is to the beach across the street.

Indeed, the settlement at Old Mission, which is about 31 square miles in size, was the first community founded (in 1839) by Europeans in the Grand Traverse Bay region. Missionaries, who had spent the winter on Mackinac Island, came to the area to establish a Presbyterian mission. At the time, there were a few Native American residents who had peaceful relations with the missionaries. By 1841 there

were five log buildings as well as several wigwams at the settlement, and by 1850 the settlement had grown to a considerable size.

What drew the missionaries and Native Americans some 170 years ago hasn't changed. Jutting north between the sapphire east and west arms of Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay, the pretty peninsula lulls visitors and locals with rolling hills, sandy beaches, and tranquil bay waters. Adding to the charm: an 1870 lighthouse, rustic eateries, and a popular general store. "Old Mission is a town where we know our neighbors," Norton says. "We congregate at the beach in the evening ... it's tough to beat."

Thanks to its fertile soil (it's on the 45th Parallel, halfway between the North Pole and the Equator), Old Mission boasts the ideal climate for growing wine grapes, cherries, and other produce. Seven wineries and several fruit orchards call the peninsula home. Each adds to the charm of the region and beckons with inviting tasting rooms, vineyard tours (some serve meals), roadside produce stands, and more.

Interior designer Kim Abbott of nearby Traverse City often cruises the peninsula in a vehicle filled with fabric swatches, furniture, wood-stain and carpet samples, photo frames, blueprints, and other household adornments. When she began working with the King family (their cottage is featured in the previous fashion layout), whose ancestors had lived on the peninsula since the late 1800s, Abbott's passion for the tranquil area grew even more. "It is peaceful here, with insulated beauty," the designer observes. "I'm inspired by the textures, color, and light," she adds. "And I'm thrilled to see many residents committed to retaining the charm in their homes and keeping them historically correct."

It was that very charm that inspired Peg and James Richard to marry on the peninsula at Peg's parents' cozy home. "The residents work really hard to keep the area agricultural and the way it's always been," says Peg, director of events for the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce. The Richards were married during the fall and spent their wedding night at Chateau Chantal, a hilltop inn and winery on the peninsula. "There wasn't a place we loved better in the world than Old Mission Peninsula."

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