



## In the Realm of the Senses

The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado, the Cloister at Sea Island, and the Lodge at Pebble Beach all have one thing in common: designer Tag Galyean, who has more than 30 years of experience creating and designing America's most luxurious retreats, particularly spas. *Spa Management* magazine ranked his Broadmoor spa number one in the world for the last two years.

Galyean now turns his talents to the home front with his vision of the ultimate home spa for two. The first part of the three-part facility encompasses his-and-her separate bathrooms and wardrobes with ample closet space. The second part contains the "heat" and "hydro" treatments, showcasing Galyean's signature therapeutic 18-head shower. This sophisticated shower is programmed to target five different "zones" of the body in a carefully coordinated sequence of temperature and water pressure intensities.

A sauna, a steam room with refrigerated shower, and a plunge pool encourage further relaxation. Paraffin wax dips moisturize hands and feet. The home owners can experience the benefits of the world's natural spas by adding minerals to the circulating waters of a unique tub (sea salts from the Dead Sea, for instance). Don't worry if the tub overflows—it's designed to do that. A calf-deep cool indoor stream adds the finishing touch.

Dry treatment therapies make up the third stage. A relaxation room equipped with chairs warmed by flowing hot water soothes while the aromas of lavender, basil, and other essential oils infuse the air and favorite music plays over a top-of-the-line sound system.

Built-in purifiers ensure a supply of 100 percent fresh air and water. Galyean will send a "spa butler" to live on-site for two years to maintain and run the spa and schedule appointments with masseuses and other therapists from the outside (the butler's quarters are included in the layout of the spa). His studio will provide two years of follow-up consultation. He estimates the spa will require a year to 18 months to plan and build.

We feel obliged to warn you not to install the spa until after retirement. Once you do, you'll never leave the house again . . . and you won't care.

## Czar Peter's Pleasure

Peter the Great's sweeping reforms earned him a permanent place in Russian history. But when you're 6 feet 8 inches tall and an accomplished military officer with a reputation for being both dynamic and cruel, you tend to get your way (especially when you're the Czar). Peter also designed and built a palatial dacha at the edge of the Gulf of Finland. He chose the site, sketched the layout, and gave the place a name that reflected his affection for his creation—*Monplaisir*, French for "my pleasure."

The bold reds, blacks, golds, and intricate chinoiserie lacquer panels of *Monplaisir's* Eastern Gallery captured the imagination of interior designer Nancy Corzine, who will bestow the same grandeur on the home of just one reader. Her artisans will re-create the stunning intricacies of the Oriental-style lacquer wall panels and fix each individually signed panel into its hand-carved molding. Corzine's interior design team will assist in finishing the room with her signature custom furniture and fabrics.

