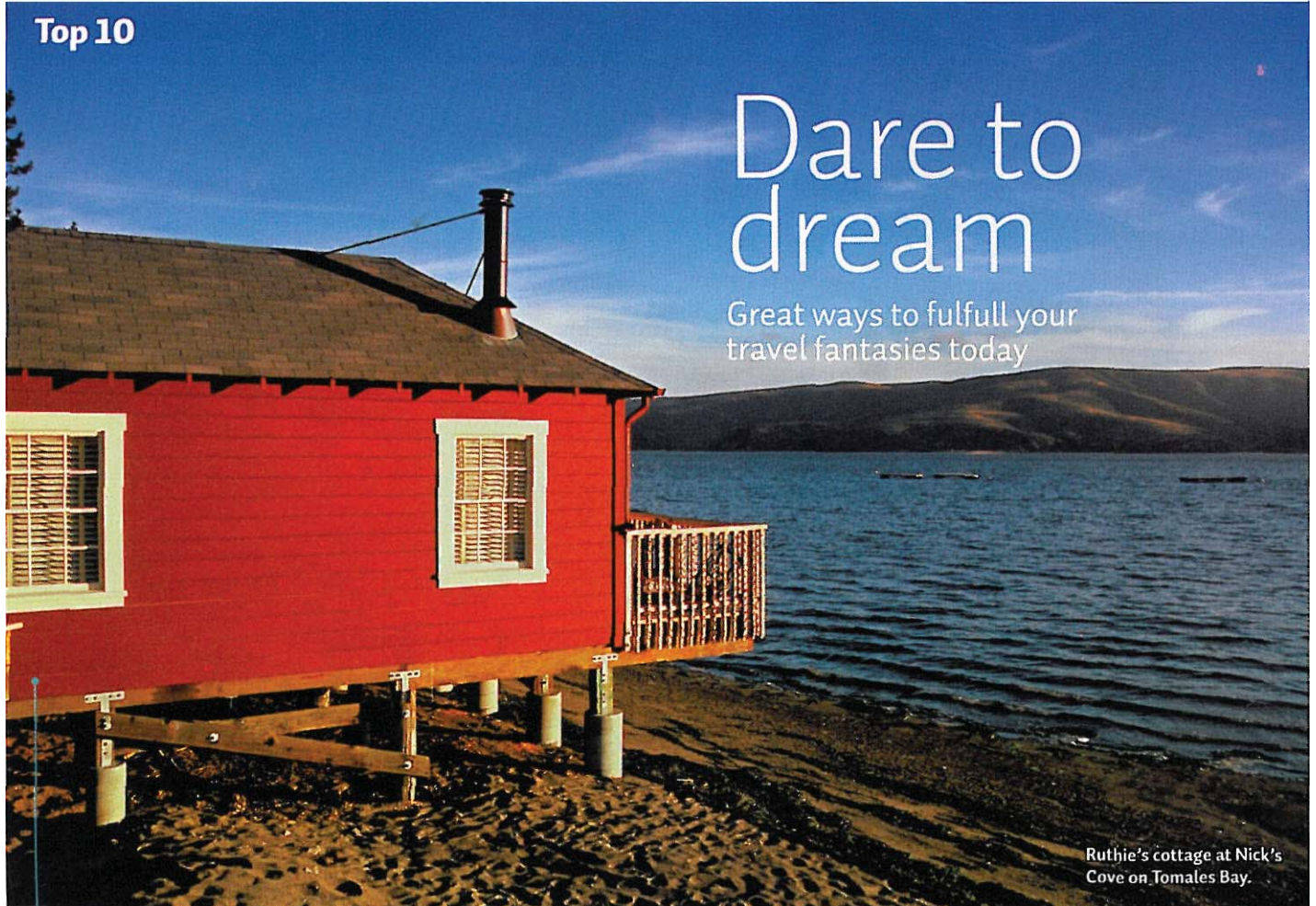


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Ruthie's cottage at Nick's Cove on Tomales Bay.

1 SOMEDAY, I WANT TO... Own a cabin on the water

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