

# The travel edit

From hot spots to cool bookings, Carole Hamilton reveals her wish list



## LA DOLCE VITA

Join this very special house party with chef Stefano Manfredi

## COOKERY HEAVEN

Here's a delicious idea - how about combining six days at the stunning Rocca delle Tre Contrade in Sicily with the novel experience of cooking with superstar Australian chef Stefano Manfredi and his team (14-21 October)? Naturally, the demos and hands-on lessons come with lots of wonderful food and wine, but there are only 16 places, so book now at [thethinkingtraveller.com](http://thethinkingtraveller.com)



## What a Swede idea

From seaweed foraging and open-fire cooking through to culinary cycle tours and quirky bar and street food launches, Sweden has become quite the foodie destination. Go to [visitsweden.com/food-and-drink](http://visitsweden.com/food-and-drink) and be inspired.



## COOL BLUES

If you've yet to discover Amazon Fashion, you're missing out on all sorts of travel-friendly designer brands. [amazon.com/fashion](http://amazon.com/fashion)

- 1. Lemlem Banu midi dress, £441
- 2. Zadig & Voltaire sunglasses, £129
- 3. Helios Lite laptop backpack, £95

**Two of our favourite...**  
RESTAURANTS  
WITH ROOMS



**The Great House at Sonning** This place lives up to its name, from modern Med-accented food by Coppa Club, to slick-as-you-like service and super-stylish, contemporary bedrooms – think Britpop cool with an edgy flourish. When admiring sweeping Thames views, note that George Clooney's house lies just beyond. [greathouseatsonning.co.uk](http://greathouseatsonning.co.uk)

**The Chequers** With a prime location above a high-street pub in the well-heeled town of Marlow, this is a great shout if you want to be in amongst the action. Spend the day browsing the local shops, then, at dinnertime, choose a steak by cut and weight from The Chequers' meat counter. After enjoying whatever live music the pub's showcasing that night, just head upstairs to your smart, recently-renovated bedroom. [thechequersmarlow.co.uk](http://thechequersmarlow.co.uk)



THE SOUND OF SILENCE

This is what we call a spa with the wow factor. Waldhaus Flims Alpine Grand Hotel in the Swiss Alps is perfect for a summer or winter break. Gourmet food options include a vaulted cellar celebrating regional cheeses serving real-deal fondues and raclettes. [waldhaus-flims.ch/en](http://waldhaus-flims.ch/en)



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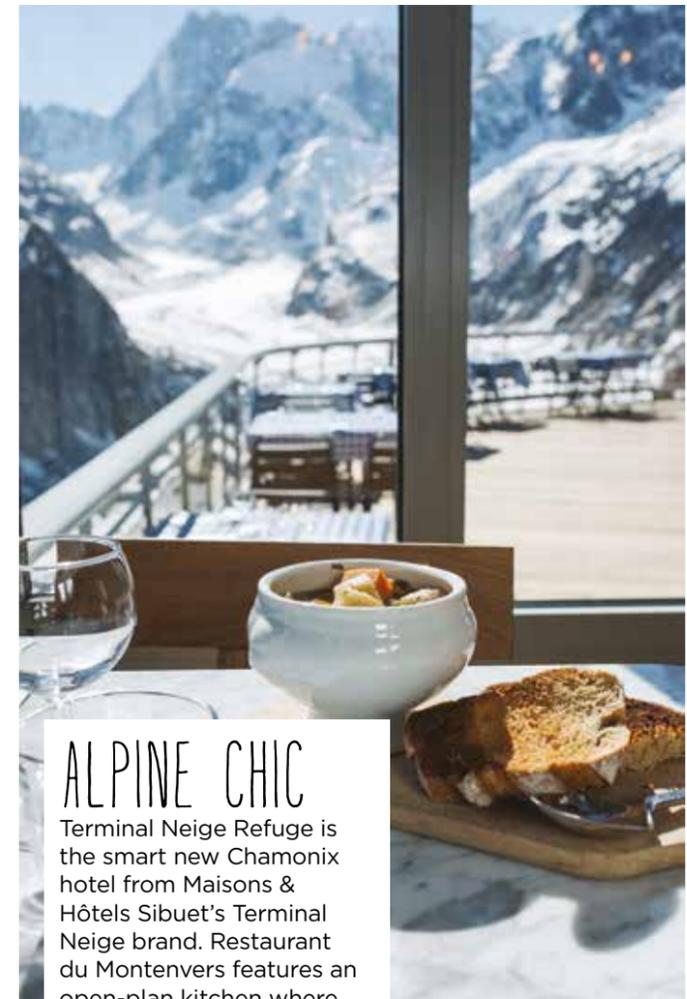
The Uber model for private jet travel has arrived. JetSmarter is an app that lets members reserve seats on more than 50 routes across three continents, creating on-demand private charter flights. This summer saw shuttle flights to party destinations in Ibiza, Nice and Malaga. Details at [jetsmarter.com](http://jetsmarter.com)



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ONCE UPON A TIME... Château de Riell is something of a fairytale castle in the small spa village of Moliets-les-Bains in southern France. There are just 19 beautiful bedrooms and an excellent restaurant where chef Sébastien Nouveau reinvents Catalan cuisine. [chateauderiell.com](http://chateauderiell.com)



ALPINE CHIC

Terminal Neige Refuge is the smart new Chamonix hotel from Maisons & Hôtels Sibuet's Terminal Neige brand. Restaurant du Montenvers features an open-plan kitchen where you can relax and watch chefs prepare your high-altitude déjeuner. [terminal-neige.com](http://terminal-neige.com)



**WE LOVE...IBIZA** And the new Nobu on Talamanca Bay is the hotel for some autumn sunshine. More ideas on p124. Print swimsuit, £18, [prettylittlething.com](http://prettylittlething.com)

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FOR WATER BABES Already thinking about next summer's holiday in the Med? Have a splashing time in...

- 1. Corfu** At the stunning Corfu Imperial you can charter the Sunseeker for 20 minutes or the whole week. [grecotal.com](http://grecotal.com)
- 2. Costa Daurada** One of Spain's lesser-known regions and a must for nature and watersports enthusiasts. [costadaurada.info](http://costadaurada.info)
- 3. Marbella** Join the jetset and charter Maia Fair, a luxury yacht complete with jet ski, paddleboards, water skiing and a mini boat to take onto shore. They've thought of everything! [marbellaluxuryboatcharter.com](http://marbellaluxuryboatcharter.com)



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